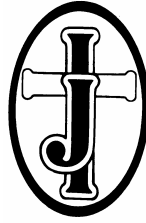
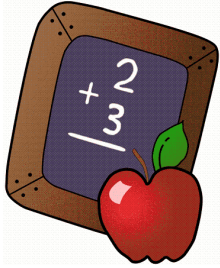


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



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Important Dates:

Tues., Sept. 15th – Parent Information Night

Wed., Sept. 16th – First Day for Kindergarten Gym and last day to sign up for the IJS Chorus

Fri., Sept. 18th – First IJS Band Rehearsal

Fri., Sept. 25th – Funny Friday

Mon., Sept. 28th – Final day for Fall Fundraiser Calendar sales

Thurs., Oct. 1st – WWJD Prayer Service @ 9:30 am

Tues., Oct. 6th – October Shuttle sent home

Tues., Oct. 6th – QSP Fundraiser Kick-off

Thurs., Oct. 8th & Fri., Oct. 9th – School Photos with Lifetouch

Sat., Oct. 17th – Family Concert @ Bishop Guertin HS featuring “Ball in the House”

Dear Parents,

We hope you were able to enjoy the long Labor Day weekend with your children. The weather was just beautiful! We've begun another great school year at IJS. The students and staff are adjusting to the "back to school" schedule and we're ready to meet the challenges and excitement of the coming year.

You received a lot of information in the “first day of school” shuttle; however we just wanted to review a few items and remind you of our important dates and events. So grab your calendar, sit down, relax and read on...

NEWSLETTERS

Please continue to help us increase communication by reading the newsletters in their entirety. As mentioned in the last newsletter, be sure to mark your calendars with all of the important dates and times. We try to assure that all information is communicated in a timely manner. However, if you do

have any questions or concerns after reading the newsletter, please don't hesitate to call our school office.

HANDBOOK & SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Please review the Parent – Student Handbook to refresh yourselves with the school policies. I'd like to draw your attention to just a few specific areas.

Attendance is taken at 8:25 am for kindergarten and at 8:55 am for grades 1 – 6. ***Any child arriving after attendance will be marked tardy.***

The uniform policy states that girls are allowed to wear simple and school appropriate jewelry. Only small post earrings are allowed. **Hoop and dangle earrings are not allowed.**

Also, shorts should be fingertip length.

Children will not be allowed to go back upstairs to their classrooms once they've been dismissed for the day and left the building.

Please **do not** call any teacher at home unless the teacher has given you permission to do so. Many times, teachers will make phone calls to parents from the teacher's home phone. When this happens, the teacher's home phone number may appear on your Caller ID. SEEING THIS NUMBER DOES NOT GIVE YOU PERMISSION TO CALL THE TEACHER AT HOME. If you need to speak with a teacher, please call the school and leave a message. Our teachers are very prompt in returning phone calls. Their time at home is their own personal time to spend with their families.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these policies, please do not hesitate to call me. **Thank you so much for your understanding.**

IJS WINDOW DECALS AND MAGNETS

All new families should have received an IJS window decal and magnet at our Open House on August 31st. If you are a new family and did not receive these items, please call the school office. **This is a great way to promote our school!**

If any other families would like a window decal, please send a note into the office.

Additional IJS magnets may be purchased for \$3.00. Just contact the school office.

VISITOR PROTOCOL FOR ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Advisory School Board meetings are scheduled for the **first Tuesday of each month from September to June and begin at 7:00 pm at the Infant Jesus Parish Rectory.** The public session of the meeting is open to all non members. Non members may address the Board during the public session of the meeting by first submitting a written request to either the Pastor or the Principal for approval specifying the presentation topic and purpose. The Board has the right to go into non public session at the direction of the chairperson.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT REMINDER

Just a reminder: the Parent Information Night for grades 1-6 is **tonight, September 15th.** The schedule is as follows:

Grades 1 & 2 6:30-6:50 pm
Grades 3 & 4 6:55-7:15 pm
Grades 5 & 6 7:20-7:40 pm

Please report directly to your child's homeroom. We would like to remind you that this evening is for parents/guardians only.

CHORUS UPDATE

Children in **grades 3-6** are eligible for participation in the chorus. The chorus sings at

liturgies and concerts and Mrs. Yetto has many new ideas and several activities planned for this year! Rehearsals began last Wednesday, September 9th; however **Mrs. Yetto will be accepting new members through this Wednesday, September 16th.**

The next rehearsal is tomorrow, Wednesday, September 16th. All current members and any students interested in joining should **report to the cafeteria by 7:50 am.**

BAND UPDATE

Children in **grades 4-6** are eligible for participation in the IJS band. **The first rehearsal for the band is Friday, September 18th.** All current band members and any students interested in joining the band should report to the school cafeteria by **7:45 on Friday, September 18th.**

SCARECROW CONTEST

Once again this year, our fourth grade classes will be participating in a scarecrow contest. Last year was their second year participating and they had a great time! Local orthodontist, Dr. Todd in Hudson, is sponsoring the contest and Infant Jesus School will be represented once again this year. Each fourth grade class will be creating a scarecrow to place on display outside the office on Route 102 in Hudson.

The classes have begun brainstorming and are preparing to “**build**” their scarecrows on **September 21st**. They will be on display in the school hallway for the week and then outside the orthodontists’ for the month of October.

We need your help! It’s the public who determines the winner of the contest! Anyone can vote (once a day) by stopping in at the office and filling out a slip of paper with the name of the scarecrow you wish to vote for.

The winning class will receive a special prize. We’d appreciate your votes! Thank you!

SPIRIT DAY

Friday, September 25th will be a school spirit day. Our theme is: “**Funny Friday**”. This is a **no uniform day** and our students are encouraged to wear “*mismatched or crazy clothes*”!

As always, we ask that the clothing be appropriate school attire. Thank you!

FALL CALENDAR EVENT

Our deadline of September 28th is fast approaching! All calendar sales are due into the school office by Monday, September 28th. To help with our processing any effort to complete your sale of 10 calendars and send them into the school office before this

deadline would be deeply appreciated.

The top selling homeroom will receive some special treats! **Each class member will receive a “Ball in the House” t-shirt which says “Homeroom Winner”**. After the family concert on October 17th, the homeroom teacher will choose a “**No Uniform**” day **and the students will be able to wear their t- shirts AND they will have an ice cream party on that same day!**

Infant Jesus, St. Christopher, and Nashua Catholic rely on the financial success of this fundraiser. We need everyone’s help!

Please don’t hesitate to call the office if you have any questions **or if you are in need of more calendars!**

Information is also available on the new Nashua Diocesan Schools website at: **nashuadiocesanschools.org**.

WWJD PRAYER SERVICE

Every year we have a “What Would Jesus Do?” (WWJD) prayer service. All of the children receive a WWJD bracelet as a reminder that we must act like Jesus in all of our dealings with one another. We always attempt to foster a Christ-like environment here at IJS.

Our WWJD prayer service will take place on **Thursday**,

October 1st at 9:30 am in the church. Mrs. Noyes’ 6th grade class will be preparing the prayer service. Please join us!

QSP/READER’S DIGEST FUNDRAISER

Infant Jesus School will be participating in the **QSP/Reader’s Digest Fundraiser** again this fall. Despite the mix up with the pies last year, **you helped us raise over \$6,000.00!** We’ll be kicking off this year’s program on **Tuesday, October 6th**.

An informational flyer and gift catalog will be sent home on October 6th in our monthly school shuttle. We’d appreciate your help in making this fundraiser another success for our school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are pleased to announce that Lifetouch will provide school photos for our students again this year. The Lifetouch photographers will be at Infant Jesus School on **Thursday, October 8th and Friday, October 9th**.

We’ll be sending home an order form and a class schedule with your student in the October 6th shuttle.

LIBRARY NEWS

The IJS library sponsors an annual Fall Book Fair to raise money for new books and

videos. The **Fall Book Fair** is tentatively scheduled for **the week of November 2nd**. Additional information and a schedule will be sent home prior to the book fair.

This is a perfect opportunity for getting some early Christmas shopping done! The best part is that you'll be helping to raise funds for our library while getting some gifts.

THE IJS GIFT CARD PROGRAM RETURNS

It's back!! Infant Jesus School will offer our Gift Card Program once again this year. We will continue to use the Great Lakes Scrip Center. This center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of gift cards from grocery stores, department stores and other retailers. Because the gift cards are purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. IJS will buy the gift cards from the Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and then we will re-sell the gift cards to you for the full face value. The bulk of the discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - will be retained by IJS as profit. **Last year, you helped us raise over \$1700.00 using this program!**

We're really excited to be sponsoring this fundraiser again this year. **We'd love for you to purchase gift cards through this program for all of your everyday, holiday and special occasion shopping!**

Please see the information enclosed in today's shuttle for more details.

VOLUNTEER AND VISITOR POLICY

Just a reminder: during school hours all parents and volunteers are asked to **first check in at the office, sign in, and pick up a badge.** The badge will identify you as a visitor and helps IJS to be proactive in providing your child with a safe and secure environment!

PLEASE DO NOT PROCEED to your child's classroom without checking with the office staff first. **If you'd like to speak with your child's teacher, please arrange a meeting in advance. Thank you for your help with this matter.**

COMPUTER ROOM HELP NEEDED

In addition to the classroom volunteers, Mrs. Litch needs help in the computer room with various projects that come up during the school week. For instance, she could use help with organizing headphones, updating the web pages, or writing grants.

Technical help is also needed in the evenings with troubleshooting computer problems, assistance with setting up the network, etc. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Litch either by calling the

office, or sending an e-mail to her at litch@ijschool.org

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Before School program begins at 7:30 am. ***Please do not drop your children off before 7:30 am.***

The program is supervised by **Mrs. Cathy Avery with help from various teachers for the computer room.** The program is available every day from 7:30 to 8:30 am in Room 106 (same room as last year). This is the central location for the program. The computer room will also have supervision and be available for use from 8:00 to 8:30 am.

The After School program will continue to meet in the cafeteria. The program does include a "homework period" in which your child may complete his/her homework. There is an adult to monitor and guide the students with their individual homework assignments. If you do not want your child to do his/her homework at school, please send a note to Mrs. Roberts indicating just that. If we don't hear from you, we will assume that your child will do his/her homework during the After School program.

Also, just a few reminders:

1. It is important that you **send a note to your child's teacher** stating when your child will attend the After School program. **If you have more than one child attending After**

School, one note is sufficient.

This note is then sent to the office and they will inform the other homeroom teacher(s) and the After School staff.

2. Please write your child's name in the memo section of your check when making Before/After School payments.

3. **Please do not combine your Before/After School payments with any other payments to the school.** Thank you.

LUNCH ORDER FORMS

We want to thank all of our students and parents who turned in their September and October lunch order forms on time. We continue to ask for everyone's help in filling out the lunch order forms carefully and completely.

In review:

1. **Each lunch ticket on the form must be filled in completely.**

2. In the space allocated for "Name", we ask that you fill in the students first and last name completely.

3. Please note that in the space allocated for "Class", we would like you to **please fill in the letter and number** for that grade. For example: Mrs. Early's fifth grade class would be written as 5A.

4. **A check for the whole month of lunches must be included with the order form.**

5. Lunch order forms are included in each shuttle envelope on a monthly basis. **They must be returned with payment by the due date.** *The due date is listed on the top and the bottom of the Lunch Order Form.*

The late lunch policy is as follows:

Unless a student is absent from school on the day the order form and payment are due, we expect the order form and payment to be returned on the designated due date. If we receive the order form and payment after the designated due date **we will NOT process the order for that month and we will return your payment.** **The family would then be responsible to supply a cold lunch for the student for that month.** Please feel free to contact me with any extenuating circumstances.

In an emergency, we will provide lunch for your child. **Please note that a fee of \$2.15 will be charged each time that we have to provide lunch to a student who has forgotten their lunch.**

Please remember that providing lunch for your child is for emergency situations only.

Just a friendly reminder: **please do not combine your lunch payments with any other correspondence or payments to the school.**

Information and the application for "Free" and

"Reduced Price" school lunches have been included in this shuttle. Infant Jesus School participates in the hot lunch program only. If you will be applying for this program we ask that all applications be returned to the school office by **Monday, September 21st.** You will then be contacted with further information.

DISMISSAL & AFTERNOON PICK UP

We'd just like to remind you **not** to park in the drop off lane when picking up your child(ren). This causes cars to back up into the street and ultimately results in a traffic jam.

Secondly, *we'd like to ask that you leave the parking lot with your child(ren) as soon as possible.* Our parking lot is small and we need to free up parking spaces for incoming cars.

We are always concerned about the children's safety. Therefore, we ask that students not be allowed to play in the parking lot at dismissal. It is too dangerous.

Thanks so much for your help!

IMPORTANT MEDICATION REMINDER

The Diocese of Manchester has set forth guidelines for the administration of medication to

students during the school year. This policy is deemed most important for the mutual benefit of the child and the school.

This policy covers all prescription and all non-prescription medications including all over the counter medications!

A child cannot be given Tylenol, Advil, cough medicine, etc. without a note from the child's physician. As the cold and flu season slowly creeps upon us, please be sure that you request a medication form from the office if you are in need of one. **We will not be able to administer any medication without a doctor's note!**

Thank you for your help in this matter.

HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS PROGRAM

An information brochure for this program is included in today's shuttle. IJS has been registered in this fund raising program sponsored by Shop 'n Save for many years. Their stores will be issuing "School Dollars" when you purchase participating products. This program allows us to receive a dollar for dollar return on all certificates. Please visit: www.hannaford.com/hhs to read more about the program and to view a detailed list of participating products.

The program will begin on September 6th and run through December 6th 2009.

Please send in your "school dollars" to the office as soon as you receive them. What an easy way to help raise funds for our school!

STOP & SHOP A+ BONUSBUCKS PROGRAM

The A+ Bonus Bucks Information/Registration flyer is included in today's shuttle. If you do any shopping at Stop & Shop, please take a moment to register your card to benefit Infant Jesus School. Thank you!

TARGET

Infant Jesus is also enrolled in the Target Stores Program to support schools. **We just received a check for \$102.08.** Each time you use your Target Guest Card, and designate our school, Target will donate 1% of qualified purchases to our school. Thank you to those families who are participating in this program!

IN CLOSING...

We'd like to thank you once again for taking time to read through all the information that is contained in this shuttle. It is so important that you stay informed about everything that is happening at our excellent school!

I hope to see many of you at the Parent Information Night this

evening! Your children are excited for you to hear all about what they'll be learning and doing this school year!

Autumn will be upon us soon and the days will be getting shorter before we know it. Enjoy the rest of your September!

I'd like to leave you with a prayer of appreciation for our teachers as they begin this new school year.

Jesus, divine Teacher, you have blessed us with many wonderful people in our lives. Today we thank you for our teachers. We thank you not only for what they teach, but more importantly, how they teach.

We thank you for their care, concern, guidance, and love; for their academic contributions and extracurricular contributions.

In appreciation for all they do that affects so many areas of their students' lives, we give thanks today.

We ask you, Jesus, to bless our teachers. May they know that their example of faith and concern has tremendous impact on their students' lives. Grant them peace and strength, now and always. Amen

500 Prayers for Catholic Schools & Parish Youth Groups

God Bless,

Estelle S. LaFleur

