



# Immaculate Conception School

## HSA General Meeting Minutes

### 11/9/21

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#### HSA Update

HSA Purpose: Bridging the Gap between home and school, to build community and raise funds

- Paying back annual parish repayment
- Putting on fundraising events to do so
- Next HSA Meeting 2/24/22

#### HSA Events Held So Far

- Backlot Bash
- Used Uniform Sale
- Trunk Night
- Fall Family Photos
- Thanksgiving Pie Sale

#### HSA Upcoming Events

- Dine Out Event for November – more details to come shortly
- ICS Panera Night on December 8<sup>th</sup>
- Teachers Luncheon on 11/16
- Santa Workshop for the kids in December
- Rumor that Tricky Tray may take place this year (stay tuned for more information on that)
- Our Catholic Schools Week Raffle will take place again in January
- The HSA is always trying to come up with new and fun fundraising events. If you have any ideas, please reach out via our [HSA email](#) to any one of the members directly.
- We heard the call from some parents last year to hold smaller fundraisers with more tangible events and we are working hard to make that happen as well - as you can see from some of our new fundraisers (pie sale, dine out, photos, and more to come).
- Families with children making communion or confirmation this year - we will be holding our Communion and Confirmation photo events so you can get professional photos for these events. No need to secure an outside photographer as we are bringing one to you. This event was a success last year and we are happy to be bringing it back again.

#### Volunteers

- We are in a bit of a volunteer crisis at ICS. We want to be able to hold and host our events, but we need volunteers in order to do so. If you are looking to volunteer or get involved, we encourage you to do so.

- Lunch Duty is an area where volunteers are really needed. Only four per day but if you are willing to help and can give anywhere from a half hour to an hour and a half that would be helpful.
- Our first teacher luncheon is coming up and from five grades, we need volunteers for all teacher luncheons
- If you haven't already done so, all volunteers need to be Virtus Certified and Fingerprinted. You can reach out to Mrs. Gaffney or to any of the HSA members to help get you started.
- Upcoming Virtus training in Bridgewater on 11/18, Basking Ridge on 12/7 and Hillsborough on 12/16, 1/20/22 and 2/17/22

## Scrip

- Scrip is off to a good start, and we thank all of our loyal Scrip supporters and appreciate all of the new families who have given Scrip a try and hope they continue to do so and utilize this great ICS program.
- For next week: If your youngest child is in one of the grades that will be out on Thursday due to teacher conferences, please send your Scrip order in by Wednesday as Scrip orders will be filled on Thursday as usual. Scrip orders will then go home on Friday for those in grades that were out.
- Only TWO weeks left to fill your Thanksgiving orders: Wegmans, Shoprite, Weis, Target and Walmart cards or cards to whatever store you buy groceries at.... OR our "No Fee" Visa gift cards that can be used anywhere and are accepted at Costco!
- SIX weeks left to fill your Christmas orders. Please be sure to order early to ensure you receive your cards in time for Christmas.

## HSA FB Page

- If you haven't already done so, please join us on our [ICS HSA Facebook page](#) to receive a lot of event information and reminders.
- If you do not receive our HSA weekly update, please let someone on the HSA know so we can get you added to that list as well.
- All current event information can be found on the [HSA website](#)

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## HSA Financial Update

- The HSA is required to open the school year with a balance of at least \$10,000, this year we were able to open with a little bit of cushion
- We need to repay the parish at the end of the year
- Our goal is to have enough surplus at the end of the year (after repaying the parish) to make updates/improvements to the school.

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## School Financial Update

- Financial report –this is the fiscal health of the school (separate from the HSA Fundraising)
- School is fiscally very healthy
- Enrollment is up
- Tuition covers 80%-83% of overall educational expenses
- Currently we are on budget for the year
- Our property suffered significant storm damage after Hurricane Ida
  - Currently there is an active insurance claim for all damage that occurred in ICS, IHS, IC and Rectory
  - Remediation is still in progress

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## School Update

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- Science lab is now starting in 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- MAP scores (Measure of Academic Progress)
  - This is an adaptive test and will adapt to your student's level
  - Staff has noticed less student frustrations with the adaptive testing
  - Tests are not timed
  - Parent reports will be given to parents during your upcoming conference – if you have a zoom conference your teacher will email you a pdf document at that time
- Mrs. Proctor – Reviewed many FAQs received by parents over this past quarter
  - Uniforms – students are looking great and up to uniform code especially with all the complications with Flynn O'Hara back-order issues. Thank you to all the parents for your support. The school is staying in close touch with Flynn O'Hara. If you still have backorder issues, please contact Mrs. Proctor.
  - Morning schedule for lateness – Doors close at 7:50AM, the bell rings at 7:51AM and attendance is taken of all students in homeroom at this time.
  - Homework policy – demerit code states for every missed assignment the student gets 1 demerit
  - Homework and Late demerits are on the same form as a behavior demerit, therefore if you see “this demerit is due to inappropriate behavior’ at the top then you can ignore that.
  - Chromebook behavior – staff will be heavily monitoring students’ activity
  - With the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter the demerit totals are reset to zero
- Ms. Terraglia – new Director of Special Services
  - Responsible for helping any student that requires additional modifications based on a diagnosis and/or evaluation
  - Involved in all child study and ISP meetings. As well as pushing into classrooms and pulling out students who may need extra support
  - Assist teachers with making modifications to curriculum to meet the needs of our students
  - Implementing behavior plans and running social skills groups such as lunch bunch
  - Ms. Terraglia has a degree in special education and is a registered behavioral therapist. She is extremely passionate about helping children

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## Q&A

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- Will there be any study skills group? Ms. Terraglia will look into implementing this.
- Increase in enrollment – pre covid enrollment was at 285 students, currently we have 365 students (pre-k – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- MAP test ranking – Mrs. Seccamanie can find out where we rank within our diocese, furthermore she is trying to find out how we compare locally.
- Are there exceptions to lateness demerits if there are accidents on major roads? Yes, if there is a known traffic/accident issues there will be exceptions to tardiness.
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> conferences for Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. Only grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> report to school
- Nov 19<sup>th</sup> conferences for 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade. Only grades Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> report to school