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“Academics...Discipline...Service...all in the Spirit of Christ.”

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Dear Parents and Stakeholders,

I hope all of you are enjoying summer. I just spent a relaxing week with my family in Nevada and I am now in L.A. for the National Catholic Education Conference. I am excited for the opportunity to collaborate with principals throughout the country, and I'm grateful for Father Kieran who has made this trip possible. It is wonderful to be in the Verde Valley and have the support of our local priests. They all value and support our school!

This year our school Code of Conduct and Handbook are in the school planners and online. We will continue to focus on our Student Learning Expectations and reinforce our Catholic Faith through respect, responsibility and service to others. As always, we appreciate your help and support with this and are proud of our students on campus. There are a couple of clarifications to the attendance policy involving absences, as well as parent involvement items. A copy of revisions will be available online and through Option C.

We are currently scheduled for technology improvements this year that include upgrades to the infrastructure, increasing Internet access and purchasing more Chrome Books. A large portion of this upgrade is possible through the Spring Fundraiser that Fr. Kieran and his office staff hosted. We also received an anonymous matching family donation of \$10,000 for Chrome Books and are able to increase Internet quality through qualifying paperwork that is being collected during registration. We appreciate all the generosity and financial help to improve our school!

The Anne Robert's Library Project Donations have just received an anonymous \$25,000 donation from a generous couple. This is the first installment to help with a future library project. We are so grateful to this couple and we're making plans to have a space for a library, circulation desk and computer lab. Most of you remember Anne Roberts, beloved mother of Daniel Paul. Anne passed away suddenly in 2016 when her son was in 8th grade at ICCS. She was passionate about a library for our school, and we are working to make her dream come true. Thank you for all who have contributed to this cause!

As a reminder, students will need to wear our new embroidered shirts for Friday Mass and all special Mass days or events. The 2019-2020 year our daily uniform will include embroidered shirts every day so you might want to order extras. Pants will be required for all boys on Mass days. Girls are all required to wear either plaid jumpers or plaid skirts to Mass. Embroidered shirts need to be worn with skirts. Please keep in mind footwear when shopping for school. The uniform portion of the handbook is attached if you need a refresher.

School will resume on Tuesday, August 7th. Remember that school starts at 8:25. Students are counted tardy if they are not in their seats by 8:30. Please be mindful of this so your child is on time for morning prayer. Students will be allowed on campus at 8:05. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

In place of the Back to School BBQ, we will be doing a Back to School Night on Thursday, August 9th at 6pm. This was a staff decision because most felt it was difficult to accommodate the entire school. There will be a general meeting in the Parish Hall with teacher introductions followed by a meet-and-greet at the school. All of us are looking forward to seeing you after the long break. Please bring your families by and meet your child's teacher. The Open House will conclude by 7:30 pm.

Dates to Remember

July 16th to 31st	By appointment, registration for all students who missed this last week
Aug. 3rd	Staff Retreat at St. John Vianney beginning with 8am Mass
Aug. 5th	School Board Retreat
Aug. 7th	First Day of School (Start time: 8:25 am)
Aug. 9th	Back to School Night 6 – 7:30 pm
Aug 10th	First School Mass @ 9am (Mass Uniform & Shoes)
Aug. 15th	Feast of the Assumption Mass (Mass Uniform)
Aug. 16th	Call to Protect for All Parents & Volunteers @ 6:30pm

Thank you for your dedication to our school and for trusting Immaculate Conception Catholic School with your children. I look forward to the start of the year and seeing your beautiful families!

God Bless You,

Jacqueline Kirkham



A special thank you to Father Kieran and his office staff (Vicky, Felicia, Margaret, Betty and Barbara) for organizing and working diligently on our ICCS Fundraiser. More than \$42,000 was raised for our School. We are grateful to St. John Vianney and its support. Also, a big shout-out to all who donated and purchased tickets and attended this wonderful event. We appreciate the \$10,000 anonymous matching Chrome Book donation from an ICCS family that is allowing technology to be more accessible for our students.

Thank you so much!!!

