



Immaculate Conception Academy HOME & SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Providing Parent Support to the Students and Teachers at ICA

1st Trimester 2022-2023

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

By way of introduction, my name is Cindy Honyara and I am the mother of first grader, Andrew. I am an Assistant Principal at Pope John Paul II High School. We have lived in Douglassville for the past 17 years. I started volunteering for the Home and School Organization (HSO) last year. It has been a wonderful experience and a great way to give back to the school and the parish community.

Thank you to Msgr. McCann and Mrs. Forkin for supporting the Home and School Association and entrusting me with this leadership position. I look forward to working with all parents and guardians of ICA to complete our goals for the year.

Immaculate Conception Academy's Home and School Organization (HSO) is a group of parents, grandparents, and guardians who volunteer their time, energy, and talent in support of the students and their families. The Home and School Organization would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our returning families. ICA HSO also provides financial support for multiple departments, school events, capital improvements, and many other projects.

Our goals include:

- Bringing together the school and family by fostering a community environment through the coordination of family oriented events.
- Coordinating fund raising activities in an effort to raise money for activities and supplies that will benefit the children in the school.

HSO holds general meetings throughout the year and all parents are encouraged to attend. To learn more about what HSO does and how we work with school and the parish, please join us at one of our meetings or contact us at ica.hso@gmail.com.

We want to make this the best year yet at ICA! Immaculate Conception Academy is a special place where students will grow in Love, Learning, and Leadership.

God bless,
Cindy Honyara
HSO President

Principal

Lisa Forkin

Advancement Director

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Safe Environment Coordinator

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Immaculate Conception Academy

Home and School Organization (HSO)



**HSO
Events**
2022-2023

Upcoming

August

Back to School Pool Party August 26

Courtney Clemente & Cindy Honyara
ica.hso@gmail.com

September

Mum Sale September 9-11

Courtney Clemente & Cindy Honyara
ica.hso@gmail.com

October

Trunk or Treat October 30

Jackie Grocutt
jacquelinh@gmail.com

November

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Cindy Honyara
honyarafamily@gmail.com

December

Santa's Shoppe December 6-8

Lauren Dougherty
lpalcko@gmail.com

January February

Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 6

Family event, School Assembly, Ice Cream Social, Teacher Lunch, Afternoon at the Movies, and more
Kevin and Jamie Orman - kevin@ozprop.com

March

Designer Bag Bingo March 25

Courtney Clemente & Cindy Honyara
ica.hso@gmail.com

April

Krispy Kreme Donuts

Kelly Hansen
krinda26@gmail.com

Throughout the year

Knight Nights Out

Dine and Donates at various local restaurants
Amanda Leininger
leininger.amanda@gmail.com

Pretzel Days

Pre-order pretzels for a special snack
Jeremy Hine

Wawa Hoagie Cards

Caitlin Geoghegan
sportschic568@hotmail.com

HSO Board 2022-2023

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For detailed information:

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September 2022


ICA School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5  School Closed	6 *Last day to order pretzels	7  Pretzel Days Begin	8	9 3:00 - 5:00pm HSO Mum Sale at ICC	10 9:00am - 6:30pm
11 8:00am - 1:00pm HSO Mum Sale	12	13	14 Pretzel Day	15 Rita's Birdsboro 5-8pm Knight's Night Out	16	17
18	19	20	21 Pretzel Day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Pretzel Day	29	30 School Dismissal 12:00pm	1

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5 Pretzel Day	6	7 Parent Conferences Dismissal 12:00pm	8
9	10  School Closed	11 Pie Orders Begin	12 Pretzel Day	13	14	15
16	17	18 Taqueria Comalli Knight's Night Out	19 HSO Zoom Meeting 8:30pm Pretzel Day	20	21	22
23	24	25 Pie Orders Due	26 Pretzel Day	27	28	29
30  1:00pm - 3:00pm Trunk-or-Treat	31 	1  ALL SAINTS' DAY November 1	2 Pretzel Day	3	4 School Dismissal 12:00pm	5

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9 Pretzel Day	10	11 Pie Order Pick-up	12
13	14	15 Panera Bread (Exeter) Knight's Night Out	16 Pretzel Day	17	18	19
20	21	22 School Dismissal 12:00pm	23 School Closed for Thanksgiving Break	24 	25	26
27	28	29 School Reopens / 2nd Trimester HSO Newsletter	30 Pretzel Day			

For the most updated information please refer to the school calendar.

HSO Event Recaps & Reminders & HSO Volunteers Needed



Back-to-School Pool Party

Friday, August 26th, our students and their families met at Amity AC Pool for a fun-filled night of swimming, the pool playground, yard games, pizza, hot dogs, and sweet treats! Congrats to Stephanie Palopoli as our tuition raffle winner!



Farm Fresh Mum Sale

Friday, September 9th through Sunday, September 11th, was our annual mum sale. We sold over 700 mums! Many parent volunteers and students helped throughout the weekend fundraiser. We raised \$4,150! Thank you to our volunteers, staff, and supporters of ICA HSO fundraising events!

Upcoming Events

Volunteers needed...

The following events are in need of volunteers:

Pie Sale: Pie distribution at select pick-up times

Trunk-or-Treat: Set-up, Clean-up, Uniform Exchange

Santa Shoppe: Helping students shop and checkout

Please email ica.hso@gmail.com

or fill-out the [HSO Volunteer Interest Form](#)

Have an idea or feedback?

Survey says...

We are always looking for new fundraising ideas and events, whether they are big or small contributions. We would love to hear a new idea or two! If you are unable to make the next HSO Meeting, please use the following form to share an idea at the next meeting – name optional.

[HSO New Events Survey/Feedback](#)



Need a quick answer...

Do you have a last minute question before school tomorrow? The following is not an ICA-sponsored page, but serves as a forum for current parents of ICA students to interact and ask questions: **ICA Moms & Dads**

Contact ica.hso@gmail.com to be added to the private group.



Join us virtually!

Join us **Wednesday, October 19th at 8:30pm** as we discuss upcoming events, new ideas for the year, provide input on current activities, and learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities. Contact ica.hso@gmail.com for more info. **Click here** or the zoom icon to join the meeting!

Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising student self-esteem and academic achievement. We understand that every family is unique – with its own priorities, needs, talents, and time constraints and so we try to provide as many different opportunities for parental involvement each year, and also encouraging new families to join us!

Calling all new parents to ICA!

We know you're busy, so we offer a variety of opportunities to fit different schedules and interests.

HSO Volunteer Interest Form

Click the button above to tell us about your availability and interests so we can suggest volunteer opportunities that will be a good fit.

It takes teamwork, to make the dream work!

Thank you for your continued support! We would love to team up with you this new school year to help the kids be all they can be!

Clearances– here's what you need to complete

For more information please contact:

Mrs. Dawn O'Donnell, Safe Environment Coordinator at 610-582-3880 or dawn.odonnell@icaknights.org



- 1. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check**
(Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History(PATCH))
(dated 2020 or later, then good for 5 years)
- 2. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Certificate**
(dated 2020 or later, then good for 5 years)
- 3. FBI Criminal Background Fingerprint Check (18+ years old)**
(dated 2020 or later, if through DHS, less than 365 days old if PDE – good for 5 years)
- 4. Signed Acknowledgment form for Diocese's Sexual Abuse Policy**
(dated May 2014 or later)
- 5. Signed Acknowledgment form for Diocese's Code of Conduct**
(dated June 16, 2017 going forward)
- 6. Protecting God's Children attendance certificate**
- 7. Certificate from Mandated Reporting Training**
(dated 2020 or later, then good for 5 years)
- 8. Acknowledgement Form for Child Protective Services Law Policy**

Safe Environment Diocesan and State Requirements

Staff Spotlight



Getting to know our Principal: Mrs. Lisa Forkin

Mrs. Lisa Forkin was one of our longtime kindergarten teachers and is going on year four as Principal of Immaculate Conception Academy. For eight years, she taught and modeled our ICA motto of Love, Learning, and Leadership. Over her time here, Mrs. Forkin has served as our Religious and Mission Coordinator. She is a tireless volunteer to both the school and our Parish. Lisa has been a part of the Middle States accreditation process and Iowa Testing.

Before joining ICA, Lisa worked and did her student teaching at inner-city Catholic and Public elementary grade schools in Philadelphia. Mrs. Forkin received a BA in Elementary Education from Holy Family University. She also has her certification in Elementary Education, and Mrs. Forkin holds a Master Catechist Certificate in Religion. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Education.

Before teaching, Lisa worked in the private sector where she held management positions in banking and insurance companies. She brings a strong background in human resources, personnel allocation and extensive, diverse project management to her new role as Principal.

All four of her children attended ICA. Lisa herself is a product of the Catholic School system – having graduated from St. Matthew's Grade School, St. Hubert's High School and Holy Family University.

*"Always
Forward,
Knights"*