



# Immaculate Conception Academy HOME & SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

*Providing Parent Support to the Students and Teachers at ICA*

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester 2022-2023

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## So far this year, HSO has raised...



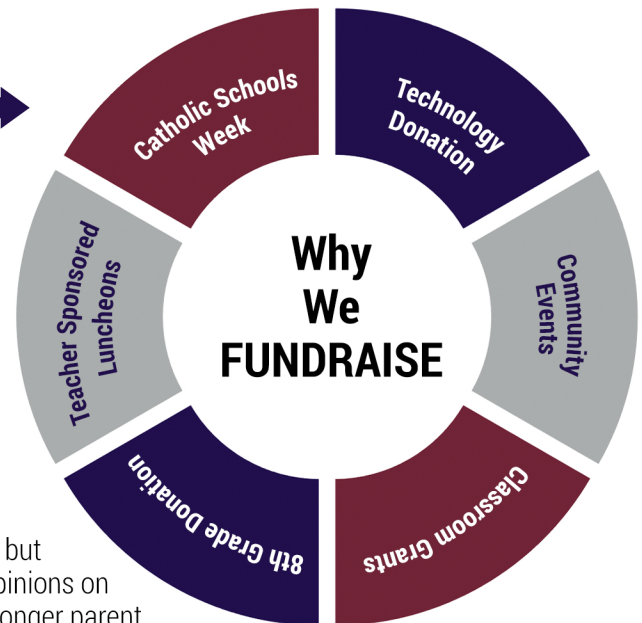
## Here are some of the ways HSO helps the Academy

HSO is always looking for members and volunteers to help out!

If interested, join the next HSO meeting to see what we're currently working on or contact [ica.hso@gmail.com](mailto:ica.hso@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas.

## How to join HSO?

No commitment necessary!  
Your level of involvement is up to you, but your help with fundraisers and your opinions on every event *matters* to help build a stronger parent community and fundraising events for ICA.



## *That's a wrap for Santa Shoppe!*



Our annual "Santa Shoppe" is a tradition that our students look forward to every year! This special service is designed for students of the Academy who want to join in on the spirit of giving during the holiday season. It's a safe environment for Kindergarteners through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to purchase gifts for all the special people in their lives on their own time and budget with the help of parent volunteers and HSO members to help them shop. With gift prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$10, each family can set their own budget for their child. Thank you to Lauren Dougherty for chairing this event and all the parent volunteers who came out to help with: set-up, student shopping times, and closing the shop! This is also a fundraising tool for HSO which helped raise over \$1,000 this year! Thank you to all our student shoppers and parents for helping make this another successful event for our school this year!

*Where children discover the Joy of Giving*




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## December 2022



## ICA School Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 HSO Meeting at ICA 7:00pm	6	7 Pretzel Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Santa Shoppe	15	16	17
18	19	20 Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza	21 Pretzel Day	22 School Dismissal 12:00pm	23 School Closed for Christmas Break	24
25 	26 School Closed for Christmas Break	27	28	29	30	31

## January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 	2 School Closed for Christmas Break	3 School Reopens	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16  School Closed	17 *Last day to order pretzels	18  Pretzel Days Begin	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Pretzel Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 Student Assembly	1 (NO PRETZELS TODAY) Ice Cream Social	2 Teacher Appreciation	3 12:00pm Dismissal Someone Special Brunch	4

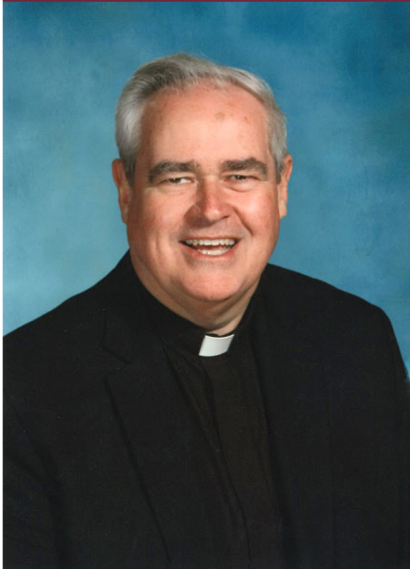
## February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8 HSO Zoom Meeting 8:30pm Pretzel Day	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Pretzel Day	16	17	18
19	20  School Closed	21	22 Pretzel Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	1 Pretzel Day	2	3	4

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

## Staff Spotlight

# Monsignor John McCann



The Reverend Monsignor John B. McCann is Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Douglassville, Pennsylvania. Monsignor McCann studied for the priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and the Pontifical Roman Seminary and the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Italy where he earned a licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pope John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

He was ordained to the priesthood on September 14, 1985. In September 1987, Monsignor McCann was assigned to the Catholic Social Agency where he held a variety of direct service and administrative posts. In 1992 he was awarded a Master's Degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. On July 1, 1994 he was appointed Executive Director of the Catholic Social Agency of the Diocese of Allentown. In addition to his leadership role at the Catholic Social Agency, Monsignor McCann also served as a member and Moderator of the Social Welfare Department of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. Subsequent thereto, Monsignor McCann served as Secretary for Clergy and Chancellor of the Diocese of Allentown.

In June 2002, Monsignor McCann was named Pastor of the parish Churches of Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Sacred Heart, Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. After having served four years in that position, Monsignor McCann was appointed to his current position as Pastor of Immaculate

Conception Church, Douglassville, Pennsylvania in June 2006. Monsignor McCann has also been active in a variety of community-based organizations serving as both a board member and officer of various governing and advisory boards including most recently those of the Sacred Heart Hospital and Healthcare System, Allentown, and the Berks County Mental Health-Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

## HSO Event Recaps & Reminders



### Trunk-or-Treat / Uniform Exchange

Trunk or Treat was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> and was a successful event. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially Jackie Groucutt for chairing this event. There were some very creative trunks decorated and lots of candy handed out. Congratulations to the Repko Family for being voted the best trunk!



### Weaver's Orchard Pie Sale

The Annual Pie Sale was a big success this year with 182 pies sold for a \$712 profit. Thank you to everyone that purchased pies! We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. Thank you to our chair, Cindy Honyara, and also to everyone that helped pick-up, sort, and distribute pies. We could not have done this without you!



### Knights' Night Outs

**Next-up:** Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza in Wyomissing Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> between 11:00am-9:00pm. And thank you to everyone who has participated in our Knights' Night Outs! Thank you to Amanda Leininger for coordinating these nights. We have raised \$565 to date from Rita's, Taqueria Comalli, and Panera Bread.

[Click each link below](#)

#### Volunteers Needed

[Pretzel Pick-up Volunteers](#) (Starts 1/18)

#### Zoom

[Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm](#)

#### HSO Survey

[Click here](#) to submit an idea or give feedback.

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## UPCOMING HSO EVENTS



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week. **This year's events include:** Student Assembly, Ice Cream Social, Movie Day, Someone Special Brunch

**Stay tuned for more information to follow!**

**Event Chairs:** Kevin and Jamie Orman



**Mark your Calendars! Saturday, March 25, 2023**

This event sells out every year! We will be looking for volunteers to help gather items for raffle baskets, assemble baskets, work the event, and sell refreshments. We will also be looking for sponsors of this event. Questions? Contact **Event Chair: Courtney Clemente**



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