



# The Charger Chronicles

Immaculate Conception School Parent Newsletter

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## From the Principal

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Dear ICS Family,

We are now in the Season of Lent. From the early days of the Church, Lent has been a time of preparing for Baptism in which we participate in Christ's death and Resurrection. During this holy time, many Christians give up some favorite food or indulgence. Many often ask "why do we make sacrifices during Lent?" The purpose of sacrificing during Lent is to deny ourselves "things" of the world that may distract us from thinking about God. Making Lenten sacrifices teaches us self-control and self denial. Some sacrifices may be fasting, giving up a favorite food, or limiting or giving up a favorite pastime.

Others choose to "do" something to be in communion with Jesus, like make a daily devotion, devote time in weekly service, take a pilgrimage or a retreat, or do works of charity. These deeds can rid us of our selfishness and make us more attuned to the poor and lonely people around us. These sacrifices or offerings help us to be more like Jesus who always thought of others before himself.

Spend some time as a family talking with your son or daughter about the meaning of Lent and what particular sacrifice or gift he or she can offer. May the Lenten Season bring you closer to Jesus by becoming more and more like him.

Hopefully you have heard the news that our annual crawfish cook-off is on for this year, but

has been pushed back to Saturday, April 24th in hopes that the Covid restrictions will be more relaxed. More info. will be going home soon about event tickets and entertainment etc. But since not everyone will be able to attend on campus, our committee came up with this great idea of how to involve more people, and created a new division called "The ICS BackYard Boilers"

For an entry fee of \$100 anyone can enter our crawfish contest, throw a mini crawfish party in one's backyard with his/her family and friends. The entry fee gets you a yard sign, t-shirts, koozies, opportunity to be featured on our Facebook Live promotion, and a crawfish cookoff bucket to fill and drop off for judging. More exciting news is that the winner of the Backyard Boilers Division will win a spot in next year's Louisiana Crawfish Boil Championships at no cost to the winning team. What makes this new division so cool is that many people often say that their crawfish are the best, but not everyone can afford to put a team into the ICS Crawfish CookOff because the entry costs run approx. \$1,500-3,000. Now anyone can enter this new division for a minimal cost of \$100, with an opportunity to be featured in next year's Louisiana Crawfish Boil Championships.

Although we are exceedingly disappointed that we cannot open our gates to our usual- approximate 5000 guests, and our usual 50 plus teams, we feel that we have come up with a fun alternative, and one that we hope will catch on and perhaps remain an added division next year

and into the future, well after we return to our long standing hugely attended Louisiana Crawfish Boil Championships here on the ICS campus in all it's usual glory!

Thank you to all the faculty, students and parents for the beautiful birthday wishes, prayers, cards, and flowers. I feel so blessed to be a member of the Charger Nation!

In Christ,

Kim DiMarco

### **Important Dates**

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3/9: Smoothie King money due

3/11: Smoothie King Day

3/12: End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks

3/17: St. Patrick's Dress Down Day

3/18: Report cards sent home

3/24: Salesian T-shirt Day

3/25-31: Book Fair

3/26: 7<sup>th</sup> grade cap and gown pictures



### **BREAKING NEWS!!! The 2021 LA Crawfish Boil Championships will go on**

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**2021.**

This year's event will feature both an on-site LA Crawfish Boil Championship Invitational and our new competition the ICS Backyard Boilers Cook-off.

ICS along with the IC Pops are excited to announce the 19th Annual LA Crawfish Boil Championships presented by Gulf Coast Bank & Trust company will take place on **Saturday, April 24,**

**The LA Crawfish Boil Championships Invitational** will gather some of our best teams from the past! This will be a competition between invited teams gathered on-site boiling up their best crawfish and all the fixins. The event will feature live music and unlimited crawfish as well as food and beverage sales. A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase and must be bought in advance.

**The ICS Backyard Boilers Cook-off** will bring the ICS Crawfish Cook-off to your backyard! This will be a competition between ICS families, friends, alumni and the greater community. For an entry fee, you can have your backyard boiled crawfish judged at our on-site event! Backyard Boilers will receive a boil bucket complete with official Backyard Boilers yard sign, t-shirts, koozies and more.

The winner of the Backyard Boilers Cook-off will earn a team spot in our 2022 20th Annual LA Crawfish Boil Championships complete with the minimum allotment of crawfish to boil in the competition. Think you boil the best crawfish in town? This is your opportunity to prove it.

**Stay tuned for details, guidelines, entry requirements and ticket information.**

### **IC Pops Lenten Fish Fry Dinners**

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The annual IC Pops Fish Fry Dinners are back! Dinners will be held in the IC cafeteria from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm on the following Fridays:



**March 5, March 12, March 19, and March 26**

Due to current sanctions, this year's dinners will be carry-out and will feature fish plates only. Plates are \$10 and consist of fish, white beans over rice, seasoned corn and bread.

For showing support to our school and the IC Pops, dress down passes will be given and we will have a homeroom contest. One dress down pass per student per night will be given if a family purchases at least one fish plate. Additionally, the

student's homeroom will receive a point for each fish plate that is purchased. The homeroom with the most points will have donuts delivered to their class on Tuesday morning following the fish fry.

Congratulations to 3-C winners of the 2/28 contest.

Please plan to come out and support the IC Pops!

## Middle School Exams

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**March 9: English**  
**March 11: Literature and Math**  
**March 12: Religion and Social Studies**



## Summer Camp

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Get "charged" up this summer at our 2021 Summer Camp. As one of the only camps operating on the Westbank during the summer of 2020, ICS has the experience and knowledge to keep campers safe while offering meaningful activities and tons of fun during the ongoing pandemic.

ICS offers stress free pre-registration with NO money down. Reserve your spot today by completing the Pre-registration form on our website [www.icschargers.org](http://www.icschargers.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Director, Mr. Scott Walker by email at [s.walker@icschargers.org](mailto:s.walker@icschargers.org). See attached flyer for details.

## New Student Registration and ICS Yard Signs

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ICS is currently holding registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Campus tours are conducted by appointment only. Prospective families may call the school office to schedule a tour. Please spread the word to your family and friends about ICS. Referrals from our current families is the best kind of advertising and publicity.

*We also have a limited number of ICS Yard Signs! If your home is on a high traffic street or a well*

*travelled neighborhood, you may pick one up a sign in the school office.*

## Smoothie King

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March's flavor is Island Impact (Mangoes, pineapples, papaya juice blend, apple pineapple juice water and, ice). \$3.00 **CASH** is due Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The smoothies will be delivered Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.



## ICS Fest Concert Series: NEW DATES

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Mark your calendars for the following concert dates:

Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

## IC Pops

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I.C. Pops Meeting  
Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm in the cafeteria

## Raising Cane's Spirit Night

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Our next Raising Cane's Spirit Night will be Wednesday, March 31 from 3:00 - 9:00 pm. Mention ICS at the register and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to ICS! Cane's is located at 4817 Lapalco Boulevard in Marrero.



## Sports Corner

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Girls Softball and Boys Baseball: There will be practice tomorrow, Wednesday(3/3), Thursday (3/4), Tuesday(3/9), Wednesday(3/10), and Thursday(3/11). All practices are from 3:45pm until 5:15 at Mel Ott Park.