



Immaculate Conception School

Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

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Come see what we are all about
at Immaculate Conception School!



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Inspiring Students for a Faith-filled Academic Journey

Our Mission and Philosophy

Mission Statement

Immaculate Conception School is a values-based Catholic elementary school that provides a quality academic program and develops students' awareness, empathy and respect for the needs of all peoples.

School Philosophy

Immaculate Conception School endeavors to develop the whole child in the Gospel spirit of love, justice and responsibility.

In an atmosphere of unity and cooperation among administration and faculty, we strive to honor and cultivate individual gifts and abilities.

We believe it is our responsibility to provide skills for students to become lifelong learners in a safe environment.

We believe that students learn in a structured environment with clear standards and expectations.



ICS At-a-Glance

Our History

Immaculate Conception School opened its doors on September 4, 1882 under the tutelage of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. More than 500 students attended the original school, which then included a high school. The school was built on the belief that each child is endowed with natural intelligence, curiosity, and a yearning to learn and discover. Academic excellence is the school's heritage. Graduates of ICS include many of the area's professional, political and business leaders.

Location

ICS is located at One Washington Street in the beautiful historic harbor side community of Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Students

ICS serves approximately 300 boys and girls in Pre-K through eighth grade from 15 surrounding communities in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Class Size

In Kindergarten, there are 15-16 students per class. Grades 1-8 average 25-30 students per class.

Faculty and Staff

There are 11 full-time classroom teachers, five subject specialists, five full-time classroom aides and three administrative personnel. All full-time faculty are certified, or eligible for certification, by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Accreditation

ICS is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Facility

Our three-story building houses bright, large homerooms with Internet access for guided teacher instruction, an auditorium/gymnasium, art room, computer lab, library, a science lab and a cafeteria serving hot and cold lunch.

Curriculum & Academics

At first glance, ICS is a three-story brick façade adjacent to the majestic Immaculate Conception Church. Inside, it is a faith-filled school where learning resonates through the cognitive fiber of each child, and where caring, dedicated teachers build an educational foundation that inspires each child to achieve great things.

Curriculum

Core subjects offer each child intellectual challenges, stimulation to think and the preparation needed for secondary school. Strong traditional curriculum emphasizes:

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- Religion

The K-8 learning experience also includes programs taught by subject specialists in:

- Art
- Computer (1-8)
- Library
- Music
- Physical Education
- Spanish

Curriculum follows Archdiocese of Boston and State of Massachusetts frameworks.



Academic Features

- John Collins Writing Program, nationally acclaimed method of teaching children to write
- State-of-the-art science lab with SmartBoard and TeachCam technology (5-8)
- Advanced Algebra Program (8)
- Students help plan monthly liturgy
- Learning Center offering one-on-one support (K-8)
- Reading Specialist who works with small groups to develop reading skills
- Study Skills class
- Macmillan/McGraw Hill Terra-Nova standardized testing annually (2-8)

Our Graduates

Graduating a well-rounded student, who is prepared academically, spiritually and socially for the future is the primary goal of Immaculate Conception School.

Traditionally, 80 percent or more of our graduates attend private and parochial high school, particularly St. John's Prep, St. Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Fenwick, Brooks School, The Governor's Academy, Phillips Andover Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy.

Education is a Lifelong Gift



At Immaculate Conception School (ICS), your children begin a lifelong journey of creativity, investigation, responsibility and thirst for education.



Here, we provide the necessary tools to build their future.

We appeal to a child's sense of potential, achievement and aspiration.

We help develop students spiritually and academically for a lifetime.

Beyond the Classroom

The Extended Classroom

Regular opportunities exist for extended learning beyond the classroom.

- Art and Science Fairs (K-8)
- Enrichment programs presented by outside specialists (PreK-8)
- Field trips to enrich classroom learning in the arts and sciences
- Use of Newburyport's rich cultural and natural resources, many of which are within walking distance of the school. Where appropriate, teachers utilize the Mall Pond, the Merrimack River environs, the salt marsh, local museums, the Superior Court, and the Firehouse Center for the Performing Arts to enhance lessons.

Life After Hours

The life of a school beyond the learning hours says a lot about its dynamics and vibrancy. Programs flourish at ICS once the final bell rings. Here is what brings the school alive after hours:

Extra Curricular Activities

- Basketball, girls and boys teams (5-8)
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Cross-Country (5-8)
- Destination Imagination (K-8)
- Al Mozier Playground
- "Journey" enrichment programs
- School Band, Paul Effman percussion and winds instrument instruction program (3-8)
- Leadership Team

Special Offerings

- After-School extra help, complimentary (5-8)
- Extended Day Program, 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
- School Events:
 - ~ Annual Gala Event/Auction
 - ~ Back-to-School Cookout
 - ~ Book Fair
 - ~ Christmas Concert
 - ~ Field Day
 - ~ Halloween Party
 - ~ Ice Cream Social
 - ~ Spring Concert/Art Show
 - ~ North Pole Express
 - ~ and more!

Learn More, Come Visit

Choosing a school that's right for your child is critical to his or her success.

Come see if Immaculate Conception School is a good fit for your family.

Tour our classrooms, and talk one-on-one with the Admissions Director about our programs.

[Call today to schedule a visit. 978-465-7780](tel:978-465-7780)

