

# Mary Immaculate School

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Dear Mary Immaculate School Parents,

I can't believe it's already March and the end of the school year is soon approaching! We have begun preparing for the following school year. We will continue with the 190-day calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. We strongly believe that if we want to create a stronger curriculum and prepare our students better for their future, we need to provide them with more instructional days. Our current tentative date for the first day of school is Monday, August 24, 2020 (date is subject to change). We will confirm the official date as we get closer to the end of the school year. Additionally, we will continue our early dismissal day on Fridays. This has allowed us to have more instructional time with our students by minimizing the number of early dismissal and no school days such as Parent-teacher conference weeks, parish and school fiesta, etc... In addition to having 190 days in our school calendar, we will continue to focus on strengthening our academic curriculum. This year our teachers participated in the *Strengthening Religion Instruction: Core Instructional Practices*, CIP, training to help them develop stronger Religion lessons and implement the new ADLA Religion Standards. Teachers also participated in the C3 Technology training to help them incorporate more technology into daily teaching. Teachers will continue to implement a gradual release method that provides students with the opportunity to be more engaged in the learning process. Objectives are being introduced at the beginning of each lesson and students are consistently assessed throughout the lesson. Teachers are also implementing various contexts to help students with different learning styles master the standards introduced in class. We will continue implementing CIP the following school year in both, Math and Religion. I will continue to work closely with the Department of Catholic Schools on strengthening our school curriculum. Next year, we will continue with our STEM, Coding, Music, and after school programs.

Thank you for your tremendous support. We are looking forward to a successful 2020-2021 school year! 😊

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## Upcoming Events

### March 2

Read Across America begins

### March 4

6<sup>th</sup> grade Stations of the Cross at 2pm

### March 11

5<sup>th</sup> grade Stations of the Cross at 2pm

### March 13

Parent-teacher conferences; 12pm dismissal

### March 18

4<sup>th</sup> grade Stations of the Cross at 2pm

### March 20

School Panoramic Picture after Mass

### March 22

School family Mass at 10am

### March 24

Jog-a-thon at 9am

### March 25

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Stations of the Cross at 2pm

### March 27

Honors Assembly following Mass

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## WASC/WCEA

We will continue with the accreditation process next school year. Faculty, staff, and I have been analyzing where we are academically and have been evaluating the different areas of our school as a whole. We are currently working on writing the WASC/WCEA Self-Study and will have the pre-visit and official accreditation visit the following school year, 2020-2021. As a result, we will be having a few no school days to continue to prepare for the WASC-WCEA Accreditation visit. I will be providing more information regarding the accreditation process at our Back-to-School Night.

## More Important News

### Coronavirus/COVID-19

We are working closely with the Department of Catholic Schools and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to monitor this situation and make the best decisions possible. We ask you to please listen to facts and not rumors or misinformation regarding the virus.

At our faculty meeting on Friday, we discussed the situation in regard to the Coronavirus. Teachers have been instructed to make sure students wash their hands consistently especially after recess and lunch when equipment is being shared. Teachers will clean and disinfect all students' desks and doorknobs after school. We will be doing the same thing in the office. Donations of disinfecting wipes will be greatly appreciated. We ask that if your child is ill to please keep him/her at home. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support.



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### More Important Dates

#### March 3

Lenten Confessions for grades 3-5 at 8:30am

#### March 5

Lenten Confessions for grades 6-8 at 8:30am; new student testing at 3:30pm

#### March 6

2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester ends

#### March 9

3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester begins

#### March 10

General Fees due

#### March 12

Report Cards go home

#### March 15

General Fee due

#### March 19 and 26

New Parent Orientation Meeting at 4:30pm

#### March 31

New Student Testing at 3:30pm; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat