# Immaculate Conception
# Home & School Organization
# 2018-2019

**Welcome to the ICD Home & School Organization (HSO). Parents of children attending ICD School are automatically members of the HSO. The ICD HSO exists for four main purposes.**

- To provide communication between parents of students and members of the school staff. Communication is provided in the form of newsletters, email messages, and HSO & School Board sponsored meetings. The meetings will be held at scheduled times throughout the year. At least one parent is asked to attend each of the meetings.
- To provide support for the educational programs of the school. This support comes from our members in the form of time and treasure. Members serve as volunteers at HSO sponsored activities and events, playground supervisors, aiding in the classrooms, library, and office as needed throughout the year.
- To provide the school with financial support for needed expenses not included in the school's budget. This would include such things as new textbooks, educational resources for the teachers, graduation expenses, etc. The organization will mainly generate money through SCRIP sales and 2-3 fund raising events held throughout the year, such as our annual Color Run, Trunk or Treat, Mom Prom and a Trivia Night.
- To provide the families of ICD a sense of community through HSO sponsored events and activities held throughout the year. These events help to form a bond between our students, our families, and our staff, further promoting the school's mission of empowering students, through love and virtue, to develop their Catholic faith, their intellect, and a community of one Spirit in Christ Jesus.

### HSO FINANCIAL OBLIGATION

As a member of Immaculate Conception Home & School Organization, each school family will be required, through rebate-generating fund raisers or buy-out option, to contribute **$275 profit annually** to support the organization. **This amount includes a $50.00 per-family fee towards playground maintenance and supervision**. If there are circumstances that make payment very difficult, please call the principal to confidentially discuss your situation. The calendar year for generation of these funds runs May 1st to April 30th. All families, existing and new, may begin earning May 1st. The required $275 HSO Financial Obligation will be pro-rated for new families accepted for enrollment after May 31st. HSO Financial Obligation funds can be generated via the options listed below, **or a combination of the two**.

- **SCRIP PURCHASES**

  ICD offers a SCRIP fund raising program. ICD purchases store shopping cards at a discounted rate. We sell these cards to our families at face value and keep the difference as profit. As these shopping cards are purchased through ICD, each family's share of these profits is recorded using the www.shopwithscrip.com website. For example—you purchase a $100 Shop N Save gift card and receive a rebate of 4%—$4.00 is credited to your family account. The percentage earned varies with each vendor (1-1/2% to 25%).

- **SCRIP PURCHASES CONTINUED**

  Families are able to accrue these rebates to meet their $275 HSO obligation. **Once you reach an account total of $300, 50% of earned profit over your $275 obligation will be the amount discounted off your next year's tuition bill.**

  When you buy SCRIP you are purchasing gift certificates that are used just like cash. The most appealing aspect of SCRIP is that this is money you would normally spend on groceries, clothing, gasoline, restaurants, home improvements, etc. This means, if you choose to purchase SCRIP, you are spending no additional money than what you would normally spend on these household expenses and it enables you to generate earnings to satisfy your $275 HSO Financial Obligation.  Your earning potential from the SCRIP Program is endless and is totally dependent on the volume and frequency you purchase SCRIP. Routine weekly purchasing is the key to your success. Pennies made each week add up to hundreds of dollars in your family account.  Other families, such as grandparents or neighbors, can also purchase SCRIP on your family's behalf.  The SCRIP coordinator can provide you with information regarding the set-up of these contributing accounts.

  You are responsible for following your earned rebates to determine if you are on track to meet your $275 obligation.  To do so, you must have an account at www.shopwithscrip.com.  Here, the SCRIP coordinator will have all of your purchases entered, and you will be able to see your earned rebates posted with your order history.  Please contact the SCRIP coordinator to see if you already have an account, or to set one up.

  **More information on the SCRIP program is available from our SCRIP Coordinator.  Please email scrip@icdschool.org.**

- **CASH PAYMENT OPTION**

  The HSO will accept $275 as a buy out from all fund raising obligations. If paying by check, it should be made payable to the Immaculate Conception Home & School Organization.

Families re-registering in **February, 2018** must have **50% of their obligation ($150)** for the current year generated before registration time, either by SCRIP purchase rebates, cash payments, or a combination of the two. Rebate and voucher balances can be found by logging in to your family account on www.shopwithscrip.com.  The remaining 50% of the funds must be generated or paid by **April 30th.**   All families must have their HSO Financial Obligation for the current year paid-in-full by **May 1st,** or student's report cards will not be available and your students will not be accepted for the next school year.  Student's records and report cards for families not returning the next school year will be released and forwarded only after the HSO Financial Obligation is met.

Eighth Grade families who will **not** be re-registering in February (no younger siblings) must have **100% of their $300.00 obligation satisfied** for the current year in order for final records to be forwarded to the high school of their choice.

The HSO Financial Obligation is not considered charitable contributions by Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and School.