

ICGS FUNDRAISING EXPECTATIONS

At ICGS as in all Catholic schools, the tuition we pay doesn't cover the entire cost of educating our children. Thankfully, our parish, Immaculate Conception, subsidizes a portion of the tuition for each student. Educating children is a mission of our parish. Still, there is a portion that remains. We fund the additional \$115,000 needed for Operational Costs through ICGS Parents' Club of which every parent of an ICGS student is a member. Whole school participation in our largest fundraiser of the year, the "It's Your Lucky Knight" Dinner Dance and Raffle, raises these critical funds. It is expected that each family sell/purchase 5 raffle tickets (with the chance of winning \$25,000 and other great prizes). The Dinner Dance also raises funds through Sponsorship, Advertising Sales, Buy-In Parties, Classroom Keepsakes, Teachers' Raffles and Special Offerings.

In addition to Operational Cost funding, the Parents' Club (PC) historically raises over \$120,000 to support activities that contribute greatly to the exceptional experience offered at ICGS as well as support our faculty and ICGS community. PC funds have historically provided for the Halloween Hoedown, School Play, Enrichment Programs, Fine Arts, Dance Class, STEM based clubs, Ice Cream Social, Year-Round Teacher Appreciation, Teacher Start-Up Expenses, End-of-Year Teachers' Bonuses as well as Tuition Assistance.

These additional funds have historically been raised throughout the year via various activities like the Marcia May Fun Run, Gift Wrap Sale, Scholastic Book Fair, 1900 Club Men's Golf Outing, Ladies' Fashion Show, 1900 Club Christmas Tree Lot, and Food for Funds.

As you know, this year offers unique challenges to some of our traditional fundraising. For example, the in-person Ladies' Fashion Show, which raises over \$10,000 has been cancelled and we are looking to adapt many of our other fundraisers to virtual options - like the Marcia May Fun Run, which may result in lower than historic contributions. To address this, we have added new ideas to help provide options to families to participate in fundraising, such as the Fall Mum Sale.

Unfortunately, if these funds are not raised, it means that there is less money to go toward our school's Operating Costs and the additional student experiential enhancements, and our tuition must significantly increase in order to make up that difference. In other words, it is our responsibility to work together and make a commitment to support our ICGS PC's efforts.

SO THEN HOW DO WE RAISE MONEY FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS & IMPROVEMENTS?

The ICGS Annual Appeal is a fundraising tool started in 1993 that allows us to move beyond simply paying our operating expenses and yearly programs. The Annual Appeal allows us to continuously look to the future and raise the bar of excellence in various ways. Since its inception, it has funded some of the following projects/improvements: Renovation of Classrooms, Smart Board technology in every classroom, Renovation of locker rooms, Playground and Math/Science/Tech Lab.

Every ICGS family is asked to support the efforts of the Parents' Club (both by volunteering & financially) and contribute to the Annual Appeal as able.

We are truly blessed to be part of our wonderful ICGS Catholic community. Thank you for all you do!! **WE ARE IC!!!**

Family Name: _____ **Please read and initial each of the following 3 statements.**

- I/We understand that selling/purchasing Raffle tickets is critical in funding Operation Costs needed to run the school.
 I/We understand that additional fundraising efforts throughout the year support teachers' bonus, the Annual Appeal, tuition assistance and all the Parents' Club activities (as noted above).
 I/We understand Parents' and 1900 Club efforts involve parent volunteerism and will give of time and talents as able.

Smart Tuition Raffle Ticket Payment Option - You can choose to pay for tickets through divided payments on your Smart Tuition from October through March. As the Raffle drawing takes place in April, all Smart Tuition Raffle ticket payments need to be completed by March 2021. Each Raffle ticket is \$100, and each family is expected to sell/purchase 5 minimally. This option counts in Raffle Pre-Sale (avoids receiving Raffle Captain & individualized emails).

Please make your selection below:

- I/We would like to have our ticket payment placed on our Smart Tuition as part of the Raffle Pre-Sale.
Please indicate number of tickets: 5; 11 (Buy 10 get 1 free); Other (More than 5)
 I/We do not wish to use Smart Tuition as a payment option and plan to sell/purchase Raffle tickets directly through the Raffle Committee sales.

Please return this form to the office via your child's backpack by Monday, September 21, 2020 or contact the Raffle co-chairs (Bridget Le, bridget.c.le@gmail.com, and Jen Peterson, jenniferhalberg@yahoo.com) directly.