

## October Newsletter

### Immaculate Conception Catholic School

#### END OF 1ST QUARTER !

*"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." - Unknown*

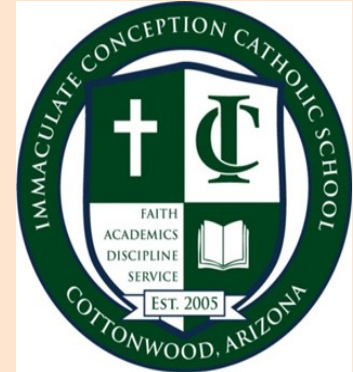
Dear Families,

As we begin the 2nd quarter, our school is doing the best we can to continue to educate your children and adapt to current needs. This situation is not over and we have to stop holding on to what used to be, and be open to the possibilities of what it can be. I wanted to thank you all for being so patient and willing to adapt. As we continue to look for better ways to educate our children we will not be afraid to let go of what was.

"Once upon a time a little leaf was heard crying, as leaves often do when a gentle wind is about. And the twig said, "What is the matter, little leaf?" And the leaf said, "The wind just told me that one day it would pull me off and throw me down to die on the ground!" When the tree heard it, it rustled all over, and sent back word to the leaf, "Do not be afraid. Hold on tightly, and you shall not go till you want to." And so the leaf stopped sighing, but went on nestling and singing. Every time the tree shook itself and stirred up all its leaves, the branches shook themselves, and the little twig shook itself, and the little leaf danced up and down merrily, as if nothing could ever pull it off. And so it grew all summer long, till October. When the bright days of autumn came the little leaf saw all the leaves around becoming very beautiful. Some were yellow and some scarlet, and some striped with both colors. Then it asked the tree what it meant. And the tree said, "All these leaves are getting ready to fly away, and they have put on these beautiful colors because of joy." Then the little leaf began to want to go, too, and grew very beautiful in thinking of it. Just then a little puff of wind came, and the leaf let go, without thinking of it, and the wind took it up and turned it over and over, and whirled it like a spark of fire in the air."

I pray that our fear is also tamed so we may not be afraid to let go. Our Lord said numerous times, "Do not be afraid," and my hope is that we find peace and comfort by his side as we continue this journey that requires us to continue to let go as we receive. May God bless you...

Mr. Hernandez



#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Halloween**  
(10-31-20)
- **All Saint's Day**  
(11/1/20)
- **Election Day**  
(11-3-20)
- **Veterans Day**  
(11/11/20)
- **Progress Reports**  
(11/13/20)
- **Night of Hope**  
(11/14/20)
- **Thanksgiving**  
**Break Nov 25-27**  
**NO CLASS**

# Night of Hope

Join us for our *Virtual Night of Hope*! It will be a powerful 35-minute event in support of Catholic education and scholarships for students who are relying on us to come together to turn a *Night of Hope* into their future.

**When:** Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:00pm



**Congratulations to all the students who received first Holy Communion and Confirmation this month.**



**YOUR VOICE**  
**YOUR VOTE**  
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Election Day is coming up on November 3. Make sure to get out there and make your vote count!  
It is our duty!

**NUESTRA VOZ ES NUESTRO VOTO**  
OUR VOICE IS OUR VOTE



**Learning to share the gospel with others can often be fun opportunities to witness what our Lord has done in our lives. At other times, it requires patience and an understanding to lead others through the parts they do not understand. I often use the example below to illustrate how we need to walk with others as they dive into the Gospel message. Take a peek at this picture. Pretend it's the Gospel message for the 1st time in your life and you are trying to understand it fully. What do you see??**



**Let me turn it around and make it bigger for you. What do you see now? Do you see the cowboy? Look again, I promise it is a cowboy. Share with others, and help them see it. We can do the same with the Gospel message. By learning the message we can help others see the salvation within it by sharing it and living it....**

