

# IMMACULATA ACADEMY

## Student Organizations

Student life at Immaculata Academy is enhanced by participation in extra-curricular activities. Each student has an opportunity and is encouraged to become involved in activities at IA through membership in various clubs and/or sports teams. Involvement in such groups promotes individual and group responsibility, respect and pride.

### Art Club

The **Art Club** promotes the availability of artistic expression for all students. Teamwork is used to create projects that will be beneficial and expressive for all involved.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing, regardless of artistic ability, are invited to join.

Activities:

- A. School wide enhancement projects
- B. Set design for Drama Club productions

### Bell Choir

The **Bell Choir** explores music written for bell choirs. Primarily, the members perform sacred music. Handbell techniques are used to improve basic knowledge of music, including note and rhythm reading.

Active Membership Eligibility: Any student in good academic standing may join. It is not necessary to be able to read music.

Activities:

- A. Participation at some liturgies
- B. Performance at 4 yearly concerts

## **Bella Voce Club**

The **Bella Voce Club** members explore varying forms of choral music from sacred and classic works to popular and contemporary. Members strive to improve as musicians and singers by choosing music, which challenges and excites.

Active Membership Eligibility: Any student in good academic standing may audition for the group at the beginning of the school year.

Activities:

- A. Frequent participation at school liturgies
- B. Performance at 4 yearly concerts
- C. Occasional community performances
- D. Occasional trips to music competitions

## **Booster Club**

The **Booster Club** promotes school spirit through the public acknowledgment of efforts made by sports or club members who represent Immaculata Academy in interscholastic competition and through the acknowledgement of individuals' accomplishments.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing are encouraged to join.

Activities:

- A. Acknowledge birthdays
- B. Acknowledge efforts of students competing for our school
- C. Kiss Freshmen Hello and Seniors Goodbye
- D. Holiday locker surprises
- E. End-of-the-year party
- F.

## **Cinema Club**

The club's mission is to promote an understanding of the art of cinema. A range of classic films through recent blockbusters will be shown for entertainment, as well as for the analysis of the progression of cinema. An awareness of world events and a deeper understanding of life issues can be learned through watching films and discussion. Cinema Club also provides a good opportunity to get together with friends, relax, and enjoy a common hobby.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing are encouraged to join.

Details:

- A. 3 meetings per month after school
- B. Weekly movies
- C. Annual dues are \$5 to cover the cost of rentals

### **Environmental Club**

We are a student run group who is dedicated to the conservation of our Earth and her natural resources. Our goals are to educate the student body on the importance of a healthy environment and on the ways to preserve it. We live by the 3-R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Active membership eligibility: Any student in good academic standing and who believes in and practices the principles of the club is invited to join. Members cannot miss more than 4 meetings.

Activities:

- A. Paper recycling
- B. Fall/spring planting
- C. Energy conserving police
- D. School yard clean up

### **Franciscan Club**

Through service activities, liturgical ministry, and social gatherings, the members of the **Franciscan Club** seek to grow in harmony, respect, service, peacemaking, stewardship, joyfulness and prayer, which are integral components of Immaculata Academy's Franciscan charism.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students who are in good academic standing and who are interested in the mission/purpose of the club are eligible to join. Members cannot miss more than three meetings.

Activities:

- A. Plan school liturgies and prayer services
- B. Homeless Hangout
- C. Various charitable activities
- D. Catholic Charities Activities
- E. Annual Diocesan Youth Convention

## **Gaming Society**

The **Chess Society** intends to provide a social outlet for its members and either introduce them to the game or further improve their skills. Novices will have the opportunity to become familiar with the basic game. Those already familiar with the game will have the opportunity to enhance their over-the-board skills.

The society allows the casual and serious player to enjoy the challenge of this classic game in a forum that satisfies their social and competitive needs.

**Active Membership Eligibility:** All students in good academic standing. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Attendance at 50% of the meetings, and participation in at least one mini-tournament each semester is required.

## **Immaculata Academy Players**

The **Immaculata Academy Players** group holds as its mission a desire to create enthusiasm for the production and performance of live theater. Participants gain the skills of public speaking, acting, leadership, teamwork and personal responsibility.

**Active Membership Eligibility:** All students who are in good academic standing are eligible. Members must attend monthly club meetings.

Activities:

- A. Musical Production (3 performances in November)
- B. Christmas Production (during school day)
- C. Spring Play (2 evening performances)
- D. One Act Play Competition (1 evening performance)
- E. Set design for each

## **Instrumental Program**

Instrumental Lessons  
Immaculata Winds  
Immaculata Pep Band

Play an instrument! Students at Immaculata Academy have the opportunity to participate in instrumental lessons during the school day. Lessons are offered once a week through the Paul Effman Music Service. Instruments may be rented or purchased through Paul Effman. Student may choose to study: saxophone, clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, or percussion. No experience is needed! Instrumental students play regularly as part of the

Immaculata Winds, and at sporting events as members of the Immaculata Academy Pep Band. Come and make some music!

### **Library Club**

The **Library Club** promotes reading, good books, and information technology. Members work to improve the library and its services. Through activities students will broaden their knowledge of literature, history and the arts. They will learn to work cooperatively, and their leadership and organizational skills will be developed. A sense of belonging to the school will be fostered.

Active Membership Eligibility: Any student with a 75% or higher average is welcome. Members cannot miss more than three meetings.

Activities:

- A. Teen Read Week, October
- B. Guest Speakers: Storytellers, Authors
- C. Field trips to book fairs, other libraries, bookstores
- D. Party
- E. Poetry Reading
- F. Sponsor contests to encourage reading and use of library
- G. Putting up displays
- H. Reading to the elderly
- I. Reading to children
- J. Teaching and learning search strategies for online data bases

### **Literary Magazine Club**

The **Literary Magazine Club** promotes the arts and literature by giving students the opportunity to publish their creative works, including poetry, fictional and essay writing and artwork. The Literary Magazine Club encourages students to showcase and take pride in their talents.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing are eligible. Members must attend at least five meetings.

Activities:

- A. Springtime meetings
- B. Proofread and edit text
- C. Group writing types and artwork
- D. Layout magazine
- E. Enhance computer skills

## **Mock Trial Club**

**Mock Trial** fosters analytical reasoning, public speaking, and logical thinking. Members must prepare a defense and prosecution side of a given case. The members then present their prepared materials in competition with other local area high schools.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing. Members must attend all “seasonal” meetings.

Activities:

- A. Regularly scheduled meetings with “our” lawyer
- B. Competition with other high schools at Buffalo City Court

## **Muggle Brigade**

Muggle is defined as a “person without magical powers who is unaware of the world of wizards.”

The Muggle Brigade, a Harry Potter book club, holds as its mission a desire to connect Immaculata Academy students, who are fans of the Harry Potter series, to each other and provide a supervised forum for discussion of literary themes found in the books.

Active membership eligibility: Any student in good academic standing and who is interested in the mission/purpose of the club is eligible to join.

## **National Honor Society**

The mission of the **National Honor Society** is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in students.

Active Membership Eligibility: Juniors who maintain a cumulative average of 93% or higher and seniors who maintain a 90% or higher are invited to participate in the selection process. (See National Honor Society Handbook.) Members must attend monthly meetings.

Activities:

- A. Individual service projects (10 hours)
- B. Group service project
- C. Tapping Ceremony
- D. Induction Ceremony
- E. Mother-Daughter Social

F. General service to the school as needed

### **Newspaper**

Mission: First, we will provide students the opportunity to express themselves in writing while reporting on news relevant to their school and the world around them. Second, students will learn desktop publishing techniques necessary in order to produce a school newspaper.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students are eligible to initiate membership in the newspaper club. In order to maintain membership, students must either: submit at least one article that is published in the school newspaper this year, or be involved in the production of the paper using desktop publishing or digital media (photography).

Activities:

- A. Newspaper club meets alternate Fridays beginning Friday, Sept. 12, and continuing throughout the school year.
- B. Meetings are at 2:15 pm in room 153.
- C. The club, working together with the desktop publishing class, will produce a quarterly paper for distribution to all in the school community.

### **Pro-Life Teen Club**

We will make a difference by forming consciences and having our voices heard on issues that affect our lives and the common good.

Activities:

- A. Raising awareness of Pro-Life issues
- B. Participating in Diocesan Pro-Life activities, i.e.-The March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Active Membership Eligibility: any students who are interested in promoting respect for life and are in good academic standing.

### **Recruitment Team**

Students have the opportunity to represent and promote Immaculata Academy at local elementary schools and at I.A. school functions. Members are grouped in to teams and work closely with the Admissions Director throughout the year.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students maintaining an average of 85% or better are invited to participate.

## **SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)**

The members of **SADD** realize the importance of staying drug, alcohol and substance free. Being aware of the consequences of substance abuse, the members work to show others how productive and successful one can be without the use of “chemicals.” The members also value the safety of all persons and are willing to stand up to peer pressure, both in and out of school.

**Active Membership Eligibility:** Any student in good academic standing and who believes in and practices the principles of the club are invited to join. Members cannot miss more than four meetings.

**Activities:**

- A. Red Ribbon Week
- B. D.A.R.E. program, visiting grade schools
- C. Midnight Madness/Lock-In
- D. Dances
- E. Christmas Service projects
- F. Mock Accident with Big Tree Fire Dept.

## **Scrap Booking Club**

Scrap booking is open to any student who is interested in learning about this fun craft. Members bring their own supplies and swap ideas and laughter. Meetings are on a regular basis dependent upon the members’ desire.

## **STAR (Students for True Animal Rights)**

Have you ever cried when you see an animal get hurt in a movie or real life? If so, then the STAR club is for you. This club strives to increase sensitivity toward animals through hands on activities and fundraisers, while continually focusing on the rights of animals.

**Active Membership Eligibility:** Any student in good academic standing and is interested in the welfare of animals their protection is welcome to join.

**Activities:**

- A. Visiting and fundraising for the SPCA
- B. Field trip to Hawk Creek to learn about animal rehabilitation
- C. Field trip to the zoo

## **Student Council**

The Student Council provides students with opportunities to plan and execute school-wide activities and to influence decisions and policies in the school where appropriate. The skills of representative government, leadership, accountability and creativity are put into practice by the members of the Student Council.

**Active Membership Eligibility:** Each homeroom elects two students (in good academic standing) to be their representatives at Student Council meetings. These are voting members. Members cannot miss more than four meetings.

Any other student is invited to attend meetings and voice her opinion and/or give input. These are non-voting members. Students who wish to serve on an activity committee do not have to be members of the Student Council.

Activities:

- A. Movie Nights
- B. Spirit Week and Semi-formal dance
- C. Father-Daughter Social
- D. Bears' Lair store
- E. Raise funds for Laura Burns Scholarship
- F. Help with Freshman orientation
- G. General service to the school as needed

## **Tennis Club**

Students have the opportunity to take lessons and learn how to play tennis, "The sport of a lifetime!" The lessons are taught by a pro at the Southtowns Tennis Center in Orchard Park. There is a fee.

**Active Membership Eligibility:** All students in good academic standing are encouraged to join. No experience is necessary.

## **Triple F Club (Food, Fun, and Fitness)**

The Triple F Club is a student run group that is dedicated to making healthy life choices while learning how to have a good time in the process. Our goals are to educate the student body on healthy, enjoyable, and safe ways to relieve stress. We strive to develop good habits and succeed in learning to live a healthy lifestyle that can be maintained for the rest of our lives.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing with a positive attitude are encouraged to join.

Activities:

- A. Various physical activities
- B. Group walks
- C. Development of school informational posters
- D. Occasional after school trips
- E. After school snack parties
- F. Guest speakers

### **World Language Club**

The World Language Club fosters an appreciation for the cultures and peoples of other lands. Students will be educated as to the different customs and traditions of both French and Spanish speaking countries. They will be given an opportunity to enjoy the food, music, and holiday festivities of these countries. Handicrafts will also be made.

Activities:

- A. Dia de los Muertos & Cinco de Mayo
- B. Christmas
- C. Easter
- D. Mardi Gras
- E. National French Week
- F. World Language Week

Active Membership: All students who are in good academic standing are welcome to join.

### **Yearbook**

The **Yearbook** staff provides a quality yearbook that will evoke fond memories of the time spent at Immaculata Academy.

Active Membership Eligibility: All students in good academic standing are welcome to join.

Activities:

- A. Take pictures
- B. Write copy
- C. Create pages
- D. Sell patrons
- E. Enhance computer skills

## Sports Teams

# GO BEARS!

Cross Country  
Golf  
Soccer  
Volleyball

Badminton  
Basketball  
Bowling

Softball  
Track & Field

Students in good academic standing are encouraged to try out for a sports team. Student athletes represent Immaculata Academy as they participate in inter-scholastic sports competition with other high schools. In addition to exhibiting good sportsmanship, the members of IA sports teams learn and practice the skills of teamwork, leadership, and accountability.

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Imaginative and Assertive  
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