

Time Management

There are only so many hours in a day, week, and a term. You cannot change the number of hours, but you can decide how to best use them. To be successful in school, you must carefully manage your study time. Here are some strategies for doing this:

At the beginning of a term, prepare a Term Calendar, and update it regularly.
Here is what to do to prepare a Term Calendar:

- Record your school assignments with their due dates and your scheduled tests
- Record your planned school activities
- Record your known out-of-school activities

Each Sunday before a school week, prepare a Weekly Schedule. Update it as the week goes on. Here is what to do to prepare a Weekly Schedule:

- Record your daily classes
- Enter things to be done for the coming week from your Term Calendar
- Review your class notes from the previous week to see if you need to add any school activities
- Add any out-of-school activities in which you will be involved during the week
- Be sure to include times for completing assignments, working on projects, and studying for tests. These times may be during the school day, right after school, evenings and weekends.

Each evening before a school day, prepare a Daily Organizer for the next day. Place a check mark next to each thing to do as you accomplish it. Here is what to do to prepare a Daily Organizer:

- Enter the things to do for the coming day from your weekly schedule
- Enter the things that still need to be accomplished from your Daily Organizer from the previous day
- Review your class notes for the day just completed to see if you need to add any school activities. Add any out-of-school activities in which you will be involved in the next day.

**** IA gave students agenda books ... use them!! ****

Golden Rule Scholarship Fund

A new scholarship fund has been established at Immaculata Academy by alumna and current IA nurse, Bonnie Lindstrom, who is also an independent consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

The Golden Rule Scholarship will be awarded annually to upperclassmen with a minimum 80% GPA, who exhibit good christian qualities, and best define the Golden Rule; Do unto others, as you would want done unto yourself. The award will also be based on the principles of Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics; God first, family second, and career third. To raise money for the scholarship fund, Ms. Lindstrom is designating 20% of the proceeds from sales on her web site, until December 19. To purchase items and help fund this worthwhile scholarship, visit www.marykay.com/bonnielindstrom. You may also contact Bonnie at 649-9361.

Thanks in advance for your support of Immaculata Academy.

Women of Grace Study Group Forming

A Women of Grace study group is forming at Immaculata. The group, based on Johnette Benkovic's book, *Full of Grace*, is open to all IA students, moms and faculty, and will tentatively meet on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons.

Throughout the United States and around the world, women are coming together to celebrate the great gift of authentic femininity. They are discovering the special grace of their gender and the awesome mission God has entrusted to them. Through dynamic presentations, stimulating curricula, and lively discussions, study group participants experience the transformation that only comes through Jesus Christ.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the study group can e-mail Susan Pivarunas at apivey1@hotmail.com. Further information can be found at www.womenofgrace.com/curriculum.htm.

IA News

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Dear IA family,

It is a wonderful time to be a part of Immaculata Academy! *Business First* just rated us #10 out of 128 high schools, which makes us the #1 private school in the southtowns! The school and campus is shining and growing, the teachers are wonderful and the first week was one of productivity, ideas, warmth and joy! We held our opening day assembly on September 3rd, followed by milk and cookies in the cafeteria (a new tradition),

followed by a shortened class schedule. We are finally breaking ground for our new digital/brick sign, which should arrive before the snow flies; we enjoyed a Parent Guild sponsored Back to School gathering at the school this Fall (thanks PGI!), and we had an opportunity for parents to meet the faculty and staff on September 18th. The very talented cast has been chosen for Cinderella, and rehearsals began immediately. This month also welcomes our very first compilation newsletter, thanks to our PR guru, Steve Lingle. Every day is filled with opportunities for your daughters to be involved. I urge you to treasure each busy day with them, because we all know how fast these four years will go. Take a breath and be in the moment! Thanks for your continued prayers and support for the very important work that we are all doing to raise kind and successful women leaders.

Peace and all good,

Mary Lou Stahl

Mrs. Stahl
Principal

It's hard to believe we are beginning another school year already. After a quiet and very busy summer, I am thrilled to see and hear our halls full of laughter and excitement again with spirit week and prom plans already in full swing! It's no different in my 9th year than it was in my first year here. The energy here is resounding and contagious!

This is also an exciting year because we are beginning our reaccreditation process with the Middle States Association. Sr. Jean Marie Cherry and I are the internal coordinators for this, as we have been in the past. It is a time that we, as a faculty and staff, reflect and build on the goodness of Immaculata Academy. We create student achievement driven goals that are measurable; and we all follow through over a seven year period which includes semi-annual written reflections by in-house committees and a mid-point review by Middle States. The four goal areas we are focusing on are: Spiritual Life, Academics, Leadership, and Extracurricular Activities.

My suggestions for a smooth and problem free beginning that will last through the year:

Read your daughter's handbooks with her. The Student & Parent Handbook and the Athletic Handbook are in her agenda that she received the first day of school in homeroom. Get involved! I hope your daughter will find many interests at IA, there are plenty of clubs and sports to choose from... something for everyone!

Uniforms, uniforms, uniforms! The new uniform is a big hit with the girls, and the old ones are still looking good. Whichever uniform your daughter wears, please be sure it is being worn properly:

Button down the button down collar, tie the tie, don't roll or hem the skirt. No colored t-shirts under the old and no t-shirts at all under the new (a white tank top is okay).

I wish you and your families an exciting year full of memories and laughter!

Peace and All Good,
Jill Monaco
Assistant Principal

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