

Pre-Kindergarten thru 8th Grade What does your child's future hold?

Here are some answers to our most popular questions. For more information please contact Principal Mary Ann Murphy at (213) 382-5931 or principal@ics-la.org.

Q) What is the difference between sending my child to Immaculate Conception School or a local public or charter school?

A) There are many differences, including class sizes, safety, academics and more. However, the greatest difference in sending your child to ICS is in the faith and service focused education they will receive. We believe educating children means helping them develop as a whole person. Each day, lessons of God's love are shared with your child. We also focus on living our faith through service to others. Numerous studies, both from secular and faith based organizations show that children who attend Catholic Schools grow into adults who are much happier, successful, open to diverse views and involved in supporting their communities. Through learning about selfless love and awareness of others, our students gain a greater self awareness as well, and an understanding of what it means to truly succeed in life; Love.

We recently asked our graduating eighth graders, on an anonymous graduation exit survey, if they would recommend Immaculate Conception School. 100% of them said yes. The reasons they cited were the combination of high quality academics, being seen for their greatest potential as leaders, and the overall loving atmosphere at ICS. In an open-ended question we also asked them what they plan to do in the future. Their career choices ranged from being doctors to owning business and much more. In addition, they cited ways to give back, from helping to provide the same quality education they received to children in need, educating people away from prejudice, helping to end human trafficking, pollution and animal cruelty, and sharing the faith they learned. We are so proud of all of our wonderful students and we are grateful that they understand the importance of love.

Q) What are the academics like at Immaculate Conception School?

A) The commitment to excellence and academic advancement is profound. Every child goes on to attend high school and nearly100% of ICS students advance to Catholic high schools on scholarship. Tracking of our students also proves over 90% will matriculate to colleges and universities, as compared to 31% of students who attend public schools. ICS students have attended some of the finest institutions in the country, including UCLA, USC, Brown, NYU, Cornell and LMU. A quality educational foundation is vital to opening your child's future to greater opportunities.

Q) How much does it cost to send my child to Immaculate Conception School?

A) We understand that, especially in the current economy, paying for your child's education can be an overwhelming thought. Tuition is necessary to fund our school, as we do not receive any funding from the government. While we do require the same core curriculum as in the public schools, through not relying on government funding, we retain the flexibility to create more diverse classroom lessons aimed at developing critical thinking. This is also what allows us to keep our faith in God's love central to our mission and teachings. However, even at full cost, our tuition costs less than you would pay for daycare: less than one hundred dollars a week. Often times, parents find that they have the funding with a shifting of priorities. Also, as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, and because we are called to educate as well as to serve, we are able to provide tuition at a sliding scale for those who qualify. There is no better gift you can give your child then a solid education founded in God's love. This gift will stay with them and will affect their lives now and in the years to come.

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Parents Face Many Challenges Today:

- Our children are more exposed to information than ever before in history. With the Internet we are entering an era of unprecedented freedom in sharing of ideas and connecting to others. With this increased connectivity, there are great benefits and also great dangers to our children during their developing years. Hurtful messages and images are all around. Helping our children navigate through this can seem overwhelming.
- In the current economy and with the ease of travel, families are moving further and further apart from one another for work. It is more difficult to raise children without a strong network of friends and family to support you, especially when both parents need to work.
- Violence in our country seems to be around every corner, affecting even the most innocent.
- A sense of entitlement in our society inundates children with pictures of things they "should" want and the idea that money is what will equal happiness and success in life.

So It Leaves Us Asking, What Do We Want for Our Children?

- We want our children to be a loving part of our country and world, adding to messages of love and hope.
- We want our children to be raised in an environment that teaches them to live their faith. We want our children to feel a true sense of community and grow in God's love.
- We want our children to understand that love is stronger than any amount of hate. We want them to know the great desire God has for them to feel his love and to be with Him in our life everlasting.
- We want our children to understand that giving is greater than receiving, and that true happiness and success comes from a real and meaningful relationship with God and those in our lives.

Our children grow up so fast and this is the time we have to instill teachings of love into their hearts. Make an investment now into your child that provides them with a priceless gift for the rest of their lives.



Can I take a tour and learn more about the school?

Absolutely. You are always welcome to come and take a tour and feel the Immaculate Conception School difference first hand. You are also welcome to call and ask any questions you may have. All are welcome at ICS!

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