

# Feast Day for Immaculate Conception CES

## September 28

#### What is the Feast Day for Immaculate Conception CES?

The Immaculate Conception is a very special teaching in our Catholic faith. It means that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was kept free from original sin from the very first moment she was conceived. God chose Mary to be the Mother of His Son and gave her a heart that was full of grace, so she could say "yes" when He asked her to become the Mother of Jesus. This reminds us of how much God loves us and how He prepares each of us for the special plans He has for our lives.

Having a school named Immaculate Conception is something to be proud of! It means that the school community is invited to follow Mary's example by saying "yes" to God every day, in how we pray, how we treat others and how we choose kindness and love in our actions. Mary's life teaches us to trust God, even when things are difficult, and to share God's love with everyone we meet.

Each year, the staff, students and families of Immaculate Conception CES celebrate their Feast Day on September 28. On this special day, the school gathers for Mass and other activities to remember Mary and ask her to pray for them. It is a time to thank God for the gift of Mary and to ask for the courage to live as she did, with faith, hope and love.

Immaculate Conception CES is a place where students, families and teachers work together to follow Mary's example. By learning about her life, sharing prayers and caring for one another, the school becomes a place where faith grows strong and children are encouraged to bring the light of Jesus into the world.



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#### **Quotes**

""Full of grace"! Here is Mary, as God conceived of her and desired her in his inscrutable plan: a creature filled with divine love, all goodness, all beauty, all holiness." -Pope St. John Paul II "Mary's immaculate conception reminds us of the purity and holiness we can attain through God's grace."

-Unknown

"As sailors are guided by a star to the port, so are Christians guided to Heaven by Mary." -St. Thomas Aquinas

#### **Prayer**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Loving and Gracious God,

On this Feast Day for Immaculate Conception CES, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude and awe. We thank you for the gift of Mary, the immaculate vessel chosen to bear your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world.

We honour Mary, our Mother and intercessor, who, from the moment of her conception, was preserved from all stain of sin. Her purity and holiness shine as a beacon of hope and inspiration for all believers.

As we celebrate this special day, we seek Mary's intercession for our own lives. Like her, may we be open to your divine will and surrender ourselves completely to your loving plan.

Mary, our Immaculate Mother, teach us to walk in faith, to trust in your Son's mercy and to live with hearts full of love and compassion for others.

We ask for her guidance in our daily struggles, that through her prayers, we may draw closer to Jesus and experience the transforming power of your grace.

Lord, on this Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we pray for purity of heart and a deepening of our relationship with you.

May Mary's example of faithfulness and humility inspire us to embrace your will, to follow your Son wholeheartedly, and to bear witness to your love in the world.

We offer this prayer through the intercession of Mary, our Immaculate Mother, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen.

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## **York Catholic District School Board**



Immaculate Conception CES **FEAST DAY:** September 28

**SCHOOL LOCATION:**Woodbridge, ON

"If Christ is the day that never fades, Mary is its dawn, shining with beauty." -Pope St. John Paul II

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- Expectant Mothers
- Unborn Children
- Infertility
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