

Sunday is the second week of Advent.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve reminded us to prepare ourselves to see and hear God through our prayers during this Advent season. He also reminded us to be like St. Nick and give our gifts generously to others.

(The students get these reminders during the week. Hopefully they are getting another reminder each weekend during the Celebration of the Eucharist with you.)

EARLY DISMISSAL: We have a 2:00 dismissal on WED, DEC 13.

STATE CHAMPS: Check out the new sign as you enter the City of Columbia.



SPIRIT WEAR: Be sure to check out the newest spirit wear selections. We will be sending in a few more orders before the normal 12/15 order in hopes that the orders arrive before Christmas, but there are no guarantees. Items can be found by visiting:

<u>https://immaculate-conception-schoolparents-friends.square.site</u>. If you want the order (given it can be in before Christmas) to be a surprise, email icsspiritwear@icsmail.org. For questions, please reach out to Emilee Dufford at 618-616-6878.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: This is FREE \$\$\$ for ICS!!! It's simple to scan a paper receipt or use a digital receipt in the free app on your phone. We need more participation and receipts scanned to get closer to our annual fundraising goal of \$1000.

DOWNLOAD THE APP, SCAN YOUR HOLIDAY FOOD RECEIPTS - IT IS THAT SIMPLE!!! (If I can do it, anyone can.) or SEND IN YOUR RECEIPTS AND I WILL DO IT FOR YOU!!!

TOY COLLECTION: Builders Club is collecting toys for the children and families at the Griffin Center in East St. Louis. They really need toys for toddlers. Collection dates are NOV 28-DEC 13. **THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY DONATED**. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

(The collection is getting bigger. We are delivering these on Fri., Dec 15 so there is still time to donate.)



CHESS CLUB: Our next Chess Club meeting is Wednesday, December 13th from 2-3:30 in the Garden Level. We had almost 70 kids at our last meeting! Wow! Make sure to RSVP on TeamSnap and if you haven't done so already, please give Bev \$10 for the yearly snack fee. Any questions, please email jwilliamson@icsmail.org. It's great to see so many kids enjoying Chess!

FUNDERWEAR: Thanks to all of you who brought in items for the funderwear drive. We collected 3112 items. What a great way to show our students how to give.

DINNER AUCTION: ICS Parents & Friends invite you to A Dinner Auction TO DIE FOR! Tickets for our largest event of the year are now on sale at our early bird price. We are also offering a limited number of Suspect Table Add-Ons that are first-come first-serve, so act fast to get your choice of this popular auction experience!

Below you'll find our Auction Invitation as well as a grandparent/family/friend flier to send to relatives interested in supporting ICS.

You'll find all the auction details, info on donations & volunteer opportunities, and our THREE amazing raffles on the auction webpage: http://ics-pf.weebly.com/ics-dinner-auction.html

To contact the ICS Dinner Auction Committee, email icsauction@icsmail.org

RECESSES SUPERVISION HELP: We are asking for volunteer help at recess time. All volunteers must be Child Protection compliant. Here is the link to sign up https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-icsrecess

ICS EVENTS:

December 9: Funderwear basketball game at Gibault 3:30

December 12: 7:00 K-3 Christmas Concert

December 13: 2:00 Dismissal

December 14: 7:00 Band Concert/Art Show December 18: 8th grade night - basketball December 19: Christmas Community Day (1-4) December 20: 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00

December 21-January 2: NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

7TH GRADE FUNDRAISER: (SEE FLIER BELOW)

8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER: (SEE FLIER BELOW.)

PARENTS AND FRIENDS: CHRISTMAS PARTY & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE DECEMBER 11, 2023, 7:00PM FIRE & ICE - 123 S. MAIN ST

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. VI. Executive reports

VII. Principal Report: Mr. Gregson

X. Old Business

- Queen of Hearts: Mandy McGuire & Ellen Southerland
- Square1Art: Jolene Sasser
- Craft Fair: Tiffany Taylor
- Cookie Booth: Jen Cooper & Allie Sternau
- Uniform Resale: Ari Struckmeyer
- ICS Spirit-wear: Emilee Dufford

XI. New Business

- Christmas Teacher/Staff Collection: Beth Johns
- Dinner Auction: Auction Chairs
- Mother/Son Event:
- Give STL Day: Ellen Southerland

XII. New Ideas / Information

XIII. Closing Prayer

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

Monday January 9th, 2023 - ICS Garden Level

XV. Important P&F Event Dates

Saturday February 24th, 2023: Dinner Auction

Friday May 10, 2023: Give STL Day

Tuesdays - Queen of Hearts at Sunset Overlook

^{**} Note - this meeting won't have a virtual option! **

GIBAULT INFO:

Shadow Visits: We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Shadow visitors will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! Get started at: https://bit.lv/GCHSInquire

Christmas Concert: All are invited to the Gibault Catholic Christmas Concert on December 10 beginning at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Raffle-Mania: Raffle-Mania is back with bigger prizes! This year's grand prize has **DOUBLED** to \$5,000! Visit https://givebutter.com/Raffle-Mania to purchase your tickets!

Early Bird Drawing December 1st for \$250.

GRAND PRIZES of \$5000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250, and 6 @ \$100

Prizes will be drawn on February 1st during Catholic Schools Week.

Tickets are being sold exclusively online. If anyone has difficulty with their online purchase, contact Desiree Frasure at Gibault Catholic High School. (dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com or 618-939-3883)

Family Sports Pass: Show you're #gibaultproud all year long! For \$125, Hawk Fans can purchase a Family Pass that covers admission to most of our home games (some exclusions apply.) This pass is valid for girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' soccer, softball, baseball, and select boys' soccer home games throughout the 23-24 school year! Visit GCHSSportspass.givesmart.com to purchase your pass!

NOTE FROM MS. SHEA: In honor of starting a new month this week, here is a quote to give you a hint for our new Crusader Virtue Phrase:

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." -- St. Teresa of Calcutta

Can you guess what our phrase is?

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: All of the toys you are donating to the Griffin Center are stacked up in the breezeway. Every young student that walks in has to check them out everyday. One day a 4yr old came in at 7:59 and started telling me about one of the toys. He went on and on even after I told him he needed to get to class. Finally he had enough of me and stated, "**Um**, **Mr**. **Gregson**, **you are interrupting me**." (Great vocabulary for a 4 yr old.)

A student from Mrs. Billmeyer's kindergarten class was in the office on Wed. I asked her if she had an elf in her house (in reference to The Elf on the Shelf) and she exclaimed, "Yeah and he saw St. Nick last night." (Wouldn't it be great if we all still had the young innocence?) It is very common to see a parent give their child a kiss on the cheek or forehead in the morning when they walk them to the front door. One day this week a mom was in a hurry and missed the target as I heard her daughter state, "You kissed my eyeball."

PRAYER LIST: Stella Schultz, Alan Schertel, John and Loretta Belpedio, Donna Ritson, Geri Griffin, Whitney Embick, Mike Neal, Jill Dalke, Jamie Moravec, all those serving in the military. (If you would like a loved one added to this list please email me.)

ETERNAL REST: Please keep in your prayers the Moore family as Brynn (Grade 7), Finley (Grade 3), and Maddox (Grade 2) as they mourn the passing of their grandfather Alan Schertel.

"The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church."





TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE:

DECEMBER 1-31 - \$75/PERSON JANUARY 1-31 - \$100/PERSON FEBRUARY 1-15 - \$125/PERSON

ADD TO YOUR AUCTION EXPERIENCE WITH A SUSPECT TABLE ADD-ON!









SCANTHE CODE

- AUCTION TICKETS
- RAFFLETICKETS
- SUSPECT TABLE ADD-ONS
- DONATIONS
- VOLUNTEERING OPTIONS



CONTACT:

ICS DINNER AUCTION
COMMITTEE
409 PALMER ROAD
COLUMBIA, IL 62236
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CAMPUS 411 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

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SHOW YOUR CRUSADER PRIDE IN THE ICS DINNER AUCTION BOOK!

HONOR ROLL PRICING GUIDE

HONORABLE MENTION \$25

(DONOR NAME AND STUDENT NAME)

John & Jane Doe Proud grandparents of Johnny - 6th grade Janey - 3rd grade MENTION EXAMPLE

PHOTO

John & Jane Doe Proud grandparents of Johnny - 6th grade Janey - 3rd grade



RAFFLES

- COLD & FED: STOCKED UPRIGHT FREEZER RAFFLE
- DROP DEAD GORGEOUS: GUCCI HANDBAG RAFFLE
- FRAMED: SAMSUNG FRAME TV RAFFLE



SCANTHE CODE TO

- PURCHASE AN HONOR ROLL AD
- DONATE TO THE AUCTION
- BUY RAFFLE TICKETS
- PURCHASE TICKETS TO ATTEND

CUT OFF THIS PORTION AND SEND WITH WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO "ICS"
ICS - 409 PALMER ROAD - COLUMBIA, IL 62236
\$25 HONORABLE MENTION \$75 WITH PHOTO
NAME: PHONE:
STUDENT NAMES TO BE LISTED:
CONTACT EMAIL:
EMAIL PHOTO TO ICSAUCTION@ICSMAIL.ORG



SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th

Location: Immaculate Conception School 409 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236

Date: June 3 - 7, 2024

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$270 (before discount)
Camp Director: Ashley Wright | awright@icsmail.org

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

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