



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Steve reminded us to see others as God sees us and that knowing God is wisdom. Fr. Eric remanded us that we should always be grateful to the Lord.

**(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:** Wed, Jan 24, 2:00.

**NO BUS:** There will be no DISMISSAL bus on Fri, Jan 26.

**YOUNG AUTHORS:** Spring Young Authors submissions will be due Monday, January 22nd. Any parents interested in assisting with judging the submissions can reach out to Susie Funk [medic4837@gmail.com](mailto:medic4837@gmail.com). (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**FATHERS CLUB:** Members of the Fathers Club will be frying wings on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 11). They are also selling Syberg's pizzas. See flier below for all the details.

**GRANT WINNERS:** Congrats to Mrs. Neff and Mrs. Cornish on being awarded \$500 classroom grants from the Monroe County Electric Cooperative.



**REPUBLIC TIMES ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:** Congrats to 8th grader Ady Lyons!

...of Chicago ... longtime Columbia High School basketball statistician ... ing such a crucial piece of basketball history – Centerville and Collinsville are among the winningest high school basketball hoops programs in the country – Firchau said the IBCA made a concerted effort to showcase all areas of Illinois at the museum.

“Since the museum is in the north, we make sure that the rest of the state is not forgotten.”

### R-T Athlete of the Week

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The *Republic-Times* Athlete of the Week is Immaculate Conception School basketball player Adysen Lyon. The eighth grader averaged 20.1 points per game this season for the Crusaders, with a game-high 29 points scored against Holy Trinity. She also grabbed more than 10 rebounds in many games. “Ady is the definition of a team player,” ICS coach Tim Hagedorn said. “Never shows frustration or disrespect toward her teammates.” In total, she scored more than 400 points on the season.

### R-T Team of the Week

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The *Republic-Times* Team of the Week is the Saxony-Middletown basketball team coached by Dennis Firchau. The team captured a 44-36 victory over Saxony-Middletown MVP.

**CHESS CLUB:** Our next Chess Club meeting will be next Wednesday, January 24th, from 2-3:30 in the Garden Level. See everyone there!

**BUILDERS CLUB:** Movie Night for all Builders Club members on JAN 19. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**DINNER AUCTION:** ICS Parents & Friends invite you to A Dinner Auction TO DIE FOR! Raffles and tickets for our largest event of the year are now available. Act fast on our last available Suspect Table Add-On (Mr. Boddy). Attached 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, on the auction webpage:

<http://ics-pf.weebly.com/ics-dinner-auction.html>

Let's talk about our dinner auction raffles, cause we are KILLING IT with these amazing prizes! You do NOT need an auction ticket to purchase or win.

COLD & FED is our stocked freezer raffle. Win a brand new upright freezer (big enough to hide a body?) and over 30 lb of meat to store inside! \$25 each or 5/\$100.

FRAMED is our raffle for a 65" luxury Frame TV, valued at \$2000! Tickets are \$50 each and there will only be 100 sold!

DROP DEAD GORGEOUS is your chance to own a stunning Gucci round shoulder bag, valued at \$1250! Tickets are \$25 each or 5/\$100.

All tickets are available for purchase here:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/2KCZlg?vid=12lmx5>

Share with friends and family - they could be a winner!



To contact the ICS Dinner Auction Committee, email [icsauction@icsmail.org](mailto:icsauction@icsmail.org)



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD. (Word of mouth is a very effective promotional tool.)



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL **OPEN HOUSE**

Preschool - 8th Grade  
Sunday, January 28th  
10am-12:30pm  
ICS Main Entrance

All Are Welcome!

Mission  
Community  
Service

For more Information:

[icscolumbia.org](http://icscolumbia.org)

618-281-5353



**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>

**ACTS RETREAT: (SEE FLIER BELOW)**

**ICS EVENTS:**

**January**

January 24: 2:00 Dismissal

January 26: No Bus at 3:00

January 28: Catholic Schools Week Open House 10:00-12:30

**February**

February 2: Munchkin Basketball 4:30 (food is served at 4:00)

February 14: All School Mass (Ash Wednesday)

**February 19: NO SCHOOL (President's Day)**

February 21: 2:00 Dismissal

February 23: No Bus at 3:00

February 24: ICS Dinner Auction

**GIBAULT INFO:**

**Alumni Basketball Game:** Calling all Hawks! Join us on January 27 for our Alumni Basketball Game at 4 p.m. Come out to play or just to cheer on some of your favorite Hawks from the past! Interested players should RSVP to Kelly at [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com). Player registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Make it a whole evening at Gibault and stay as the Hawks take on Red Bud. JV begins at 5:15 p.m., with Varsity to follow!

**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!

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

Prizes will be drawn on February 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com) or 618-939-3883)

### **Apply to the Class of 2028**

There's still time to get your application in! Apply by Jan. 26, 2024, in order to be part of this year's Acceptance Day festivities. Application available at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSApply>

### **Visit Gibault!**

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. Your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows 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! We also offer Private Tours for the whole family. See our campus and get your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

**NOTES FROM MS. SHEA:** To accompany our Crusader Virtue Phrase of this month (Watch My Words), here is quote to give us some food for thought going into the weekend:

"Words - so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them."

-- Nathaniel Hawthorne

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** There is a 2nd grade boy with a very unique winter hat. He was wearing a different one on Thursday when he came into school. I asked him if he lost his unique hat and he replied, "**No, I just don't know where it is.**"

A kindergartener came into the office and told Mrs. Epplin that she "**has a heartbeat in her ear.**"

**PRAYER LIST:** Greg Thebeau, Mike Conrad, Nan Chapman, Kristen Brewer, Stella Schultz, 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.)

***"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."***

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS



# QUEEN OF HEARTS & 50/50 RAFFLE

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:30PM - TICKET SALES END

7:00PM - QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING

7:15PM - 50/50 DRAWING



LOCATION:  
SUNSET OVERLOOK  
11604 BLUFF ROAD  
COLUMBIA, IL

TO BENEFIT:  
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## Chicken Wing, Toasted Ravioli & Pizza Fundraiser ICS Fathers' Club



### Jumbo Cut Chicken Wings 20 pieces for just \$25

Deep Fried, light dash of seasoning salt.  
Your choice of sauce on the side:  
Syberg's, Frailey's & Hot



### Toasted Ravioli Local Made 20 pieces for just \$15

Deep Fried, light dash parmesan with  
Marinara



### Syberg's Signature Frozen 12" Pizzas \$10/each

Triple Cheese, Joe Mama Meat Lovers, Double Pepperoni & Signature Chicken

### Big Game "Square Board" available for just \$25/square

Drive Thru Pick up from Noon to 4 pm, Sunday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> ICS Lower Level North of  
ICS Gymnasium. Please use the same route as the KC fish fry. Delivery service  
available for additional \$10 donation to 62236 Zip Code

To Order, scan the QR code or text **icswings** to 41444

Questions? Email: [icsfathers@gmail.com](mailto:icsfathers@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support!





## 8th Grade Washington D.C. Fundraiser



When: Jan. 19th-Feb. 2nd

The ICS 8th graders  
are selling TJ's pizza  
to earn money for their Washington trip.  
Contact an 8th grader  
to place your order now.

A pizza for you=A learning experience for them!

# Young Authors

## Spring 2024

Sharpen your pencils, for it is time to prepare for the Spring Young Authors' program!

The spring turn-in day will be **Monday, January 22nd**. Please give your submissions to your teacher (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). For judging purposes, do not write your name on your story. We ask that you attach your name on a separate piece of paper (with a paper clip or stapled), or on a Post-It note adhered to your manuscript. The chairperson will record the titles and names, and then remove the names from the stories before giving them to the judges. The following information may answer any questions you have.

If you have other questions, please email Susie Funk at [medic4837@gmail.com](mailto:medic4837@gmail.com) or Jessica Dickman at [jmdickman12@gmail.com](mailto:jmdickman12@gmail.com).

Thank you!

### How should my work be packaged?

Your submission should include the following:

- A front cover with the title of your manuscript (it can be a simple title page, with no name)
- Your name on a separate piece of paper attached by paper clip or stapled, or on Post-It note (names are removed for judging)
- Pages securely fastened by staple or other means

### What should I write, and how will it be judged?

The emphasis of the Young Authors program is on creativity. A parent volunteer will judge your work based on its originality, its organization (does your story have a beginning, middle, and ending?), and on its use of clear, descriptive words. Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation.

You may also enter a poem. It will be judged based on its creativity, how well it flows, and on the strength and clarity of its message. For upper grade students, a poem or collection of poems should have at least 20 lines total.

Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in the Young Authors competition in a previous year.

### Can my parents help me?

Young Authors is designed to encourage you to write, and so the work must be your own. You can try out your ideas on your parents if you like, and they can help you with proofreading grammar, punctuation and spelling. Very young authors may tell their story to a parent while the parent writes it down. The child may then write out the story, or the parent may write it or type it. It is important that the story be "in the child's own words," which is the state rule for the Young Authors program. Parents should encourage their children to work on their submissions as independently as possible.

### What if I win?

Congratulations! You may win a Young Authors' trophy once each school year. Even if you have won a trophy, be sure to keep entering! Your future submissions are still eligible to win runner-up awards.

By entering repeatedly, you are also eligible to receive special awards at the end of the year.

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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO A

# DINNER AUCTION TO DIE FOR

SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY  
24TH, 2024



6:00  
IN THE  
EVENING

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COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

**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  
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RAFFLES

**COLD & FED**  
*Stocked Freezer Raffle*



INCLUDES  
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**FRAMED**  
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SAMSUNG - 65" QLED 4K CLEAR LITE FRAME  
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**TICKETS: \$50 EACH - ONLY 100 SOLD!**

**DROP DEAD  
GORGEOUS**  
*Designer Purse Raffle*



GUCCI BLACK MARLBOROUGH GG MARBON  
NEW ROUND SHOULDER BAG - \$1250 VALUE

**TICKETS: \$25 EACH OR 5/\$100**

**SCAN THE CODE**

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



**CONTACT:**

ICS DINNER AUCTION

COMMITTEE

409 PALMER ROAD

COLUMBIA, IL 62236

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## ICS DINNER AUCTION A DINNER AUCTION TO DIE FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2024

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CAMPUS  
411 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

### ICS HONOR ROLL

SHOW YOUR CRUSADER PRIDE IN THE ICS DINNER AUCTION BOOK!

#### HONOR ROLL PRICING GUIDE

HONORABLE MENTION ..... \$25

(DONOR NAME AND STUDENT NAME)

INCLUDE A PHOTO ..... \$75

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

MENTION  
EXAMPLE

PHOTO  
EXAMPLE

John & Jane Doe  
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### RAFFLES

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



### SCAN THE 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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@icmail.org](mailto:awright@icmail.org)

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

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## “ ACTS ” TESTIMONIAL

I was really drawn to the ACTS retreat over the years but to be honest I was really intimidated by it. All of these women (most I didn't know), being vulnerable and being away from my family, it all seemed like too much!

My friend asked me to join and it was perfect timing, I had just felt so overwhelmed at home and honestly needed a break.

Somehow everything worked out and I was set to go. I knew nothing about this other than my Brother in law had gone on one and said it was life changing!

He was right, I didn't know how much my heart needed this "weekend away".

The women were wonderful- they are there to serve you and spoil you with such a joyful heart! I felt such peace being here.

I didn't grow up Catholic so I thought I would be an outsider, but I found, as eye opening as it was for me to learn more about our religion and about myself, life long Catholics were doing the same.

I came back with a clear head and a full heart! It was like my heart was on fire to spread God's word and I just had a peace about me that I had really been missing!

I urge you to take the leap of faith and just go! You will not regret it!

JAYCI PAPENBERG



# How Great is Our God?

Mark 1: 21-28

## Please Join Us

Regardless of where they may be in their faith journey, women over the age of 18 are invited to the January 25-28, 2024 ACTS retreat weekend. This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community.

The retreat begins on Thursday evening, January 25, with check-in at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Transportation will be provided for you to and from the retreat center. The retreat concludes at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday, January 28 Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

Approximately 7-10 days prior to the retreat, you will receive a letter describing what to bring with you (clothing, pillows, etc.) for the weekend. Come experience discovery, renewal and peace with the women of Immaculate Conception and other area parishes.

A deposit of \$50 is requested to reserve your place with the remaining \$285 registration fee due at check-in (the full amount is \$335). Please do not let financial hardship stand in the way of attending this retreat. Scholarship assistance is available, confidentially. Mark "request aid" on the application form and the Retreat Director will reach out to you. You may also talk to Fr. Steve.

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If you need more information, please contact following:  
Director:

Janelle Donjon-314-504-2011 swieczaj@gmail.com

Co-Director:

Lisa Meyer - 314-704-8452 or schorb\_meyer@yahoo.com



Register online at [www.icc-columbia-il.us](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us) or  
Return your registration form and deposit to:  
Immaculate Conception Parish Office  
411 Palmer Rd, Columbia, Illinois 62236

Name (as you want it to appear on your name tag)	
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Cell Phone	
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Emergency Contact Person - Relationship	
Emergency Contact Person's Full Address	
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Make checks payable to "Immaculate Conception", and please write "ACTS" in the memo section.

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