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Celebrating 161 years of Mission • Community • Service

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.

"We are people of joy"

January 2, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

Epiphanies are many but Incarnations are few!

This Sunday-Monday is "little Christmas". This is the feast where gifts are given in recognition of Jesus made-known to the gentiles---that is most of us! We also celebrate the Proclamation of the coming of Easter. My how time flies! The church year is a constant reminder that we should all be here after the here-after! The "aha moment" of the legendary Kings Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar makes this our moment too. We are not sure this is their real names and that is okay since it is a revelation to the world and they represent us. The household is the "domestic Church" in that it embodies various aspects of the entire Church. This includes being a place where the Gospel is shared and from which the Gospel radiates to others. "In a family which is conscious of this mission, all the members evangelize and are evangelized. The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them." Each "domestic Church" also evangelizes many other families through its example of family life. And we just can't say enough about the role of the father in passing on the faith life. All too often, the burden falls on Mom. Dads and moms and grandmas and grandpas and spiritual fathers and mothers have to live out the Epiphany message. Our human nature calls us to exclusivity and pecking orders and "who is more important than who" but all this is trumped by the Incarnation of the divine! Catching up to where God is at is never easy but that is why we have Faith! Work at it!

Come and make it known to the world that you are at the manger seeking to be a disciple and spread the JOY of the Gospel! We are the 4th Magi!

Not sure what to do with your duplicate Christmas presents? Donate it to the ICS Annual Dinner Auction! Yes, it's that time again, we are collecting for the Dinner Auction. If you have items to donate please fill out the Auction Donation form and send it into the school office. **Sat., Feb. 7, 2015!**

WHY WE CLIP THOSE LITTLE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Clips, bonus, eBox Tops and a carry-over from last year = **\$3,378.20!** Thanks to all who send them in and Ellen Sippel and Jen Schauster for pushing! We have made \$22,128.00 over the years! Hooray Parents and Friends!

THE CLASS OF 2015 will be participating in a St. Louis Blues DC Fundraiser! The game is on Thursday, January 29th starting at 7 p.m. vs. Nashville (lost to these predators 4-3 last night---our current nemesis). Ticket price is \$23. **Order by January 5, 2015.**

SCRIP WORKER SCHEDULE ATTACHED. Thanks to Desi Frasure and all workers!

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER In the past 5 years, our Builders Club has bought and packaged 287 cases making 61,992 meals for children in Haiti, Mexico, Madagascar, Uganda and Honduras. Rudy and Dorothy Shaser will be here on February 14 to help us again in the lower level of our new Church on Palmer Road. The food was “engineered” by scientists from Archer Daniels Midland, General Mills, and 3 M. After analyzing dietary deficiencies in the 21 poorest countries in the world, a mixture of rice, soy product, dried vegetables, and minerals and nutrients was created to provide enough to help a person survive for one day. The individual packages contain enough to feed 6 people and have a shelf life of 3 years, and tastes like chicken and rice without the chicken.

As part of the little Christmas celebration, our **Builders Club is sending home a sleeve of M and M's to share at home on Monday.** No strings attached. But a lot of love can come of these if you fill the sleeve with change and return to school by Friday, January 9. \$50 buys 1 case of food and feeds 216 people. We have received donations of \$600 so far and will be soliciting more from the community. Our goal is \$3250.00 “Give us this day our daily bread” is a plea we all understand. Thank you! Directors of Kids Against Hunger are Lucas Herrmann and Ryan Swindle.



FUNDERWEAR: We will collect till January 9. Winner will be announced at the ICS-SPPS game on January 9 prior to the Gibault vs.

KC SPELLING BEE The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring their annual Spelling Bee. The competition is open to all students in elementary grades 3 through 8. The event will begin at 10:00am in the Knights of Columbus room on the Garden Level at Immaculate Conception Church on Saturday, January 31st. Any questions may be directed to Jim VonDerHaar ([314.494.8874](tel:314.494.8874)) or Bob Stadler ([314.614.4595](tel:314.614.4595)).

THE SPORTING NEWS... **see the attachment...**spring training is right around the corner and Tim Mueth is on it!!

‘Baseball in January’



Featuring former St. Louis Cardinals infielder, & current Southwestern Illinois College coach Neil Fiala and former New York Yankees pitcher Scott Patterson

Coach Fiala, with over 700 career college wins, will be on hand to demonstrate what is needed to make your son a better baseball player. He will talk technique, fundamentals, hitting, fielding and the mental approach to baseball. For coaches, he will discuss practice drills and getting the most out of your practice time. Scott will offer his expertise in pitching as well as what persistence really is. Scott spent 7 years in the minor leagues before he eventually got his chance in the major leagues.

- Also on hand will be local sports memorabilia dealers and local sporting goods companies to help your son get a jumpstart on the 2015 Baseball season.

This will be 2 great hours for parents and coaches to spend with their sons and players.

Cost: \$20 per player or \$100 per team (5 or more players)

MAGAZINE DRIVE magazines make great gifts! ...order online anytime and your child will get credit during the drive! www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 You can't sell if you don't ask! Promote reading and thinking!!! The drive starts on January 12 and as the single largest donor, we have placed \$469,544 into the Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education. The fund will provide us with \$140,000 in support this school year. Magazines make great gifts---gifts that give all year long. Take orders over the holidays or order online anytime and your child will get credit during the drive!

Chess Schedule: The ICS Chess Team---practice on Tues. in the cafeteria from 3:00-4:30.

Grades 1-3- Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 17, March 10, March 24

Grades 4-8- Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 17, March 31

From White House Retreats: A favorite bumper sticker: "God loves everyone in the world...no exceptions!" At the deepest level here is this simple truth of Epiphany: Christ has come for ALL people. The "tenderness" of Christmas, the warm feelings that we share at Christmas time are meant **to console us** and **strengthen us** so that we can embrace our Lord Jesus Christ as He is now. The picture of our Messiah is the picture of Christ **humbly drawing all people**--not to dominate but to *bless*.

As we begin the new year we, like the Magi, can let God reach out to us in mysterious ways (our "star") and draw us in-- so that we can offer our gifts and take home with us Love itself.

PARISH NEWS...

Church envelopes for Young Stewards were sent home last week. 30-30-30-10 is a great plan for kids money and our lives. 30% for long term like college, 30% for emergencies, 30% for fun money, and 10% for God. If only I had taken this more seriously as a youth, many of my bad money habits would be so much easier to manage.

PRAYERS: Stella Moll, **Dan Whelan, Zac Epplin**, Beth Carrow, Edward Pelker, Ed Hengel, *Josh Ritter, Desiree Frasure, Danny Massey, Special Intention*

Happy New Year! School resumes on Monday and what a great day it will be!!!!

Mike Kish

Principal

Band Schedule Week of Jan 5-9

Monday

8:05-8:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

8:35-9:05 5th Flute

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Trumpet

9:25-9:55 5th Clarinet

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**

9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble
10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**
1:45-2:45 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**
8:55-9:25 6th-8th Percussion
9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass
11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass
11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass
8:35-9:05 5th Percussion
9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet
10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals
11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

