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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 9, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



To my wonderful ICS family:

I honestly cannot even begin to put into words how humbled and truly touched I have been over the past few days and weeks with your outpouring of gifts, cards, and well wishes. My decision to leave ICS was not an easy one to make. ICS has been a part of my life for the past 16 years starting when my daughter, Brittany, began school here as a 1st grader. My two sons, Drew and Mitchell, soon followed. I have been a parent, a school board member, a coach, and an employee over these 16 years. I can't even imagine my life without ICS being a huge part of it. I am excited and scared all at the same time to be leaving.

I know I have joked around a lot these past 7 ½ years about "cooking with love." I have had numerous parents ask me for recipes because their children have said that the food at home was not as good as Mrs. Huebner's (you know who you are). I always gave the same response to the requests for recipes, "if you add a scoop of love, it makes all the difference in the world." I was half joking, half serious. I have loved cooking for the students at ICS and I truly tried to show that by doing it with love. The students here are really, good kids. They are polite and appreciative. I tried to make lunch a fun and relaxing part of their day. I made it my goal every year to learn every student's name by October. I wanted them to feel like the cafeteria was a welcoming place each day. If a student came in sad or upset, I wanted to be able to call them by their name and try to get a smile on their face by the time they left the serving line.

The other five lunch ladies, also known as "my girls," that I worked with every day in the cafeteria are five of the best coworkers I could have ever asked for. They made my job so much easier every day and I cannot even begin to count the laughs we have shared and the memories I will take with me. They were a huge reason why my decision to leave was difficult.

Mr. Kish took a huge risk hiring me 7 ½ years ago and I am so lucky he did. I am not sure if he was desperate or crazy. Either way -thank you, Mr. Kish. I know you wanted me to give a speech at the assembly that you had for me in December, but I couldn't. I hope this makes up for it. Thank you all once again. ICS will always hold a special place in my heart!

Mrs. Huebner

Thank you to all of the families that contributed to the monetary Christmas gift for the faculty and staff. It is so nice to have the extra cash to do something special with. It was very kind of you to be so generous.
ICS Faculty and Staff

AND THANK YOU from the Principal. It is humbling to receive the monetary gifts as well as all the cards, family pictures, treats, Scrip, and gift cards. Please know that I know that I am appreciated. I only hope you know I feel the same! *Mr. Kish*

Young Authors Turn in/Jeans day Tues Jan 20 Please promote writing! Teachers please help!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS...We meet on Monday night at 7:00 in the cafeteria.

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary/PR Report – Beth Glasscock
- III. Treasurer Report – Joyce Randle
- IV. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Diewald
- V. Principal Report – Mr. Kish
- VI. Old Business
 - Craft Fair/Cookie Booth/Basket Raffle
 - Square 1 Art
- VII. New Business
 - Dinner Auction – Feb 7
 - Schoola clothing drive
 - Calendar
- IX. Closing Prayer

FACULTY MEETINGS Parents and Friends have graciously provided snacks for the monthly faculty meeting. Beth Glasscock is chairing this for us---thanks! Please sign up to help:

Link: <http://signupahead.com/signup/24nthw6t>

ICS Mad Hatter's Ball Dinner Auction: Saturday, February 7, 2015 — Doors Open at 5 p.m.

RESERVATIONS! Make your reservations now! Tickets are \$55 per person and include a fabulous evening at the Falls in Columbia with dinner, live auction, silent auction, and raffles (reservation form on ICS Website homepage). There is something for everyone! Remember, it's all for the kids! Parent packet will be coming home NEXT WEEK with more details and raffle tickets.

The early bird gets the worm...or some great items! The White Rabbit Silent auction section is for early birds and it closes at 6:10! You could get an awesome item by arriving early!

DONATIONS! DONATIONS! DONATIONS, PLEASE! Cardinal tickets, St. Louis Blues, Rams Tickets, or any other event tickets! Baskets with adult beverage themes, spa treatments, games, sports, golf, baking/cooking/ BBQ, gardening, kids, candles... We need it all! Are you a good cook or baker? How about a hosting a group learn to cook or decorate party for 10? Please donate your new items or make a cash donation so we can purchase items for us to auction. Items can be brought to the ICS office any time during school hours, or contact Andrea andrea@biske.com with any questions. Please fill out the attached donation form (also will be on the ICS web site) so we can give you the tax credit and market your item correctly.

WINE DONATIONS! After last year's success we are again doing The 2nd annual "Wine Pull". With your support last year we raised over \$4000!!! Please consider sending wine donations in to school a.s.a.p.! Anything is appreciated! Contact Susan Dalpoas for questions of for wine pick up sdalpoas@yahoo.com Thank you, Susan Dalpoas

NEW THIS YEAR - Tea Party Favorites! Calling all you bakers out there - cook up your best dessert or salty snack and present it in a fancy container. We will raffle all the goodies off at the auction! Look in the parent packet coming home next week for more details, or contact Jolene Sasser at josasser@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL ARTISTS to help paint center pieces for the Dinner Auction. We need your help! Contact Jolene Sasser for details josasser@yahoo.com

“What do YOU want to see at the auction?” We are looking for great items that you think would be great sellers. Something you’ve been looking to do? Party idea? Pinterest idea? Classes are looking for items to put together so let us know if you have any ideas!” Please contact Andrea Biske at andrea@biske.com

Want to help? Have questions? Come to Monday’s Parents & Friends meeting!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COLLECTION CONTEST – Ready, set, GO! Please use the form attached to this newsletter to submit Box Tops. Tape the Box Tops on the form, and include the student’s grade and teacher name so we know which class to credit. **Please look at expiration dates before taping them to the sheet.** *Unfortunately, General Mills does not accept expired Box Tops. Expired Box Tops are discarded and not included in the class count.* The class that collects the most valid Box Tops will receive an in-class party. **Turn-in deadline is Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14th.** Be a sweetheart and fill up a sheet (or send in what you have – sheets with any amount taped on will be accepted...but maybe Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie or Godfather would have enough to help your student fill up the sheet?) It’s an easy way to support ICS--we receive a dime for each valid Box Top...that’s \$5 per sheet! For more info, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com> Thank you for your participation! Remember---we’ve made over \$22,000.00 from these little snippets! Thanks to Carrie Boser for helping!

KAH On Valentine’s Day the ICS Builders Club with the assistance of the Columbia Kiwanis and community will package food for the **Kids Against Hunger** program in the **CAFETERIA** at school. The “Kids Against Hunger “ food is shipped for free through the United States military. 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, have a shelf life of 3 years, and tastes like chicken and rice without the chicken. In 5 years, the Builders Club has packaged 61,992 meals that were served in Honduras, Uganda, Madagascar, Mexico, and Haiti. 23 cents buys a meal, \$50 buys a case and feeds 216 people. Jesus built much of his ministry around food. “Give them something to eat” was the Gospel call. First you feed the body, and then you feed the mind. If you would be so kind, please send donations to the ICS Builders Club, 321 S. Metter Ave., Columbia, IL. Any amount is greatly appreciated. The Club raised \$3650 to fund last year’s drive and now have \$1600 available so there is a ways to go.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER BC sent home 1 sleeve of M and M’s a Little Christmas gift. Sharing the gift would have families place change in the sleeve and return by Monday, January 12. 23 cents makes a meal---

Chess News: The 2015 Chess Meet dates have been set! Please mark your calendars: January 31st- St. Teresa, February 21- ICS, March 7th- Queen of Peace, March 14th- Blessed Sacrament (Diocesan Tournament). Carpool will be available for those who need a ride to the away meets. Meet in the **NEW CHURCH parking lot** at 8:00. Remember to keep practicing!

THE SPORTING NEWS... Basketball is winding down fast. Thanks for all the effort this year and good luck to our 6th grade girls and boys and parochial boys in the Diocesan Tournaments!

ICS BASEBALL CAMP Please see the attached flyer with the dates and share with your baseball loving friends and Neighbors. January 25---2:00 to 4:00 Contact Tim Mueth and get registered. To get excited about baseball, google "Randy Johnson hits bird" and see that accidents even happen to Hall of Famers-to-be!

KHOURY LEAGUE SIGN-UP See the flyer and let visions of spring time fill your head!

Thanks to Det. Sgt. Jason Donjon and Sgt. Mike Conrad of the Columbia Police Department, Chad Thompson of the Illinois State Police, Kevin Schmoll, Chief of Police, and Dustin Brueggemann from the SIUE Police Department, and Deputy Jason Ettl of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, for their walk-through on December 23. They are helping improve school safety at ICS!

ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS APPEAL Thanks to Lizanne Young and the School Board Development Committee for this week's launch! Options to give this year!

MERZ SALSA SALES \$3 per jar, \$36 per case. Contact an ICS 8th grader.

TOUCHSTONE GRANT We are happy to announce we received a grant for \$500 from the Monroe County Electric Cooperative for innovation in education. Alan Masterson, Allen Wattles and Rich Neff made the presentation. We bought our first 3D printer! It takes quite a bit of pre-thinking, some coding and patience for the final product but it will be a good influence on our technology program. Congratulations Mrs. Sue Lewis on writing the grant! Allan Masterson, Allen Wattles, and Rich Neff presented the check to ICS. It reminds me of an Easy-bake oven and tastes the same---like plastic!



So how does a 3D printer work? It doesn't---you do! Students will need to know a little coding and CAD, use a program like Tinkercad, draw in 3D to scale, convert to a stl file and then patiently watch their product grow layer by layer. The Matterhorn is in the middle! The printer is behind Shawn!

MAGAZINE DRIVE Our drive kicks-off on Monday. More order forms will be sent home.

To order online anytime---your child will get credit during the drive--- go to www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 You can't sell if you don't ask! Magazines make great gifts---gifts that give all year long. The drive is the single largest donor and we have placed \$469,544 into the ***Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education.***

HELP NEEDED Lori Hennes has chaired for us for several years with some great help. She would like to train a new person as her job has changed. Please contact Mrs. Epplin if you can help and a big thank you to you! Sales at the SCRIP Table next weekend! Designate your recipient!

GIBAULT NEWS... Did you know that Gibault Catholic now offers an early admissions financial aid option? Complete a financial aid application online on or before January 30 and you will receive your financial aid award letter by March 1! We are committed to our mission - no child will ever be turned away from Gibault due to financial reasons. More information available at www.gibaultonline.com



What WWII pilots can teach us about math education By Robert Sun June 3rd, 2014

As Daniel Coyle recounts in his book, *The Talent Code*, “the answer came from an unlikely source: Edwin Albert Link, Jr., the son of a piano and organ maker from Binghamton, New York, who grew up in his father’s factory.” Link had a fascination for flying and took his first flying lesson at age 16. On his first training flight he spent an hour in the air, but landed without ever once getting his hands on the controls. He concluded there had to be a better way to learn how to fly. This idea gnawed at him, and he tinkered in his father’s factory for seven years before building what later would become known as the “Link Trainer.”

The Link Trainer was basically a flight simulator—a tool that enabled untrained youth to practice learning how to fly in a low-risk environment. The Army Air Corps secured ten thousand Link Trainers and by the end of the war, more than five hundred thousand pilots had logged millions of practice hours. The Link Trainer, coupled with improved teaching methods, allowed us to meet the challenge. We need the equivalent of the Link Trainer in mathematics if we are to meet the present challenge. I have been involved in helping children build a solid foundation in mathematics for more than two decades. My observation is that the problem we face is not on the teaching side. There is nothing wrong with the way the U.S. has taught math since the 1940’s. Generations of American children, schooled over the past 70 years in math, have put men on the moon and invented the integrated circuit chip, among thousands of other innovations.

I believe our nation’s fixation on teaching as the sole solution to building our children’s math skills is misplaced. The U.S. ranks low internationally in math competency because our youth *do not practice*. I don’t know of any acquired skill, with the possible exception of breathing, that you can master without practice. Even learning to walk requires diligent practice. The average toddler will take three thousand steps and fall more than eighteen times in one day. Why should math be the outlier—the one skill you can master without practice?

According to the [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development](http://www.oecd.org/pisa/)’s most recent [PISA study](http://www.oecd.org/pisa/), the United States ranks 32 out of 65 countries in mathematics proficiency. Those at the top include the Chinese, specifically children in Shanghai and Hong Kong. *Do these Chinese students have a math gene that accounts for their success?*

The answer, not surprisingly, is no. The reason Shanghai ranks number one is because practice is embedded in the Chinese culture. The Chinese word for learning/study is made up of two characters: The first character stands for “accumulation of knowledge” and the second character stands for “constant practice, as in little birds learning to fly.”

PARISH NEWS... the parish work day for this Saturday has been cancelled. The next parish work day will be on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 8:00 AM - 12 noon. As a reminder, we will be taking down our Christmas decorations this Sunday, after 11 a.m. Mass. Anyone who can stay to help will be much appreciated!! Thanks, Fr. Carl

Thanks to all who so generously contributed to our emergency call for anything and everything warm. We filled up an entire pickup truck with coats, thermal socks, gloves, blankets, turtlenecks, hats – what a response! All was delivered by 9:00 this morning and will be distributed and used immediately. Thanks to Jim and Mary Ann Held of our St. Vincent DePaul Society for the idea and transport. The over-night plea was a huge success!

Cosgrove's Kitchen On Saturday January 17th there is an opportunity to serve at Cosgrove Kitchen and St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in East St. Louis. We will leave at 9:30am from the church and return by noon. Families with children (at least 7 years old) are encouraged to participate. Contact Russell at rpeterson@iccmil.org for more information or to sign up. This kitchen is named in honor of our late Bishop William Cosgrove. When he was assigned here, he took up residence in St. Regis Parish in East St. Louis. He "smelled like the sheep"!

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.

Children's choir will resume next Wednesday January 14th at the church on Main St.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH The Knights of Columbus are sent home a booklet on building the domestic church based around a monthly activity. One per family please. We will send out electronic versions on a monthly basis as well. Don't flounder around---work on building your family---grow in wisdom-age-grace before God and people!

With the new year starting, please catch up on lunch, band, latchkey, Pre-K and Pre-S and fees. It helps our book keeping when you keep up and it keeps the bill collectors off our backs!

Norm Waterman (Mrs. Waterman's husband) is home! Halleluiah!

Prayer List: We have shortened our prayer list and include all our chronically ill in Special Intentions so we have not lost a soul! if you want the family member's name stated, please drop me a line.

God's peace to Florence Gogolek, Grandmother and great-grandmother to Ms. Sherry and Jacqie. It has been a tough week. We also lay to rest Linda Todd, former Columbia teacher, Violet Mees-Himstedt (Mandy Maguire's grandmother), Marcella Breitenstein (mother of 4 ICS grads), Skip Reyling('65-ICS grad). May they rest in peace!

LOOK WHO STOPPED BY ICS and is coming to the garden level of our new church this weekend? Bring your camera!



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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD “*You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*” According to Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, the greatest hunger we have is “father-hunger”. I am a big believer in this. I really wanted to please my Dad. I really wanted him to know how much I loved and admired him. He was a great Dad but I had to share his love with 10 siblings and the best thing he did was love my Mom. Jesus wasn’t seeking his Father’s love but it sure comes out in this acclamation. Be a good Dad this weekend. And love your Dad in return! Jesus humbled himself for sure. If coming to 11:00, bring a hanky. Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R., is presiding and he loves the symbol of Baptism---water!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS “*All spirit starts at the top.*” The attribution may be apocryphal, perhaps, but in this case true. Thanks Pope Francis as you near your first anniversary as “servant of the servants of God”!

Ps **Heepwah time! ICS students are the single largest campers at CAMP ONDESSONK** in the Diocese of Belleville! Our assembly is next Friday. Early registration gets you into the air-conditioned, pent-house suites with room service. Take advantage!

Band Schedule Week of Jan 12-16

Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute

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

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

Tuesday

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

8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet

11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet

11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

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 5th Saxophone

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion

11:05-11:35 4th Percussion

11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Percussion

8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet

9:05-9:35 5th Low Brass

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

