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Celebrating 165 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.

*Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new **Catholic Education & Activity Center**, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN*



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!

January 11, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #28

Dear Parent,

Thanks to all for Christmas gifts great and small, and to all who donated towards teacher and staff gifts. As we all know, it is great to be appreciated and an attitude of gratitude makes for a happy place. Thanks to Beth Johns for chairing the Parents and Friends undertaking that is so greatly appreciated by our teachers and staff! Thanks to the Fathers Club for the Scrip for You! As we bless each other, God blesses us in turn!



Immaculate Conception School in Columbia scored well in the **School Block Challenge of the National Quilt Museum**. The 2019 Contest is the 2nd highest year of block entries ever with 267, made by 388 students, from 25 states.

School Block Challenge winners:

(K-4 category) 3rd place: **Avery Melliere**---“Harry Potter”, Honorable Mention **Megan Janson**---“Fox”. (5-8 category): 3rd place: **Connor Thoma & Elliot Unwin**---“The Ultimate Battle”, Honorable Mention- **Maria Biske**---“Siberian Tiger “.

School Block Challenge participating team:

Mary Grace Henneberry, Kaiden Timmons, Claire Wachtel, Eva Haywood, Paul Ott, Emma Tyler, Karina Jerkatis, Cheyenne May, Kaila Jerkatis, Ava Blaskiewicz, Genevieve Nadziejko, Maggie Williamson, Ava Hake, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Sydney Wahle, Maddi Swip, Lindsay Harget, Adrian Declue, Maryann Imhoff, Marisa McGill, Stephen Johns, Lily Barrett, Samantha Glasscock, Broedy Furlow, Joe Whitworth, Kyra Newton, Emma Tippen, Emma Melliere. Art Teacher Carol Fetcho directs the program assisted by Karen Weiler, Jeanette Melliere and Janice Holdener. All quilt block team members are invited to the National Quilt Museum for the **Reception** which will be held **Saturday, January 19, from 1 - 3 pm** at 215 Jefferson St, Paducah, KY. The exhibit will run January 18 - April 9, 2019. Winning blocks will remain until August. For more information text/call Mrs. Fetcho 314.565.7354.



THE 38th ANNUAL ICS MAGAZINE RENEWAL DRIVE has kicked off and runs to January 29, 2019. Last year the school netted \$11,200 towards the new Catholic Education and Activities Center. Previously, the **Eugene J. Schorb Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education** (Endowment Fund) has received **\$482,518.34** and the **Catholic Education and Activity Center Fundraising Drive** has received over **\$22,000.** Help our school and experience great savings by either **renewing current**

subscriptions or ordering new ones now! Thanks to our community for “Thinking Monroe County First” and keeping 40% of the price of your magazine in the community.

AND---Your order can be placed on-line at www.gaschoolstore.com

The school I.D. # is 2710556. Search Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL.

Shop---pick a student to give the credit. **Thanks to Andrea Biske and Kim Siegel for chairing this major fund raiser!**

Last year's top sellers In the picture left to right: Emmalyn Sander, Maria Hake, Michael Wessel, Nate Stechmesser, Maryann Imhoff, Carmen Meyer(for Andrew Epplin), Sydney Wahle, Stephen Johns, Aidan Howard Maull, Will Schmoll, Maria Biske, Liam Johnson, and Violet McGuire.

Michael, Nate, Carmen, Stephen, Will, and Maria are holding autographed pictures taken with Cards Rookie John Gant for being in the top 20 income producers in a 5 state area. The Cardinals are 18-1 on Magazine Drive Day over the past 19 years!



CONGRATULATIONS to Ms. Emily Brutton on receiving a \$500 grant from Touchstone---Monroe County Electric Cooperative! Alan Wattles and Alan Masterson made the presentation. We bought our second 3D printer and upgraded the software on our original which they bought. Students are excited! And that shows your company has a great grant program!

CALENDAR IMPORTANT! TAKE OUT YOUR ICS CALENDAR---make these adjustments as set at the December Board Meeting:

Feb. 18 No School--- President's Day

March 11-15 SCHOOL IS BACK ON. Move Week in late May-June

April 17 School No Bus (gaining a day for an earlier out and packing at the end of the year.)

April 18 No School Holy Thursday-Easter Monday April 22

ICS NEWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4b11tDpZg84>



Terrific Kid – January 2019

Mrs. Diewald: **Maxine Conner** is a Terrific Kid! Maxine is kindhearted, always willing to help her friends, never leaves anyone out. She is a hard worker in the classroom and always strives to do her best. Maxine is an all-around great kid!

Mrs. Meyer: **Alaina Patton** is a Terrific Kid because she has a positive attitude and her friendly character makes her a role model for classmates. She follows classroom rules consistently and keeps her work area neat and orderly.

Mrs. Matrisotto: **Emma Ashton** is a Terrific Kid award for being responsible, respectful, and cooperative in the classroom. Making strong choices and good decisions comes easily for Emma. Way to go!

Ms. Kennedy: **Ayven VanMatre** is a Terrific Kid! She is always willing to help her classmates and cheer them up when they are feeling sad. She is a hard worker that show great **responsibility in the classroom. Keep up the great work!**

Mrs. Donjon: **Avery Melliere** has been a Terrific Kid all year. She is a hard worker and does her best. Avery is a good friend and can make a rainy day feel sunny! She has a great sense of humor and is a joy to be around.

Mrs. Ettling: **Carolyn Randle** is a Terrific Kid because she strives to do well on whatever she is working on. She asks questions for clarification and puts forth effort to problem solve. Carolyn has effortlessly follows classroom expectations and makes strong choices to continuously be in control of her 5 tools.

Mrs. Schauster: **Ava Blaskiewicz** is a Terrific Kid. Ava genuinely wants to help her classmates and is a friend to all. She brightens our classroom with her contagious smile and is always a hard worker.

Mrs. Taylor: **Keeley Cooper** is a Terrific Kid for January because she has come a long way this year, and I am so proud of her hard work in the classroom. Keeley is always the first one to volunteer to lend a hand or help a fellow student. She has a good heart, and I am glad she is a part of my homeroom.

WELCOME to **Harper Taylor** and **Maria Kennedy** to our Pre-school Program and **Shane Wells** in Grade 3 (Mrs. Matrisotto) and **Josephine Wells** (Mrs. Borgmeyer) in Grade 1. Shane and Josephine are siblings to Andrew Ludwell. Feel right at home!

ICS, Speak Up! A survey was sent out Wednesday to all parents asking for thoughts about how we use technology in education, but you do not just have to be a parent to contribute! We greatly value the opinions of our community members in helping to create our vision for learning. Students are completing this survey in class, but please take 20 minutes if you can to complete the survey.

[Community Member Survey Link](#)

[Parent Survey Link](#)

Scholastic Book Fair Holidays are over and the winter doldrums are setting in. Time to escape! Let your mind be taken away at the ICS Scholastic Book Fair! Garden Level - January 30th - February 3rd. To volunteer - Please contact Teresa Dorshorst @ tdorshorst79@gmail.com Thank you, Teresa Dorshorst, 314-303-5352

PARENTS & FRIENDS January 14, 2019 7 pm ICS Cafeteria Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. President Report: Holly Blaskiewicz
- III. Vice-President Report: Joyce Randle
- IV. Secretary Report: Christy Hornacek
- V. Treasurer's Report: Kate Kienzle
- VI. Public Relations Representative: Kara Boyd
- VII. Teacher's Report: Sarah Diewald
- VIII. Principal's Report: Mr. Kish
- IX. Old Business
 - Square 1 Art: Jolene Sasser
 - ICS Craft Fair/Cookie Booth/Basket Raffle: Holly Blaskiewicz, Stephanie Roccasalva, Laurie Conrad & Robyn Baker, Christy Hornacek
 - ICS Spirit-wear: Jessi Gianino
 - Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
- X. New Business
 - Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
 - Magazine Drive: Kim Siegel
 - Dinner Auction: Mandy McGuire, Tricia Haywood, Jolene Sasser
 - Girls on the run: Jessica Wachtel
 - Let Me Run: Greg Sheehan
 - ICS Spirit-wear: Jessi Gianino
 - Casimer Pulaski Day FUNdraiser : Amanda Buhr
 - Mother/Son Event: Donna Fredrick
 - Mother/Daughter Event: Tricia Haywood & Mandy McGuire
- XI. New Ideas to Discuss
- XII. Next Meetings

February 11: Bully's Smokehouse 1280 Columbia Center

March 11: West Park Bowl 1101 Valmeyer Rd.

April 8: ICS Cafeteria

May 13: Tiny's Pub & Grill (End of Year Celebration) 602 N. Main St.

XIII. Closing Prayer

Merciful God, you are the Divine Builder, who calls us to build your Church. Guide us in building our new Catholic Education & Activity Center, so that we can build the Church of the future by passing on the treasure of our faith to future generations. Bless the work of our hands, and keep us strong in faith, hope and love, so that all we do might bring glory and honor to you, forever and ever. AMEN.

AUCTION TIME!!!! Site is up---buy tickets!!! <http://bloom.givesmart.com>

Invitations with reservation forms, donation pledges, advertising forms and more grandparent honor roll forms will be coming home today. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the committee at icsauction@icsmail.org

If you would like to join the committee please email or call
Mandy McGuire mlynmcguire@gmail.com. 618-558-1350

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION \$935.10 for those little clippings! Thanks to Deidre Doerr for leading the way! Please continue to save for our next drive. It adds up!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE JANUARY 19! 10:00 am in the school cafeteria. Grades 3-8. First, second and third place winners advance to regionals **TBD**. Take advantage of this opportunity to shine!

ART CONTEST- IT'S TIME FOR GOOGLE DOODLE!

Students draw a doodle on the entry form using any 2 dimensional materials they want. Write a 50 word descriptive statement about your doodle and have mom or dad sign it. Turn in to Mrs. Fetcho or drop in the office. Attached is more Google Doodle information. [SEE ATTACHMENT](#) or ask Mrs Fetcho . *Opportunities are never missed. They are taken by someone else.* Doodle away!

BUILDERS CLUB Thanks for supporting our Candy Canes for Kids Against Hunger! We did great! Anna Haubrich chaired. We deposited \$212 from Ghost Suckers and Candy Canes. This will make around 920 meals.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER We hope to raise \$3,500 to again make over 15,000 meals on Saturday, February 9, 2019. We have \$1730 so far on outright donations. Our hope is that you can again support us in our effort. And we do understand it if you are helping others instead. Our world is in great need and there are so many worthwhile causes but children need to eat! Donations can be mailed to The ICS Builders Club, Immaculate Conception School, 321 S. Metter Ave., Columbia, IL or put in an envelope and dropped into our Church Sunday envelope collection. Thank you for your generosity. May the New Year bring you great joy in serving God's people!
Gratefully, Emma Tippen and Emma Schmidt

GIRLS ON THE RUN Girls on the run coach sign up is happening now!! We need more coaches to sign up for this fabulous program. This is a program offered for girl's grades 3rd-5th with a Heart and Sole program for girls 6th-8th. If your girls are interested in participating this year, I strongly encourage you to consider being a coach. If you need more information on logistics please contact me Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663. You can also sign up directly on the GOTR website <https://girlsontherunstlouis.org/get-involved/become-coach>. Thank you!!!

NEXT INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING WILL BE JANUARY 29, at 6p.m. in the Garden Level at church. Please call Angie to register: 281-5105. If you have never taken the Initial course and want to volunteer or coach, you need this class! Register!

Help support the annual 8th Grade Washington, DC field trip by purchasing St. Louis Blues Tickets. These are group tickets reserved for ICS. The game is Tuesday, Feb 12, 2019 at 7pm vs. New Jersey Devils. Please contact Tim Mueth @ 820611cards@gmail.com with any questions. **Please fill out the [attached flyer](#) to purchase tickets and return to school.**

TEXT-TO-GIVE is now available at 618-323-3978

We are keeping up with technology! With 97% of smartphone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give via text. You can text an amount and available fund to Immaculate Conception at **618-323-3978**. The text required format is amount_fund name (example: 20 Stewardship. Funds currently available are Stewardship, CEAC, Repairs, Guatemala, SVDP). If an amount and no fund name is entered, the default code is regular weekly stewardship. Your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with your phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can continue without an account, associate your number with an existing account, or create an account. Another option to give online is to download the OSV "**Online Giving**" app to your phone instead of logging into the IC website or app. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office or visit our website. Thanks for your support of Immaculate Conception Parish.

THANKS! We picked up 4 truckloads and 1 trailer load of tables, chairs, book cases, and steel shelving on December 28. Thanks to all who loaded and unloaded! We saved thousands for our Catholic Education and Activity Center! Bless you for thinking of us!

The pump went out on the 1960 boiler and Joe Koppeis walks in and asks "Are you having a great day?" No. Water-water every where and no heat. Joe said call Sr. Thea Bowman---I loaned them some heaters. We did. They were glad to loan them to us and thanks to Chris Sueme we were warmed up for the New Year!

THANKS TO DELTA AIRLINES FOUNDATION for a \$500 match! Up, up, and away! We love matches!

THE SPORTING NEWS...Congratulations to our Varsity Boys on the consolation Championship at the SPPCS-Jack Sauer Memorial Tournament and to our 5th Grade boys on their 5th place in the St. Theresa-John Roth Memorial Tournament. Both Parochial and Junior Girls teams lost in the Diocesan Tournament but played hard, being young in the varsity match and short in the junior.

TONIGHT'S GAMES HERE ARE CANCELLED DUE TO THE FORECAST.

GRADS IN THE NEWS... Congratulations to **Lance Stemler(ICS '99)** on being named to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame along with former ICS Coach **Terry Soucek**. Lance led Gibault to a 26-3 record, SWIC to 6th place nationally as a JUCO All-American, was Captain of the Indiana Hoosiers and roommate of D.J. Whyte who played in the NBA with Oklahoma City. Lance played professional basketball in Germany for 2 years. Soucek coached 10 years for Valmeyer and more than 20 years at Gibault including his stint here.

48th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST JANUARY 19!

8:00 am at the ICS Gym. Boys and girls ages 9-14(as of January 1). Winners advance to Regional and State TBD. Come hoop it up! Last year Brian Stark took 3rd in State!

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

GIBAULT PLACEMENT TEST A second placement test date will be offered on Friday, January 25 at noon. Parents should contact Pat Herzing to reserve a spot for their child.

March for Life

This year, 84 Gibault and 4 Waterloo students, and their chaperones, will participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C. from January 16-20. They will be part of a pilgrimage that includes speakers, daily mass, rosary, and reconciliation and testimonies. If you would like to donate to help defray the cost for the students, please send donations to Gibault Catholic High School c/o March for Life. If you are unable to provide a monetary donation, please keep our students in your prayers. Additionally, the public is welcome to join us at **2PM on Wednesday, January 16 in the Gibault gymnasium** to hear **Fr. Carl Scherrer** speak on Catholic and pro-life themes.

Taste of the Region

Join us at the Gibault Hustedde Gym on **February 2 from 5-9 PM** for a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors, and vendors! Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling the Gibault office (939-3883) or from Katy Hugger (hugger06@gmail.com). Get your tickets before the event sells out!

Hall of Fame Inductees

Pack the house at the **Gibault home basketball game versus Red Bud on January 26**. We will be inducting the 1999 Men's Basketball team into the Hall of Fame, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary of their second place win at state led by ICS Class of '95 grads **John Thomas** and **Cory Doerr**. John Holtschlag will be inducted as a long time Gibault employee and coach who also started Gibault Catholic's girls' basketball program. JV starts at 5:15PM; Varsity to follow.

GIBAULT WINTER MUSICAL "Into the Woods", a musical appropriate for ages 6th grade through 8th grade, will be performed in the Gibault auditorium January 31-Feb. 2.

Parish Work Day Projects January 12, 2019
Church (consider bringing ladder)

Dust/clean crucifix and wood roof behind altar. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder and long pole with dusting attachment. Vacuum flat roof area.

Hang 3 boards in MaryBeth's office

Tighten black bollards outside front of church

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass and exterior glass doors in gathering space

Dust gathering space furniture including the grouping near the elevator. Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.

Clean lower garden level windows including those in the elevator area. Wipe down the elevator interior walls.

Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.

Dust the office area, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass in these areas also.

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Clean lower windows on the east side including the windows in the music storage room and confessional

Clean upper windows on the east side. This will take a 10 to 12 foot ladder.

Clean west side high windows. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder

Clean lower windows and ledges in Garden Level

Clean high windows and ledges in garden level.

Clean windows in Kitchen and back stairs

Clean black drop box outside office exterior doors

Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Maria(Todd, Andrea, Elena, Spencer) Biske who lost her grandfather on New Year's Eve. God's peace to the family. Ken was a fun grandpa!



Kenneth Biske, 77, of Leesburg, FL, formerly of Bridgeview, IL, passed away on Monday, December 31, 2018. He was a retired electrician, and proud member of IBEW, Local 134 of Chicago, Illinois.

Ken was a lifelong learner, a dog lover, a Corvette owner, passionate about education, a science enthusiast, handyman extraordinaire, a playful friend, a Little League coach, and a lifelong Chicago Bears fan. He gave nearly everyone a nickname, except his boys, who were just called "kid."

Described by his grandkids as "indomitable old man, optimist, uninhibited and unapologetic (in a good way), someone who could make you laugh, he puts family first, a perfect example of a true gentleman, supporting, inspiring, fighter, and fun-loving!"

He is survived by his wife and best friend of 55 years, Carole Biske, sons and daughters-in-law Joel and Kim Biske of Orlando, FL, Todd and Andrea Biske of Columbia, IL, grandchildren Brittany and Brandon Martin of Orlando, FL, Elena, Spencer, and Maria Biske of Columbia, IL. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his name to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Education and Activities Center Building Fund, 411 E. Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Colin Cailynn, Gianna Mueth on the loss of their great grandfather Norm Becherer this week. A shining example of how to live your life!



Norman J. Becherer, 92, of Belleville, IL, born July 31, 1926, in Paderborn, IL, died, Monday, January 7, 2019, at Dammert Geriatric Center, Belleville, IL. Mr. Becherer was a United States Army Veteran. His service included involvement in the liberation of Camp Mauthausen Nazi concentration camp in Austria in May, 1945 and relocation of the surviving POWs there until September, 1945. Norman was awarded the Victory Medal, the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, two Overseas Service Bars, the

Army of Occupation of Germany Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a charter member of Catholic War Vets Butz-Jobe Post #370 and was the last surviving member of the original group from St. Teresa Parish. He was a life-long member of St. Teresa Parish, a member of the Church Building Committee, and past President of the Holy Name Society at the church. Norman was a recipient of the Belleville Citizen of the Year award and received accolades at the Belle-Scott Dinner in 2016. He worked at the Belleville Post Office as Head Window Clerk before his retirement and was a member of APWU (American Postal Workers Union) from 1965 until present. Norman played the accordion and harmonica since early 1946 and was very active at the Shrine playing with a kitchen band. He built his own home and was called upon by many to assist in their own building. He could do anything from carpentry, wiring, plumbing, etc. He was an artist, woodworker, and mechanic. Norman was a true example of a life well lived.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Dorothy, nee Franke, Becherer, whom he married on May 25, 1949, and who died on August 11, 1984.

He is survived by a son, Ronald (Sandra) Becherer; three daughters, Nancy (Michael) Billhartz, Jayne (Bruce) Knapp, and Barbara (Gregory) Kimutis; 14 grandchildren, Timothy (Andrea) Becherer, Michelle (David, Jr.) Garris, Neal (Jennifer) Knapp, Christina (Timothy) Mueth, Brad Billhartz (Iris Hyunji Park), Keith (April) Becherer, Kathryn (Nathan) Norsigian, Kendra (James) Nowatzki, Joni Knapp (Colin Calvanese), Maria Billhartz, Nicholas Kimutis, Anthony (Emily) Kimutis, Elizabeth Kimutis, and Mary Kimutis; 19 great-grandchildren, Peyton, Blake, Joseph, Adeline, and Mackenna Becherer, Claire and Colin Garris, Tristin, Riley and Jacob Knapp, Colin, Cailynn, and Gianna Mueth, Dax, Levi, and Tenley Norsigian, James and Maeve Nowatzki, Marin Sauzek and Baby Kimutis, expected in February; a brother, Ardell (Mary Ann) Becherer; two brothers-in-law, Ralph Franke and Richard Davis; and a sister-in-law, Esther Becherer.

Memorials may be made to Family Hospice, to St. Teresa Catholic Church, or to the Catholic War Veterans. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com.

Funeral: A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 11, 2019, at St. Teresa Catholic Church, Belleville, IL, with Msgr. David Darin and Msgr. Kenneth Schaefer concelebrating. Burial with military honors will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Shiloh, IL.

Danielle Dorlac is back in the hospital for further tests. Prayers for her please!

Linda Scherrer is staying with Fr. Carl while receiving radon treatments for her benign tumor. Prayers appreciated.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Tom Johns, Michael Dorshorst, Pat Morr, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Linda Scherrer, Angela Roepke, Joyce LaPrade, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Marla Vogt, Judy Gundlach

Almost all of Jesus' parables begin with the same phrase: "The Reign of God is like. . . ." Jesus fully knows he is speaking in metaphor, simile, story, and symbol. But in recent centuries, many Christians have not granted him that freedom, and thus we miss or avoid many of his major messages. We are much the poorer for it.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD He was God. He did not need to be baptized. But He came to show us how to live, how to change, how to give up to get. Human nature makes this very hard on us. Putting others first frees you up. I was a selfish kid in a large family. I always wanted my way. I always wanted fried chicken legs but traditionally sat 4 from the end so they would be gone when my turn came. So I learned to want the piece no one else wanted---the piece that goes over the fence last. So I always got my way. I gave up to get. Not a big deal but it amazing how far we can go when we don't care who gets the credit...and when we work together. April 24 of 1949 was the most important day of my life---I was baptized! Do you know your baptismal date? Come to the river this weekend. I am sure the lot will be cleared by the Ed Schaefer Clan!

Mike Kish

Principal

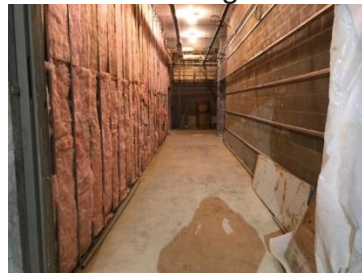
PS-Open House on January 27 for new students. [See attached flyer](#) and spread the word.

PS: **STARTING THE NEW YEAR RIGHT**: Encourage our fathers to make the parish A.C.T.S. retreat on January 24-27. It will be a life-changing event filled with the Spirit!

PS: 3 Things to remember at the start of each day: 1) this is your real life. 2) Joy is easier to see when you quit complaining. 3) You never know what the third thing is going to be till later so try to pay attention.

Happy New 2019!

EPIPHANIES ARE MANY. INCARNATIONS ARE FEW! I realized last Sunday that we would not start January 7. Pictures --- are outdated after a good work week!



Connectors not ready--- gym not ready---lower connector hallway not ready--- Cafeteria not ready, art room not ready --- But 5 classrooms painted and they are making great progress! Thanks K-L and John and Mike!