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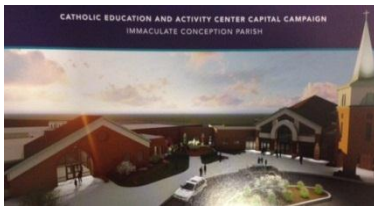
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

January 20, 2017

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



31 months or sooner and we will be in our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. **What we need is for everyone to feel a sense of excitement and a sense of urgency.** We have it thought it through but have no crystal ball. *I have committed. Many of you have. Many have had a visit and are waiting to commit.* **Don't wait.** Decide what you think you can do and get your pledge in so we can commit to hard building

plans, get bids and secure financing to fulfill the project. For our 10 million dollar Church, we paid out about \$300,000 in interest. This was exceptional. We are exceptional. I think we can beat this on our new CEAC if everyone commits. We still have pledges out and coming in for the Church. This money supplants the money from the sale of the current school and advances our campaign for CEAC. If you can keep your pledge going after it is fulfilled, maybe make that your pledge to our CEAC. Maybe you think your "ASK" is too high. Your "ask" is based on your past generosity, occupation, state in life and you fell into a category. No one has said you have to give this amount. Do not let the "ask" amount get in the way of your stewardship. Maybe you think you are not going to live 7 years to make the payments---make a 3 or 5 year pledge. *You must make the decision. And we need it now so we can make decisions.* Please feel our sense of urgency. The Campaign is going well but we would like everyone in on it. God will see you through! Every year our 8th grade class visits the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. In Washington, DC. The Knights of Columbus paid for the bell tower. My Dad and Mom pledged \$500 in 1959 of money they did not have (they did have #9 on the way) to this project. The money came. The Tower is magnificent. Our new CEAC will be magnificent and some day you will tell your children---"we pledged money we didn't have and it came". See what Faith can build!



6th Annual ICS Magazine Drive 1% CEAC PLEDGE is our goal--- \$116,000 over 7 years. Magazines are great for short reads,

knowing God, keeping up with current events, puzzles and games, how to raise your golf score, cook up that venison, or save money. Most of all, we learn to read by reading. Technological short bursts do not develop correct form, allow us to ponder what we write or read,

and often get us wishing we could literally reach out and pull back what we've typed in a moment of anger. As my former ICS Secretary for 17 years Joyce Rose wrote this week "*I asked the Lord to put his arm around my shoulder and his hand over my mouth*" Thanks Joyce! Read more and text less and brain-up! Turn-in days will be Tuesday-Friday. Thanks to Andrea Biske for chairing, Carrie Boser, Kim Janson, Chris Wessel---More help needed for an expected big day next Tuesday!

First Day: 372 subscriptions so far led by Sloan Wilson with 34 and Mrs. Diewald's Class with 56% of goal! Check out Sloan Wilson's on-line ad for our Magazine Drive! Cut and paste:

<https://youtu.be/DmYXMQDgSd0>

Second Day: 199 subs Eleanor McGuire leads with 35 and Mrs. Diewald's Class has 73% of goal! Mrs. Neff's Class is in second and Ms. Catie Taylor's Class third. Eleanor, Sloan, Michael Wessel, Sean Frederick, Maya Dill, and Stephen Johns have earned the Limo Ride. Your name might be drawn to go if you sell 9. I know there is hype, I know you can say NO but if you get any magazines at home, please RENEW with us!

(Check out **SAGE**---just in case your child might want to go to a private college in a few years. Sell \$250 this year and get \$2500 credit to nearly 400 colleges! Go to www.gaschoolstore.com to order on-line. Magazines make great gifts! Our ID # is 2710556.)

HELP WANTED Is there a former (or two) telephone friendly voices out there who would have the time and skills to help set appointments for our campaign committee to make visits? No cold calls. We just need the appointments made. The visits are easy. Contact Mike Kish at 281-5353 of mkish@icsmail.org. I know some perfect people but would love for YOU to step forward.

"INSPIRED BY LINCOLN" This fall ICS students were invited to participate in the Chicago History Museum's speech writing contest "Inspired by Lincoln". The contest was based around the passionate speech writing of President Lincoln and asked students to examine topics that are relevant to today's world. Students from all over the state wrote speeches on topics they were passionate about in one of three categories: global, national and local issues. 8th grader Kalia Jerkatis' speech on the regulation of e-cigarettes was chosen by the museum as the winner of the national issues category at the middle school level. The museum also recognized 7th grader Holly Repp for her participation.



CONGRATULATIONS TO KALIA JEKATIS WHO WAS

INSPIRED AND INSPIRES US! The goal is to take an issue of today and write about it.



Dear Ms. Catie Taylor

Thank you for entering your students into the Chicago History Museum's *Inspired by Lincoln: Speechwriting Competition*. Our panel of eight judges greatly enjoyed reading the students speeches and was

impressed with their research, writing, and passion for their topics.

I'm pleased to inform you that your student **Kalia Jerkatis has won the Best National Topic** award! We would also like to recognize your role in making this learning opportunity possible with a Chicago History Museum a membership.

In the coming weeks I will also email you a flyer to share with all the students in your class, inviting their families to come and enjoy our free Presidents' Day program. During the program, the speechwriting competition will be featured.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Best wishes, Megan Clark and Heidi Moisan

8th History: *Lincoln's Undying Words* Chicago History Museum Essay Kalia Jerkatis

Warnings issued on tobacco products are crucial because of lung cancer, nicotine addiction, and other problems caused by hazardous chemicals like tar, ammonia, and formaldehyde (American Lung Association). In 1965 with the Cigarette Labelling and Advertising Act, Congress tried to discourage people from smoking.

America was saved from the commercials and public pressure that was common before Congress' Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act in 1971 which halted cigarette promotion. This and numerous deaths from lung cancer started to diminish the huge factor cigarettes were in American lives.

America's parents thought their children were safe and would develop in a healthier environment, that the high schools would be free of underage smokers. Cigarettes thought otherwise.

America has given up on stopping cigarettes. America has a new problem, one that appeals even more to children and teens. This new problem is the e-cigarette, the cancer stick 2.0, the next nail in your coffin. This new item is very appealing to children, it comes in tempting flavors like Cherry, Chocolate, Bubble Gum, and Cotton Candy.

It is, in many aspects, even worse. Studies from the Alabama School of Medicine say the components in e-cigarettes are not regulated, so they vary greatly between products. Specifically, e-cigarettes were found to correspond with the production of acrolein in cigarettes, which was associated with an increased risk for lung cancer. There was also acetaldehyde, which has an increased cancer risk and could further increase addiction.

One way that America could dispose of this dilemma would be to start regulating how much nicotine is allowed to be manufactured for e-cigarettes. Another way would be to put a limit on how many e-cigarette refills an individual could buy in a time period.

I think if we started to act upon this issue now that we could limit it before it engulfs another generation that is misled to think it's a healthier option because it's a mist. I hate to think that the adults in charge currently would be so careless as to let this fester and become a force that would be a greater opponent than cigarettes.

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE REGIONAL **We qualified 10 of 10 again!** Congratulations to **Jessica Lambert, Andrew Harmon, Marie Prindiville, Jacob Feldker, Molly Tippen, Eli Garcia, MaryClare Murphy, Autumn Ramey, Addie Murphy, and Noah Newton** who will compete in the Regionals at Wydown Middle School on March 29th. Congratulations to Ms. Catie Taylor and all our Social Studies and field trip leaders and geography teachers! How do we do this? Well, US History over 3 years helps. So does 2 years of Geography! And so does excellent teaching and field trips!

DATES: Nota Bene:

1. Saturday Jan. 21 KC Free Throw Tourney doors open at 7:45---shoot at 8:15---ages 9-14 boys and girls
2. **YOUNG AUTHORS DATES** Teachers get a jeans day if over 50% of your class participates.

Monday, January 23rd: Turn-in stories & jeans day

Friday, February 17th: Spring Assembly

Saturday, March 18th: ROE Conference

3. **Chess Meet Dates so far...** at St. Teresa - January 28 at ICS - February 25

Chess 2016-2017 Practice Schedule:

Practices for Grades 1&2: Tues 1/31, Tues 2/21, Tues 3/14

Practices for Grades 3&4: 1/18, Tues 2/7, Tues 2/28, Tues 3/21

Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 1/24, Tues 2/14, Tues 3/7, Tues 3/28

Cyra Herrmann, ICS Chess Coach

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #4 DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Children ages birth -5 years old

Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, 8:00 am --- 3:00 pm of Monday, Feb. 27. 8:00 am --- 3:00 pm

Eglevie Elementary ---113 S. Rapp

Screenings to determine if your child is reaching his/her developmental milestones at age appropriate times will last approximately 45 minutes – 1 hour.

Call the Eglevie office at 281-4995 to reserve a time.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER JANUARY 2017 THE HAVEN OF HOME.

What I am about to say may make you sad, but I hope to shed light.

I have worked with children a lot of my professional life. I have worked more intensely with children for the past 13 years. Here is what I know about children:

1. They want to belong.
2. They imitate what they see at home and believe in what they are told (until a little older-and then they are **supposed** to disagree with you, it's what helps them separate from you and become their own person).
3. They want to be accepted.
4. They can be mean, because #3, or because #2.

So, I speak to children who are sad, mad, or hurt because some other child, children, or sometimes the majority of their social system are unkind to them. Granted, quite often these children lack the skills to integrate. They are in the fray of social climbing, and quite frankly, don't have climbing skills. Some children are on the reject list for reasons that are age-old: differences in social class (if I can't own a PS-4 then I am not talking at recess about it with those who have one), differences in interests (if I don't like sports, then I don't play soccer with you at recess), differences in physical appearance (if I am not beautiful or in good shape that somehow gives you permission to taunt me), differences in interests (if I don't like what you like, then I am weird). We can do everything in our power to have "no tolerance" for this-and we do. But you can't take social climbing out of social beings.

I am certain that anyone reading this has his/her own memory of "mean kids". You might have been one of them. We all know that the older we get, typically, the easier it becomes. People mature, settle in more to who they are, and hopefully appreciate their own value and other's differences. But those are long years to endure.

All of this to say—all the more reason for your home to be a haven, THE haven of love, acceptance, encouragement, kindness and patience. When all else fails out there in the big bad world, we all deserve to be able to come home to a safe place to land. Friendships and social skills should continue to be encouraged and fostered, but you have only a certain amount of time to cultivate this environment before **POOF** - they are gone.

So, hang out with your children, and don't stop. They will naturally start pulling away from you, and that is what is supposed to happen. Create a space in your home to be together and encourage it.

We are all under the spell of technology and it is interfering with our conversations with one another. Try to actively work on this. Take a walk, play games, go to church together, clean the house together, eat meals together, talk about what you are reading, listen to music together.

Until children mature and can live with the uniqueness around them, they deserve the haven of home. A lot of times, if we are lucky, then your child brings the graciousness of your home to their social circles.

Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor, The Teaching Never Stops



BUILDERS CLUB M and M's for Kids Against Hunger We have netted over \$230 so far. Please send your M and M sleeve back or a donation. This is an optional program which reminds us to be grateful for even tiny M and M's and tiny rice grains that can save lives. We are also soliciting donations of any size and have about \$1500 of the \$3200 we need to make our 14,000 meals on February 18. Molly Tippen is working hard on this for us! I am on the Board of Missions International, Inc.. We are shipping products like these through the Sisters of Charity(Mother Theresa's Order) to

Venezuela in order to keep them off the black market. The United States Army has also helped us ship. They have some cargo ships under their command too! But the packets that feed 6 have to be made first! Go Builders Club!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS After 42 years, the **CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM** is being phased out (link below). Campbell's stopped putting LFE on their products 8/1/16, but they will continue to accept them & credit schools for any

submitted through 8/1/17. Please continue to turn in any Campbell's Labels for Education you find on products you use until the end of this school year. We will miss this easy fundraiser. Thanks to MaryAnne Lambert for her many years of coordinating this program for ICS.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

ICS BOXTOPS COLLECTION CONTEST: JAN 23-FEB 3

Please look for Box Tops on the products you use, clip and send them in. These clippings add up and help our school grow!

- Every student who submits a sheet of 25 non-expired BoxTops earns a Crazy Sock Day.
- Every student who turns in 50 non-expired BoxTops earns a Hat Day.
- student from each homeroom with most Box Tops earns a "Favorite T-Shirt Day" (uniform bottom).

Prizes for the homeroom with the most Box Tops turned in:

- 1st = 15 minutes extra recess & jeans day
- 2nd = jeans day
- 3rd = 10 min extra recess

All award "days" will be announced when the contest ends. Please make sure students attach their name to the BoxTops collection sheets. Collection sheets can be found on the ICS website under Parents, then Forms (scroll down to BoxTops Collections). Please glue or tape BoxTops to the collection sheets. Bonus BoxTops can be paper clipped or stapled to the sheets (they are submitted separately). Check for expiration dates...Expired BoxTops don't count!

Thanks for your continued support of ICS and thanks Carrie Boser and Mrs. Schauster!

PANERA FUNDRAISING NIGHT Thanks for eating at Panera! We made \$82.49 in profit!

GIBAULT JUNIOR HIGH GLOW DANCE: The Diocesan basketball tournament is taking place in our gym this Saturday, Jan 21, and our Jr High Glow Dance is that evening from 7-9PM in the **Gibault cafeteria.** Students are welcome to come to the dance during or after the tournament. Admission is \$3 or 3 canned goods for the Hope Christian food pantry. **Dress is casual – white is encouraged because of the black lights.**

FULL STEWARDSHIP Is your commitment in? We emailed out the forms to those we have not collected yet. Print out, complete, and return by way of school, mail, or Sunday collection to Keith Huels, Parish Business Manager. Thanks for making stewardship a way of life.

Columbia Khoury League Newsletter - January 13, 2017

Due to the forecast for the rest of the weekend, the CKL is rescheduling our in-person registration event. Please note that it has been cancelled for January 14 and rescheduled for the following:

Saturday, January 28 8:30 am - 2:00 pm Turner Hall 211 E Cherry St

OPPORTUNITY SETS US APART:

Jan. 28	SLUH Math	(select team)
Feb. 4	MathCounts	(select team)
Feb.	Scholastic Challenge	(everyone Gr. 5-8 online at school)
Feb. 21	IL Math League	(everyone Gr. 5-8 at school)
March 4	Cor Jesu Math Contest	(Gr. 6/7 girls- sign up with Mrs. Weiler)
March 14	Gibault Math Contest	(Gr. 6-8 everyone- sign up with Mrs. Weiler)
March 24	TeamQuest at ICS	(everyone Gr. 5-8 at school)
April 1	Rosati-Kain Math	(Gr. 7 girls- sign up online)
April 11	ROE Spelling Bee	(1 grade level bee winner, Gr. 5-8)

Scholastic Bowl 2017 Match Schedule

Monday, January 23 rd	Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, January 26 th	@ Queen of Peace
Monday, January 30 th	St. James
Thursday, February 2 nd	Queen of Peace
Saturday, February 4 th	Mater Dei Tournament @ Mater Dei High
Monday, February 6 th	@ Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, February 9 th	Waterloo Junior High School
Monday, February 13 th	@ St. James
Wednesday, February 15 th	@ St. Clare
Tuesday, February 21 st	St. Clare
Thursday, February 23 rd	St. Teresa
Monday, February 27 th	Triad
Tuesday, February 28 th	Aviston
Tuesday, March 14 th	Amelia Carriel Jr. High – O’Fallon
Wednesday, March 15 th	@ Triad
Saturday, March 18 th	Litchfield Tournament @ Litchfield MS
Monday, March 20 th	@ St. Teresa
Monday, April 3 rd	@ Edward Fulton Jr. High – O’Fallon
Tuesday, April 4 th	Lincoln Middle School – Edwardsville
Monday, April 10 th	Edward Fulton Jr. High – O’Fallon
Tuesday, April 11 th	@ Amelia Carriel Jr. High – O’Fallon
Thursday, April 20 th	@ Aviston
Wednesday, April 26 th	Regional at ICS
Monday, May 1 st	Sectional
Friday, May 5 th	State

AND SO DO FIELD TRIPS

Spring Field Trips are Swiftly approaching! Are you a parent or grandparent of a new student at ICS? Perhaps your child or grandchild is a Kindergartener? In order to attend a field trip with them, **you must first be in compliance with the Diocesan Policy on Child Protection. We will be offering an Initial Child Protection Course on Feb 7, 2017 in the Garden Level at Church, from 6-8p.m.** This is the FIRST step to becoming compliant with the Diocesan policy. At the course you will be give paperwork to fill out and return. Once the diocese has clearance from the state on your paperwork, you will be in compliance. **If you are planning to go on field trips, or help out in the classroom, whether in the coming months or years, please sign up for the Initial Child Protection Course ASAP, by calling Angie at 281-5105.**

If you have completed this course and wish to know if you are in compliance with paperwork or refresher course matters, please contact Angie Bueltemann at the church office abuelt@htc.net or 281-5105. She will be happy to help you!

AND SO DO RESOURCE MEMBERS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Judge Heinz Rudolph will be here on Monday, February 13 at 8:10 to talk to Grades 5-8 on Abraham Lincoln as part of community outreach for the Bar Association. He is an Associate Judge for the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. He is also an adjunct professor at Lindenwood University and the son of Dr. Heinz and Christina Rudolph of our parish. As Doris Kearns Goodwin said, *“You never regret a time spent with Lincoln”*.

THE SPORTING NEWS...The Jr. Boys won their first game of the Diocesan Tourney 33-31 in double OT vs, St. Clare navy to advance in the winners bracket on Saturday at 11:00 at SPPS. Our varsity opens tonight at SPPS at 6:30 vs. All Saints. We have 4 small school games here starting at 10:00 on Saturday. The KC Free Throw Tourney will precede with doors opening at 7:45 and shooting around 8:15.

KC Spelling Bee 10:00 Saturday in the Church Garden level---KC Room

SERVICE PROJECT

VALENTINES FOR THE GRIFFIN CENTER

It is that time of year again that the ICS students make Valentine bags for the children at the Griffin Center! We will be filling 500 bags so we will need your help. In the bag we would like to give each child a pencil and two pieces of candy. We have listed below the items we would like each grade level to donate. If you could please send all donations to the second grade classrooms by February 3rd we would greatly appreciate it. Also, the children do not have Valentines to hand out to their friends. It would be great if you could donate a box or send in cards that have not been written on.

Grades 6 & 7 & 8 – pencils

Grades 3 & 4 & 5 – bags

Grades 1 & 2 – candy

Grades Pre K & K – candy

Thank you for your help and support. The children say thank you in a big way!

Community news...

Many of you go out on the weekend. Here is a fun night for Sr. Thea Bowman School.

SAVE THE DATE - Annual Benefit Dinner Gala and \$10,000 Mega Raffle

March 18, 2017

Four Points by Sheraton - Fairview Heights, IL

Zip Rzeppa - Master of Ceremonies

6:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Violins

7:00 p.m. Dinner and Liturgical Dance

8:30 p.m. Live Auction

\$50 per person or \$500 per table sponsor of Eight

Reservations are required by February 20, 2017

"Heart of Thea Foundation - Each One Teach One"

Fund-A-Need - Dollar for Dollar Tuition Match Returns

Mega Raffle

1st Prize \$10,000, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd Prize \$500

\$100 per ticket Need not be present to win

For Dinner or Mega Raffle tickets please contact:

Roberta Trost Email: roberta_trost@yahoo.com hone: [618-397-0316](tel:618-397-0316)

See you there!

DONATE LIFE TRIVIA EVENT Come join us on Saturday, February 18th at 7:00pm for a night of trivia and fun! All proceeds from this event will benefit The Brent Roever Memorial Trust and The Abby Cecena Memorial Fund. Join us to create awareness of the incredible impact of organ donation. By becoming a registered organ donor we all have the opportunity to become someone else's hero!

Date: Saturday, February 18th, 2017 Time: 7:00pm doors open at 6:00pm

Place: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School Gymnasium Cost: \$10 person (Table maximum 8)

Thanks, Tammy Toal (was Cecena)

Head Lice Please continue to be vigilant. We had 1 case this week. A doctor's prescription for SKLICE works great long with treating hats, clothes, bedding etc. And then there's Lice Busters---314-329-5423. Let's stay on top of these so they don't stay on top of us! **PROOF OF TREATMENT NEEDED TO RETURN!**

MARCH FOR LIFE: This year 50 students and chaperones from Gibault Catholic High School will be participating in the March for Life in Washington, DC from January 25th through January 29th. We will be part of a pilgrimage that includes speakers, daily mass, rosary, reconciliation and testimonies from people whose lives have been touched by abortion. 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, or donate in the collection taken after masses. If you are unable to provide a monetary donation at this time, we ask that you keep our students in your prayers as they journey on their pilgrimage. We thank you for any help you can offer.

TASTE OF THE REGION: Join us at the Gibault Hustedde Gym on February 4th from 5-9 PM for a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors, and vendors! Tickets are \$25, please contact Sevsev@gibaulthawks.com for more information or ticket orders. This event sells out so get your tickets early!

JOY OF LOVE T-SHIRT: Gabby Glasscock, Alex Hrdlicka, Emma Blaskiewicz, Charlie Hake

Matt Blaskiewicz's sister **Alicia Cohen** is having major surgery on Monday to remove a tumor for testing. Prayers please!
Thanks from Matt, Holly, Emma, Olivia, Ava, and Mimi.

Barbara Thompson, Jean Shuler's Mom(Allie, Monica, Samantha, Jack) has been diagnosed with Stage 4 uterine cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Jim Edgar, Laura Whelan's Dad, had back surgery this week. Please pray for him.

You never hear the full story of a life...As a young boy, Doc Maglasang served as a Scout for the US Army in the Philippines. They did some heroic work in aiding us against the Japanese in WW II. When he moved to Columbia, the City extended the water line to his house and also started snow plowing the road so he could get



in and out---right past our house! Rest in peace Doc! His 5 boys are graduates of ICS!
Dr. Edilberto F. Maglasang, 89 yrs., of Columbia, IL, passed away at Alexian Brothers Lansdowne Village, St. Louis, MO. He was born in the Phillipines. He was married to June, nee Volkmann, Maglasang, who survives him. They were married on May 19, 1960, in East St. Louis, IL. Dr. Maglasang was the second of 9 brothers and sisters. He had earned his Medical Degree from St. Thomas University in Manila. He served the Columbia community with his medical practice for 38 years and was on the staff at St. Elizabeth and Memorial Hospitals in Belleville, IL. He was a founding board member of the Columbia National Bank and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church,

Columbia, IL. Dr. enjoyed playing golf at the Waterloo Country Club and watching Gibault High School basketball games. The Maglasang family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the caregivers at St. Alexian Brothers - Lansdowne, and the staff of SSM Hospice..

Visitation Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:00 am - 11:00 am Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL Mass at 11:00

Memorial Contribution Suggestions As an expression of sympathy, the family prefers memorial contributions to: Eugene Schorb - Immaculate Conception School Education Fund, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236 **Also Surviving**

Son, Edward (Elizabeth) Maglasang of St. Louis, MO

Son, Bob (Camille) Maglasang of Paducah, KY

Son, David Maglasang Son, John Maglasang, 9 Grandchildren and 1 Great-Grandchild

Sisters, Jovita "Hoving" Compos and Lourdes Madjus

Preceded In Death By Son, Joe C. Maglasang, Parents, 6 Brothers and Sisters

PRAYERS: Special Intention Alicia Cohen, Jim Edgar, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Elisabeth Weilbacher, Connie Huebner, Tootie May, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Seth Watters, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Tom Kish, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Denise Conner, Maggie Williamson, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center 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

From White House Retreats:

"The prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist are a focus in the readings for Sunday. What does it mean to be a prophet? Foretelling the future is only a consequence and not always part of a prophet's job.

The Hebrew word which we translate as 'prophet' means a 'spokesperson' or 'mouthpiece', that is, one who is the mouth of God, through whom God speaks to the people. Most often the canonical prophets spoke God's judgment about the political and economic affairs of Israel and Judah with a pointedness that makes 21st century Americans queasy. God spoke through them about the policies of the kings - marriages, alliances, national security, the priority of the powerless and the poor in the life of the nation.

The prophets acknowledged in the scriptures were rejected by the rulers, the councils, the clergy and often the comfortable people, only to be accepted after the divine warnings were proved true by subsequent catastrophes like foreign occupations, exile, and finally the destruction of the temple and the dissolution of the nation." - Francis X. Ryan, SJ

Mike Kish, Principal

PS **Tax Statements** are going out today---check your back pack.

PS **Report Cards**---sent home today. Find them. Analysis coming next week and Honor Roll.

PS We are **Pro-Life people**. Cradle to the grave. Say a prayer for wall who struggle with life.

PS **Family Fully Alive Program** is coming out today.

PS **Pope Francis** made his list for 2017. 1) Don't Gossip 2) Finish your meals 3) Make Time for Others 4) Choose the "More Humble" purchase 5) Meet the poor "in the Flesh" 6) Stop Judging Others 7) Befriend those who disagree 8) Make Commitments, such as marriage 9) Make it a habit to "Ask the Lord" 10) Be Happy

PS **Sr. Nuk and Sr. Lin**, Sisters of the Holy Cross, joined us for Mass Tuesday morning. They are from North Vietnam. They attend classes at Aquinas Institute with Lizanne Young and reside with the Notre Dame Sisters at Ripa. I talked to them about visiting the Wall in DC every year and how we are missing 720 service men and women while they are missing 1,200,000. Our Mr. Ken Mohr helped design a forensic lab to identify mitochondrial DNA through the State Department in 2015. My oldest brother was a linguist and spoke North and South Vietnamese during the war. Many times, everything we learn can be traced back to someone we know or have experienced. Then it becomes even more real. Thanks fro coming Sr. Nuk and Sr. Lin! And thanks Lizanne!

PS **Fr. Chris Reuter**, OFM, celebrated his 78th birthday this week. Say a prayer for him as he recovers from his retreat in Arizona last week!



BOOK FAIR!!!!

What is the true goal of the ICS book fair? Our goal is to create an interest in and to motivate students to read more. Research has proven that with a good selection of books, all children read more. And those who read more books get more practice and become better readers. In a recent study, 91% of children ages 6-17 said “My favorite books are the ones that I have picked out myself.” The time has come once again for our children to continue the wonderful journey that reading a book gives to them.

VOLUNTEERS ARE A MUST FOR THIS TO BE SUCCESSFUL!! WHETHER YOU CAN GIVE AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME OR 8 HOURS OF YOUR TIME, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. TO SIGN-UP, PLEASE CONTACT TERESA DORSHORST AT 314-303-5352 OR TDORSHORST79@GMAIL.COM.

BOOK FAIR DATES: THURSDAY, February 2ND THRU SUNDAY, February 5TH. TIMES ARE DEPENDENT UPON VOLUNTEERS. DAY AND EVENING HOURS ARE PROJECTED.

Thank you, Teresa Dorshorst



Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service Following the Example of the Modern Day Saints

Friday, January 20th

Gratitude Chain

Each student will be given two chain pieces to write why they are thankful for ICS. Chains will be displayed at the church as a way to thank the parishioners for their support.

Friday, January 27th

Door Decorating

Each class will decorate their classroom door featuring a modern day saint and how he or she exemplifies the theme, "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, & Service."

Sunday, January 29th

Celebrating Your Parish

- Opening Mass 11am
- Open House 12 – 2pm (Jeans day for open house participants on Monday 1/30.)

Monday, January 30th

Celebrating Your Community

- Service projects will be completed by each grade level.
 - Ideas include Adopt-a-Unit through Project Frontline, make blankets for the NICU, visit the nursing home & play games, collect old DVDs for Kid-Flicks, or cut old jeans into shoe patterns for Project Sole Hope (upper grades).

Tuesday, January 31st

Celebrating the Nation

- Students wear patriotic colors with uniform bottoms.
- Each class will be assigned an alumni veteran to write a thank you for his or her service.
- Gibault Band 1pm

Wednesday, February 1st

Celebrating Your Students

- Students wear assigned shirt color and uniform bottoms/jeans (K & 7 – red, 1 & 8 – orange, 2 & 6 – yellow, 3 & 5 – green, 4 – blue).
- Teachers take time to treat their students.
- Trivia 1st – 4th 12:40-1:40pm Diewald, 5th – 8th 1:45-2:45pm Kassebaum, snacks Weiler

Thursday, February 2nd

Celebrating Vocations

- Students wear a liturgical color (green – ordinary time, red – martyr, purple or pink – Advent & Lent, white – Christmas) with uniform bottoms. Altar servers have dress down day.
- Adopt-a-seminarian – Write letters/cards encouraging and supporting the local seminarians.
 - K & 7th – Nicholas Fleming & Anthony Hyginus
 - 1st & 8th – Deacon Steven Pautler & Carl Schrage
 - 2nd & 6th – Joel Seipp & Douglas Sumowski
 - 3rd, 4th, & 5th – Christopher Streetman, & Thomas Lugge

Friday, February 3rd

Celebrating Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers

- Students wear blue and white.
- Religion Class taught by 8th graders 8:10 – 8:40am
- Create thank you's for cafeteria workers, crossing guard, bus drivers, tinkers, Columbia Fire Department, Columbia Police Department, & volunteers
- 8th Grade versus Faculty Volleyball Game 1:30pm – Mrs. Whelan

Saturday, February 4th

Celebrating Families

- Students give parents/families thank you notes for sending them to ICS.

Throughout the Week

- Morning prayer led by 8th graders