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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 23, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



The Tippen Family!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2015

OPENING MASS This Sunday at 11:00. ICS students are invited to come up in front of the choir after they bring up their stewardship. Prayer in motion during the "Joy of the Gospel".

Sunday, January 26th

Faith, Knowledge, & Service: In Our Parish

- **OPEN HOUSE** (following 11am mass) Invite all new Pre-School age, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and other grades to hear the good news about ICS! Builders Club members are needed to help serve as ambassadors(wear activity shirts) and break down the Science Fair at 1:30 for our Baseball in January.
- Science Fair (following all masses)

Monday, January 27th

Faith, Knowledge, & Service: In Our Students

- Jeans day for students who created a video or poster.
- Students wear assigned shirt color and uniform bottoms (K & 7 – red, 1 & 8 – orange, 2 & 6 – yellow, 3 & 5 – green, 4 – blue).
- Trivia 1st – 4th grades 12:40-1:40pm, 5th – 8th grades 1:45-2:45pm
- 5th & 8th grade girls & 7th grade boys volleyball game at SMSA

Tuesday, January 28th

Faith, Knowledge, & Service: In Our Community

- 2nd Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church – All School Mass at the new church 8:15am
- Gibault Hawk Band 1pm
- Each grade will complete a service project during the day.
- Magazine Drive Turn-In Day
- Opening scholastic bowl match versus Columbia Middle School

Wednesday, January 29th

Faith, Knowledge, & Service: In Our Nation

- Jeans day for students helping with Open House.
- Students wear patriotic colors with uniform bottoms.
- Rosary for nation's leaders and military 1:15pm
- Scholastic bowl match versus Queen of Peace
- 5th – 8th grade girls volleyball game at St. John Smithton

Thursday, January 30th

Faith, Knowledge, & Service: In Our Vocations

- Students wear a liturgical color (green – ordinary time, red – martyr, purple or pink – Advent & Lent, white – Christmas) with uniform bottoms.
- Adopt-a-seminarian – Students make cards & write letters to local seminarians.
- 6th – 7th grade girls volleyball game at St. Joe Freeburg

Friday, January 31st

Faith, Knowledge, & Service: In our Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers

- Students wear blue and white.
- Religion Class taught by 8th graders 8:10 – 8:40am
- Sister Elizabeth Wren, Sister Rose Marie Riley, & Father visit 5th – 8th grade classrooms 9am
- 8th Grade versus Faculty Volleyball Game 1:30pm

Throughout the Week

- Morning prayer led by 8th graders

"BASEBALL IN JANUARY" featuring former major league player and head coach of Southwest Illinois College Neal Fiala AND ICS graduate and Colorado Rockies farm hand Josh Mueller (recovering from Tommy John surgery---in Double A ball with hopes to move up this year!) . THIS SUNDAY AT 2:00 ON THE GYM!

MAGAZINE DRIVE: #34 Next Turn-in day THURSDAY Jan. 29th. Thank you and thanks to Lori Hennes, Andrea Biske, Sherry Gogolek, Carrie Boser, Kim Sullivan, and Donna Archambault for tabulating. We need to train someone for upcoming years please! Sales at the SCRIP Table this weekend! Designate your recipient! To order online anytime---your child will get credit during the drive--- go to www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 The drive is the single largest donor and we have placed \$469,544 into the

Eugene J. Schorb - Immaculate Conception Fund for Catholic Education.

ICS Mad Hatter's Ball Dinner Auction: Saturday, February 7, 2015 - Doors Open at 5pm.

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. There is something for everyone! Remember, it's all for the kids! Parent packet went home last week.

The White Rabbit Silent auction section is for early birds and it closes at 6:10!

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! Last year the "Wine Pull" raised over \$4000!!! Please consider sending wine donations in to school a.s.a.p.! Anything is appreciated! **Contact Susan Dalpoas** for questions or 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. Packet coming home for more details, or contact Jolene Sasser at 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

7TH GRADE POETRY CONTEST Philanthropist Aaron Williams nationally honors 7th grade poets each year and we are pleased to announce **Claire Eppinger** as our winner! She will be honored and published this spring Runners-up: Maggie Schulte, Ben Traxler, Hannah Janson

Wishes by Claire Eppinger

They stare at me and question if they're good enough.
They bring themselves down and soon they're in tears.
I feel like it's me swiping the confidence from their grasp.
But really it's just their state of mind.
I wish I could tell them how beautiful they really are
and I wish I could wipe away the tears that cascade down their perfect face
and I wish I could tell them every single thing they need to hear
Just to feel that confidence
because they deserve to know their true brilliance.
But I can't.
All I can do is watch their faces fall
because all I am
is a mirror.

Thoughts by Maggie Schulte

Soft, new-fallen snow spread lightly across the ground
My light footsteps barely a sound
I felt the sting of white flurries clinging to my skin
Like tons of small pricks from tons of small pins

As I walked I felt oh, so lonely
Because when I walked I was the only
But I wasn't alone.
No, I had my thoughts
But as I thought I never caught
The millions of snowflakes drifting by
Like beautiful clouds in the sky

Suddenly the world saw into me
And soon my eyes began to see
The brilliant light of life and love
Flying and fluttering like a dove

Time by Ben Traxler

I trudged back home,
Calming my mind
Remembering the thoughts I had left behind

It brings great things,
But also death.
It is infinite,
But it gives all an end.
It has built empires,
And has also been their downfall.

It gives all things a sense of
Fear, joy, regret, and pride.
It builds,
And yet it destroys.

This is our story, by Hannah Janson

A novel unfinished.
It's ours to make known.
To make good
To make whole.

Which would you be,
If you were a novel?
Would you be the most famous,
Or the one that's unpublished?

Would you sit on the shelf
Collecting dust, year after year,
Because you had no surprises?
No risks were taken?

So take risks,
and be bold.
For we are the authors,
And life is our story.

ACADEMIC CONTEST SEASON IS UPON US!

Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Saturday, January 31 at 10:00 at ICS. I think this is for Gr. 3 and up and open to the Columbia Community. Will get specifics out but you need to get it on your calendar. Remember we have Chess that morning too at St. Theresa. AND the KC Free Throw contest with registration at noon.

MathCounts Team: Congratulations to Spencer Biske, Lucas Herrmann, Sarah Rose, and Mary Wessel who will compete at SIUE on February 7. Get ready!

SLUH Math Team: Congratulations to Johnny Adams, Jack Sainz, Dylan Altadonna, Ben Traxler, and Robbie Guetterman who will compete at St. Louis University High School on February 7. Get ready!

ALLY CURRY is making and selling decorated Valentine cookies as a fundraiser for her **People to People** trip. This is an academic trip like Isabella Frasure took last year. Cookies are \$5.00 per dozen and the Curry Family will deliver! See the flyer!

Chess News: GOOD LUCK to our team this Saturday at St. Theresa! The 2015 Chess Meet dates: 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 from the **NEW CHURCH** at 8:00. Check mate!

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY FEB. 21ST AT 6:30PM. First hand at 7:30pm sharp! Event will be held at a new venue – The Garden Level of the New Church! \$50 buy-in - Top 8 finalists win cash prizes - Top Prize \$1000 - 50/50 raffle All are welcome (yes ladies, that means you) - Appetizers and Soda provided - BYO beer/beverage. Advanced tickets available at Khoury Pharmacy 101 N. Main St. Tickets at the door will be sold until first hand or until event sells out - So get your tickets now! For further info email Fathers Club at icsfathers@gmail.com or call/text 314-690-3237. Sponsored by the ICS Fathers Club.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER We have received \$1585 from outright donations AND \$808.13 from M and M's so we are close to our goal of \$3200. 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. Please send donations to: ICS Builders Club, 321 S. Metter Ave., Columbia, Il.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COLLECTION CONTEST – Turn-in deadline is Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th. It's an easy way to support ICS--a dime for each valid Box Top...that's \$5 per sheet! For more info, go to <http://www.boxtops4education.com> Thanks to Carrie Boser for helping!

THE SPORTING NEWS... Basketball is over and stats are being compiled by the coaches to turn in to Ms. Kennedy. Thanks for another good season and lots of growth. Please launder and turn in all uniforms to Mrs. Whelan on Monday.

MCKAY BASEBALL ACADEMY See Geoff's flyer and learn the game!

ICS BASEBALL CAMP Please see the flyer on the ICS webpage under attachments 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. See Leslie's comments on the Hall of Fame below!

KHOURY LEAGUE SIGN-UP See the flyer on the ICS webpage under attachments and let visions of spring time fill your head!

44th Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest; DATE CHANGE!!! Council level--- Open to boys and girls age 9-10-11-12-13-14 as of Jan 1, 2015 in the Columbia School District.

January 31, 2015 ICS gym Doors open at 12:00 for registration and warm-up. Shoot at 12:30... 3 warm-ups and then 15 consecutive free throws. Ages 9-10-11 can shoot from the 12 foot line. Register at the door with a parent or call Mike Kish at 281-5353 for a registration form.

COOTIES ARE A MYTH In other words, we are filtering dance into PE again. It is fun to dance alone but better with a partner!

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 **Gibault Catholic High School** will have a make-up Placement Test for our incoming Class of 2019 on **Thursday, January 29 at 12:15 pm.** smackin@gibaultonline.com to register.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC proudly presents

	<h1>You Can't Take It With You...</h1>	A Comedy by Hart & Kaufman Jan. 30 & 31 at 7pm Feb. 1 at 2pm GCHS Auditorium
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AND

Jan 31, 2015 • 5PM – 9PM • \$20 Gibault Hustedde Gym

Shake off those winter blahs! Please join us the last weekend in January for 2 amazing Gibault events – the Taste of the Region AND the winter play! Both events are guaranteed to bring a smile to your face.

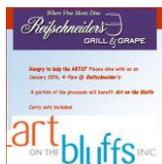
Gibault presents the **Taste of the Region** on January 31st from 5 – 9 pm at the Gibault Hustedde Gym. Enjoy a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors and vendors. Tickets are \$20 and are available at Gibault: 939.3883. Don't miss out- get your tickets early! Gibault Catholic High School Theater program presents the comedy **You Can't Take It With You...** January 30th & 31st at 7 pm and February 1st at 2 pm in the GCHS Auditorium. ICS grads galore!

Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday series continues **February 4th**, 9 – 11 am. Meet Principal Russ Hart for coffee and conversation about **Gibault Catholic** – an area leader in academics, technology, fine arts and athletics. Tour the campus “live” when classes are in session. RSVP: Pat Herzing pherzing@gibaultonline.com or 618.939.3883. Join us for part or all of the morning – We would love to see you!



COMMUNITY NEWS...From Carol Waide---Art on the Bluffs: looking to eat out on Jan. 28 or Mar. 11? Riefschneiders will donate a portion of the proceeds to support the upcoming AOTB Art Walk set for Sept. 19, 2015. Mark your calendars and come out for the Arts in Columbia!

AOTB is hosting a Tri-Art-athon set for Feb. 21 at the ICS Gym. It will be a night of Trivia with some fun "art" twists. Register: (281-4186 or email me carolwaide@gmail.com.)



PRO-LIFE Sure, we all are--- when it comes to our personal lives. Jumping into a national issue takes some effort. Prayer, supporting the local people on the march(10 ICS grads there this week) financially, keeping the issue on the front burner...all help. “Pagans always kill their babies” Fr. Steve Humphrey taught me. I also know you cannot force your beliefs on another but you can counsel and work to help those who are scared of a new life. Much of the abortion issue is based upon economics---decent jobs and wages cut down all kinds of social ills and abuses inside marriage, the family, life in general. We all need healthy routines, the dignity of work, and the means to get by without having to work more than 3 jobs. Pro-Life is cradle to the grave. As Cardinal Bernadin put it ...”the seamless garment”. As in the case of The Holocaust, it wasn't 6 million murders, it was one murder of a human being--- 6 million times. Same with abortion. Give life a chance. Give people a

hope. Pro-Life is a verb.

How do you explain Pro-Life to 1st Graders? From Mrs. Borgmeyer:

During the homily at Mass today, Fr. Chris talked about the March for Life going on in Washington D.C. right now. In the homily, he talked about abortion and how all life is good and holy. When we came back, one of the kids asked me what abortion was and they were all curious. Because this is such a sensitive topic, I wanted to make you aware some of the things that came up in the conversation we had together. I asked the kids, "When do you believe you were first alive?" They all said something along the lines of I was first alive when I was in my mom's belly. I said that is what we believe as Catholics. Life starts when you first start growing in mom's belly. Some people do not believe that life begins there. Some people believe that life starts when you are born. Because the law says that babies are not alive until they are born, some people believe they can get rid of that life while the baby is in their mom's belly. I focused on the fact that their own life was such a gift and to be thankful for that. I told them how grateful I was to have my son, Jack, in our lives. His birth mother chose to give him a life and we were given the gift to be his parents. We also talked about how as Catholics we believe that all life is holy and good. This means we have to try to protect and respect all people from the time they are first growing in mom's belly all the way until they are old grandmas and grandpas. We talked about some ways to do this...bringing food/clothes to the homeless and visiting or drawing pictures for people in the nursing home.

PARISH NEWS... In honor of Catholic Schools Week, please turn in your stewardship form. We only have 61 families connected at this time. If you are enjoying Full Stewardship, you know a Catholic education is not free. We are a unique parish but we have to pull together to make things work!

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. A life lesson---a budget for success!

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH See the attachments--- Movie Night is coming!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, January 30th starting at 7:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Church Fellowship Hall
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as the Knights of Columbus presents Walt Disney's "THE LION KING". We will have free popcorn and drinks available. Please bring comfortable chairs and/or sleeping bags if you would care to. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Matrisotto at (618) 281-0427, Brian Repp at (618) 281-9547 or Ted Haney at (618) 281-5990.

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!

TIME FOR A CAREER CHANGE Jesus had a "start-up" and the first two brought on board were the "Sons of Thunder", the Zebedee boys, James and John. They walked away from the family fishing business on the Sea of Galilee. Talk about a personal loss for Mr. Zebedee! And at the time, he could not be thinking about a greater good that had not yet been realized or that his sons would be martyrs for a cause. The fishers of men will pay a huge price for a huge catch for which we are still grateful today! *Come and see! I will make you fishers of men!*

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

Mike Kish

Principal

PS: The ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS APPEAL is out! We have \$3250 so far. This is another area that let's our dreams be realized and we help pay a debt to the past. Thank you!

PS: Be sure to click and expand our pictures for a better look!

PS: Volleyball worker schedule attached. If you cannot make your date, please trade with someone

Band Schedule Week of Jan 26-30

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

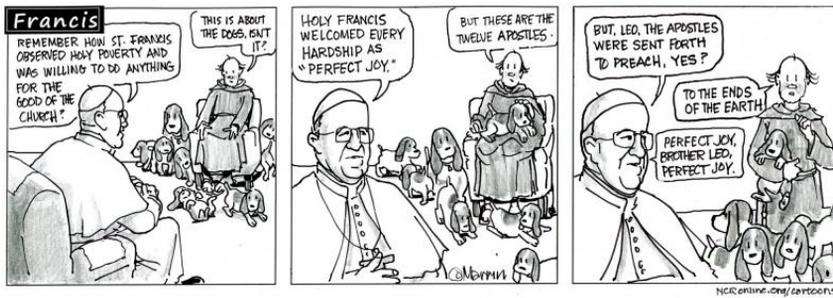
8:05-8:35 5th Percussion

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



SELMA See the movie...PG 13 except for some bad language by the President and those trying to deny the vote. Having lived through those times, you understand the Civil War wasn't over yet and civil rights have to be fought for every day.

Youngest participant in 1965 Selma march describes the day BY BY VERENA DOBNIK



NEW YORK (AP) — “Steady, loving confrontation.”

Those were the first words Lynda Blackmon Lowery says she heard from the mouth of Martin Luther King, Jr. “And those three words changed my life,” said Lowery, who at 15 was the youngest person to join King for the 1965 march from the Alabama cities of Selma to Montgomery, demanding voting rights for African-Americans. On Sunday in New York, the now 64-year-old mother and grandmother showed the scar she still bears on the back of her head from a brutal beating at the hands of an Alabama state trooper during an earlier march when she was 14. It took 28 stitches to close the gash, and seven more for a cut above her right eye.

Lowery spoke at the New-York Historical Society on the eve of Monday’s federal holiday marking King’s birthday. The audience represented all races and ages, including children who sidled up to her for photos, peppering her with questions like, faced with the brutality, “Why didn’t you fight back?”

She explained that they would have been killed if they did — unarmed, confronting “a sea of white men on foot and horseback,” armed with rifles, bayonets, billy clubs and fierce dogs, plus tear gas.

“It was terrifying,” she said.

A month earlier, activist Jimmie Lee Jackson was beaten and shot by a state trooper. His death inspired three marches from Selma to the state capital of Montgomery.

On Aug. 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law.

By the time she was 15, Lowery had been jailed nine times. But there were moments of comic relief.

Flashing a warm smile, she recounted how when she and her young friends were released from the “sweatbox” — a windowless, sweltering hot cell — police asked them to sign their names for the record.

“We wrote, ‘Mickey Mouse, Mini Mouse, Pluto’...” she said, grinning mischievously.

King is at the core of Lowery’s memoir, titled “Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom.” It was published in early January as Americans packed theaters to watch the film “Selma” about the early civil rights movement. The movie has been nominated for two Oscars, in the categories of best picture and best original song.

Lowery said she went to see it, but had to leave during the scene in which troopers and police attacked protesters at a march dubbed “Bloody Sunday” that preceded the famed, peaceful one to Montgomery on March 21, 1965. During the earlier march, authorities ordered several hundred marchers to stop at a bridge outside Selma. And when they quietly kept walking, the authorities viciously attacked.

“I just couldn’t watch it,” said Lowery.

After that day, she said she had to fight her fear to join the bigger march “because I was sure they would kill me.” Lowery, who lives in Selma, said that even today, “you have the ability to change something each day of your life.”