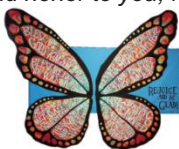




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Celebrating 165 years of Mission, Community, Service.
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ 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 25, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #29

Dear Parent,



Open House is Sunday. We are here to show off our people and talk about our unique programs and success. Sure can't sell our building to people since we don't own it and are moving. Spread the word, especially for Kindergarten! We have open enrollment in all grades except one where we might have to review numbers. Thanks to our School Board Development Committee, Faculty, Mr. Hake and the Jazz Band. Much to be proud of as we kick-off Catholic Schools Week! BUILDERS CLUB AMBASSADORS will be around to ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, explain CURRICULUM, OPPORTUNITIES, and FOCUS 5.

THE 38th ANNUAL ICS MAGAZINE RENEWAL DRIVE Individual prizes can be earned until Monday. **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. Orders after that can be placed on-line for credit for next year. The gift that keeps on giving! Sales are up!

Thanks to Andrea Biske and Kim Siegel for chairing this major fund raiser and to Stephanie Roccasalva, Laura Oberkfell and Patty Kish for helping!

Top Class was Mr. Kassebaum with 144%

Then Mrs. Ettling-66% and Mrs. Weiler-57%

Top Sellers are 1. Maria Biske, 2. Drew Schmoll, 3. TIE: Stephen Johns, Nate Stechmesser, Liam Johnson, 4. TIE: Eleanor McGuire, Bella Schuette, 5. Michael Wessel, 6. TIE: Aiden Howard-Maul, Olivia Blaskiewicz

MAGAZINE DRIVE PROFIT CHECK ALREADY RECEIVED: \$5,978.99 !!!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS DINNER 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING YOUNG AUTHORS WINNERS!

Special thanks to our judges!

Kindergarten–Herrmann–1 st Place: Mary Buhr	Runners-up: Kelton Hines & Carmen Meyer
Kindergarten–Murphy–1 st : Tessa Kolweier	Runners-up: Sydney House & Declan Oberkfell
1 st Grade– Borgmeyer – 1 st : Stella Hart	Runners-up: Drew Curry & Grady VanMatre
1 st Grade– Neff – 1 st : Audrey Schilling	Runner-up: Cole Lewandowski & Emmalyn Sander
2 nd Grade– Diewald – 1 st : Maggie Buhr	Runners-up: Maxine Conner & Lillian Kolweier
2 nd Grade– Meyer – 1 st : Ian Klingert	Runners-up: Gabby Glasscock & Wiley Sasser
3 rd Grade– Kennedy – 1 st : Eleanor Nadziejko	Runners-up: Wes Jasper & Averie Sanker
3 rd Grade– Matrisotto – 1 st : Grant Tucker	Runners-up: Lucy Keeven & Anna McGill
4 th Grade– Donjon – 1 st : Lucas Sheehan	Runners-up: Cam Donjon & Avery Melliere
4 th Grade– Ettling – 1 st : Ella Boyd	Runners-up: Delaney Glasscock & Shawn Stuart
5 th Grade– Schauster – 1 st : Layne Traxler	Runners-up: Lila Griffin & Genevieve Nadziejko
5 th Grade– Taylor – 1 st : Avery Herrmann	Runners-up: Maryann Imhoff & Caroline Roche
6 th Grade– 1 st : Audrey Randle	Runners-up: Mariska Lyle & Grant Monheiser
7 th Grade– Tolan – 1 st : Hope Pollmann	Runners-up: Grace Barrett & Lindsay Harget
7 th Grade– Weiler – 1 st : Allison Stark	Runners-up: Lily Barrett & Nate Stechmesser
8 th Grade– 1 st : Sydney Wahle	Runners-up: Anna Haubrich & Tyler Wahle

The Awards ceremony will be February 6 at 1:50

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE Winners:

1st Place: Bradley Barnard (CMS 8th Grade)

2nd Place: Allison Stark

3rd Place: Gerhardt Theiss (CMS 7th Grade)

Per the rules, you have to proceed in list order even after the champion is declared. After Bradley was declared the winner, Allison and Gerhardt spelled 23 words past the championship word before Allison took second. Angela Ettling helped judge and was record keeper. Jim Vonderhaar chaired, and Jonathan Gilbreth (Grand Knight) served as a judge.

Participants were: Lucas Sheehan Jack Holston Claire Wachtel Valerie Spirakis
Allison Stark Gerhardt Theiss Jimmy Vonderhaar Bradley Barnard

CONGRATULATIONS to our VFW #6504 Poster Contest Winners!

Lillian Kolweier, Ian Klingert, Luke Kolweier, Sam Bollone, Emma Ashton, Maria Hake, Jack Holston, Easton Dill, Shawn Stuart, Ella Boyd, William Schmoll, Julia Hoeflinger, Malia Schaffer, Steven Schaefer, Carolyn Randle. The award program will be Friday, February 15th at the Waterloo VFW.

Congratulations, 2019 Geography Bee Finalists! Colin Mueth, Andrew Feldker, Drew Schmoll, Abby Eichenseer, Cam Ellner, Ben Haney, Brock Murphy, William Sanker, and Maddi Swip are our top scorers in the ICS Geography Bee. These nine finalists will compete next week to find our school finalist and runners-up. The winner of that competition will take the state qualifying test at the end of January to compete against all other middle school level winners in Illinois. Good luck to all our nine!

ICS NEWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSV-3elhLcY>

ST. VALENTINE BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE GRIFFIN CENTER. We will be filling 350 bags so we will need your help. In the bag we would like to give each child a pencil and two pieces of candy. Please send all donations to the Gr. 2 by February 4th. Also, many of the children do not have Valentines to hand out to their friends. Could you donate a box or send in any extra cards you may have?

Pre K & K – candy Gr. 1 & 2 – candy Gr. 3 & 4 – bags Gr. 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 – pencils
Thank you for your help and support for children!

Scholastic Book Fair Help get Grandma and Grandpa out of the house!---have them help at our ICS Scholastic Book Fair! Garden Level - January 30th - February 3rd. To volunteer - contact Teresa Dorshorst @ tdorshorst79@gmail.com 314-303-5352

BOXTOPS 2019 It is that time again! We would like to run a collection contest from February 4th - February 15th for the March 1st box tops turn in date. Our last check was for \$935. We have taken \$30,462.95 from being snippy! Please join us! They keep making the Boxtop clippings smaller so Grandma can't see them. We have to be smarter than them. Use glasses! We would like to offer the following prizes:

- Every student who turns in 25 will receive a McDonalds coupon
- Every student who turns in 50 will receive a Jeans Day (the same day as the winning homeroom or a separate time)
- The winning homeroom will win a pizza party and jeans day (decided on by teacher and Mr. Kish)
- The teacher of the winning homeroom will receive a \$15 gift card (donated by Dear Diva Desserts)

Thanks to Deidra Doerr for chairing!

SPEECH TEAM The next speech meet will be Saturday, February 23rd at ICS, time is TBA and I will let you know as soon as I do. We will probably start around 8:30. The practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 in my classroom. We will be hosting this meet so I will be reaching out in the near future for help with set up, tear down and judging. Ms. Catie Taylor

BUILDERS CLUB KIDS AGAINST HUNGER We hope to raise \$3,500 to again make over 15,000 meals on Saturday, February 9, 2019. We have \$2235 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 Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663 or sign up directly on the GOTR website <https://girlsontherunstlouis.org/get-involved/become-coach>. Thank you!!!

Time to sign up your girls for Girls on the Run! This program is open for girls grade 3-5 and Heart and Sole is for girls 6-8. The program combines life skill lessons with training for a 5k run in a creative, interactive and incredibly FUN way! The program instills confidence and equips girls with tools to empower them for a lifetime of healthy living! They do offer scholarships so please utilize this opportunity to help defer the cost. If you have any questions please let me know: Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663. Or check out this informational video: [.GOTR-STL Power of One](#)
Please register using the link below:

[Girls on the Run St. Louis Spring 2019 Registration | Raceplanner](#)



PJ with MK. It's good to be 3 years old!

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

THE SPORTING NEWS...DIOCESAN TOURNAMENT The Parochial Boys lost to OLMC, beat St. Theresa, and beat St Joe Olney to claim the consolation championship. Junior Boys lost to St. Clare in overtime, Beat St. Theresa and beat SPPS Waterloo to earn the consolation championship. Both teams finished strong. Thanks to all players, coaches, and parents for driving!

Thanks to PAPA JOHNS: Sales - \$175.79 Donation - \$23.38 Thanks!

48TH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW TOURNEY---COUNCIL LEVEL

Boys: 9-Nathan Jackson 10-Jack Holston 12-Jimmy Vonderhaar
13-Ethan Ernst 14-Brian Stark
Girls: 10-Anna Videmschek 11-Ava Blaskiewicz
12-Bri Baldrige 13-Olivia Blaskiewicz
Matt Buhr chaired for the Knights.

Volleyball Pictures are Monday Feb.4th [Order forms attached.](#)

Please meet in the ICS cafeteria at your team's scheduled time.

4:45pm 5th Girls
5:00pm 7th Boys
5:15pm 5th Boys
5:30pm 6th Girls
5:45pm 6th Boys
6:00pm 8th boys
6:15pm 7th Girls
6:30pm 8th Girls

Congratulations to Josh Hugger of Gibault (Katy and Jordan here at ICS) qualified for the State Bowling Tournament. Josh had a 300 game recently and Gibault has two State Champs (Matt Kaestner and Matt Hudzik from ICS).



Sam Estes (ICS 2013) is in the Marching Band for USC. She came to PE Class today to demonstrate techniques in getting over 100 people choreographed for the half-time show. MORE STUDENTS GET TO THE ROSE BOWL OR FINAL FOUR IN BAND THAN ANY OTHER WAY. Thanks Samantha for sharing your time and talent with us!

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

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 sell 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 grad **John Thomas (Will and Ben's Uncle).**

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Our children's choir will sing at the 11:00 liturgy this Sunday, January 27th. We are inviting anyone to join the children's choir at that liturgy to show our Catholic school pride. We will be singing the school theme song and need a lot of support for this. Thanks, Karen Lundy

JIM EDGAR, Laura Whelan's Dad, is battling cancer. Please keep him in your prayers as a solution is sought. Jim is tough and has battled major heart problems.

MATT MADRID'S MOM past away last night. Condolences to J.T., Lauren, and Gabe. Arrangements pending. Prayers please!

CHARLIE HOPKINS, Grandfather of our D.A.R.E. Officer Zach Hopkins, died Wednesday night. He was a parish treasure. Prayers for Evelyn and his family!



Charles J. Hopkins, 92 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on January 24, 2019. He was born November 18, 1926, in East St. Louis, IL, son of the late Clyde and Teresa, nee Gribbin, Hopkins. He was married to Evelyn, nee Theis, Hopkins, who survives him. They were married November 20, 1948, in Granite City, IL.

Charles was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL. He had retired as an Iron Worker and was a member of Iron Workers' Local 392, where he had served for 21 yrs. as financial secretary and treasurer. Charlie had served in the U.S. Navy and was a Veteran of WW II. He was a gifted baseball player, and had played with the St. Louis Browns organization for 9 yrs. before retiring in 1955. (**Charlie's roommate with the Browns was Don Larsen who pitched a perfect game in the 1956 World Series.**) He then returned to East St. Louis as an outstanding baseball player. His fond memories and stories of his baseball career made for great listening.

Surviving are two sons, John (Margaret) Hopkins of Alton, IL, and James J. Hopkins of Waterloo, IL, daughter, Marie A. Hopkins of Columbia, IL; 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren, along with other relatives and friends. He was also preceded in death by five sisters, Mary Boyce, Rose Ann Derfler, Mary Teresa Hopkins, Eileen Butler, and Marilyn Mitchell; and four brothers, Edward, Francis, Thomas, and Raymond Hopkins.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 27, 2019, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL, and Monday, January 28, 2019, 9:00 am - 9:45 am, at the church. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday January 28, at 10:00 am, at the church, with Fr. Carl Sherrer, officiating. Interment will follow in the Evangelical St. Paul Cemetery, Columbia, IL. In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: Eugene Schorb - Immaculate Conception School Education Fund, 117 W. Madison, Columbia, IL 62236. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Jayne Bellm, 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

SCRIPTURE IS ALWAYS WORTH THE TIME This Sunday's readings are fitting for the start of Catholic Schools Week for Jesus starts his public teaching ministry in the synagogue. (Luke tells Theophilus to "write this down", reminding me that 450 years earlier Socrates said "never write anything down---it weakens the mind". We know Socrates said this because someone wrote it down.) Jesus never said adore me. He said follow me---imitate me. Mimetic desire is how people learn. We imitate life around us. This reminds us to be sure and pick the good things to imitate, especially since human nature "calls us to the self" and we don't want to do anything that doesn't work to our advantage. In reading Kevin Horrigan years ago, I was reminded that "the oldest exercise in moral philosophy is to search for the superior model for selfishness". JOY is Jesus-Others-Self. We need to remember that self comes last. You come to a Catholic School for an internship in the faith. Your hands aren't tied and you can talk about God all the time.

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS **INFLUENZA** has hit us hard. We will probably not use the Precious Blood next week at Mass as a precautionary measure nor shake hands. Remind all to wash hands and kill those germs. Speaking of temperatures, 100.4 degrees is the new benchmark for a fever according to the ROE. We notify parents when temperatures are on the rise.

PS Apartment Fire Victims: We are working through our St. Vincent DePaul. We had **\$100** come in on our free will donation to help buy Scrip cards for them. Any amount helps! Please send to Mrs. Epplin in the office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK---January 27-February 2

Friday, January 25th

Kindness Prayers

Encourage random acts of kindness: Each student will be given two notecards (*in teacher workroom*) to write prayers for random members of our Parish (please no names). These cards will be handed out at Mass over the weekend.

Sunday, January 27th (need Student Ministers)

Celebrating Your Parish

- Opening Mass 11am followed by Open House 12 – 2pm (Jeans day for open house participants on Monday 1/28 – Staff and Students)

Monday, January 28th

Celebrating Your Community

- Service projects will be completed by each grade level:
 - Letters to those on our prayer lists – letting them know that we are praying for them. Have students work in groups (*update your class prayer list*)
 - Gibault Band here 8:45-9:45

Tuesday, January 29th

Celebrating The Nation

- Students wear patriotic colors with uniform bottoms.
- Each class selects a Saint to research who represents the Military – why was that Saint chosen? (*list on back*)
- Teachers take time to treat their students.

Wednesday, January 30th

Celebrating Your Students

- Students wear assigned shirt color and uniform bottoms (K & 7 – red, 1 & 8 – yellow, 2 & 6 – orange, 3 & 5 – green, 4 – blue).
- Students/Teachers take time to research their Faith – students then illustrate a picture of their family depicting what their Faith looks like at home. (*ideas of what to research attached*)
- Trivia 1st – 4th 12:40-1:40pm Diewald, 5th – 8th 1:45-2:45pm Kassebaum, snacks Weiler

Thursday, January 31st

Celebrating Vocations

- Students wear a liturgical color (green – Ordinary Time, red – martyr, purple or pink – Advent & Lent, white/gold – Christmas/Easter) with uniform bottoms.
- PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AT MASS – (*copy attached prayer so students can share at Mass*)
 - Write letters of thanks to the priests involved in our parish. Only one letter – composed by each class (Priests will each receive a letter from each class/homeroom)
 - Fr. Carl – grades K-1
 - Fr. Gary – grades 3-4
 - Fr. Linus – grades 6-7
 - Pre-S & Pre-K can draw a picture and each student sign it – one for each Priest per Grade.
 - Grades 2(D/M), 5(T/S), 8K (one from class) Write a Letter to a Seminarian (*list attached – send email or mail letter/pic class writes/draws*)

Friday, February 1st

Celebrating Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers

- Students/Staff wear blue and white.
- Religion Class taught by 8th graders 9:35am
- Create Thank You cards 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 2nd

Celebrating Families

- Students will give parents the artwork they created depicting Faith in their family

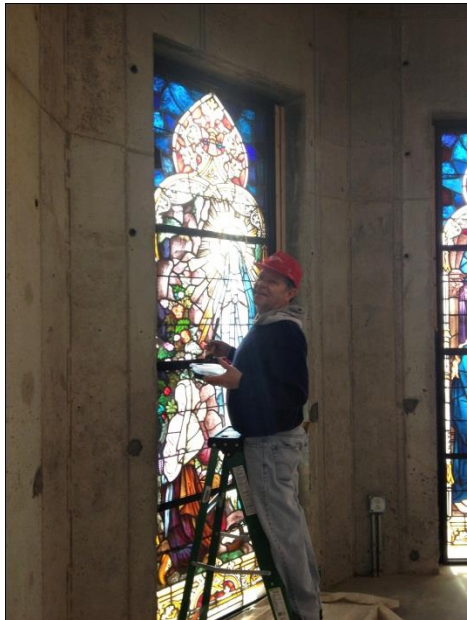
Throughout the Week

- Morning prayer led by 8th graders





School of the ring: the two towers.

We are a week and a half from all stone finished and acid washed but at one day a week appropriate weather, it is taking too long. But the inside is looking amazing, the heat is working well, the gym is drying out, and John and Mike haven't had a nervous breakdown yet. Thanks be to God! Fr. Carl will bring some warm weather back from his vacation and then things will really move!



This Sunday is the 6th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. The day before, we had a crew mopping up, touching up, cleaning up, and on and on. Katie Repp and I painted the pillars and trimmed out the lower stained glass Mary windows that are now in the Fr. Steve Gira Library. We have come so far. We have so much farther to go. And each step of the stewardship journey bonds us together even more. Celebrate and commit to keep *chasing what cannot be caught*--for you are never finished when Building the Kingdom!

Immaculate  Conception




MaryBeth Babcock *Marilyn Frasure*

During Catholic Schools Week 2019, Immaculate Conception School in Columbia, Illinois honors MaryBeth Scherr Babcock on receiving the Faith in the Market Place Award from the Diocese for her life affirming and life changing work with our parish and community through theater. We also remember Marilyn Frasure who passed away on 10-31-18 for 17 years of teaching in our school, serving as School Board President, and stewardship in nearly every possible parish activity.

Church is people, not buildings. But just like the temples of old and today, we gather to share the Good News of Salvation and hope in our God!

Open House on January 27 at 12:15 p.m..
Come see what Faith can build as we work together on our new Catholic Education and Activity Center!



Mary Scherr Babcock