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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.

*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*

January 26, 2018

*Bienvenido el parrochial!*

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.**

**Sun., Jan. 28, 2018 OPEN HOUSE! 12:15-2:00** Tell new families! **Celebrate Your Parish**

Students distribute CSW bookmarks at all Masses. Science Fair

**Mon., Jan 29, 2018 JEANS day for YOUNG AUTHORS only Celebrate Your Community**

Grade Level Service Projects

**Tues., Jan. 30, 2018** Patriotic shirts with uniform bottoms

**Celebrate the Nation**

Valentines for the VA hospital

**Wed., Jan. 31, 2018** Wear your favorite color with uniform bottom **Celebrate Students**

Trivia grades (1-4) 12:40-1:40 pm grades (5-8) 1:45-2:45 pm Teachers treat their students

TEACHERS BOOK FAIR VIEWING AND SELECTING after school.

**Thurs., Feb. 1, 2018 Celebrate Vocations and Logan Eichenseer Day**

All school Dress Down Day service project in honor of Logan Eichenseer who's battling Cri Du Chat syndrome [See the video of this great little guy!](#)

Create cards and letters to show our love and support for the vocations.

Grades (5-8) "The Curious Savage" at Gibault. Read aloud as a family night

**Fri., Feb. 2, 2018** Wear blue and white **Celebrate Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers**

Religion class taught by the 8th graders from 9:35-10:05 cards for staff and volunteers

Volleyball game between the teachers and the 8th graders at 1:30

Powell Symphony Hall-7:00 to hear the internationally acclaimed St. Louis Symphony with Mr. Hake

**Sat., Feb. 3, 2018**

Math Counts

Mater Dei Scholastic Bowl

SLUH

Daddy Daughter Dance

**BOOK FAIR 2018!** Our brains love to learn! help to keep your brain happy! Come see us in the garden level at church - February 1st thru February 4th. Hours will be determined by the number of volunteers we have. Please let me know if you are able to give this great event a little of your time. I will update the exact hours on Monday, January 29th. Thank you in advance for your support! **TERESA DORSHORST (314-303-5352 OR [tdorshorst79@gmail.com](mailto:tdorshorst79@gmail.com))**

**Preview for teachers on the 31st of January after school at Church I have to work that day at 4:30, so may only be a quick opening if I don't have any other volunteers for that afternoon.**

**OVER 40 MEN ARE AT KING'S HOUSE ON OUR 22<sup>ND</sup> PARISH RETREAT THIS WEEKEND.** In a nutshell, Jesus "Go out to the world". This is one way we do it. Pray for these men that even though they may know who Jesus is, they will come to *know Jesus*. In our humanity, this is a hard thing to connect too. That's why we go on retreat---that's why we have schools! Welcome them home Sunday at 11:00!

**IT'S TIME FOR A COUNTDOWN . . . THE ICS DINNER AUCTION "BUILDING A KINGDOM" IS ONE MONTH AWAY!** Thank you to everyone who has registered so far - the room is filling up fast! If you plan on coming but haven't bought your tickets, yet, please use this link to register: [ics2018.gesture.com](http://ics2018.gesture.com)

It's one of our biggest events of the year, so here are some ways you can contribute:

- Sell raffle tickets! Purse and Yeti raffle tickets went home in your auction invitation packet. If you need more, please let us know. If you won't use the ones you have, please return them to the office.
- Take out an ad in our auction booklet! Ad spaces are great for businesses, but are also a great way to send a shout-out to your student while supporting the school.
- Ask Grandma & Grandpa to participate in the Grandparent Honor Roll!
- Sign up to help the auction committee with set up, auction night, or breakdown: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4BADA72FAAFD0-dinner](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4BADA72FAAFD0-dinner)
- Donate items! We accept all sorts of items for the dinner auction, in a wide range of values. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us. Here are a few things on our wish list: condos or time share vacations, transferable airline miles or hotel points, Blues tickets, concert or play tickets, themed baskets, one-of-a-kind items, or music/instrument lessons. Any donations can be sent thru the office, or just contact the committee.

The ICS Dinner Auction Committee [icsauction@icsmail.org](mailto:icsauction@icsmail.org)

**GEO-SENSATIONAL!** This year's school Geography Bee came down to a tie-breaking round of the most students competing to be in the school's Geography Bee finals-23 students for a maximum of 10 spots! Our Final Competition will be held on Monday, January 29th. The six students who made it to the finals are **Thomas Schaefer, Danny Repp, Drew Schmoll, Josie Thomas, Grant Mathany, and Noah Newton**. The winner of the Final Competition will take the written State Qualifying Test on Thursday, 2/1. Good luck to all of you!

Other students in the tie-breaking round were **Abby Eichenseer, Andrew Feldker, Zach Gibson, Kyle Rose, Emma Tippen, Dominic Voegele, Tyler Wahle, William Sanker, Cade Kostelac, Ava Hake, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Andrew Donjon, Zack Harrington, Brock Murphy, Andrew Epplin, Glenn Powers, and Jordan Smugala**. Thank you all for your participation. Congrats on your excellent knowledge of geography! Mrs. Tolan

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY** by Diocesan policy, we provide an annual children's component to child protection. We use Call for Help. Here is a review of Kaylie's program on 1/23:

K & 1st grade read a book "No Means NO" which talked about good touch-bad touch.

2nd grade watched a video "Its your Body"

3rd, 4th, 5th grade watched a video "If it happens to you" and talked about physical, emotional, verbal, and sexual abuse and what to do

6th, 7th, 8th grade talked about flirting-hurting and discussed wanted-unwanted behavior.

You may want to continue the conversation at home. If needed, we have counseling services available if they want to talk further. Joy has come to our door in the for of children.

Cherishing and protecting them is a duty for all of us! Thanks!

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** Our next collection (\$28,805.45 cash so far) of those precious little coupons will be from 1/29-2/7. Prizes:

Turn in 25 get a crazy sock day

Turn in 50 and get hat day plus an entry to win 2 movie passes to Waterloo theater.

Top class wins a jeans day for them and their family member, and a class pizza party.

Thanks to our chairpersons Katie Hart and Deidra Doerr!

## MAGAZINE DRIVE

Just got a check for **\$454.07** from December sales. If you haven't signed in yet, simply go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com), click register, and fill out the info (ICS's ID number is 2710556).

**QSP MAGAZINE DRIVE COLLEGE TUITION SAVINGS ACCOUNT** We sent them home. Go online and check out the school list!

**SATURDAY SCHOOL** FEBRUARY 3 IS A DANDY! **MATHCOUNTS:** Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Ben Haney, Colin Mueth, Andrew Feldker, Brock Murphy, Emma Schmidt, Joe Tyler, Jack Keeven, Allison Stark, (alternates Maddie Swip, Olivia Blaskiewicz and Kyra Newton) **SLU HIGH MATH CONTEST:** Grant Mathany, Adelynn Murphy, Danny Repp, Daylen Litke **SCHOLASTIC BOWL** competes at Mater Dei in our opener. All in one day!



**eCyberMission** Mayor Kevin Hutchinson met with Immaculate Conception School's 6th grade class on Wednesday, Jan 17 to discuss ideas for helping Columbia "go green." Students have been brainstorming innovative and practical ways to improve Columbia's environmental impact as a part of eCYBERMISSION, a web-based Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics competition in

which student teams propose solutions to a real problems in their communities. In 14 years of participation with this U.S. Army Outreach program, ICS students have earned more than \$90,000 in grants, scholarships, and other awards. In the meeting, students proposed ideas such as the phasing out of plastic bags and Styrofoam containers used by Columbia businesses in favor of reusable, compostable, or recyclable options, and Mayor Hutchinson offered feedback about how to begin making their goals a reality.



### **NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM IN PADUCAH, KENTUCKY**

Congratulations to our School Block Challenge team who have won for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in this competition at The National Quilt Museum. Winning in the 5th - 8th grade category, Jacob Whitworth - 3rd place with "A Books Window", Kyra Newton - Honorable Mention with "Mosaic Takes Flight".

In the K - 4th category, Paul Ott and Emma Tyler - 3rd place with "Time Bear".

There were a total of 269 quilt blocks entered this year with 20 states represented in the School Block competition. Immaculate Conception entered 8 quilt blocks in the K-4 and 18 in the 5-8 category. Visit The National Quilt Museum to see Immaculate Conception's 26 blocks hanging in the museum through April of this year. Winning blocks remaining until August of 2018.

The Soaring Eagle - Broedy Furlow, The Bear Claw - Ava Blaskiewicz & Layne Traxler, Toto - Eva Haywood, The Cats in Love - Cheyenne May, The Lonely Owl - Avery Melliere, Fur Ball - Kaila Jerkatis, The Worst Day Ever - Karina Jerkatis, Happiness - Olivia Blaskiewicz, The Alien's Eclipse - Lindsay Harget & Rhyan Ward, Starry Night - Marisa McGill, Alzheimer's - Holly Repp, Books - Ally Curry, Scarlet Goodness - Maria Biske, United Together in the Milky Way - Sydney Wahle, Life Behind Bars - Emma Melliere, Come Little Children - Emma Tippen & Stephen Johns, Minnie Mouse - Abby Repp, The All Seeing Eye - Emma Blaskiewicz, The Wolf and The Moon - Lily Barrett, The Tunnel - Kaiden Timmons, Harry Potter - Daylen Litke, Hope - Allison Shuler, and The Three Little Pigs Retold - John Bollone.

**THANKS!** \$14 from Your Cause Employee Giving Program and \$46.50 TRUIST Bank of America!

**VALENTINE BAGS** ICS students have been asked to make Valentine bags for the children at the Griffin Center. We will be filling 500 bags so we will need your help. Thanks!!

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS** All ICS/ICC girls are invited to this year's Daddy/Daughter Dance, "A Night in Hollywood" on Saturday, Feb. 3 in the ICS gymnasium. The red carpet will roll out at 6:30 p.m. Girls, preschool and older, should bring their favorite, star-struck guy to enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments, and a photo booth. Click [here](#) for more information and to RSVP. If you have any questions, contact Kara Boyd at [knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com) or [\(618\) 444.6502](tel:6184446502).  
Kara Boyd

**GIRLS ON THE RUN**---This 10 week program empowers girls in grades 3-8 to be healthy and confident by incorporating life lessons with running. The program ends with 5K in St. Louis in May. We will be starting this program at the end of February 2018. Sign up will be in January. **We need your help!!** We need coaches especially for Grades 6-8. You **do not** have to enjoy running to help! Women and men adults are welcome to coach. **If you are interested contact Jessica Wachtel- [314-749-1663](tel:3147491663).**

**MATT HAKE** Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra!  
[https://www.sls.org/en/com/community\\_concerts/community-events/extra-credit-on-stage-at-powell/](https://www.sls.org/en/com/community_concerts/community-events/extra-credit-on-stage-at-powell/)

**CHESS PRACTICES FOR WINTER 3:00-4:00 IN THE ICS CAFETERIA:**

Grades 2 and 3 - TUESDAYS - 2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20

Grades 4 through 8 - TUESDAYS 1/16, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/13, 3/27

**Chess Meets:** January 27- St. Teresa School, Belleville

February 17- ICS March 10 - St. Clare, O'Fallon March (date TBD) Diocesan Meet

**YOUNG AUTHORS---SPRING 2018** The spring turn-in day will be **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. This will also be a jeans day for every student turning in a manuscript. Please give your submission to your teacher (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). Do not write your name on your story. We ask that you attach your name on separate piece of paper (with a paper clip or stapled), or on a Post-It note. Winning stories will be presented at the Young Authors' assembly on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please email Robin Nadziejko at [icsyoungauthors@gmail.com](mailto:icsyoungauthors@gmail.com).



**BUILDERS CLUB** M and M's ---\$346 profit so far!!! Donations---over \$2100 so far!  
Any help is appreciated! We will somehow get to our \$3500!



**Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee:**

On Saturday, January 20th, 2018 the Knight's of Columbus Council 6165 held their annual Spelling Bee. 12 contestants competed from grades 3-8. The winners were: 1st place Emma Schmidt (7th grade; ICS), 2nd place Brock Murphy (7th grade; ICS) and 3rd place Gus Schmidt (3rd grade; ICS). The winner advances to the next round in February. Thanks to Christine Matrisotto, Shari Murphy, and Tara Kennedy for assisting the Knights!



**THE SPORTING NEWS... BOYS DIOCESAN** We finished strong! What a way to end the season!  
Congratulations Teams!



Crusaders at 11:00 Mass last Sunday.



Both our Junior and Parochial Boys played for the Diocesan Championship on Sunday. God plays no favorites. Yet you run the race and only one wins the prize as St. Paul said so well. These beautiful pictures speak volumes about bringing the Gospel message into all we do, sticking together, teamwork, and doing your best. We lost both matches to All Saints who are currently running a dynasty in Clinton County. Both teams had major upsets to get to the championship and that says a lot about us too. Thanks to Head coaches Tim Mueth and Devin Dalpoas for all the growth and the parents for their support!

**UNIFORMS** All soccer in by February 1. Basketball uniforms should be laundered and turned in. Volleyball uniforms will be passed out as basketball are turned in. We are going to inventory our stock on February 14 to think about some new uniforms.



**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:**

Congratulations and good luck in the next round to Audrey Randle, Gus Schmidt, Carolyn Randle, Kate Adams, (Back) chairman John Adams, Brian Stark, Karsen Jany. Jimmy VonderHaar, Hayden Bueltemann and Grand Knight Pat McDermott assisted by brother Knights Brian Repp, Jim Vonderharr, and Adam Randle.

**THE CURIOUS SAVAGE**, Gibault's winter play, will be presented Feb 1-3 at 7PM and Feb 4 at 2PM. A free matinee is offered on Feb 1 at 9:15AM.

**THE CURIOUS SAVAGE: A Heartwarming Story** This is a feel-good play filled with heart in its contrasts of avarice with generosity. Ethel Savage, a new widow has been left with a substantial fortune for which her three grown children; a senator, a judge and a gold-digger of a daughter, are intent on keeping her from disposing any way she chooses. So they conspire to have her committed to a private sanatorium known as "The Cloisters". There Ethel is left to work out how she will deal with her spiteful offspring, while getting to know five colorful characters who are long-term patients in the same facility. As she gets to know the five other residents on her ward, Ethel discovers through their generosity of spirit her own inner conviction to do what she has to do to fend off her loathsome brood. Each of her fellow Cloister inmates is uniquely drawn and brings to the story special elements of charm and sensitivity.

**TASTE OF THE REGION:** Gibault's Hustedde Gym on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9 PM for a fusion of cuisines from Monroe County restaurants, businesses, distributors, and vendors! Tickets are \$25, contact Katy Hugger ([hugger06@gmail.com](mailto:hugger06@gmail.com)) for info. This event sells out so get your tickets early!

**THANKS FOR HONORING FR. CHRIS AND OUR BROTHERS KEEPER!** \$234!!

**BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE** daily shirts Aiden Howard-Maul, Anna McGill, Abby Repp, Megan Janson, Wes Jasper, Turner Haywood, Ella Boyd, Jackson Drury, Jaylyn Brister

### **FROM Lizanne Young, Director of Faith Formation...**

As I am gathering materials to meet with the parents of our First Communicants this week, I came across this lovely article and thought it was worth sharing with all of you, too. It's great to remember why we do what we do, and also to remember that Jesus wants our presence more than our fancy prayers. (I say this as a lover of fancy prayers.)

<http://www.uscatholic.org/articles/201801/how-first-communion-class-brought-me-back-eucharistic-adoration-31254>

**Is the Church dead as an institution?** I hear this every once in a while. "I am spiritual, not religious" is the common catch-phrase. Well, you have to go to school to be a doctor, a carpenter, an electrician, lawyer and on and on. We also need to go to school to be spiritual. Somewhere along the line, humanitarianism seeps in and tells us we don't have to have a spiritual side. We operate out of a mode of how we would like to be treated in a similar circumstance instead of the Gospel message. When it all comes down to the end of life, humanitarianism just isn't enough. The "God-hole" within us, cannot be filled by humanitarianism. Knowing the Jesus who came to connect us to God on our terms is the best way to operate. The institutional church is not divine. It helps lead us to the divine. It provides us the schooling we need. Be religious and spiritual!

Thanks for prayers for **Michelle Bender!** Test results coming and optimism reigns.

**Tom Giovanni,** Holly, Danny, and Abby Repp's Grandpa is really ill. Please pray for him.

**Bob Springer,** a good friend of Mike and Jeanne Kish who just returned to the area from Texas, went in to MoBap for stents and had a stroke. Please include him in your prayers. His wife Joyce is a special lady to us and taught me one of my favorite "Mary songs" "*Blessed is she*".

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Tom Giovanni, Bob Springer, Jordan Jeffires, Angela Roepke, Arlin Stechmesser, Marvin Parker, Paul Thode, Norman Waterman, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Pearl Mueller, Donna Kania, Dennis Kish, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Donna Barton, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Gertrude Scherrer, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, 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

PS Tax credit statements were sent home. Check the book bag. Render unto Caesar!

PS If you forgot to pick up your pictorial directory from Church, we will be sending them home in the "bottomless book bags".

PS **OPEN HOUSE** Please spread the word that we will have Open House for new students in all grades this Sunday, January 28 from noon-2:00. Please spread the Good News of the Gospel as we reach out to our parish and community.

PS Full Stewardship: 459 forms in 103 of 170 from school families. Please get yours in. Commit to your God!

PS Catholic Education and Activity Center: We are “making hay” at our site now and trying to recapture time lost to subzero ground freeze. We are also seeking just under \$4 million on the back end of the project so we won’t have to pay much interest. Spread the word. Check your stocks and see if you can’t make a donation if you are yet to be a part of our exciting future!

**Our Catholic Schools Week Ad in The Messenger.** Renew or purchase please! Expand and enjoy our ad! We are ICS proud!

**Immaculate Conception**

*During Catholic Schools Week 2018, Immaculate Conception School in Columbia, Illinois salutes Fr. Chris Reuter, OFM on receiving the Micah Award from the United Congregations of Metro-East for his work with Our Brothers Keeper prison ministry; ICS upper grade teacher Jen Schauster on receiving the Mary McHugh Citizen of Character Award from the City of Belleville; and ICS Band Director and Music Teacher Matt Hake on his selection for EXTRA CREDIT On Stage at Powell as he performs with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra on February 2, 2018.*

*Join us for Open House on January 28 at 12:15. Come see what Faith can build as we work together on our new Catholic Education and Activity Center!*

The advertisement includes three individual portraits of Fr. Chris Reuter, Jen Schauster, and Matt Hake, and a large group photograph of the school's staff and students.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018 January 28 --- February 3**



*"A new teaching with authority". MK 1:27.*

God always speaks to us right where we are. Why have a Catholic Schools Week? Why have a Catholic School? Easy answer. It's the Gospel! It's Jesus in the synagogue. It's to help us learn about God. It's about saying what is important to us to keep the faith moving forward in a world that is counter-cultural. It's about studying Scripture so we can "teach with authority".

During Catholic Schools Week 2018, we hold Open House, Science Fair, Young Authors, Valentines for Vets, Trivial Pursuit, Book Fair, Vocation prayer cards, 8<sup>th</sup> grade teaching Religion class, Student/Faculty volleyball game, and MathCounts, SLU High Math Contest and Mater Dei Scholastic Bowl. Whew!

Catholic Schools are an internship in the faith where a chance to be close to the Altar, lead roles in lay ministry, and be "little seminaries" where the seed of faith can be grown without constraint happen. Choosing a Catholic school means choosing religious and academic freedom that allows social justice to be discussed and the Gospels implemented for social change for the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned, the sick and the elderly. The Gospel influence on countering the negative influence of society and social media around us can raise up people to follow Him! Catholic schools should be a place that Mary and Joseph would have wanted to send their Son.

The word "LAST" is on our mind. We have had our "last" Camp Ondessonk presentation here, our last TEC Retreat here, our last Magazine Drive kick-off here and every major event on our 1846 property will be a "last between now and the end of the year. Our God is a God of the future and our eyes are set upon it! Thanks to Fr. Carl and our Catholic Education and Activity Center Committee, especially Mike Whelan, for leading us to our new "Promised Land" as a school.

*Thanks to our parents, students, faculty, staff, our Tinkers (who fix it as fast as we break it), our School Board, our Parents and Friends, our Parish and Benefactors, Fr. Carl, Fr. Chris, and Fr. Linus for "teaching with authority"---one day at a time!*

*Mike Kish*

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Principal