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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.

OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

OPEN HOUSE *Why did I stand up there grinning like the Cheshire Cat?* So proud of our students, faculty, staff, school board and parents and what we have created here. The Kingdom lives here. It's not perfect but we work at it. I can't wait to see the students each day and then the faculty and staff lift them up and grow them into great people. And do we have parent support! **TEN Brand NEW FAMILIES** checked us out and some new brothers and sisters too. We hope they choose ICS!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES CENTER This year's Magazine Drive net profit goes to our new fund. All Competition prizes are complete but individual prizes will continue this week. Go back over your list and pick up that one more sale to make your goal. Your class can still make the ice cream party! For now, we are close to our goal and right about where we were last year at this time.

K OF C SPELLING BEE The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Spelling Bee tomorrow, at 10:00am in the Knights of Columbus room in the Garden Level at Immaculate Conception Church. The competition is open to all students in elementary grades 3 thru 8. Any questions or to reserve a spot, please contact **Jim VonDerHaar** at [314-494-8874](tel:314-494-8874) or **Pat Grawitch** at [314-495-0742](tel:314-495-0742).

Yes we have the Chess Meet. But good spellers, here is your chance for fame and fortune. Take a chance!

Harper Kay Taylor---6 pounds, 7 ounces, 18 inches 11:08 pm 1-26-16. Harper is a very organized and respectful little girl, waiting till her mother's Scholastic Bowl match was over and Mom made it home before deciding to enter God's world. Welcome Harper Kay! Congratulations to Tiffany and Mike Taylor!

Ms. Cathy Wheatley will be filling the maternity leave position for us . B.S. ---SLU, M.E. ---Webster, Ed. Spec.---Webster. She has taught throughout the Diocese and Archdiocese. Ms. Wheatley is also a Prn chaplain for SSMHC. Welcome Ms. Wheatley and thanks for the gift you bring!

35th ANNUAL MAGAZINE DRIVE The Class of 2016 led the way followed by Mrs. Neff's Grade 1 and Mrs. Tolan's Grade 7. 1,603 sales so far! Let's keep the profit coming in. More details next week. Order online anytime and your child will get credit during the drive! www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 You can't sell if you don't ask! All competitions are complete but individual goals/prizes can still be met. Thanks to Lori Hennes and crew...more coming.



TOMORROW---January 30th at St. Teresa! Good luck team!

Chess Practices:

Lower Grades (1-3) - Feb 9, Feb 23, March 8, March 22

Upper Grades (4-8) - Feb 2, Feb 16, March 1, March 15

Chess Meet Results: ICS had an excellent showing at the first meet! 52 ICS students participated of 175 total. We welcomed 3 new schools to the chess program. Top scorers for ICS were: Perfect 4-0 scores: Anna Adams and Tyler Stern, Undefeated (3.5 points)- Will Schmoll, Avery Herrmann, and James Ramette. Everyone did a fantastic job and

represented our school beautifully. Final team scores: 1st Place- Queen of Peace:15.5 points, 2nd Place- ICS:15 points, 3rd Place- St. Teresa:14 points, 4th Place- Blessed Sacrament 13.5 points, St. Clare, St. Joseph, and St. John the Baptist also placed respectively.

It Takes a Village...to pull off a successful chess meet! ICS hosted the first chess meet of the season last Saturday, and welcomed 175 students from 7 area schools. It was the largest diocesan meet to date, and it was successful because of the time and effort of our wonderful volunteers. Many thanks to all who helped in any way, especially Jason and Kara Metz, Patrice Thebeau, Shannon and Ted Haney, Christine Schorb, Trish and John Adams, Theresa Stearns, Jim Williams, Mandy McGuire, Robin Nadziejko, Tricia Haywood, Tim Huebner, Jennifer Thorne, Jessica Wachtel, Sherry Gogolek, Tammy Prater-May, Pat Ramette, Matt, Thomas, and Lucas Herrmann, and Laura Whelan and the 7th grade volleyball team and parents for gym set-up. From the "Brain Trust" to the "Snack Squad" to the "Card Running Crew", and my "Trusty Timekeeper", you made the day run as smooth as silk, and I can't thank you enough. Thanks to all who sent in snacks to feed the hungry little minds at work as well! It's another great example of the power of the ICS community. When asked you always come through with abundance, and our children benefit! Thanks again!

Sincerely, Cyra Herrmann

Upcoming Chess Meets: Our next meet will be held this Saturday (1/30) at St. Teresa School in Belleville. Check-in is from 8:15-8:45. Round 1 begins at 9:00. Please let Mrs. Herrmann know if you need a ride. Carpool leaves at the new church parking lot at 7:45. Diocesan Chess Meet will be held at Blessed Sacrament on March 5th.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Lots to celebrate next week! See the flyer and join in the fun. Living a good life makes it more fun! Having an attitude of gratitude is the way to live! [Attached---](#)

45th Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Winners: Congratulations to:

| Girls | Boys |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 9 no entry | 9 Jimmy VonDerHaar III |
| 10 Karsen Jany | 10 Hayden Bueltemann |
| 11 Emma Blaskiwiecz | 11 Brian Stark |
| 12 Adelynn Murphy | 12 Isaac Schreckenber |
| 13 Emily Pfeffer | 13 No entry |
| 14 Dharby Tiemann | 14 Bryce Pautler |

Next level: The Knights of Columbus **District Free Throw** competition is on Sunday, 21 February 2016. Registration is at 11:30am with the competition beginning at Noon. It takes place in the Junior High Gym at Valmeyer Community School District 3, 300 S Cedar Bluff, Valmeyer, IL 62295.

Mike McCarthy (618-558-7007), Valmeyer Council Youth Director, has agreed to run the competition.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR - FORGET THE COLD OUTSIDE - STAY INSIDE AND READ A NEW BOOK! ICS book fair will be February 5th - 7th in the **Garden Level of Immaculate Conception Church**. Friday 4th - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday 5th - 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. / 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Sunday 6th - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteers needed. You do not have to be a parent to volunteer! All are welcome!

Should we receive more volunteers than needed, Saturday hours may be extended throughout the day. Thank you for supporting our Student and Teachers! Our book fairs help to supply our teachers/students with reading materials throughout the year! To volunteer, please contact myself at the number or e-mail address below or co-chair, Crystal Schaefer.

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HOW THE WORLD WORKS Someone gets an idea. Then it needs to be tested and proven.

Trials. Control groups. Human studies provide the best results for this. Madison Stroup, needs participants in a study at St. Louis University involving social skills training for kids with autism--- kids ages 12 – 17 who do NOT have any type of cognitive disorder to serve as controls. She mostly needs boys, but will accept girls as well. She is having a really hard time finding participants because it involves a time commitment (2 hours) from both the kids and their parents. However, she is very flexible and is willing to do it in the evening or on the weekends. They are offering \$30 compensation - \$20 in cash + \$10 Target gift card. This could potentially help so many kids.

CONGRATULATIONS! Grant Mathany, Noah Newton, Reagan Herrmann, Zoe Swip, Spencer Biske, Jacob Raisch, Eve Melliere, Hannah Janson, Jack Burke, Katrina Costner, Maggie Schulte, Nick Prindiville, and Charlie Soetaert are our 2016 Geography Bee Finalists! See if you can answer some of their questions!

- 1) To which state would you travel to visit Gettysburg and watch the Pirates play baseball in Pittsburgh--Iowa or Pennsylvania?
- 2) The Danube River, which passes through or borders more countries than any other river in the world, has its headwaters in which country--Germany or Latvia?
- 3) Which country does not experience tropical cyclones--Liberia, Haiti, or Japan?
- 4) Adventurers experience eight seconds of free fall while bungee jumping into Nevis Gorge on South Island. This island is part of which country located in the South Pacific?

These students will compete to be our school winner and taker of the State Geography Bee test. Hopefully our school winner will be one of the top 100 in the state and be invited to the State Geography Bee later this year. Thank you to all our participants in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades and good luck to all our finalists!

Box Tops For Education Winter Collection Contest (Thanks Carrie Boser!)

It's time to start turning in the Box Tops you've been clipping! **The contest begins on February 1 and ends on February 12.** Use the BTFE collection forms on the ICS website to turn them in. Please look at expiration dates. Expired ones do not count, and if the dates are clipped off, they are discarded. **Be sure to include the student's name and teacher on the sheets so they get credit!**

Awards will be as follows:

[25 sheet \(25 BoxTops\)](#) = Crazy Sock Day (date to be determined)

2 - 25 sheet (50 BoxTops) = Hat Day (date to be determined)

[For every sheet of 50 BoxTops](#) turned in, the student's name will be entered into a contest for a jean's day (date to be determined), and they will get to choose lunch (from a designated list) for 3 days (in a week to be determined).

Winning homeroom class (highest # of BoxTops turned in) earns an afternoon pizza party.

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Labels for Education (from Campbell's products) are accepted year round, so please collect and turn them in as well. Since we began participating in the Labels for Education and Box Tops programs, we have earned over \$25,000 from each of them! Your clippings add up...It's worth the effort!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLASTIC BOWL TEAM on taking two from Queen of Peace and two from Watleroo Jr. High this week on the varsity and JV level!

COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Sale Friends of the library book sale. Sale takes place in library basement. Friday, January 22nd 9-2

Saturday, January 23rd 9-2 Hardcover .50 Paperback .25 Children .10

****LEGO STORY TIME** Every Tuesday at 4:00 Come join the building fun. All ages are welcome.

****BOOKS FOR BABIES** Free books for little ones up to 1 year of age. Must be a Columbia resident. Program made possible by Friends of the Library

****TAX AIDE** Assistance with your income tax return provided by AARP. All ages qualify but other restrictions may apply. February 1st – April 11th Every Monday 12:30 – 4:30

****FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** The Friends are a group of volunteers who share a common belief that the library is important to the intellectual growth of the community. Members work to increase public awareness of all library services and assist in bringing funds to the library for special needs.

Meetings held – January, April, July, October

Next meeting is April 25th 7:00 p.m. Columbia Library lower level meeting room.

Please feel free to join us. New members are always welcome.

STEM Workshop MOTION COMMOTION Sat. Feb 20th 10:00 a.m. Come build catapults and learn about Newton's Laws of Physics Presented by 4-H Ages 8 – 14 Please RSVP by Feb. 12th
All Things FAFSA If you're considering college, you should also consider applying for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Let a skilled instructor from Higher Education Consortium help you navigate the different types of FREE financial aid available, student loans, avoiding the debt ditch, and will assist with the online application process. The library will be offering an informational workshop on Saturday, February 13th 10 - 12. Please RSVP by calling 281-4237. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop.

SNAP Assistance February 24th 5:30 - 6:30 Do you have questions about signing up for food assistance? Overwhelmed by the application and need some help? Kelly from SNAP will be here from 5:30 to 6:30 to talk with anyone interested in food assistance and to help with the application.
Babygarten Ages 4 mo to 18 mo. Sessions meet on Tuesdays 11:00 Registration required.

VALENTINE PROJECT sponsored by Grade 2 for the children at the Griffin Center! 500 bags with a pencil and two pieces of candy. Please send all donations to the second grade classrooms by February 8th. Valentines needed. Thank you for your help and support.

Grades 6 & 7 & 8 – pencils
Grades 1 & 2 – candy
Grades 3 & 4 & 5 – bags
Grades Pre K & K – candy

Gibault Catholic High School Thanks to you from Lauren Schmidt, Monica Shuler, Owen Murphy, Amanda Schmidt, Josh Witges, Jason Merz, and Joe Hippisley for supporting their work and the Lord's work in Ecuador. \$1034!

The Gibault Drama department is proud to present The Man Who Came to Dinner January 30th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 PM in the GCHS Auditorium. **Great reviews from Grades 5-8.** You need a laugh---mine is coming Sunday at 2:00!

The Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday series continues February 3rd, 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.

Gibault Catholic High School Placement Test The make-up placement test for our incoming Class of 2020 will take place on Friday, February 5th at 12:15 PM. Please contact Ms. Mackin at smackin@gibaultonline.com to register. Welcome Hawks!

TASTE OF THE REGION at Gibault Catholic High School will take place on Saturday, February 6th from 5:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$25, please contact Sev sev@gibaultonline.com for more information or ticket orders.

Gibault **spring musical this year: “Beauty and the Beast”!!! Auditions for grade school students will be on February 24 at 6:30PM at Gibault.** The musical will be performed April 14-17.

BUILDERS CLUB Kids Against Hunger 26 donors have contributed \$1650 so far! Thank you! On February 6, we hope to make about 14,000 meals again. Help needed. 8:00 to 11:30. Can work in shifts. Hannah Janson is looking to sign you up while she is at the Mater Dei Scholastic Bowl.



BUILDERS CLUB M & M PROJECT Over \$325 profit! 1360 meals for people we will never meet in a land we may never visit!

ICS FATHERS CLUB ANNOUNCES: ICS Fathers Club is hosting their annual Texas Hold'em Tournament on Saturday Feb. 27th. In the Lower Level of the new ICS Church on Palmer Road. \$50 Buy In - doors open 6:30pm, 7:30pm play begins BYOB Tickets available for purchase at Khoury Pharmacy on Main in Columbia. See attached flyer for details Feel free to forward and invite friends, cousins and neighbors If buying tickets from Khoury Pharmacy is not convenient contact me at icsfathers@gmail.com or call/text [314-690-3237](tel:314-690-3237) Thanks again and see you on the 27th! Devin Dalpoas

Speech The Diocesan Meet is **here** on Feb. 20th at ICS! We need a full team of 12. Practice: Next week will be Monday-Thursday 3:10-4:30. Open to Grades 5-8.

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Check the athletic schedule for practices and contact these coaches. Please let the office know if we have additional coaches or players signed up.

PARISH NEWS... Annual Charitable Giving Event---we are a Full Stewardship Parish. Our parish is a corporate body too. Our parish practices stewardship as a corporate body. You practice as an individual. We will split up 2% of last year's donations for the poor on February 14 at 2:00--- stewardship of charity---\$32,633.00 to be awarded. Please come, plead your case for a charity our parish does not already support, we vote "shares", and then the parish awards the proceeds. Think Globally, Act Locally!

We have the new **BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH** booklets for this year ready to distribute to all ICS Families. See attachment.

Here is the link and attachment for other means of distributing:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/domestic-church/building-domestic-church.pdf>

ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS APPEAL Our School Board campaign has begun. \$3066.25 to date! Thanks for paying it forward! If you can't be an alumni, be a friend!

INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION POLICY TRAINING: Feb 2 6:00 to 8:00 Garden level. Why travel? You need it to be involved in volunteering, chaperoning, being around our youth. Take the training close to home and do yourself and us a favor. Thanks to Diane Zika, our trainer!

From Jim Thebeau: I wanted to pass along an update on my Cousin's husband, Nick Carron. They removed his breathing tube and he is breathing on his own. He has opened his eyes and is responding well. Huge step forward but still a long road ahead. Thank you all for your prayers! God is good!

Steve Wilkerson has lost his fight with cancer and is now with mother in heaven. Thanks again for the prayers. He was able to make it through Christmas to celebrate as well as he could with his 4 young boys and his three adult children as well.

ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY Paul Ott-Logan Loporto-Eva Haywood-Connor Thoma-Owen Haney-Blake Powers-Riley McGill-Elisabeth Schaefer-Mary Clare Murphy-Hailey Wilkerson-Caroline Roche-Andrew Harmon-Jack Keeven-Ashton Pulliam

PRAYERS: Nick Carron, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Josh Ritter, Mary Giovanni, Steve Wilkerson, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

Ps Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 31 to Feb. 7. We will close this year on the first Sunday in February. **THANKS FOR ALL THE POSTERS!** They are great!

Ps Answers: 1) Pennsylvania 2) Germany 3) Liberia 4) New Zealand

ps *Thanks for all the prayers, visits, condolences, and memorials for Mom Pauline Jablonski. I don't think anything could have gone any better and I know she was pleased. Lots of God-winks--- Rest in peace Mom. We are tough, just like you, and we will be okay! (Uncle Bingo's words...) And God is good, even when our hearts are broken!* Jeanne and Mike Kish

Martin Luther King Jr.

By Matthew Epplin

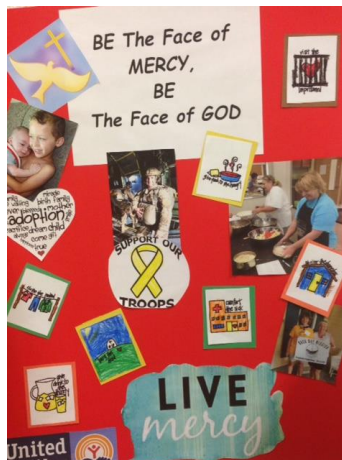
Michael Luther King, later named Martin, grows up in the Sweet Auburn district. In 1948, King graduates from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia with a B.A. Right beside him.

Three years later, in 1951, King graduates from Crozier Theological Seminary in Chester, PA. In Marion, Atlanta on June 19th, King marries Coretta Scott. After coursework at New England College, King goes on to finish his PH.D. in Systematic Theology.

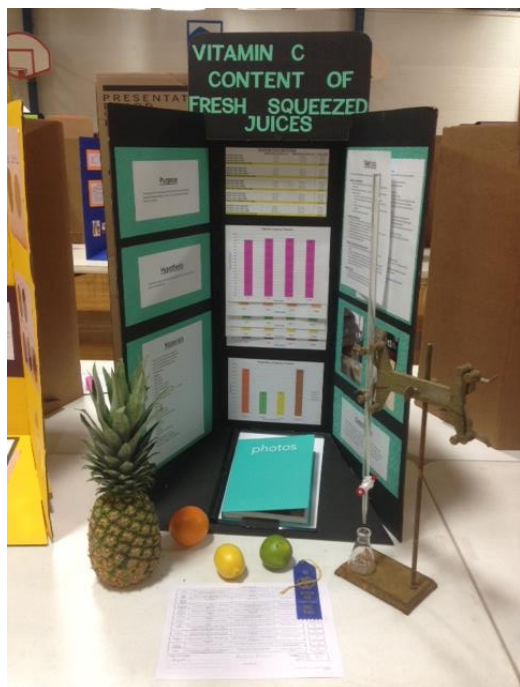
Later in 1956, King is arrested for going thirty miles in a twenty five mile zone. King's house Unfortunately gets bombed. Black ministers form what became known as The Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference Had decided to make King the first president a month later. In a year, King traveled seven hundred Eighty thousand miles. King publishes his first book, *Stride Towards Freedom*. It is based on King's Recollection of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. While King was promoting his book he gets

Knifed in the stomach by a protester. King visits India because of his lifelong admiration of Ghandi. In 1964, King wins the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1965, King achieved his Goal of successfully voting at a hotel in Selma, but later was arrested. On April 4, 1968, King is killed by

James Earl Ray. In January, King's life is Recalled and celebrated.



Late breaking news....Best of Fair! Isabella Frasure! 18 test trials on this one to get the titrations right to do the analysis. Congratulations!!! Trophy picture coming....



Band Schedule Week of Feb 1-5

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

7:15-7:50 **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**

1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:50 **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