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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!**

February 1, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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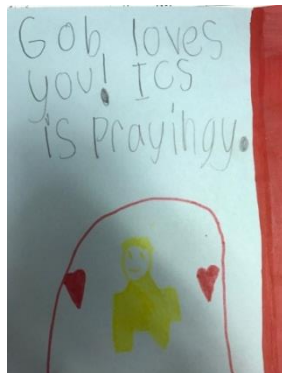
Dear Parent,

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

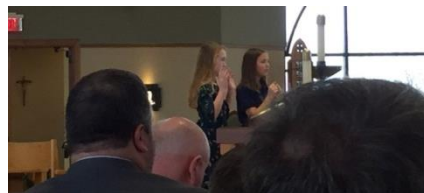
Open House 17 Families! Terrific! Thanks to our School Board Development Committee, Faculty, Mr. Hake and the Jazz Band, Builders Club Ambassadors, all the displays, room decorations, and great spirit. I was proud and we are easy to promote.



**CSW at work!**



A card for my brother Patrick who has stage II cancer. He really got a kick out of it! Thanks to you and CSW!



**Cantors and Ministers**



**NEW LIFE DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!** Congratulations to Emelia, Sylvia, and Forrest Doerr on the birth of **Louis Schmitt Doerr** January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pounds! Danielle and Kyle are the proud parents!

**Skip Birdsong, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese:**  
**DIocese OF BELLEVILLE**

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**OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

*From the Desk of the Superintendent of Schools*

Dear Diocesan School Families,

I wanted to take a brief moment to once again thank you for choosing to partner with one of our Diocesan schools in the education of your children. As I visited the schools this fall with Bishop Braxton I was able to witness first-hand the wonderful environments that have been created in our schools. The sacrifices that each of you make to give the gift of a Catholic Education to your children is to be commended.

A quality education has been a trademark of Catholic Education for decades, but too many times the other aspects of our programs are overlooked and not talked about enough. There is no denying that a Christ centered approach that focuses on the development of **ALL** facets of our children coupled with the quality educational programs that are present throughout the Diocese is a winning combination. Our students continue to prove this statement true each and every day with the wonderful stories that are shared with me in my new position.

I wish each of you a wonderful Catholic Schools Week and encourage you to celebrate the successes of your children and their school. Nothing on earth and certainly no school is perfect; however, for the sake of our students we must continue to work together to make any needed improvements and/or changes.

In closing, I would like to offer my prayers for the continued success of each of our students, their families, and our schools. Enjoy the week of celebrations!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Birdsong

Jonathan Birdsong Ed.S., M.Ed.

Superintendent of Schools

Diocese of Belleville



**Best of Fair** Kyra Newton's Science Fair Project on rocket altitude vs. mass payload was a reminder of the patience(12 launches under similar conditions) that it takes when trying to prove your hypotheses! Congratulations Kyra on Best of the Fair!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING YOUNG AUTHORS WINNERS!**

The Awards ceremony will be February 6 at 1:50



**William Sanker** won the ICS Geography Bee and competed for State today on the written test. Drew Schmoll was runner-up. William was presented with a "My Town" National Geographic puzzle with the current ICS coordinates at its center. Cheryl Tolan is the ICS geography teacher.



**CHESS MEETS-** February 16  
 - Queen of Peace, Belleville  
March 23 - St. Clare, O'Fallon  
March 30 - Diocesan HERE -  
 Immaculate Conception  
**CHESS PRACTICES - 3:00-4:00**  
Grades 2 and 3 - February 12,  
 February 26, March 12, March 26  
Grades 4 through 8- February 5,  
 February 19, March 5, March 19

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** Help get Grandma and Grandpa out of the house!---have them help at our ICS Scholastic Book Fair! Garden Level To volunteer - contact Teresa Dorshorst @ [tdorshorst79@gmail.com](mailto:tdorshorst79@gmail.com) 314-303-5352

**Reminder to All Book Lovers & Those With Cabin Fever: ICS Book Fair today thru Sunday!** Hours: Friday, 2/1/19 - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, 2/2/19 - 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday, 2/3/19 - 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Clifford** is scheduled to make an appearance after Mass on Saturday and after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses on Sunday! Come see all the new "reads" and support our school!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY BOWLING FEBRUARY 17** New time this year: 3:00-5:00! [See the flyer and come have a ball!](#)

**Magazine Drive 2019 Final Totals: Top Classrooms** Mr. Kassebaum---161% Mrs. Ettling---71% Mrs. Weiler---62.3% Mrs. Neff---56.6% Mrs. T. Taylor---48.5%

<b>2019 Drive Totals: 1,347 orders \$32,675.65 gross</b>		<b>Top Sellers</b>
1.	Maria Biske	154
2.	Drew Schmoll	75
3.	Stephen Johns	48
4.	TIE: Nate Stechmesser, Liam Johnson	36
5.	TIE: Eleanor McGuire, Bella Schuette	35
6.	Michael Wessel	32
7.	TIE: Olivia Blaskiewicz, Aiden Howard-Maul	30
8.	Kyra Newton	22
9.	TIE: Audrey Sullivan, MaryAnn Imhoff, Ryan Kroenig, Sloan Wilson	20
10.	Eleanor Rinella	18

**ICS NEWS:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGisHcL-1uY>

**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](mailto:icsauction@icsmail.org) To help,  
please email or call  
Mandy McGuire [mlynmcguire@gmail.com](mailto:mlynmcguire@gmail.com). 618-558-1350

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS** Upcoming Voting Opportunity: Scrip Program  
**Consider coming to the February 11th Parents and Friends** meeting to cast your  
vote for the future of the ICS scrip program.

Background information: At the January 14th Parents and Friends meeting, a proposal  
was presented for Parents and Friends to assume responsibility for running the scrip  
program as a fundraiser. In the past, the purchasers of scrip were given the opportunity  
to put the "profits" towards their book bill, DC trip or Catholic Education and Activity  
Center (CEAC). If Parents and Friends runs scrip as a fundraiser, all future "profits" from  
sales will be put aside to a voted upon fund, such as covering the soft costs for the  
CEAC. In addition, there will be a vote as to whether to continue to allocate "profits" for  
the rest of this school year to purchasers of scrip. If approved at the February meeting,  
all profits on sales after the last day of this school year will be designated towards the  
agreed upon fund. There are many benefits to Parents and Friends assuming Scrip as a  
fundraiser. These include increased marketing efforts to raise awareness of the program,  
a dedicated effort to enroll interested parties in buying scrip electronically, increased  
transparency via monthly reporting and an increased chance of meeting our upcoming  
funding requests for CEAC. Thank you in advance for your support.

- Mr. Kish and your Parents and Friends Executive Board

**ST. VALENTINE BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN AT THE GRIFFIN CENTER.** Please  
send all donations to Grade 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? Thank you for your help and support for children!  
Pre K & K – candy Gr. 1 & 2 – candy Gr. 3 & 4 – bags Gr. 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 – pencils

**BOXTOPS 2019** 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 so far!

- turn in 25 and receive a McDonald's coupon
- Every student who turns in 50 will receive a Jeans Day, winning homeroom will  
win a pizza party and jeans day

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** Saturday, February 9, 2019. \$2450 DONATED SO FAR! We have a goal of \$3500. Now we need to form the assembly line! Gratefully, Emma Tippen and Emma Schmidt

### **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

**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](#)

### **GUYS: Who wants to join Let Me Run!!!!**

Let Me Run is more than a running program for boys. Combining exercise with fun activities and lessons, our trained coaches inspire boys to be themselves, be active and belong.

Let Me Run Boys:

- Run with an elementary or middle school team. Elementary includes 4-6th grades and Middle includes 6th-8th.
- Train for 7 weeks after school, 2 days per week
- Grow in personal strength, endurance & goal setting
- Recognize & respect personal gifts & those of others
- Celebrate the courage to be themselves
- Learn to be a better friend, identify true friends & feel the power of positive relationships
- Compete in the final Let Me Run 5k

Program starting this Spring!

COACHES NEEDED!

Signup to become a coach today.

<https://www.raceplanner.com/volunteer/signup/stl-2019-spring-coach>



**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	

**Columbia Khoury League**---[please see the attached letter.](#) Major changes coming. Our community is blessed to have this baseball available.

**SPPCS is hosting a Dodgeball Tournament** the afternoon of Feb. 9.

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...**

**WINTER MUSICAL** "Into the Woods", a musical appropriate for ages 6th grade through 8th grade, will be performed in the Gibault auditorium Feb.1- 2. Last night was great! It is a difficult Sondheim piece and the cast was near perfect! Lots of ICS star grads in the production!

**GIBAULT SCHOLARSHIPS** - Scholarship application packages and variable tuition instructions for incoming freshmen have been mailed to those who have completed applications on file. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibalthawks.com))

**FIRST HONORS AT NERINX HALL---Congrats to our grads:**

Maggie Schulte, Jane Whelan, Lexi Hennes, Marie Prindiville

**AMAZON SMILE** Many of you are Prime members. If you sign up, our school benefits. The last two deposits were on 8/13/18 for 77.47 and 10/29/18 for 72.66. THANKS!

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH STARTS TODAY.** The single largest transfer of wealth in this country is inheritance. If you think about this, you might see it as a root cause for some of the poverty in our country and inability for more people to improve their plight in life. 11 of the first 15 Presidents owned slaves. Much of our early infrastructure was built by slaves. When the Civil War ended, Robert E. Lee told the rebellious states to "build no monuments". They didn't until the era of Jim Crow when the sin of slavery was excused away, building an economy on tenant farming, restricting voting rights, and lynching over 4,000 blacks. So if you ever wonder why we have a Black History Month, we are still recovering from the sins of those times. Like the Holocaust, let us never forget and let's build a future for all God's children.

**OUR CAFETERIA DIRECTOR CONNIE HUEBNER** is recovering from some tendon surgery. We need her back so Thank God for the food but remember the Cook who is on her feet all day preparing it!

**CONDOLENCES Charlie Moore** Chase and Chandler's Moore's Grandfather has died and will be laid to rest tomorrow in Chester. Please keep him and the family in your prayers! God's peace!



**DAVE NOBBE**, father of ICS grads Lauren and Drew, died January 30 after a long illness. He was our school plumber for many years and never charged us. A memorial service will be held on February 23. May he rest in peace. Dave is Rosie Law's nephew.

David S. Nobbe, 61, of Columbia, died Jan. 30, 2019, following an extended illness. His family was at his side. David was born July 27, 1957, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of the late Orville and Annette (nee Descher) Nobbe. David married Susan (nee Gregory) Nobbe in 1981 in Columbia. She died in 2011. Mr. Nobbe is survived by his daughter, Lauren Nobbe of Columbia; son, Drew Nobbe of St. Louis, Mo.; and his brother Alan (Denise) Nobbe of Columbia; along with nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives and friends. David owned Nobbe Plumbing. He cared deeply for his dogs and enjoyed watching and coaching soccer, baseball and basketball. Our father was talented in many areas of both his professional and personal life. He was intelligent, magnetic, charming, funny, caring and dynamic. Perhaps more than anything he was devoted to his late wife, children, family and friends. We'll always remember that special smile, that caring heart and the love we will always have for him. David's children would like to thank the town and local businesses of Columbia. "The love and support we have received has been beautiful and deeply appreciated." They would specifically like to thank Triada Advisors and Tax Services, First National Bank of Waterloo, Accent Title, Lawlor Funeral Home and the law offices of Crowder and Scoggins. Private graveside services will be held. A Celebration of Dave's Life is Saturday, Feb. 23, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Annbriar Golf Club in Waterloo. Leesman Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Helping Strays of Monroe County or The David Nobbe Family, c/o Lauren Nobbe, 218 S. Metter Ave., Columbia, IL 62236.

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Jim Edgar, Jayne Bellm, Tom Johns, Connie Huebner, 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

**JESUS SPEAKS TO THE SELF-RIGHTEOUS IN LUKE 4, 21-30 THIS WEEK.**

Miracles did not flow so easily in his home town. As humans, we are all full of "yeah-buts" when talking about the people we know who do great things. Jesus was the son of the carpenter so the town was skeptical of any of his accomplishments. We are led into this by Corinthians I. This is a great reminder that love conquers all. Jesus was so smart he never said "like one another. He said 'love one another". Loving others is not being self-righteous. We are all so different that it would be impossible to like everyone but we can respect each other, accept differences, not gossip, be kind, and really love some people we don't like by leaving them alone. And so we gather. Come and love one another!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS Charles Dickens always slept facing north, believing it improved his creativity. It would have been a tough time to face north this week! But the north sure made Catholic Schools Week special with 2 days off!



Day 100 = 100 curls!