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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 8, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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**Dear Parent,**



The Immaculate Conception Scholastic Bowl team took **2ND PLACE OUT OF 25 TEAMS** at the Mater Dei Scholar Bowl Tournament on Saturday, February 2nd. ICS ended up a 6th seed in the Championship bracket after placing 2nd in pool play in the morning

competition. In pool play, ICS defeated Breese 195-130, Selmaville 200-120, and Carlyle 175-55 and had a loss to Blessed Sacrament 130-160. Brock Murphy was named All Tournament 2nd Team with 13 toss ups in morning competition. As a 6th seed, ICS went on to defeat Lincoln Middle School 145-125 and Amelia Carriel Junior High 135-130. ICS lost to Aviston 140-185 in the Championship Match. Team members are Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer, Zach Gibson, Ben Haney, Emma Schmidt, Drew Schmoll, Sam Glasscock, Brock Murphy, Drew Roche, & Maggie Williamson. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor and Dan Kassebaum. ICS competes in the Illinois Elementary School Association. The varsity is 11-4 and JV is 6-2.



and approximately 100 mathletes. Great job team!

**MathCounts 2019** ICS students Sydney Wahle and Andrew Feldker, placed 5th and 12th place respectively, at the annual MathCounts competition sponsored by the St. Clair Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers on Saturday, Feb. 2 at SIU-Edwardsville. Team members: Andrew Feldker, Colin Mueth, Sydney Wahle, Tyler Wahle, Jack Keeven, Kyra Newton, Allison Stark, and coach Karen Weiler competed against twelve other schools



3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Mrs. Matrisotto Grant Tucker  
4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Mrs. Donjon Lucas Sheehan

3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. Ms. Kennedy Eleanor Nadziejko  
4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Mrs. Ettling Ella Boyd

**CONGRATULATIONS SPRING  
YOUNG AUTHORS WINNERS K-4!**

And special thanks to Mrs. Carrie Stark and our judges!

- K Mrs.Herrmann Mary Buhr
- K Mrs.Murphy Tessa Kolweier
- 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Mrs.Borgmeyer Stella Hart
- 1<sup>st</sup> Gr. Mrs. Neff Audrey Schilling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Mrs. Diewald Maggie Buhr
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Mrs. Meyer Ian Klingert

**KIDS AGAINST HUNGER** \$3415 DONATED---we're good! BUT---**HELP NEEDED TO WORK TOMORROW! Grades 6-7-8 and parents.** Forget the Conga Line---we are the assembly line! Feed the hungry!

**Auditions for Sound of Music** (an elementary version) will be Monday February 25th at 3pm. I will put a time slot sign-up on the band room door. You need to arrive 15 minutes before your audition time and be prepared to sing. If we don't get too far behind, the audition should take less than 30 minutes.

I am looking for adult volunteers to help with the whole process: rehearsals, costuming, ticket sales, scene painting. There is a lot to be done. I'm sure I can use your expertise somewhere. Please let me know what your talents are! MaryBeth 618-719-

1264 [actorsattic@gmail.com](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com)

MaryBeth

**PREVIEW: MUSICAL-IN-A-WEEK 2019 SUMMER CAMP SHOWS AT GIBAULT:**

Going into Grades 1-5: Lion King Experience! Audition Friday, June 7; Day Camp June 10-13; Evening Performances June 13-14.

Going into Grades 6-8: Frozen Jr.! Audition Friday, June 14; Day Camp June 17-20; Evening Performances June 20-21.

Going into Grades 9-13: Singing in the Rain Jr.! Audition Friday, June 21; Day Camp June 24-27; Evening Performances June 27-28.

Registration forms out week of February 15. Cost per student if paid by March 30: \$235 (sibling discount available). Cost if paid April 1 or later: \$250, no discounts available.

Watch Facebook (The Actors' Attic) for more information, or email [actorsattic@gmail.com](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com).



**Marisa McGill** participated in the Chaminade Middle School Honor Band workshop in St. Louis on Saturday. Students from area schools were mentored by music professionals throughout the day. In the evening, the students came to perform a concert. Marisa is pictured with her great uncle, John Hahn, who is the music director at Chaminade and also a parishioner at Immaculate Conception.



- Dinner Auction: Mandy McGuire, Tricia Haywood, Jolene Sasser
- Girls on the run: Jessica Wachtel
- Let Me Run: Greg Sheehan
- 5K: Holly Blaskiewicz & Jen LoPorto
- ICS Spirit-wear: Jessi Gianino & Lauren Conner
- Casimir Pulaski Day FUNdraiser : Amanda Buhr
- Mother/Son Event: Donna Fredrick
- Mother/Daughter Event: Tricia Haywood & Mandy McGuire
- Vote/discuss SCRIP program

XI. New Ideas to Discuss

XII. Next Meetings

**March 11:** West Park Bowl 1101 Valmeyer Rd.

**April 8:** ICS Cafeteria

**May 13:** Tiny's Pub & Grill (End of Year Celebration) 602 N. Main St.

XIII. Closing 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.

Upcoming Voting/discussion 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.** Second grade would like to thank everyone for their donations towards the Valentine bags for the Griffin Center. We were able to make over 350 bags!



**BOXTOPS 2019** Collection contest from February 4th - February 15th for the March 1st box tops turn in date. Thanks to Deidra Doerr for chairing!

- 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

**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

**THANKS** for \$116.10 for St. Raymond's in Guatemala this week! Our sister parish has benefitted more than we can imagine!

**MR. LINCOLN'S HAT** Judge Heinz Rudolph will be here on February 12 at 8:05 in the cafeteria to read to Grades 2-4 in the cafeteria.

**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, consider being a coach. More information? Contact Jessica Wachtel 314-749-1663 or sign up directly on the GOTR website <https://girlsontherunstlouis.org/get-involved/become-coach>. Thank you!!!

Girls on the Run! girls' grade 3-5 and Heart and Sole for girls 6-8. The program combines life skill lessons with training for a 5k run creatively, interactively, FUN, 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: Program starting this Spring!

- 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

COACHES NEEDED!

Signup to become a coach today.

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

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

**ICS BASEBALL CAMP** Please [see the attached](#) from Tim Mueth. Spring Training starts next week!

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

**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!

**PARISH WORK DAY** Projects February 9, 2019

Church (consider bringing ladder)

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass and exterior glass doors in gathering space

Dust gathering space furniture including the grouping near the elevator. Dust cabinets and counter tops in Father's vesting room.

Clean lower garden level windows including those in the elevator area. Wipe down the elevator interior walls.

Clean windows in main stair well as high as can be reached.

Dust the office area, Father's office, conference room and hallway ledges. Clean glass in these areas also.

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Clean lower windows on the east side including the windows in the music storage room and confessional

Clean upper windows on the east side. This will take a 10 to 12 foot ladder.

Clean west side high windows. This takes a 10 or 12 foot ladder

Clean lower windows and ledges in Garden Level

Clean high windows and ledges in garden level.

Clean windows in Kitchen and back stairs

Clean black drop box outside office exterior doors

Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S.

**SACRAMENTAL MEETINGS FOR 2ND AND 7TH GRADE PARENTS:**

- The First Eucharist Meeting (parents of 2nd Graders, First Communion May 5) is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria.
- The Confirmation Meeting (parents of 7th graders being confirmed in 2020) is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30pm** in the school cafeteria.

- Meetings are for parents only (one parent is fine). If you have any questions, contact Lizanne Young at [lyoung@iccmil.org](mailto:lyoung@iccmil.org).



5 of the 7 Gibault Hawkapellas are ICS grads.

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

**MILITARY WALL OF HONOR** - Gibault Catholic needs your help! Our newly constructed Military Wall of Honor is in need of names of Gibault graduates who entered the service. Please send as much information as possible- name, GCHS graduation year, branch of military, rank- to Kara Hoke ([khoke@gibalthawks.com](mailto:khoke@gibalthawks.com)). Thank you for your help and thanks to our veterans for their service!

**A Day in the Life of a Hawk** - Students who wish to check out high school life at Gibault are invited to shadow a current student. Contact Pat Herzing ([pherzing@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibalthawks.com)) to schedule a visit!

Prayers for **Otto Oberkfell**. He is having tests and Declan is missing his little brother. Thanks for the prayers!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Danielle Dorlac, Otto Oberkfell, Jim Edgar, 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

**I AM WHAT I AM** Paul said it in his letter to the Corinthians before Popeye. The best part is the words the statement are wrapped in---"*But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective*". And even in Isaiah 6 we hear the old "*Woe is me*". And in Luke 5 "*we fished all night and caught nothing*". (The Spanish language has a curious distinction that we don't have in English. In Spanish, a fish which is still swimming around in the water is called "pesce," while a fish which has been caught, and is ready to be cooked is called "pescado." The truth of today's gospel is that it is only because we are "pescado," only because we have been caught up by God's grace in Jesus, that we can swim around freely as "pesce" ourselves, and receive the call to go fishing for others.) from White House Reflections

We are never stuck. We can change. We can cast out on the other side of the boat. Humans have the ability. It is not easy. Status Quo is so comfortable sometimes.

But we can do better “for the grace of God”. We are all reminded to be out catching people for God by how we live...fishing for people! Come to the Table!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

**PS Builders Club will meet Feb. 12 at 12:50.**

**ICS 5K Glow Run** April 5. Mark it down. Info coming! Sponsors, runners, walkers, or flashlight the way. We did great off this last year and sure would love your help.