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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.

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION I hope you have been able to sign up and view our auction items this year. If you can't make it, you can still bid and win. (I know of someone over 1000 miles away who will be taking part!) Thanks to Mandy McGuire and the Committee for all their work. This is a new mobile approach this year and let's make it the best ever!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS Meeting on Monday night in the cafeteria. We will further discuss a significant contribution to the new Catholic Education and Activity Center and would like a large attendance for greater input. 7:00

After 42 years, the **CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM** is being phased out (link below). Campbell's stopped putting LFE on their products 8/1/16, but they will continue to accept them & credit schools for any submitted through 8/1/17. Continue to turn in any Campbell's Labels for Education on products you use until the end of this school year. Thanks to MaryAnne Lambert for her many years of coordinating this program for ICS. <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

SCHOOLA \$348.12 This will be our last check as they have changed format. Thanks to Jessica Wachtel for chairing.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION it was a close one! And we should earn over \$800! Thanks Carrie Boser and Mrs. Schauster! Friday the 24th is pay day for jeans/hat/ socks day for participants
1st place earning 15 minutes of extra recess & a jeans day = Mrs. Tolan's class
2nd place earning a jeans day = Mrs. Schauster's class
3rd place earning 10 minutes of extra recess = Mrs. Borgmeier's class **Stewardship of**

Charity---As part of our Full Stewardship plan, we will once again have our annual parish Stewardship of Charity meeting on Sunday, February 12th, immediately following 11:00 Mass, in the Garden Level. Each year we designate 2% of our previous year's collections to be given to charities which help the poor. Charities eligible for nomination must serve the poor, their mission and work must be consistent with Catholic moral teaching, and they must be outside of, and not already supported by, our parish. This year we will distribute \$33,254.00 to worthy charities that our parishioners choose?" Come help us make a difference for the charity of your choice!

ICS FATHERS CLUB Feb 18th Texas Hold 'em 7:30pm ---\$50 Buy-in Feb 18 - 7:30pm @ IC Church Garden Level. Early Reserved Tickets will be on sale next week at Khoury Pharmacy on Main in Columbia or at the door. This event is limited seating so get your tickets early to guarantee a spot. Same format as last year, hope to see everyone there. All proceeds towards ICS. icsfathers@gmail.com or (314) 690-3237 questions? Devin Dalpoas

Fathers club meeting---WATCH FOR THE NOTICE

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING AT 9:00 MASS ON FEB. 19TH.

THE BAND plays at Bishop DuBourg High School this Sunday at 12:45. This adjudication helps us prepare for State competition and we get to hear other elementary school Bands. Thanks to Mr. Hake and the Band! DuBourg hosts famous grads like Karen Lundy, MaryBeth Babcock, Chris Bira, Tim Dorsey, Norbert Leo Butz, and maybe even Leonard Cohen?

SPEECH MEET at St. James this Saturday

Speech: Humorous- Olivia Blaskiewicz "Stupid in School"; Allison Stark "Stupid in School"; Aiden Sullivan-"Thoughts during a Boring Sermon"

Serious-Maria Biske "Little Match Girl"; Jaqie Gogolek "Friends are Friends Forever"

Duet Acting: Audrey Sullivan and Emma Tippen "Camping Choas"; Anna Haubrich and Allison Shuler "Tae-Kwondo What"

BOOK FAIR What a joy to see all those smiling faces as they checked out with their newest reading treasures over the past 4 days! Our Total Book Fair Sales: **\$2,114.15**

I would like to thank the following individuals for their incredible help during the set-up, fair dates, and break down: Crystal Chandler, Julie Maul, Dave & Jennifer Thorne, Constance Barnett, Danielle Dorlac, Pat Grawitch and Paul Hercules. A most sincere thank you to each of you for all of your assistance. I would also like to thank all those who came out to support the ICS book fair. The proceeds allow us the opportunity to purchase books for our teachers/children's usage! Over the past 5 years, we have been able to purchase over \$5,000 in books!! Way to go ICS! And a Big **THANK YOU TO TERESA DORSHORST** for chairing!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SPRING YOUNG AUTHORS: Winners:

K: Tyler Johnson, Mia Kostelac

1: Heath Adams, Sam Bollone

2: Carolyn Randle, Delaney Glasscock

3: Genevieve Nadziejko, Hope Schwartz

4: John Bollone, Brooke Heimberger

5: Drew Roche, Hope Pollman

6: Maria Biske, Ariel Adams

7: Ally Curry

8: Marie Prindiville

Runners-Up:

K: Arilyn Baker, Maggie Buhr, Bree Heimburger, Eilla Reinhard

1: Sophie Conrad, Isabel Roche, Maya Dill, Mason Tharp

2: Sean Frederick, Anna Hornacek, Ella Boyd, Shawn Stuart

3: Caroline Roche, Layne Traxler, Eva Haywood, Avery Herrmann

4: Owen Dill, Grant Monheiser, Ava Langhans, Audrey Randle

5: Brock Murphy, Nate Stechmesser, Marisa McGill, Abby Repp

6: Abby Eichenseer, Anna Haubrich, Emma Tippen, Sydney Wahle

7: Autumn Ramey, Collin Schmidt

Next Friday, 2/17, Spring Young Authors program in the gymnasium: Winners from grades Kindergarten through 4th will read their winning stories. Thank you to our judges for saluting reading!

CEAC PLEASE GET YOUR "PENDING" ENVELOPE in for our campaign and be patient as we make our visits. Our students took a "virtual walk-through" our new Center after the all-school Mass this week. Ask them what they saw.

YEARBOOK 2016-2017 Order your 2016/2017 yearbook online at jostens.com. Price is \$18.00. Order forms will not be sent home this year. All ordering online. Thanks to Kim Foutch, our Yearbook Sponsor and to Keeven Photography and Jostens for our keepsake.

36th Annual ICS Magazine Drive Go to www.gaschoolstore.com to continue ordering on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. We received our first check for **\$4980.70 from on-line sales!** Remember we are raising 1% for the new CEAC with your help! This should put us at around the \$25k mark on our pledge from last year and this year. THINK VALENTINE'S GIFT---MOTHER/FATHER'S DAY

Magazine Drive 2017 Results:

Limo Ride: Eleanor McGuire, Sloan Wilson, Michael Wessel, Sean Frederick, Maya Dill, Stephen Johns, Maria Biske, Drew Schmoll, Rose Sippel, Emily Gillan, Matthew Epplin, Isabella Frasure, Liam Johnson, Eilla Reinhard, Daniel Huels, Ryan Kroenig, Connor Thoma, Owen Haney, Maggie Williamson, Zachary Gibson, Ally Curry

Cardinal Day: Ms. Taylor's homeroom(14), Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Michael Wessel, Matthew and Andrew Epplin, Emily Gillan, Rose Sippel, Drew and Will Schmoll, Maria Biske, Maya Dill, Nate Stechmesser, Stephen Johns, Sloan Wilson, Liam Johnson, Isabella Frasure

Ice Cream Party: Ms. Taylor's homeroom(14), Maria Biske, Drew and Will Schmoll, Rose Sippel, Emily Gillan, Matthew and Andrew Epplin, Eleanor and Violet McGuire, Michael Wessel, Isabella Frasure, Liam Johnson, Sloan Wilson, Stephen Johns, Maya Dill, Nate Stechmesser, Sean Frederick

YOUNG AUTHORS **Friday, Feb. 17th:** Spring Assembly **Sat., March 18th:** ROE Conference

Chess Meet Dates so far... ICS - February 25 March 18 St. Clare

Chess 2016-2017 Practice Schedule: Cyra Herrmann, ICS Chess Coach

Practices for Grades 1&2: Tues 2/21, Tues 3/14

Practices for Grades 3&4: Tues 2/7, Tues 2/28, Tues 3/21

Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 2/14, Tues 3/7, Tues 3/28

BUILDERS CLUB MINUTES

- Anna Smugala is officially our Vice-President
- Treasurer: cash box \$149.50 checking account 3933.75 Deposit of about \$700 to be maid, M & M bill needs to be paid
- Safety committee has completed restoring all Grab and Go bags and checking all safety signs and exits
- The Club approved funding the bus for Sr. Thea Bowman 5th and 6th Grade to ICS for The Harp Twins
- Dance: Checking on February 18
 - Kids Against Hunger We need volunteers
 - Kelsie's Hope Foundation---Sock it to Cancer---Volunteers? Need to see Mrs. Epplin
 - Builders Club week: New chairperson needed



Saturday, February 18 is the big day for Kids Against Hunger. The Columbia High School Key Club will help set-up at 7:30 and we are counting on having over 30 workers here to create about 65 cases of food to feed over 14,000 people. We should be finished and cleaned up by 11:30. Thanks to Director Molly Tippen, Marie Prindiville for co-chairing, Ms. Sharon Nealon for making the arrangements, and to all who will **WORK**. *Some give to the Missions by going. Some go to the Missions by giving! And nothing works unless you do!* Thanks for giving---Time, Talent, Treasure!



SLUH Math Contest: Six ICS students competed at the annual St. Louis University High School Math Contest on Saturday, Jan. 28. Congratulations to seventh grader Jacob Whitworth, who was the 8th place individual in the contest. Other participants were eighth graders Jacob Feldker and Katie Grawitch, and seventh graders Daylen Litke, Noah Newton, and Autumn Ramey. The students were coached by math teacher Karen Weiler.



MathCounts: Eight ICS students competed in the 33rd annual MathCounts regional competition on Saturday, Feb. 4 at SIU-Edwardsville campus. Students who competed were 8th grader Jacob Feldker, 7th graders Daylen Litke and Noah Newton, and 6th graders Andrew Feldker, Ben Haney, Colin Mueth, Sydney Wahle, and Tyler Wahle. Noah Newton was honored for having the highest score for the ICS team. The students were coached by

Karen Weiler, ICS math teacher.

MATER DEI SCHOLASTIC BOWL Eli Garcia made the first team and Katie Grawitch the second team. Aviston beat us by one in our morning pool and then won the whole thing. We are just starting our season and many schools are just finishing so things are looking up! Picture and details coming.

Scholastic Bowl: The season is in full swing and off to a great start. The Varsity record is 9-5, and the Junior Varsity are currently 3-6. Toss up leaders are Eli Garcia, Katie Grawitch, Ben Haney, Autumn Ramey, & Jacob Whitworth. ICS recently participated in the Mater Dei Tournament. We ended the morning with a 3-1 record and the 8th seed out of 25 teams. We lost in the first round of the championship bracket to Aviston, who would go on to win the entire tournament. Mater Dei team members included Dominic Dalpoas, Isabella Frasure, Eli Garcia, Katie Grawitch, Kalia Jerkatis, Jessica Lambert, Ally Curry, Addie Murphy, Autumn Ramey, & Jacob Whitworth. Upcoming matches include St. James, St. Clare, & St. Teresa. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor, Dan Kassebaum, and Jen Schuster.



The second grade students would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Griffin Center. We were able to make 500 Valentine bags and donate lots of Valentine's Day cards. Thanks again for your support!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor, The Teaching Never Stops

"I hate math." "I'm not good at math." "I'll never need math."

That was me. I have spoken to countless students who don't understand why they "have to study math, or social studies," or...you name it.

For me, it was math. So much so, that when my senior high school friends took math the 4th year (it was optional back then) I ran fast and said no.

When I attended my college orientation, the advisor asked me what I wanted to major in. My answer was, "Whatever I can become to avoid math." This is a true story—but I also knew that I wanted to be a counselor. (In college, of course, there was college Algebra—so much for my avoidance skills.)

But then there were these other aspects of me—music (MATH), a love for quilting (MATH—all those fractions and angles and measuring). Oh, and then I became a business owner—guess what? MATH. If you don't have math skills as a business owner, you don't have a business.

The moral of the story of course is not that your child will become a quilter-musician-business owner, but that these skills really do continue to creep into our everyday lives.

I often tell my college-age clients that college isn't just "becoming a teacher, or accountant, etc." but it is showing your ability to finish the challenge of college. And part of that challenge is taking classes you don't love or even like or even care about. (2nd on my list—GEOLOGY).

So parents, hang in there and help your kiddos do the same. Part of our jobs as parents isn't to make their lives easier, it is to show them how to live with life when it is less than easy.

CAPES AND TIARAS is something fun for the whole family to enjoy on a Saturday morning! There are fun events for kids, including a special meet and greet with some of their favorite superheroes and princesses. This event also showcases many elements of exciting party planning from several vendors around our own community for the parents.

- Turner Hall in Columbia, IL 211 E. Cherry St.
- February 11, 2017 • From 9am-12pm Fun For The Kids!
- Meet and greet with well known superheroes/princesses courtesy of Royal Party Princesses
- Princess Tea Party • Photobooth • Games • Vendors AGES 0-4:

FREE AGES 0-4 5 AND UP: \$5 Parents must be present with their kids at the event.

This is a venture from a Monroe County wide high school classroom project called **CEO** which stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, teaching students how to be young entrepreneurs. This interactive trade show event called Capes and Tiaras which will include princesses and superheroes interacting with the young kids present while the parents will be able to look around at the vendors, many of which will be focused on activities for children's birthday parties or events. Grads Hillary Wessel and Jake Daniels are leading the charge!

Seeking Potential Babysitter / DayCare Provider (Monday-Friday) for our 3.5 month old this upcoming August. Should you have any recommendations or are interested in providing care for our little one please contact us at kjendraske@yahoo.com or [618-616-0942](tel:618-616-0942). Thank you!

SUMMER HELP AVAILABLE Hi, my name is **Amanda Schmidt** & I am a graduate of ICS as well as Gibault Catholic High School & currently just started my second semester at Missouri State University! This summer I am looking for a part-time babysitting job & would be happy to drive to run errands, go to practices or camps, as well as do crafts, go to the pool, or anything else! My number is [618-978-0145](tel:618-978-0145), let me know if you are interested!



COMMUNITY NEWS... FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT Sunday, February 19th 6:00 - 8:00 pm Columbia's West Park Bowl
The Knights of Columbus invites you to enjoy a night of bowling, pizza and drink. Reservations are required. Please arrive at 5:45 pm and \$40.00 per lane includes shoe rental, a pizza and a pitcher of soda. Single (\$10.00) and couples (\$20) are welcome. If you have young children and would like bumpers, please indicate when making reservations and will only be available on a first come basis. Call, text or e-mail Nick Matrivotto to make reservations at (314) 609-7092 or stlouisareamaps@aol.com

2017 Knight of Columbus Council 6165 Scholarship Essay Contest --- Saturday, March 12th at 11:00am in the KC room. The contest is open to any Immaculate Conception eighth grader who plans to attend a local Catholic High School. The winner will receive a \$2000.00 scholarship, payable over 4 years in \$500.00 payments, to the Catholic high school of their choice.

COLUMBIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #4 DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

Children ages birth -5 years Feb. 24, 2017, 8:00 am --- 3:00 pm, Feb. 27. 8:00 am --- 3:00 pm Egleview Elementary ---113 S. Rapp Screening to determine if your child is reaching developmental milestones at age appropriate times---45 minutes – 1 hour. Call t 281-4995 to reserve a time.

THE HARP TWINS, sponsored by the **Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation**, will be at our school on Feb. 16 and then at our Church the next night at 7:00. Google them and be impressed!

STEPS FOR PARENTING Human Support Services---parenting group for **FREE** at Monroe County YMCA—HTC Center in Columbia, IL on Tuesday, February 21th 6:00—8:00pm Tuesday, February 28th 6:00—8:00pm Tuesday, March 7th 6:00—8:00pm Tuesday, March 14th 6:00—8:00pm Daycare will be provided free of charge. Please call 618-939-4444 ext. 1242 to register

SR. THEA BOWMAN SCHOOL IS HAVING THEIR DINNER AUCTION ON MARCH 18. This is a fun night filled with good food, student performances and fund raising to keep one of the best things our Diocese does afloat. 4 Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights, Zip Rzeppa is MC, 6:00 start, \$50 per ticket, reservations required by Feb.20. Mega Raffle for \$10,000! roberta.trost@yahoo.com or 397-0316 to join the fun. You will see many of our parishioners there!

DONATE LIFE TRIVIA EVENT Come join us on Saturday, February 18th at 7:00pm for a night of trivia and fun! Proceeds benefit The Brent Roever Memorial Trust and The Abby Cecena Memorial Fund. Help create awareness of the incredible impact of organ donation. I just ran into a good friend today who is singing the praises of her cornea transplant---the gift of sight because someone passed it on to someone they will never meet!

Date: Saturday, February 18th, 2017 Time: 7:00pm doors open at 6:00pm

Place: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School Gymnasium Cost: \$10 person (Table maximum 8)

Alicia Cohen, Matt(Holly) Blaskiewicz sister, has terminal cancer. Please pray for her and the family.

Please say a prayer for **Jerrold Rosenblum** who is at Wash U fighting cancer. Prayers add up and is one of the ways we love one another.

Richard B. Spieldoch, LTC, 87, uncle of Eric (Lizanne)Young, was laid to rest February 9. God's consolation be with the family.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Alicia Cohen, Jerrold Rosenblum, Christine Matrisotto, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Denise Conner, Steve Mudd, Kenny Hamontree, Jim Edgar, Connie Huebner, Elisabeth Weilbacher, Tootie May, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Seth Watters, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, Dan Whelan, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, 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

WHEN WE CRAWLED OUT OF THE CAVE someone had a brilliant idea to make laws on how things should work. As you studied great cultures across ages as a student, you saw a similarity in the Code of Hammurabi and the Ten Commandments and the Eastern mystics. We make laws about the things we love. We seek the common good. Early on, mankind decided that if you give up a little of what you want, you will get more. The short term of not following the rules or laws was "*short term affective, long term devastating*". Jesus came to simplify things and put all the laws into the Two Great Commandments. If we could follow them, we would be walking blamelessly with the Lord. Today we have created tens of thousands of laws in every system we live in whether they be handbooks or policies or outright legislation. Many of these laws were created after the fact so something doesn't happen again. Many of us feel we don't need, or are above the law. Regardless, the original intent might have been the same as when we crawled out of the cave, yet when we look back, it is easy to name unjust laws made throughout history that only benefitted a few. Slavery, prohibition, gender-bias, racial bias, voter restriction---these all remind us that the common good is

relative to time, place, and who will benefit. The Law Jesus laid down is simple, it is achievable, if we will only work at. Bring your gifts to the altar but be sure you made peace with your neighbor who threw the dead fish in your yard first---hard to do---and a reminder it is easier to love the neighbor we do not know rather than the one next door. Either way, come to the Table and begin the process.

Mike Kish, Principal

PS Our school Heart---Mrs. Bev Epplin, celebrates her birthday on Valentine's Day. Let the love flow on this lady who pours love out on us!

PS Feb. 12---DuBourg Band Adjudication, 2% Sunday---12:15

PS WORD Of MOUTH is the best kind of advertising. Please help spread the good news about our school. With 24 graduating, we need that many to stay even!

PS Child Protection Policy---From 410 down to 200 in non-compliance. This is costing us hours to collect. Please just do it and get in compliance. Thanks!

PS Please pick up your 2016 tax statement for donations in back of Church. Thank you! T-T-T!

