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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 22, 2019

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #34

Dear Parent,

Bloom 2019
ICS
Dinner Auction
"Auction 101"
Your guide to the evening's events!

The theme this year is BLOOM. Think Spring, flowers & new beginnings
Dress: Dress casual to Sunday best. Think...Kentucky Derby ie. big hats, bright colors and Spring!
We'll see you there!

Doors Open @ 6pm And Silent Auction Bidding Begins
Dinner @ 7:30pm
Live Auction Begins @ 8:15pm W/Raffle Pulls
10 Minutes After The Live Auction Ends, Crusader's Corner Will Close

DINNER AUCTION When you see so many people work so hard for a common purpose, it is humbling. Thanks to the Committee for their creativity, theme, and visual delights. I am looking for just the right lampshade to wear for tomorrow night!

SCHOOL ON THE WEEKEND? Thanks to Coach Catie Taylor for all her work with the **Speech Meet HERE TOMORROW** and all our parents for their help. 5 schools--- another one of the best programs we have as we develop proclaimers of **THE WORD!**
Good Luck to Avery Herrmann-“Mommy's Little Helper” Maria Biske-“The Sandpiper”
Sadie Loless-“Daddy's Hands” Allison Stark-“Mommy's Little Helper”
Josie Thomas- Abby Eichenseer-“Spookhouse” (duet)
Aubry Thomas- Avery Ellner-“Ask Big Sister”
Layne Traxler- Hope Schwartz-“Mom's List of Things to Do”
Summer Harrington- Hailey Wilkerson-“Ask Big Sister”

AND: SLU HIGH MATH CONTEST tomorrow: Good luck Teams and Coach Weiler!
Team 1- Ben Haney, Colin Mueth, Tyler Wahle, Sydney Wahle
Team 2- Zachary Gibson, Brock Murphy, Kyra Newton, Emma Schmidt
Team 3- Olivia Blaskiewicz, Jack Keeven, Gavin Kesler, Drew Roche

AND THE DUBOURG BAND FESTIVAL is Sunday at 10:00 at the High School on Eichelberger. Mr. Matt Hake is geared up---Band-let the adrenaline and great sounds flow! I can't wait!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL WILL HOLD REGISTRATION for Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students for all grades for the 2019-2020 school year on Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria at the old campus. Parents should bring the child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish and a stamped birth certificate. (We will make a copy, initial the copy, and return the original that day as per Illinois School Code.) If you are looking for small class sizes, more individual attention, better preparation for high school and college, student self-discipline, responsive teachers, administration, safety, world class field trips and assemblies and a new school--- all in a Christian environment, then find out how we've built “Mission-Community-Service...since 1853”. Check us out at www.icscolumbia.org . Questions? Need a personal tour? Can't make that date? Call ICS at 281-5353 or email Mike Kish at mkish@icsmail.org or any ICS Parent!

WELCOME! Gibault Senior Project. Next Monday we will welcome Reeve Kohlenberger, Cam Kincheloe who will be with us 3 weeks helping us.

ART INSPIRES is the theme of the ROE ART celebration **we are hosting on April 9.** Mrs. Fetcho will need lots of help as we celebrate God smiling back at us through our creations! Pitch in please.

Auditions for Sound of Music Monday February 25th at 3pm. I will put a time slot sign-up on the office 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. Adult volunteers needed with the whole process: rehearsals, costuming, ticket sales, scene painting. Please let me know what your talents are! MaryBeth 618-719-1264 actorsattic@gmail.com MaryBeth



CONGRATULATIONS to our VFW #6504 Poster and Essay Contest Winners! They were honored at the Post on February 15. Lillian Kolweier, Ian Klingert, Luke Kolweier, Sam Bollone, Emma Ashton, Maria Hake, Jack Holston, Easton Dill, Shawn Stuart, Ella Boyd, William Schmoll, Julia Hoeflinger, Malia Schaffer, Steven Schaefer, Carolyn Randle. Jack, Shawn and Easton advance to State.

SCHOLASTIC BOWL SEASON IS IN FULL SWING. The Varsity team has a record of 15-8 with recent wins against Lincoln Middle School and St. Teresa. Varsity has split matches with Fulton Junior High and Liberty Middle School. The JV record is 9-7. Current toss up leaders are Brock Murphy 74, Drew Schmoll 45, Ben Haney 26, Allison Stark 21, Abby Eichenseer & Maggie Williamson 18, and Sydney Wahle 17. Upcoming matches include St. James, Triad, All Saints, & Aviston. We play all the tough schools. It's not where you start but where you end up and we are getting ready!

THE FATHERS CLUB TEXAS HOLD'EM Lay your cards on the table! Friday, March 15, 6:30 doors open, 7:30 start. Tickets at Khoury Pharmacy. [See the flyer!](#)

BOXTOPS: WINNER of the class contest is MRS. WEILER'S 7TH GRADE! ICS collected over 7,000 box tops! The pizza party for the winning class and the jeans day for all students who brought more than 50 will be announced at a later date. Prizes for all students who turned in 25 box tops will be handed out next week. Great job, ICS! Thank you, Deidra Doerr

CASIMIR PULASKI FUN-RAISER ON MARCH 4TH!

Nerf Fight and Arcade day at PowerHaus sports!

8719 Hanover Industrial Dr, Columbia, IL 62236

March 4th 1-3pm. \$10 (\$5 will go to ICS) per kid. For wristband to play all arcade games and play in the Nerf arena! Kids bring their own nerf guns and PowerHaus supplies the standard size nerf ammo and goggles. All kids and adults welcome to play! There will be a waiver for parents to sign when they bring kids. Snack bar will also be open for hungry gamers! Thanks to Amanda Buhr!



On Wed., Feb. 20th, Dr. Jodi Hentscher-Johnson came to celebrate Dental Health Month with the students. She visited Kindergarten, 3rd and 4th Grade. She taught the importance of taking care of our teeth, how to keep them clean, and what to eat to keep them healthy. To wrap up the visit she gave each student a cool water bottle with her logo that changes colors. It was filled with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss. Thank you Dr. Jodi! (Tyler and Rhett were proud!)

CHESS MEETS- Mar. 23 - St. Clare, O'Fallon March 30 - Diocesan HERE –
ICSCHESS PRACTICES - 3:00-4:00 Grades 2 and 3 - February 26, March 12 and 26
Grades 4 through 8- March 5, March 19

ICS NEWS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pz0wZQM8hxE>



K-9 Sven and Officer Justin Mendenhall of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department visited us this week after Grade 3 read the book "*Aero and Officer Mike*". The book came to life as we could see the high energy and skills of Sven who is certified in narcotics, tracking, article searches, building and area searches, obedience and aggression. Sven is a canine officer. He helps keep us safe! Thanks Justin and Sven!

SUMMER MUSICAL-IN-A-WEEK: MaryBeth Babcock and Emily Brutton have set the dates for The Actors' Attic Musical-in-a-Week summer day camps in June, held at Gibault Catholic High School. Based on the grade entering:
Gr. 1-5 will perform *The Lion King Experience* (audition June 7, perform June 13-14)
Gr. 6-8 will perform *Frozen, Jr.* (audition June 14, perform June 20-21)
Gr. 9-13 will perform *Singing in the Rain Jr.* (audition June 21, perform June 27-28)
Register by March 31 and cost per camper is \$235, with a sibling discount of \$20 for each additional. (Cost after April 1 is \$250-no discounts.) See attached forms for details, and send questions to MaryBeth at actorsattic@gmail.com.

SR. THEA BOWMAN DINNER GALA IS MARCH 9. [See the flyer and support](#) our sister school. This is a fun evening out doing God's work for sure!



Thanks to an anonymous donation, Mr. Hake bought a new piano for Jazz Band and classroom instruction. We don't have to fret anymore on surviving the gig. It came with bells and whistles too! We also bought 18 more music stands! God bless our benefactors!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER The Mental Health of It
I've been thinking a lot lately about how I take care of my own mental health and how we can continue to help our children with the same. This week for the first time at ICS I put on roller skates and joined in with the P.E. classes because I love to exercise, especially when it's fun. But I know exercise is not fun for everyone and not easy for everyone. And although exercise is HUGE for mental health and we should encourage one another and our children to be active everyday on some level, there are many other things that are good for mental health: art work, singing, quiet time, interacting with friends, praying, having gratitude.

I would say this: count your blessings—your child is getting a good dose of many mentally healthy things at ICS. Don't stop encouraging these things at home.
Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor, The Teaching Never Stops

OPPORTUNITY New York City actress and ICS-Gibault grad Hannah Lundy is offering voice lessons via video chat! Hannah has coached students and would love to help your child express themselves more freely and joyfully with their singing voice. Visit HannahLundy.com.

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: [Girls on the Run St. Louis Spring 2019 Registration | Raceplanner](#)

ICS GRADS IN THE NEWS...

Adam Stearns (ICS '15) signed to play soccer at Dominican University in Chicago!

GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:

FRESHMAN REGISTRATION for the incoming class of 2023 is Monday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 13. All incoming freshman with applications on file at Gibault have been mailed information on the registration process. Contact Becky Ramlose (bramlose@gibaulthawks.com) to schedule an appointment and Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaulthawks.com) with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS - application packages/ variable tuition instructions for freshmen have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)

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@gibaulthawks.com) to schedule a visit!

Max Kostelac (St. James parish-Cade and Mia) earned a fourth place medal at the Edwardsville Sectional and qualified for State in the 50m freestyle.

The Gibault Scholar Bowl team--- The freshman team recorded 4 wins and 1 loss for the season; JV ended the season undefeated, and the varsity team had an 8 win and 1 loss record for the regular season and placed third at the Masonic tournament.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will sing at the 9:00 Mass on March 3rd. Calendarize it!

Sharon Nealon, our Builders Club Advisor and active parishioner, is recovering from knee surgery that went well. Say a prayer for her for an even quicker recovery.

Fr. James Blazine died Tuesday morning, February 19, 2019 at age 82.. At the time of his death he was a resident of the Hincke-Sense Residence. Some of you may have known him. He was from the Royalton area and served at St. Mary's in Bellville and many other parishes. God's peace to him!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Sharon Nealon, Jim Edgar, Tom Johns, Pat Morr, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, 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, Judy Gundlach

BUILDING THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE Our campaign to raise 11.8 million dollars for our new Catholic Education and Activity Center is still in progress. Pledges have been made, are being paid, and new pledges sought. At this time, we are 1) on schedule, 2) under budget, and 3) under-funded(still looking for 3m in pledges). We were originally to start this August but we fast-tracked the schedule, locked in steel prices much cheaper, got interest rates much cheaper, and ended up with the rainiest and coldest fall and winter since 1949. Thank Mike Whelan and John Whitworth whenever you see them. They have been masterful in trying to mesh our wants, our needs, and our purse strings(wehich need to be expanded). We have much to be prouded of and the proudest would be for us to say that we all pledged and built our new Catholic Education and Activity Center.

FR. CARL gave a great homily last Sunday reminding us that Luke only listed 4 Beatitudes instead of Mathew's 8. Luke was speaking plainly on the plain to plain people. **BE-Attitudes** contrast the Hebrew Scriptures filled with Don'ts and gives us a bunch of Do's. Do-Attitudes! Jesus came to turn the world upside down. That is our calling too---counter cultural!

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Sometimes it is better to say it in a song: From Harry Chapin's "The Cotton Patch Gospel" based on a book by Clarence Jordan. **"Turn It Around" We performed this musical several years ago with a LIVE BAND!**

Jesus: They tell you an eye for an eye. They tell you a tooth for a tooth.
Then they say, "It's God's way." But I'm here to tell you the truth.

When somebody looks at you in anger And whomps you on the side of your head?
Do you go whack? Do you hit 'em back? No, don't fight 'em, invite 'em,
To whomp the other side instead.

Turn it around, turn it around, Surprise 'em a little, start shiftin' the ground,
To get rightside-up, turn upside down Now is the time to turn it around!

They tell you to worry 'bout yourself, Before you help somebody else.
"Look out for number one," that's what they say, But I've got a far better way.

When someone asks you for a ride to the bus-stop, I say "Well, don't let 'em down."
Take 'em with a smile, go the extra mile.
Don't drop 'em at the bus stop, Drive 'em all the way to town!

They tell you "Hold on to what you got." They say "Possession's nine-tenths of the law."
And when they're talking money, that's not funny, They'll tell you it's worth dying for.

I say when someone steals your shirt in anger, Let 'em go, say "Take it if you please!"
Don't let 'em down, just turn it around, Say "Take my shoes, take my pants!" "Take my
B.V.D.s!"

Now is the time to turn it around!

Mike Kish

Principal
Come and get it!

