



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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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.

*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

February 23, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

INTRUDER DRILL: Everything went well this morning during the drill. We have a few suggestions where we will improve. Thanks to your prep at home and your children for cooperating so well!

INTRODUCING: LAUNCH! We are trying a new system for students to own their homework responsibilities, and parents to feel in-the-know about homework. Starting this afternoon, find Elementary and Upper Grade Homework on the [ICS Homepage](#) right next to the "Home" button.

These pages will update every five minutes as teachers make changes. This is a trial, and we are open to suggestions for making communication as efficient as possible! We appreciate your patience as we change to this new system and try to find the best possible format. Please email Emily Brutton at ebrutton@icsmail.org if you have any questions or suggestions.

[Elementary Homework](#)

[Upper Grade Homework](#)

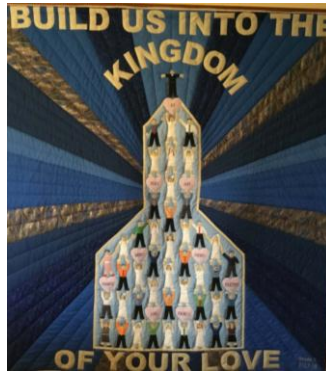
YOUNG AUTHORS AWARDS MOVED TO MARCH 8 AT 2:00. Thanks to Robin Nadjziejko and our judges and writers and faculty for one of our best programs!

GIRLS ON THE RUN REGISTRATION FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23 AT 3PM

Didn't make the deadline to sign your daughter up for Girls on the Run? Don't worry!! You can still register your daughter online at www.girlsontherunstlouis.org **OR** tomorrow February 23 at pick up. Our St. Louis GOTR representative, Claire Brown, will be at school tomorrow February 23 at 3pm to register your daughter for our program that starts next week! All girls in Grades 3-8 are welcome to sign up! Questions, contact Jessica Wachtel [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ---IT's Fish-Fry Time---but not tomorrow here!... New to the Menu Macaroni and Cheese Fish-Fry Schedule Friday, **March 2**, 4:00pm-7:00pm Friday, **March 16**, 4:00pm-7:00pm Good Friday, **March 30**, 4:00pm-7:00pm

DINNER AUCTION 6:00 open the doors. Dinner 7:15 8:00 oral auction. See You There!



Michelle McGill and Jeanette Melliere and Grade Two Work of Art!



We had a tremendous meet on Saturday at ICS! I've had the unique perspective of being able to experience ICS as a parishioner, as a parent, a coach, and as a teacher. After all this time, I am still overwhelmed and inspired by the level of dedication, involvement, and generosity of our ICS families. **Thank you so much** to all who helped in any way. An event like this for seven schools and 130 kids can't be done without all of you!!!! THANK YOU...

~Mrs. Lewis for printing our cards, Mrs. Whelan for prepping the gym, Mr. Kish for his presence and support, and Fr. Carl for his divine (and clever) inspiration. ~Early morning set-up crew: Carole Swindle, Amy and Grant Tucker, Gary May, Owen and Ted Haney, David and Dorian Thorne, The Nadziejko Family, Adam Randle, Cathy Huels, Logan LoPorto ~ "The Brain Trust" - Matt Herrmann, Jim Williams, Christine Schorb, Kara Metz, Donna Frederick, Shannon Haney, Adam Randle, Tammy Hoeflinger, Patrice Thebeau, ~ Snack Supervisors - Maggie Bollone, Cathy Huels, Theresa Traxler, Chris Wessel, Christy Hornacek, Jeannine Unwin, Lourdes Jerkatis ~ Thank you to all who sent in snacks to sustain our hungry competitors (we had an abundance!!!) and for all who used their muscle to get things cleaned up and put away.

Details: 7 teams from Belleville Diocesan Schools on Saturday, February 17th. Fifty ICS students were in attendance of 130 players. Fourth grader Caroline Roche and eighth grader Noah Newton led the team with a perfect 4-0 record. Will Schmoll and Ella Boyd scored 3.5 points, and Cheyenne May, Avery Herrmann, Lucas Sheehan, and Drew Schmoll went 3-1. Team scores were as follows:
 1st -(tie breaker)ICS 15 pts, 2nd -St. Teresa 15 pts. 3rd- St. Clare 12 pts.
 4th- Queen of Peace 11.5 pts. 5th-Blessed Sacrament 11 pts. 6th - St. Agatha 9 pts.
 7th -St. John 8 pts.



Terrific Kid – February 2018

Mrs. Diewald: Jack Siegel is the Terrific Kid in our class! Jack is always prepared for class and keeps his work organized. He stays focused on his materials and is willing to share his knowledge with his classmates. Jack is a great friend to others and is always willing to help out. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs. Meyer: Anna McGill - Anna is a Terrific Kid because she always tries her best and has a wonderful personality. She participates well during class discussions and is always willing to help others. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Matrisotto: Sophia Kienzle - Sophia earns this honor for cooperating and showing tremendous improvements. Keep up the awesome work, Sophia Kienzle; you are a true wonder.

Ms. Kennedy: Will Schmoll – Will is our Terrific Kid this month. He works hard in the classroom,

participates in class discussions, and makes sure his homework is turned in on time. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Donjon: Jack Thieret - Jack is a Terrific Kid! He works hard and always does his best. Jack is always happy and can always bring a smile to your face.

Mrs. Ettling: Avery Herrmann – Avery is a Terrific Kid because she always puts forth her best effort. She is always willing to help someone and is a great team player in our classroom.

Mrs. Schauster: Jeremiah Martin – Jeremiah is a terrific kid. I can count on Jeremiah to always try his hardest and to never give up. He is a kind young man who is friends with everyone. Jeremiah has been a great addition to our class.

Mrs. Taylor: Sadie Loless - Sadie is a great kid with a big heart. She is always trying her best and being kind to others.



GEOGRAPHY BEE SCHOOL CHAMPION! NOAH NEWTON won the ICS competition for the National Geography Bee sponsored by National Geographic. Drew Schmoll and Thomas Schaefer, second and third place. Noah took the test to see if he will add his name to the 16 State Finalists in 28 years! Cheryl Tolan is the ICS Geography Teacher.

Annual Pi Day Math Contest for Junior High students held at Gibault Catholic High School. The contest will be held on Pi Day (March 14, 2018) which falls on a Wednesday this year. Get this on your books so you can get in on this competition that is open to Grades 6-8. Mrs. Weiler will point you in the right direction.

"Bring the world to you, and be the world to them". Gibault Catholic HS is excited to welcome MORE international students to join the community for the 2018-2019 school year! These students are very excited to continue their schooling in America. We are looking for families to host these students. They come fully insured, have their own spending money and speak good English. As a loving host family you are responsible for enhancing their experience, providing three meals a day and ensuring they have means to get to school. The commitment is the 9 month school year and you have the help and assistance of the student's International Coordinator. Please contact Andrea Bodinet at andrea.educatius@gmail.com or Desiree Frasure at dfrasure.educatius@gmail.com for more information! This is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference for the students and your community!"

From Andrea Ebers Bodinet. She is moving home to Columbia next year, having taught Spanish at Mater Dei many years. She is hosting a student from VietNam right now who will attend Gibault.

Texas Hold'em Tournament We had 82 players for the Fathers Club Annual Event. Fr. Carl got close to the finals but held not "holy cards". We netted around \$1800. Thanks for your great poker faces and the fellowship!

CONGRATULATIONS to Tiffany, Mike and Harper Taylor on the birth of Henry Thomas Taylor on 2/17. He is doing great and Harper says he is her baby!



Stations of the Cross... Friday afternoons at 2:15 in the gym at ICS and 7 p.m. Friday evenings at church.



GRADS in the NEWS...

Thought you might enjoy seeing this great group of (young) men (!) who

met up last weekend for their annual paintball gathering. What started as a winter birthday outing about 5-6 years ago continues as a reunion for these guys! What a great group, if you can still recognize them all! Thanks to Theresa Traxler!

GIBAULT SENIORS SERVE IN PERU 13 Gibault seniors start their senior **service project** at Bless an Orphan orphanage in the **Andes mountains of Peru** on Monday February 26th. Thank you for your prayers and donations to make this trip possible. It will be life changing for both the kids making this trip and the children they are there to serve. For updates and pictures during their trip, check out Bless an Orphan on Facebook.

GIBAULT SPRING MUSICAL - THE LITTLE MERMAID All children grades 1-8 are invited to audition on Monday, Feb 26, at 6PM for Gibault's spring musical, The Little Mermaid. Auditions will be in the school auditorium so please use the main awning entrance! We are looking forward to working with our junior Hawk actors :-)

DO YOU KNOW WHICH HIGH SCHOOL YOUR CHILD WILL ATTEND? With great academics, top-notch sports, and an emphasis on the arts, we have no doubt your child will feel at home at **Gibault Catholic**. Join us for a tour to see it all for yourself. Contact Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibalthawks.com) to schedule your tour.

GIBAULT SCHOLARSHIPS - Scholarship application packages and variable tuition instructions for incoming freshmen are being mailed out now to those who have completed applications on file. If you have not received one, please contact Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibalthawks.com)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST... 2018 K of C Catholic High School Scholarship Essay contest will be held Sunday, March 11 @ 1p.m. (after 11a.m. Mass), in the lower level of church in the K of C room. No late entry/or make-up dates. The prize is one \$2,000 scholarship-payable over 4 years- paid directly to the Catholic high school where the winner will attend. The participants must be ICC Parish Members who will be entering freshmen for the 2018-2019 school year. Any questions, please call Kevin W. Hutchinson (Not the Mayor), 314-974-7072.

TRANSFIGURATION Come to the mountaintop. Why build 3 tents? What is the linkage here to Abraham? Great Readings this weekend! Come and "Break Open The Word". It is who we are, what we do and you never regret a minute spent with God. My week has been filled with "God-winks" and eye openers and I need to pay attention. We not only need to "hear the Word" but listen to it and reflect!







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Principal

PS Registration for new families for ICS will be March 18 from 10:00 to 12:30 in the school cafeteria.

Our sincere gratitude to the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger foundation for Shakespeare festival St. Louis on February 20. You can read Shakespeare but seeing Shakespeare paints the picture, adds depth, and helps you realize what a 500 year experience he has had on our language! Catch Shakespeare St. Louis FOR FREE in Forest Park in June! Info coming!

2018 EDUCATION TOUR

 EMILY CLINGER	 ERIKA FLOWERS	 KARL HAWKINS
 JESSE MURDO	 MICHAEL JAMES	 JEX SIVNER

ROMEO & JULIET By William Shakespeare
Directed by Joanna Battler

A MOST OUTRAGEOUS FIT OF MADNESS By Nancy Bell
Directed by Gary Wayne Baker

MICHELLE FRIEDMAN SILER	COSTUME DESIGNER
DONALD JAC KOZAJEK	COSTUME DESIGNER
MICHAEL PERCYPHANT	CHOREOGRAPHER
LAYLA SARIOGA	PROP MASTER
PETER AND MARGERY SPACK	SCENIC DESIGNER

2018 TOUR PARTNERS

SCHOOLS	IN THE STREETS	IN THE PARK
SUMMER CAMP SHORELAND SHAWNEE	BLOW WINDS JUNE 13-16, 2018 ST. PUBLIC LIBRARY	HONONO JULIET JUNE 17-18, 2018 FOREST PARK

