



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*

March 2, 2018

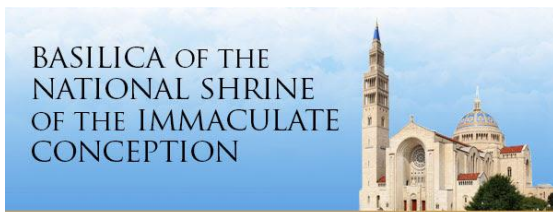
Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

DINNER AUCTION What a fun evening! I think we set a new world record for us. And how do you put a price tag on the fun and fellowship? Our Magnificent 7 of MANDY, JOLENE, TRICIA, MAGGIE, LAUREN, KATE and Parents and Friends President HOLLY and our cohort which is like a plethora which is like a multitude of workers, donors, and benefactors brought all this together! God truly blessed us again and our students and parish benefits!! Details coming soon! I'm still in recovery from all the fun! It was great seeing you and knowing you weren't bidding against me! (Though you may have been!)

WAGONS EAST! The Class of 2018 leaves tomorrow for DC. Mrs. Epplin is headed East with us to DC too. Mrs. Lewis will run the office. Ms. Brutton will cover the lab. We leave Saturday after our chaperon meeting at noon. Over 30 stops in a 116 hour adventure of a lifetime! We are sure we will see all four seasons during our trip. **Watch for us!**



We will be at Mass at noon at the Basilica! Servers: Devin Cason and Emily Everett . **Gift Bearers:** Holly Repp and Daylen Litke We will hear the same Scriptures

CONGRATULATIONS to Noah Newton on qualifying for the National Geographic State Geography Bee. He is our 17th State Finalist in 29 years! Al the best Noah as one of the top 100 in the State!



VFW 2ND GRADE POSTER CONTEST 4TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST Presentations were made last week! Congratulations!

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!

CASMIR PULASKI DAY FUNDRAISER at **FLYING SPIDER** from 10 am-2pm. \$15 per student per hr. \$3 for socks. ICS will get 20 percent back from ticket sales! No coupons accepted for the fundraiser. People can say they are there for ICS. NO SCHOOL MONDAY---MAKE IT FUNDAY! Thanks to Amanda Buhr for chairing!

2018 IL Math League Contest

ICS students in grades 5-8 participated in the annual IL Math League contest on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018. The thirty minute contest consists of 35 questions in a variety of topics. Top scorers and commended scorers for each grade level are:

Gr 8: 1. Noah Newton 2. Jacob Whitworth 3. Autumn Ramey 4.(tie) Paula Boser and Reece Ward, commended scorers are Kaleb Hugger, Ally Curry, Andrew Epplin, and Daylen Litke

Gr. 7: 1. Ben Haney 2.(tie) Charles Matthews and Drew Schmoll, 4.(tie) Maria Biske, Danny Repp, Emma Schmidt, and Tyler Wahle , commended scorers are Andrew Feldker, Brian Stark, Zachary Gibson, Colin Mueth, Sydney Wahle, Ariel Adams, Aidan Sullivan, and Jack Basler

Gr. 6: 1. Owen Haney (5th gr), 2.(tie) Olivia Blaskiewicz and Brock Murphy, 4.Brady Moore(5th gr), 5.(tie) Jack Keeven and William Sanker, commended scorers are Allison Stark, Kyra Newton, Owen Dalpoas, Joe Tyler, Gavin Kesler, Rhyan Ward, Abby Repp, Briana Baldrige, Nate Stechmesser, Bryce Raby, and Dustin Swindle Scores are now sent in to our 7 County Region to see how we do! Congrats to the math-letes and thanks to Mrs. Weiler for coordinating!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL OF COLUMBIA will hold **REGISTRATION** for Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8 for the 2018-2019 school year on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria, 321 S. Metter Ave., or by appointment at 281-5353. Parents should bring the child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish, a copy of the official birth certificate from the County (not the hospital) and social security number. (We will copy and return the baptismal certificate and social security that morning.) Kindergarten pre-screening dates are **April 4 and 11 for sign-up**. ICS promotes the "Building the Kingdom of His Love" with outstanding parent support, academic rigor, and Gospel values which add up to an award winning school and an education for life. Check us out at www.icscolumbia.org. Questions? Need a personal tour? Can't make that date? Call ICS at 281-5353 or Mike Kish at 281-7459 or any ICS Parent! Come and catch the excitement as we build our new Catholic Education and Activity Center which will house the school. Immaculate Conception School is open to all faiths and traditions. Mission---Community---Service---since 1853!



The Immaculate Conception School Second Graders visited Integrity Health Care of Columbia for a biography parade and sing-a-long on February 27. Ben Franklin, Helen Keller, Donald Trump, Albert Einstein, Mia Hamm, Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Lincoln were some of the characters represented. ICS Teachers are Emily Meyer and Sarah Diewald. We all need heroes and the residents are some of our heroes!

CHESS PRACTICES FOR WINTER 3:00-4:00 IN THE ICS CAFETERIA:

Grades 2 and 3 - TUESDAYS - 3/6, 3/20

Grades 4 through 8 - TUESDAYS 3/13, 3/27

Chess Meets: _____ March 10 - St. Clare, O'Fallon March (date TBD) Diocesan Meet

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE Here is the practice schedule for March. One change due to SB. Check.
Wednesday, 3/14 **Wednesday, 3/20** Tuesday, 3/27

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. Mrs. Weiler will point you in the right direction.(We have a graduate who can recite pi out over 100 numbers...)



Week 1 of ICS's Girls on the Run team - Friendship, Fun, and Feeling Good

These three words capture what came out of the first two days of our Girls on the Run practice this week. Our team kicked off this year with learning about the program and what it stands for, building a positive and inclusive team, understanding and respecting the unique characteristics each member contributes to the team, and how a diverse team can make a stronger team. We ended our lesson by talking about what it means to set a personal goal for yourself. Each girl is challenged to work on the goal they set for themselves throughout the week. The physical activities incorporated all these lessons by having the girls encourage each other while walking/running laps and working as a team to decide how to complete a task. We closed off the week learning cheers for the energy awards (those who demonstrate a positive, caring, respectful, hardworking characteristics) we will begin giving out next week. It was obvious by the smiles and laughter in the room that the girls are having fun. Now, on to Week 2! #girlpower

ON THE DOCKET...

Tomorrow

Cor Jesu Math Contest Grades 6-7 Girls---good luck team!

Leave for DC---noon meeting

March 5 Casimir Pulaski Day(killed at battle of Savannah---legend has it he saved George Washington once)

March 8 DC back, Fr. Linus for Mass, Young Authors Awards at 2:00

March 9 Confirmation Retreat with the REAP Team---Mike meeting in Peoria

March 10 Sr. Thea Gala at Four Points Sheraton

March 14 Reconciliation---Pi Day at Gibault

March 15 AEP host at Church, Faculty meeting, Josh McGuire will be here about the move

March 16-18 Girls Diocesan Volleyball Tourney

March 18 Registration for new students 10:00-12:30

March 21 Illinois Youth Survey---either Gr. 8 or 6---will need to check

March 23 Living Stations

March 23 Boys Diocesan volleyball Tourney

March 27 Christm Mass

March 28 No School---BC Dance?

"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!

THANKS! PAPA JOHN'S Sales - \$321.45

Donation - \$43.87!



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



AVENTURES IN MEDECINE at SLU On February 12 the 7th and 8th grade classes of ICS in Columbia attended a dissection of a human thoracic cavity at St. Louis University. Thanks Cheryl Tolan for the picture!

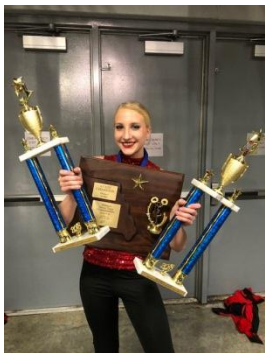
SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL St. Louis has been approved for next year by the Eppinger Foundation! *"How far that little candle throws its beam! So shine good deeds in a naughty world!"* Wm. Shakespeare

I am hoping they send us out all the advertising so we can promote the Shakespeare Festival St. Louis for this summer in Forest Park! It is free and you get to meet The Bard in a new way via the open air stage!

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Congratulations to the 6th Grade girls on taking 5th place in the Queen of Peace Tournament and the 6th Grade Boys on taking Consolation at St. Clare and the 5th grade boys volleyball team who took 2nd in Notre Dame Tournament, getting beat by Holy Childhood in the championship. They beat St. Theresa and Blessed Sacrament to make the finals!

GRADS in the NEWS...



Brooke Schwartz and the Ursuline Dance Team won the Missouri State Championship last Saturday in Class 4A! First State championship ever for UA! Congratulations Brooke!

The 2nd annual **Zac Epplin golf tournament** is fast approaching and we wanted to send an invite to everyone. [See attached flyer](#). This tournament will sell out. Help us build the Zac Epplin Soccer Park at Immaculate Conception Parish.

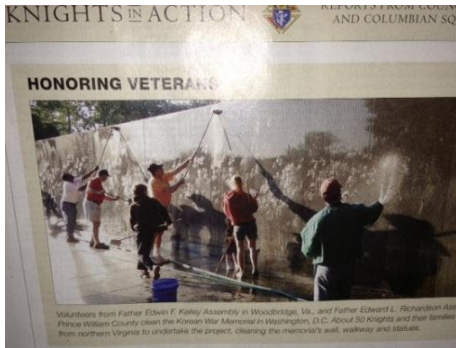
Gibault Women's Club Spring Rummage Sale Time for Spring Cleaning! The Gibault Women's Club will hold their Spring Rummage Sale in the auditorium on Sat, April 21st, from 8AM-3PM. As always, there will be special deals from 1-3PM. Mark your calendars, and clean out the clutter! Donations will be accepted during school hours and until 8PM beginning Mon, Apr 16th through Thurs, Apr 19th.

Please, no large furniture, beds, exercise equipment, TVs, or computers can be accepted. Don't miss this huge sale!

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)

FRESHMAN REGISTRATION **Gibault Catholic High School** has registration for incoming Freshman on March 12 and 13 from 5pm-8pm. Call Becky Ramlose (939-3883) or bramlose@gibalthawks.com to set up your appointment. **Welcome GCHS Class of 2022!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ---IT's Fish-Fry Time--- on 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 Come and join the Coast Cod!



Knights of Columbus washing the Korean War Memorial in D.C. We will be there on Monday afternoon. Knights are real-live action-figures! Last year a picture of the Memorial was given to our Uncle Bingo Jablonski who served during the Korean Conflict. 9 months on the line in combat and 4 "on the block" right behind. He said he dug a trench from one side of the peninsula to the other.

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.

Please pray for Katie Matrisotto, Christine's Sister-in-law, went into labor early, not due until the end of April

Our oldest parishioner, **Sophie Eschmann**, died Sunday afternoon at the age of 100. The Thoma Family is legacy and she is related to Connor Thoma.

Bernice Nolan, mother of Marilyn (AL) Ziegler, also died Sunday evening. She was a great lady who visited ICS many times to see her Grandkids Geoff, Tom and Michelle. She made many a mission to Central America with her husband James who was an eye doctor and leaves a great legacy.

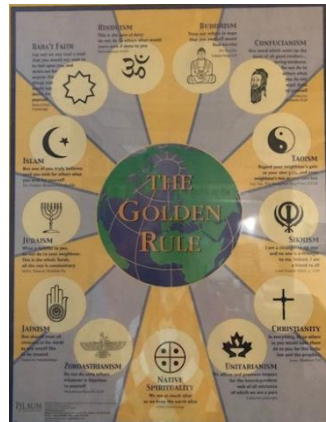
GOD'S PEACE to Marge Sander, step great-grandmother of Emmalyn and Addelyn Sander. Marge was a lady of peace and kindness and a constant reminder to us of being good to people.

Thanks for prayers for Jeanne and my Uncle Bingo Jablonski on the loss of his sweetheart **Billie Jean Sturgis** who was laid to rest Wednesday. We all know that at the end, there is more left than a couple of boards and some nails----it's the love that stays.

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts Jaylyn Brister, Abby Eichenseer, Lucas Sheehan, Vance Ray, Naomi Langhans, Andrew Donjon, Addison Koppeis, Noah Ettling, Delaney Glasscock



PRAYERS: Special Intention Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Danielle Dorlac, Marge Krizan, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Bob Springer, Angela Roepke, Arlin Stechmesser, Marvin Parker, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Pearl Mueller, Donna Kania, Dennis Kish, Kaylee Fogarty, Karen Lundy, Larry Pelker, Danielle Dorlac, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Donna Barton, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Gertrude Scherrer, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure



RULES A necessary societal “quick-fix”? The Code of Hammurabi, Golden Rule, Ten Commandments and the Two Great Commandments are all there to help society. Every ancient and new culture has them. Even the Board at our new CEAC site(fine print says “put your hard hat on Mike Kish”) are made to keep us safe. We make rules about the things we love. Sometimes. we make the wrong rules, allow money-changers and profiteers into the Temple, and Jesus handled that. We constantly have to revise our rules to make them more just.

Mike Kish
Principal

PRAYER---FASTING---ALMSGIVING---this is our Lenten Journey!

ICS Consolidated Billing Frequently Asked Questions (for newsletter)

Q: When and how does billing occur?

A: Email billing (depending on schedules) occurs approximately the 15th of each month using our parish accounting billing system for any parent that owes ICS an outstanding balance. (You would not get an invoice if you did not currently owe ICS any money.) Invoice amounts are in advance for tuition, pre-k, and band. Lunch and latchkey are for outstanding balance at the time of invoicing. Payment can be made by check or credit card. The email billing link for credit card payment offers partial payment, full payment, or advance payment options. An amount paid in advance (for lunch for example) would show up as a credit on your account and applied against future invoices. The web address is

<https://cloud.accountedge.com/immaculateconception/webpay/myaccount>.

Q: How is partial payment applied?

A: If not obvious by the payment amount, payments are applied to oldest outstanding Invoice items first.

Q: Will we still get paper invoices?

A: Paper invoices will be mailed every other month to parents with outstanding balances over 30 days past due.

Q: How much is lunch billing?

A: The lunch balance is pulled from MyStudentProgress at time of invoicing. If you have an outstanding lunch balance, you will be billed for that amount plus \$54 per family for the next month (4 weeks X \$2.70). School policy is to maintain a prepaid lunch balance. Prepaid lunch balances can also still be made by check or using the DiamondMind credit card payment process on the School website at <http://www.icscolumbia.org/paying-online.html>.

Q: Can credit card payments still be made using DiamondMind (DM) on the school website.

A: We had initially planned to take DM down at Christmas. Even though we have over 220 credit card transactions processed on the new AccountEdge billing system, some families have automated credit card payments set up for the balance of the year or are still using DM. While this leaves room for confusion, we currently plan to leave this option open for the remainder of this school year for parent convenience and will reevaluate for next year.

Q: Sometimes I enter my password on the email link to pay by credit card and the system does not recognize it even though I have paid by credit card before. What should I do?

A: It's possible that the letters or spaces are not being entered exactly the same as when the password was initially set up, or some other system issue. Select the Forgot Password option and reset the password. If that does not work, contact Keith Huels khuels@iccmail.org.

Please send any additional questions or suggestions to Keith Huels at khuels@iccmail.org