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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 9, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

DC 2018 Our 33rd year. Over 1200 students.



The late John Huetsch, former mayor of Waterloo, on the Korean War Memorial, Class of 18 at the Lincoln Memorial, at the back of the Capitol where the inauguration is held.



Class of '18 with the newest statue at the Basilica---St. Theresa of Kolkotta, Emily and Devon serving, Holly and Daylen returning as gift bearers.

NETANYAHOED again! For the 5th time in the last 7 years, the Prime Minister of Israel has been in the Capitol while we are scheduled. We had to “freeze” 3 times and when he did move, we were in Statuary Hall and he passed from the Rotunda to Speaker Ryan’s office. (I don’t understand why he lobbies our government so much at this time of year.) While we were coming into the Capitol, our own **Dr. Mark Herrmann** was testifying in the Rayburn Building while trying to keep funding for cold fusion. Washington, D.C. is our capitol and our city. We have so many connections. I will write more on this next week.

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). (We will copy and return the baptismal cert.) 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!

Parents & Friends March 12, 2018 7 pm Merz on Main Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. President Report: Holly Blaskiewicz, special guest Chad from DQ
- III. Vice-President Report: Joyce Randle
- IV. Secretary Report: Christy Hornacek
- V. Treasurer's Report: Kate Kienzle
- VI. Teacher's Report:
- VII. Principal's Report: Mr. Kish
- VIII. Old Business
 - Dinner Auction: Mandy McGuire, Tricia Haywood, Jolene Sasser
 - Casmir P Fundraiser: Amanda Buhr, Michelle Juenling
 - Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
- IX. New Business
 - Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
 - 5K: Holly Blaskiewicz & Jen LoPorto
 - Teacher Appreciation , Sarah Theiret
 - Staff Appreciation, Andrea Harget
 - Elections/Appointments
 - Calendar
- X. New Ideas to Discuss
- XI. Next Meetings

April 9th: Proving Ground Café [180 Columbia Center](#)

May 14th: Tiny’s Pub & Grill (End of Year Celebration) 602 N. Main St.

XII. Closing Prayer

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS who will be competing in the Bi-County Regional Office of Education Spelling Contest on April 12 in Waterloo. Grade 5- Grant Monheiser, Gr. 6- Allison Stark, and Gr. 7- Zachary Gibson. No 8th grader will be competing due to a schedule conflict with Confirmation. Good luck to our spellers!



Congratulations to ICS student **Sydney Wahle** for being named First Place 7th grader at the Cor Jesu Math Contest on Sat., March 3! Seventeen Catholic grade schools from the St. Louis area competed in the yearly contest, which consisted of both an individual test for 6th and 7th grades and a group problem solving test. Sydney made it a repeat after winning the top honors as a sixth grader last year! Immaculate Conception students who participated in the contest were 7th graders Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer, and Sydney Wahle and 6th graders Briana Baldrige, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Lindsay Harget, Marisa McGill, Kyra Newton, Allison Stark, and Maddi Swip. The girls were coached by ICS math teacher Karen Weiler.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SPRING 2018 YOUNG AUTHORS: Winners:

- K: Sami Valleroy, Bella Schuette
1: Alaina Patton, Kaylee Eichenseer
2: Maria Hake, Lucy Keeven
3: Cam Donjon, Eli Thebeau
4: Connor Thoma, Maryann Imhoff
5: Mason Voegele, Michael Wessel
6: Olivia Blaskiewicz, Allison Stark
7: Emma Schmidt
8: Autumn Ramey

Runners-Up:

- K: Alaina Ettling, Henry Wachtel, Olivia Day, Ethan Wilkerson
1: Arilyn Baker, Isaac Thieret, Amelia Blaskiewicz, Ian Klingert
2: Emma Ashton, Isabel Roche, Maya Dill, Kate Sheehan
3: Claire Wachtel, Anna Hornacek, Sophia Kienzle, Carson Timmons
4: Charlie Hake, Caroline Roche, Avery Herrmann, Paul Ott
5: John Bollone, Ava Hrdlicka, Brooke Heimburger, Grant Monheiser
6: Lily Barrett, Maggie Williamson, Hope Pollman, Nate Stechmesser
7: Ariel Adams, Stephen Johns
8: Paula Boser, Emma Melliere



GOTR Week 2 - We are all Super Stars...in our own way!

This week, the ICS Girls on the Run team learned ways to activate their star power (self-confidence) through positive thinking, feeling, and behavior. We discussed ways to recognize when we need help from others and when we need to help others. We also identified times we may experience negative self-talk and how those negative feelings can influence us. The girls participated in activities to learn how to catch themselves engaging in negative self-talk, and most importantly, how to change those behaviors into positive self-talk.

The team made lap goals this week during the workout portion. "Slow and steady" was reinforced as we trained and the team learned how to set attainable goals. Some of our girls are runners, some joggers, and some walkers. Either way, our team cheers on each unique member along the way!

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

Grades 2 and 3 - TUESDAYS - 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.

Parish Work Day

Projects

March 10, 2018

Church (consider bringing ladder

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

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 elevator 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

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops.

Clean Glass in the Reservation Chapel Room.

Clean west side lower windows. Several people will be needed to carefully move the candle holder in from the Mary's statue.

Clean high windows and ledges in hallway to garden area.

Clean lower windows and ledges in Garden Level

Clean windows in Kitchen and back stairs

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

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

March 21 6:00 pm lower level of Immaculate Conception

Church. This course is required for anyone who has repeated contact with children in our Belleville Diocese. All of our teachers and all of our volunteers have attended this course.

ON THE DOCKET...

Tonight March 9 Confirmation Retreat with the REAP Team
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 Christ 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! Joe's Pizza! \$210!!! Thanks for dining out with us and supporting Parents and Friends!



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

THE SPORTING NEWS...



Congratulations to the AJAX 2007 Girls soccer team for winning the 2018 Blues City Blowout this weekend in Memphis, TN. The girls went 4-0, scoring 17 goals for and only two against. Members of the team from ICS are Ava Schmidt, Emily Rose, Sadie Metz, Kate Adams and Aubrey Thomas. The team is coached by ICS alum Pat Fromme.

GRADS in the NEWS... I was really proud in D.C. when I found out Dr. Mark Herrmann was testifying on behalf of cold fusion funding in the Rayburn Building. We have so many ties to so many grads doing so many big and little things so well!

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.

Sr. Joan Stoverink, ASC, will be here for the March 17/18 weekend Masses selling CD's with music by the sisters and the people of Liberia commemorating the **25th anniversary** of the murder of the five Adorers in Liberia in October of 1992. They are asking \$10, and all proceeds will go to the people in Liberia. Sr. Joel Kolmer, one of the "martyrs of Charity", taught at ICS in 1959-1960.

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

MISSION TRIP – You can follow our 13 students and 6 adults on their **mission trip to Peru** on Facebook at [facebook.com/GibaultCatholic](https://www.facebook.com/GibaultCatholic) or [facebook.com/BlessAnOrphan](https://www.facebook.com/BlessAnOrphan). Pray for our students and chaperones.

The Gibault Catholic High School Men's Club and Sunset Ford will be hosting a Ford Motor Company "drive for your school" event on Saturday, April 7th from 9am until 4pm in the Gibault gymnasium parking lot. Ford will donate \$20 to Gibault for each driver that is 18 years or older (one driver per household) that test drives one of Ford's vehicles. The entire process will take less than 10 minutes. The Gibault Men's Club will be selling burgers, brats, hot dogs and fries. 100% of all Ford and BBQ proceeds will go to benefit Gibault Catholic High School.

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. 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@gibaulthawks.com)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ---IT's Fish-Fry Time--- on the Menu Macaroni and Cheese Fish-Fry Schedule Friday, **March 16**, 4:00pm-7:00pm Good Friday, **March 30**, 4:00pm-7:00pm What do you call a fish with no eyes? FSHHHHHHHH

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.

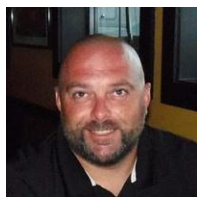
Hello Families, **BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: *The Family Fully Alive*** reminds us the theme for March is **FAMILY DIFFICULTIES.**

"All families face difficulties. At such critical moments, it is important to learn how to suffer well and to suffer together with Christ. Suffering, if given to the Lord, can bring families closer together and strengthen their love." What stands out this month in reading from the booklet is a question: What difference does it make to view suffering in light of the cross of Christ? Here is a video you can watch to understand this more clearly:

<https://youtu.be/qJUJpWI4xDk>

MR. RILEY'S MOM has suffered a stroke and nearing death. I think she is 106. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Next to losing a student, **losing a parent** is real community hurt. Please pray for Justin and his family. Once again, Jesus sits with us on the mourning bench. We are never alone, even in our darkest hours and quietest moments.



Justin Joseph Koppeis, 34, of Columbia, Illinois, born August 13, 1983, in Jefferson City, Missouri, died Saturday, March 3, 2018, at his residence. Justin was employed as a Property Manager at Admiral Parkway, Inc. of Columbia, IL. He was a Journeyman Carpenter with Local 660 and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Columbia, IL. He attended both Columbia and Gibault High Schools.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Kopie and Lucille Koppeis and maternal grandfather, Earl Saylor. Surviving are his three beautiful daughters, Addison, Reagan, and Harper and step-son Bryce Raby; his parents, Joe and Patty, nee Saylor, Koppeis of Columbia, IL and his grandmother, Carol Saylor of Columbia, IL. He was also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends and his beloved dogs, Maggie and Elsa.

In lieu of customary expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Education and Activity Center Building Fund.

Friends may visit from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, Illinois. A Mass of the Christian Burial will follow at 1:00 p.m. at the church, with Monsignor Carl Scherrer and Deacon Mike Burch officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Church Cemetery, Columbia, Illinois. Arrangements were handled by Braun Family Funeral Home, Columbia, Illinois.

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

John 3:16 is within this week's Scripture along with sin, exile, atonement, and triumph. Come hear about the serpent on the pole---symbol of the medical profession, and Jesus Christ being lifted up. Jesus Christ came not to condemn but to save. He never said worship me, He said follow me. To me, this is one of His most powerful proofs of His divinity.

Mike Kish

Principal

PS May the Holy Spirit be with the Confirmandi of our Parish tonight as they prepare for the reception of the Sacrament on April 12.

PS Don't forget the KC Essay Contest!

PS **ICS Consolidated Billing** Please send any additional questions or suggestions to Keith Huels at khuels@iccmil.org