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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.

"We are people of joy"

March 13, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

SPREAD THE WORD PLEASE Registration is this Sunday from 10:00 till 12:30. We do take registrations of new students at any time but this helps us immensely to have this special day for new Pre-School, Pre-K, new Kindergarten, and new students in all grades. Please tell your friends and neighbors to give us a call and check out the opportunities that make ICS a school that like no other! 281-5353 or mkish@icsmail.org.

- the academic freedom here to talk about our God any time
- have a low student-teacher ratio
- committed parents, staff, school board, and Pastor
- rigorous academics and fantastic standardized test scores
- the best field trip program in the state
- boundless opportunities to promote our mission, be a community, and perform service.

We are trying to be a school that Mary and Joseph would have loved to send their Son!

Parents should bring the child's baptismal certificate if not baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish, the stamped official birth record from the County (not the hospital) and social security number. (We will copy and return it that morning.) Kindergarten pre-screening dates are April 22nd and 23rd for sign-up.

BUILDING THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE... We had 39 parishioners show up to discern for the 12 positions on the committee to build the new education center for our parish. The selection will be at the 5:00 Mass on March 21. Information is available in the kiosk in the gathering area of our new church if you missed the discernment. This is a huge commitment that should trump your other schedules---but the benefit will be great! Pray please for the Spirit to help us become one campus again! Margaret Raisch, Dan Whelan and Andrea Biske did a great job for us!

Chess News: ICS took First Place in the Queen of Peace Chess Meet on Saturday, March 7th. 38 students participated and 6 students led the way with perfect scores. Students with a 4-0 record for the day were: Johnny Adams, Spencer Biske, Lucas Herrmann, James Ramette, Adam Stearns, and Tyler Wahle. Other students with a strong showing of a 3-1 record were: Ryan Gallagher, Colin Mueth, Caroline Roche, and Drew Schmoll. The Diocesan Meet will take place Saturday, March 14 at Blessed Sacrament School in Belleville (8707 West Main Street). Registration at 8:15 and the first round begins at 9:00. Let Mrs. Herrmann know if your child needs a ride. Carpool at the NEW CHURCH lower level with a **7:50** departure time.



Practice Schedule: Grades 4-8 - March 17 Grades 1-3 - March 24 No Chess on March 31st.

Gibault Math Contest March 12. Six area Catholic schools brought 70 students to compete in the small school division of the annual Gibault Math Contest. **ICS won 1st and 2nd place at both the 7th and 8th grade levels.** They also took a **5th place and 8th place** for the 8th grade and had two 6th graders awarded **4th and 5th places** after a four way tiebreaker for second place.



Personal honors were won by 8th graders John Adams and Lucas Herrmann, first and second place respectively, and Sarah Rose, 5th place, 7th graders Spencer Biske and Mary Wessel, first and second places respectively, and 6th graders Kalia Jerkatis in 4th place, Reagan Herrmann in 5th place, James Ramette 7th place and Isabella Frasure 9th place for 4 in the top 9! Johnny Adams and Spencer Biske tied for best score over-all with a **34 of 35**. Millstadt Consolidated and Red Bud Elementary also competed. The team was comprised of 8th graders-John Adams, Dylan Altadonna, Lucas Herrmann, Sarah Rose, Lucy Settle, and Ryan Swindle, 7th graders-Spencer Biske, Jacob Gilbreth, Maggie Schulte, and Mary Wessel and 6th graders- Isabella Frasure, Reagan Herrmann, Kalia Jerkatis, and James Ramette and was coached by teacher Karen Weiler. The Scholastic Bowl Team was in action at the same time vs. Amiel Cariel of O'Fallon. Varsity split and JV won both.

MAGAZINE DRIVE \$342.18! and **\$335.40** Thanks for making your payments! We get paid after you pay!

PAYDAY IS HERE! Today we are sending home prizes from our drive. Please check the backpacks. We have some very big checks going out!

EIGHT ICS STUDENTS COMPETED IN THE ANNUAL COR JESU ACADEMY MATH CONTEST for 6th and 7th grade girls on Sat., March 7. The team members were 7th graders Lexi Hennes, Hannah Janson, Mary Wessel and Jane Whelan and 6th graders Katie Grawitch, Kalia Jerkatis, Marie Prindiville, and Zoe Swip. The team was coached by math teacher Karen Weiler.

Rosati-Kain Math Contest Team for March 21: Hannah Janson, Jane Whelan, Mary Wessel, Maggie Schulte, Zoe Swip, Katie Grawitch, Abby Mathany, Claire Huebner, Lexi Hennes

DIOCESAN SPEECH MEET Isabella Garcia, Sophie Spurgeon, Lucy Settle, and Mason Babcock. The meet will be April 11th. **Speech Practice next week on Tuesday and Wednesday** for the Diocesan Meet from 3:15-4:30. Let's get some Diocesan Champs out of this! Thanks Coach Sam Watters and Coach Lucy Hollman!



2015 MONROE-RANDOLPH SPELLING BEE Gr. 5-8 Thursday, April 16, at St. Mark School in Steelville. Good luck to Isabella Garcia, Jack Burke, James Ramette, and Noah Newton who will be representing ICS at this contest.

GOLDEN SPATULA WINNER: Congratulations to the 1st Grade on winning for February!



TEAM QUEST 2015 “If the mountain will not come to Muhammad, then Muhammad must go to the mountain.” ICS used to send one team from each grade to “Team Quest” sponsored by Adventures in Learning. Always a difficult task picking from so many worthy students, the school brings Adventures in Learning to all Grades 5-8. Students split into teams across the grades. This year’s 1st place team: **Chloe Graff, Kaylum Furlow, Brianne Massie, and Emily Gillan**. 2nd place goes to **Sophie Spurgeon, Trevor Stockard, Andrew Harmon and Lacie Hausmann**. 3rd place to **Isabella Garcia, Hannah Janson, Jacob Whitworth, and Noah Chism**. Karen Weiler chaired the event for ICS with 99 students competing.

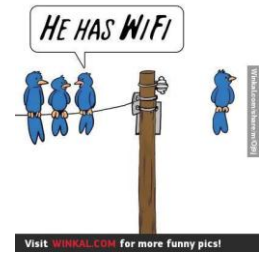
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Caroline Keefe was one of 6 top winners in the “Transportation and Air Pollution---What Are the Green Solutions?” 2015 Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest. The award will be presented in Springfield! Congratulations Caroline!

Protecting Our Planet

We all have a job from the day of our birth.
It’s an important one: to take care of our Earth.
So if we want to leave future generations a world that’s clean,
then we all need to try to live more green.
Our plants and our lungs deserve clean air.
Let’s put a stop to global warming. It’s only fair.
When we get in the car to go somewhere,
we are unknowingly hurting the air.
If everyone chose to ride the bus instead,
we wouldn’t have air quality days that are code red.
By taking the subway to get somewhere,
we are showing our Earth that we really care.
By choosing a car that on electricity can run,
we preserve the air and help the Earth a ton.
To be a green super hero,
we don’t need super powers or a cape. By walking instead,
we help keep our Earth (and your bodies) in better shape.
Or when it comes time to purchasing a car,
choose a smaller one. It’ll take you just as far.
So let’s all make better choices when it comes to our planet.
Let’s protect our Mother Earth and not take her for granted.

by Caroline Keefe (5th Grade) (used with permission)

MOVING ON UP! WE WILL BE UPDATING OUR WIFI TO UBIQUITI ACCESS POINTS thanks to a generous donor. This upgrade will allow seamless and robust wifi connections for all devices on our campus. Where would we be without your generosity?



THANKS TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS for funding the African Children's Choir! Joy was in our midst! And the evening performance was even better!

Uganda could fit into Texas 3 times. There are 42 major languages in Africa. Most of the 18 children were orphaned and the Uncle who accompanied them was once separated from his family for 5 years and his father



murdered by Idi Amin. The Aunt who accompanied was one of 16 children and spent much of her young life fetching water for her mother to do laundry. Both have college degrees and join the 52,000 children saved by the choir since 1984. The children speak English and they love pizza, spaghetti, chicken and rice and their favorite village foods of cassava and matoke. Favorite subjects are division and composition. And they love the water parks in America. No pets, no vacations, but content with what they have, even the banana fiber ball they play with.



Here are a few comments:

Emma Tippen - I loved singing with them (because I am in choir). It was such a great opportunity to see them at church and school. I also got a CD and now I can listen to them all the time. That was one of the greatest nights of my life!

Tyler Wahle - Their drum skills are way better than mine. When I left I felt like the rest of the day was going to be great, which it was. It was neat how they live. I wish I could drum and travel around the world like them.

Today the African Children's Choir came to ICS, I thought....

It was good. They were cool. I like watching them clap. – Carson

They were loud. They were spreading the joy. They looked lovely. –Gali

They are very good. They are really entertaining. I had a really good time. – Jack

That they danced beautiful and their show was entertaining. I like their costumes. – Julia

I like their music. They are cool. It was noisy. –Madelyn

I liked their costumes. I liked their clapping. They had good dancing. -- Delaney

They look pretty. They are nice. They dance good. –Ella

They are great dancers. I like to watch them. I like to watch them dance. – Easton

They dance nice. They are nice. They are awesome. –Sean

They are great dancers. I like the costumes. They are so many. –Regan

It was good dancing. It was fun. I love their costumes. –Sophia

I like their costumes. They are good. I wish I lived there.—Eleanor

I like when they pat their laps. It is like clap, clap, clap.--Malia

To Our Family and Friends:

The event you put on for our son, Zachary, was unbelievable! Thank you so much for the financial support and the love that we all felt that night. Knowing that so many people are fighting with us truly gives us the gift of hope. Zac's smile that night was "Priceless"!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Doug and Beverly, Zac, Luc, Matthew and Andrew Epplin

PARENTS & FRIENDS EVENTS March meeting date is Monday night, March 16, at 7pm.

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary/PR Report - Beth Glasscock
- III. Treasurer's Report - Joyce Randle
- IV. Teacher's Report - Mrs. Borgmeyer
- V. Principal's Report - Mr. Kish
- VI. Old Business
 - Dinner Auction
 - Bounce U FUNraiser
- VII. New Business
 - Trivia Night (March 20) - Mandy McGuire
 - Father/Daughter Dance (April 11) - Kim Sullivan
 - Mother Son event (Spring 2016)
 - Rummage Sale (April 18) - Diane Ramey
 - Schoola Clothing Drive (April 18-24)
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Lynetta Newton/Deb Keefe
 - Uniform Resale
 - Elections/Appointments
 - Calendar
- VIII. Closing Prayer

ICS Trivia Night - Friday, March 20 at 7pm in the ICS gym, join us for our "Candyland" Trivia Night! 10 people per table, \$12/person in advance or \$15/person at the door. Raffles, silent auction, mulligans, head or tails, table decorating contest, and prizes! It'll be a fun night so reserve your table before space runs out by contacting Mandy McGuire at McGuireC21@gmail.com or [618.558.1350](tel:618.558.1350). See the flier last week for more details. Thanks to Kara Boyd for the letter below!

Dear Business Owner,

On March 20, Immaculate Conception School (ICS) will be holding its trivia night fundraiser. As you know, we would not be able to support our school without the generous support our local businesses continue to provide us.

For this year's trivia night, we are selling 12 - \$100 round sponsorships. This sponsorship will include the business' logo on all of the PowerPoint slides, where the questions will be read, for that particular round. Additionally, our emcees will do a mini commercial for your business before your round encouraging guests to patronize your business.

We want to give back to our sponsors that night by providing them with direct promotions. The success of this event can only be made possible through the generosity and support of the community.

We are asking for your \$100 commitment by March 18. Please make your checks payable to ICS Parents and Friends. Send your business' logo to knboyd2@yahoo.com and a brief company description to be included in the commercial.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Kara Boyd at (618) 444-6502.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We appreciate all you do for ICS.
Sincerely, ICS Parents and Friends

GRADE 3 TO THE MAGIC HOUSE! The 3 branches of the U S government. Thanks to chaperones Mrs. Diesel, Mrs. Foutch, Mrs. Harget, Mrs. Kesler, Mrs. Lundberg, Ms. Schaefer, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Pollmann, Mrs. Hake, Mrs. Swip, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Dorlac.

KC FISH FRIES March 20(Our BIG TRIVIA NIGHT) April 3

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Tools for Children

Some of the many blessings of your child's Catholic education are the resources available to them for life. **The tool of Mass:** twice a week your child is fed by the celebration of the Eucharist accompanied by wonderful life lessons via the top-of-the-line homilies delivered by the priests who minister here. This is not just spiritual food, it is food for life.

The tool of prayer: I spoke to a child recently who was able to give examples of things from the little Purple book that she uses DAILY to deal with stress and anxiety. **The tool of music:** your child is surrounded by the gift of music at ICS, an ideal tool for joy and for all around personal improvement. Don't believe me? Read what the American Academy of Pediatrics published here

<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/healthy-living/emotional-wellness/Pages/Music-and-Mood.aspx>

The tools of service and giving:

Throughout the school year your child is given information and opportunities to assist people in need. This tool helps to keep a broader view of the world and less focus on the self. Why is this helpful? We are better when we are aware and concerned for the good of the whole. We are only as strong as our weakest link.

Sometimes we have the toolbox, but forget how useful the tools can be. Perhaps you need to open your toolbox!

Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor
The teaching never stops

THE SPORTING NEWS...

CONGRATULATIONS! The 5/6th grade boys volleyball placed 4th in the St. Clare tournament over the weekend! We are sure having lots of volleyball success this year! Our 7th Grade boys play tomorrow for third in the SMSA Tourney.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM PICTURES Wednesday, March 18 [See attached form for ordering](#)

5th grade girls- 5:00 pm

6th grade boys- 5:30 pm

6th grade girls- 6:00 pm

7th grade boys- 6:30 pm

7th grade girls- 7:00 pm

8th grade boys- 7:30 pm

8th grade girls- 8:00 pm

THANKS FOR SKATING UNIT! The ICS Athletic Department funded the skating unit for grades 5-8.

CAMPS St. Mary's High School in South St. Louis is sponsoring camps for multiple sports this summer. Stop by the office for a brochure. Coach Kelvin Lee stopped by...

GRADS IN THE NEWS...

SOARING EAGLE AWARDS AT COLUMBIA HIGH SSCHOOL. These awards were started last year by the high school as a way to honor students on the basis of character, leadership, dedication,

hard work, and commitment to learning. Each faculty member nominates 1 student. These students range from freshmen to senior. The student does not know who nominated them until the ceremony. Each nominee is given a medal by that faculty member and the reasons why they nominated that student are read. ICS had 8 of the 40 recipients! Congratulations to

Maria Barton
Jamie Heet

Alex Bell
Mitchell Huebner

Hope Drennan
Kassady Kleve

Cara Gallagher
Emma Zika

Thanks to Connie Huebner for letting us know!

The **Gibault Catholic High School** Math Team competed in the Regional competition on February 28 at SIU-E. As a team, they finished in 1st place overall and will move on to the State competition on May 2 at University of Illinois. We also received 5 additional first place awards, 3 second place awards, and 1 third place award. Congratulations to Immaculate Conception students Jay Hollman and Andy Loless!

Gibault Catholic High School students participated in the IHSA Music Solo & Ensemble Contest and received 7 first place scores (including a perfect score for our Hawkapellas) and two second place scores. Congratulations to Immaculate Conception students Elena Biske, Emma Burns, Morgan Ladyman, Sarah Lantsberger, Emily Larson, and Millie Wolz!

POETRY OUT LOUD – Congratulations ICS grad and Gibault student Sarah Lantsberger, the winner of the regional competition who will advance to state competition March 13.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

From Jen Schauster: Have you heard about the Compassion Experience? This weekend in St. Louis it is a free interactive tour of a child's life of poverty. Thought parents might be interested.
<http://changetour.compassion.com/stlouis/>

SPECIAL DEAL AT THE WATERLOO PAPA JOHN'S over the weekend!

40% Off Your Entire Regular Menu Price Online Orders. Go to www.papajohns.com
Must Enter Promo Code: 39249D Valid 3-11 through 3-15 Valid at the Waterloo Papa John's

PARISH NEWS....

Parish Work Day tomorrow March 14, 2015 8 a.m. Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S. Church (Please consider bringing a ladder)

Breakdown cardboard in equipment room and take to recycling bin at school

Take boxes of used books to second floor of old convent

Assemble Russ's bookcase

Clean equipment room

Straighten bumpers in upper and lower parking lots

Straighten sign

Spot clean carpeting in gathering area near elevator

Replace water stained ceiling tiles in gathering space

Replace water stained ceiling tiles in music room

Adjust doors on men rest room on both levels so that they can remain open

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

Dust gathering space furniture including the furniture near elevator

Dust cabinets and counter tops in vesting room

Dust altar area including furniture and doors

Remove wax from candle holders at altar

Dust furniture and ledges in reservation room

Dust Fr. Carl's office, reception area, conference room and ledges in hallway

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops
Wipe down elevator interior walls
Dust pews in west side
Dust confessional and ledges in west area leading to back stairs
Clean work sacristy
Clean west side lower windows (several people will be needed to move candle holder in front of Mary statue
Dust pews in east side: music area, piano and organ, music storage room, rear confessional

Knights of Columbus Family Day at The Shrine. (Saturday, March 28th). This event ties in nicely with our BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH initiative as the Family Project for March is to invite families of your children's friends to join you on a pilgrimage to a religious site (The National Shrine). [See the attachments!](#)

FROM DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION RUSS PETERSON:

The First Communion retreat is the Saturday after Easter. The photos are the second Saturday after Easter. The First Communion is the Second Sunday after Easter.

April 11 Retreat - 9:00-noon at church child and one parent

April 18 Photos and Practice - 9:00am at church

April 19 First Communion 11:00am Mass children arrive by 10:40am to the Fellowship Hall---Garden Level.

There will be a cost of @\$25.00 for materials being used at the retreat. The group photo is mandatory. Professional individual photos are available. There will be opportunities for parents to take photos throughout the church.

PRAYERS PLEASE

...Russell Peterson who is having some tests run.

...for Emily Gillan's grandfather John Clark who had a heart attack and for Megan Levine's grandfather Bill Pennock who had a stroke.

...**Patty Juengling** has asked for our prayers. She is an ICS grad and her daughter Ally attended here. She is the great-great niece of Sr. Alma Juengling, PHJC, ICS grad, who used to run the Diocesan orphanage at the current pastoral center.

TRAGEDY IN MISSOURI Vicki Everding of our parish lost her sister and brother-in-law Valirea and Carey Shriver of Elk Creek, MO and her sister's father-in-law Darrell Shriver last week in the murder tragedy in Tyron, MO. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Mrs. Borgmeyer's aunt, **Janet Fedak**, passed away on Friday evening last week. God's peace to her and her family!

OUR CONDOLENCES to Alicia and Jon Langhans and Ava and Naomi on the loss of Alicia's dad **Ron Pruitt** yesterday. Please keep the family in your prayers during this sad time. God's peace to him and the family!

PRAYERS: Zac Epplin, Erin McKean, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Edward Pelker, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

JOHN 3:16 "*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*" **Jn 3:16** This is one thing I know. The second is that God so loved the world that he did not send a committee. The third is that God so loved the world that he did not say "like one another". He said "love one another". It is possible to love at all times. Love is respect. Sometimes love is walking away from an argument. Love is cutting

others some slack. This is just another reason I love and like my God! (And I also believe this is divinely inspired since it goes against human nature!)

Mike Kish
Principal

PS CONFIRMATION RETREAT This SUNDAY MARCH 15 2:30-7:30

PS **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS** to Carol Fetcho on March 8 and Dan Kassebaum and Sarah Diewald on March 12! March comes in like a lamb...!

PS **AS HUMANS, WE NEED REASONS TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD. LEARNING HELPS YOU DO THAT! (PP)**

PS WHAT SHOULD APPLE HAVE MADE INSTEAD OF THE I-WATCH?

PS The **End of the year calendar???** Not released yet from Columbia Community Unit #4...

PS Monday I celebrate Joseph 3:16 as my youngest grandson turns the corner to the Mighty Fours!



Band Schedule Week of March 9-13

Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute
8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1
9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2
10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet
11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

Tuesday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**
8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet
9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet
11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet
11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**
9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble
10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**
1:45-2:45 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**
8:55-9:25 5th Saxophone
9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion

11:05-11:35 4th Percussion

11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Percussion

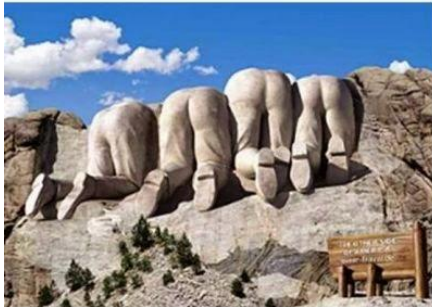
8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet

9:05-9:35 5th Low Brass

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

You know, there are some things that you just never think of like Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side.



*YOU DON'T STOP LAUGHING BECAUSE YOU GET OLD,
YOU GET OLD BECAUSE YOU STOP LAUGHING*