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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 16, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,

THIS SUNDAY, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL will hold REGISTRATION for Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8 for the 2018-2019 school year, March 18, 2018 from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm in the school cafeteria, 321 S. Metter Ave. 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. Immaculate Conception School is open to all faiths and traditions. Mission---Community---Service---since 1853!**



WELL, it was Pi Day and the birthday of Albert Einstein and death of Stephen Hawking but the congratulations go to the ICS Math team for a great showing at the annual Gibault Pi Day Grade School Math Contest on Wed, March 14, 2018! Twenty-eight ICS students in grades 6-8 competed in the 35 questions contest and Pi Reciting contest. Competing against six other area Catholic grade schools, ICS students took 10 of the top 15 honors. Sixth grade: 1st place Brock Murphy, 3rd place Allison Stark, 4th place Drew Roche, and 5th place Gavin Kesler. Seventh grade: 1st place Tyler Wahle, 2nd place Ben Haney, 4th place Sydney Wahle. 8th grade: 1st place Noah Newton (with a

score of 34 out of 35), 2nd place Jacob Whitworth, and 3rd place Autumn Ramey. Teammates included sixth graders Olivia Blaskiewicz, Kyra Newton, Joe Tyler, Jack Keeven, Owen Dalpoas, Lindsay Harget, Marisa McGill, and Andrew Donjon. Seventh graders Maria Biske, Drew Schmoll, Colin Mueth, Abby Eichenseer, Andrew Feldker, Zachary Gibson, Josie Thomas, Brian Stark, and Emma Schmidt and eighth grader Daylen Litke. ICS teacher Karen Weiler is the Coach.



Hello Chess Families!

We had another great showing at our last meet! 39 ICS students traveled to compete with a total of 155 chess players at St. Clare in O'Fallon. We placed second, just a half point behind St. Teresa. (See standings below.) Our scoring leader was second grader Turner Haywood. His record was 4-0 and this was his very first meet! Undefeated players with 3.5 points were Drew Schmoll, Zachary Gibson, and Isabel Roche. Students

contributing with 3 points on the day were: Tyler Wahle, Drew Roche, Audrey Randle, and Julia Hoeflinger. Great job, everyone! Thank you to all the parents who transported players to and from O'Fallon, and to our spectacular team. We will have our last meet (Diocesan) at Blessed Sacrament in Belleville on March 24th. Thanks to our Head Coach Cyra Herrmann and Coaches!

1. St Teresa – 15
2. ICS – 14.5
3. Blessed Sacrament and St Clare – 13.5
5. Queen of Peace – 13
6. St John – 7.5
7. St Agatha – 7
8. St Joseph – 3.5

CONGRATULATIONS to Kate Adams on her 2nd Place at the VFW Auxiliary #6504 District 14 Essay contest. Kate wrote on "What Makes a Hero?" She received a gift bag and \$15!



Terrific Kid – March 2018

Mrs. Diewald: Isabel Roche – Isabel is our Terrific Kid! Isabel is a hard worker in all subject areas and always strives to do her best work. She works hard to follow the rules and helps others around her as well. Isabel is an all-around great kid. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs. Meyer: Parker Kish – Parker is our Terrific Kid

because she arrives at school each day with a smile. She is kind and respectful to others and shows perseverance in all she does.

Mrs. Matrisotto: Lucas Sheehan - Lucas has developed a true love for writing poetry and stories. Congratulations, Lucas! Keep up the amazing work!

Ms. Kennedy: Ryan Kroenig - Ryan has made tremendous progress on controlling his body and voice. He has shown what hard work can accomplish. Not only is Ryan a responsible student, but he is always striving to succeed and further his education. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Donjon: Avery Ellner - Avery is a Terrific Kid! For being new to ICS, she has been adjusting very well. She is always smiling and willing to help. She is a fantastic student and has proven to be a really great friend. It is a pleasure to have Avery in the classroom and at ICS.

Mrs. Ettlting: Lila Griffin – Lila is a Terrific Kid because she is a friend to everyone, strives to follow directions in class and is a good model for others. Keep up the good work, Lila!

Mrs. Schauster: Vance Ray is a Terrific Kid. Vance is a kind young man who wants to friends with everyone. He a friendly classmate who wants to make everyone feel like they are part of the group. I can count on Vance to try hard in the classroom as well.

Mrs. Taylor: Henry Schulte-Henry is a responsible and pleasant young man. He works hard at his schoolwork and is always respectful. He contributes meaningfully to class discussions and leads by positive example. He is a terrific kid through and through!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR ARTISTS as they compete in the Monroe/Randolph Art Competition on Tuesday, March 20 at Valmeyer Elementary School, Valmeyer, IL. Registration is at 5pm in their gym. There are 9 multiple intelligences. We have geniuses in art!

Illustration- Addison Sanker, Briana Baldridge, JT Madrid, Caitlyn Schwartz
Cartooning- Brooke Heimburger, Lily Barrett, Audrey Sullivan, Noah Newton
Figure Draw- Kaiden Timmons, Lindsay Harget, Ariel Adams, Ally Curry
Still Life- Brady Moore, Maggie Williamson, Sydney Wahle, Emma Melliere
Sculpture- Ava Schmidt, Ava Hake, Maria Biske, Jacob Whitworth

The MONROE-RANDOLPH YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE will be held April 21st, at Chester Grade School. Congratulations to our honored writers! **K - Hunter Tharp 1 - Wiley Sasser 2 - Dante Gianino 3 - Lucas Sheehan 4 - Caroline Roche 5 - Brooke Heimbürger 6 - Olivia Blaskiewicz 7- Abby Eichenseer 8 - Autumn Ramey**

Children's book author, Dan Killeen, will speak to parents as the children attend entertaining sessions with presenters on creativity, communication and writing skills. 8:30 is registration and the conference will be concluded at around noon. Robin Nadjziejko is our fantastic chairperson!

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

Grades 2 and 3 - TUESDAY - 3/20 Grades 4 through 8 - TUESDAY 3/27

Chess Meet: March 24 Diocesan Meet at Blessed Sacrament Let's finish strong!

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

THANKS TO JOSH MCGUIRE AND MIKE WHELAN for presenting to the faculty on our move to the new Catholic Education and Activity Center over Christmas. We are going to need your help in this "once in a lifetime" event! Josh knows his stuff. Mike knows our stuff. Together, we are the right stuff!



MONTH'S MIND There is a practice in the Church called "Month's Mind" where you remember someone who has died 30 days after their passing. We remembered the 17 students and staff of Parkland March 14 with a "walk-up to another in kindness" in conjunction with the national student protest against gun violence. Studies tell us the average incident like this takes 7 to 9 minutes. We practice and are vigilant but know the big issues have to be addressed. Our opening prayer follows. Each name was read by our Secretary Mrs. Epplin who handles attendance, and a Hail Mary followed. Weapons of war should not be in the hands of citizens. This won't stop shootings but it is a beginning of stressing better mental health and community support.

*In the picture---*As we prepared to pray...**Alyssa Alhadeff, Scott Beigel, Martin Duque Anguiano, Nicholas Dworet, Aaron Feis, Jamie Guttenberg, Chris Hixon, Luke Hoyer, Cara Loughran, Gina Montalto, Joaquin Oliver, Alaina Petty, Meadow Pollack, Helena**

Ramsay, Alex Schachter, Carmen Schentrup, Peter Wang

A Prayer to End Gun Violence

Merciful Lord, we come to you heavy hearted, for we have heard the cries of the slain calling to us from the ground. We come remembering all the lives lost to the weapons of war that have flooded our communities. We come reminded of the many people locked in jails and prisons all across this country. And we ask for your mercy.

Although we find ourselves in a broken world – a world in which hurting people hurt other people, it is no mystery that you are a God capable of healing our world through justice and fairness. Your own revelation has shown us that you stand firmly with those people whose backs are against the wall. Your own life demonstrates how you came from heaven to earth to redeem creation, our communities and our own lives. So we ask for this same redemptive power to be unleashed among us as it was on the day of Pentecost. May we be empowered by your Spirit to reverse the conditions that produce young men and women who are driven to resort to violence and destructive behavior in their fight to stay alive and struggle to remain free.

Help us to remember we are all your children, created in your image, and we are connected by a single garment of being your children. Cause us to never forget how our needs are the same and our calling to address these needs are the same. Reveal to us Lord, that the pain felt in New Town is the same pain felt in Chicago. The tears shed in Oak Creek are the same tears shed in Oakland. The lives lost in Tucson are the same lives lost in Camden. The children buried in Aurora are the same children buried in Detroit.

We cry out to you, heal our souls from this scourge of violence. Endow us with the courage to step out from behind our school desks to walk up to those around us and offer kindness. In the coming days and weeks as our leaders continue to debate solutions, Lord we ask that you grant us the voice to speak truth, power, and demonstrate sacrificial compassion to the hurting.

Teach us your ways, O God. Bless us with the wisdom and strength to put down our swords and be peacemakers. Use us, work through us and, if necessary, work in spite of us, to mend our nation's brokenness.

We thank you for your protecting embrace, and unfailing love. All of these prayers we bring to you, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.



GOTR Week 3 – Finding Balance and Exploring Emotions

What a wonderful learning week this week was for our ICS Girls on the Run team. The curriculum and lessons keep amazing us. This week, the girls learned the importance of balance in their lives. Some of the unhealthy habits our girls discussed were too much screen time, staying up too late, eating too much candy, focusing only on what you do not have, doing something even though you know it is not right. Throughout the session, we found ways to overcome these habits and find balance. Our second session for the week explored emotions. We spoke about all of the different kinds of emotions we feel and focused on if those emotions make us feel comfortable or uncomfortable. The girls practiced what these emotions look and feel like throughout the warm-up. During the exercise portion, the girls were given an emotion on a notecard in between laps and had to determine how that emotion made them feel. The girls were instructed to talk to their family/friends about their emotions and how those emotions make them feel.

Weekly Testimonial - *"Ella was having a rough morning one day before school. We all know how those mornings can start your day! As I was doing her hair, we looked in the mirror and did some of the positive self-talk exercises learned at Girls on the Run. We took a deep breath, smiled, made some funny faces, and put a bright bow in her hair (something that makes her feel good). Poof, I had a happy girl who knew she had control to change her day to a positive and happy one!"* - Kara Boyd, mother of a 3rd grade Girls on the Run team member

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.

GETTING READY FOR DC 2027---Washington Monuments by PreSchool and PreK



Missouri Historical Society ACTivist In-School Visit will be here on Thursday, March 22, 2018 for grades 6-7-8. March is Civil Rights month. We have them inherently from God but on record because someone fought for them and some to the point of giving their lives.

Parents and Friends Thanks for funding a new water fountain(\$480), a donation in honor of Justin Koppeis to CEAC, Professional Development for the Principal, and another \$100,000 payment on the club \$500,000 pledge to CEAC. The Casimir Pulaski Day Fundraiser brought in a check for \$170.00 from Flying Spider. Shopperoo is at 96 signees and next year First Tuesdays during the school year will be DQ Night from 5:00-8:00 and we will receive 10% of drive-through and dine in thanks to our good friend Chad Stultz! We will be looking for sponsors for our big 5K run soon.

ON THE DOCKET...

March 16-18 Girls Diocesan Volleyball Tourney

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

March 23 Living Stations---Come if you can---**parking on Main Lot if you can come(Be careful---student on duty)**

March 23 Boys Diocesan volleyball Tourney

March 27 Chrism Mass---Confirmandi attend

March 28 No School---BC Dance?

CAMP INVENTION WEEK SPPCS is again offering Camp Invention at their school in Waterloo this summer. [See the flyer](#) and thanks to Laura Metzger for promoting STEAM!

THANKS! YOUR CAUSE CORPORATE EMPLOYEE GIVING Program Another \$14!



Living Stations of the Cross... Friday afternoons at 2:15 in the gym at ICS and 7 p.m. Friday evenings at church. Living Stations next Friday by the Class of 2018 starting at 2:00 p.m.

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Our Girls Volleyball Teams are off to a great start in Diocesan Tournament play! The Parochial Girls beat St. James last night and our Junior Girls have beat Holy Trinity and Blessed Sacrament! Play continues tonight at Holy Trinity and St. Clare and the finals are tomorrow at St. Clare! Keep it going Girls!

KC REGIONAL FREE THROW CONTEST. Brian Stark won his division with 22/25 shots made and he will move along to state. (2nd year in a row) Gus Schmidt from ICS was there, but did not advance.

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.

Joe Busch, a senior at Gibault on his Senior Project, and a member of the Monroe County Entrepreneurial Group, made a presentation on leadership to our 3rd Grades. Mr. Kish loved it and learned a lot too! When we all work together, we can Build the Kingdom of God!



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.

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@gibalthawks.com)

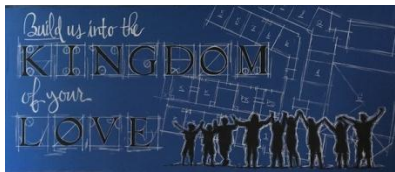
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ---IT's Fish-Fry Time--- on the Menu Macaroni and Cheese Fish-Fry Schedule Friday, **March 16**, 4:00pm-7:00pm Good Friday, **March 30**, 4:00pm-7:00pm

The **Newman Auxiliary is having a Quilt & Cash Social Bingo** on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Red Bud, IL. Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m. and Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m. Win quilts, cash, gift baskets, and door prizes. All proceeds help support the Newman Catholic Student Center at SIU-Carbondale. I have some ticket available if you wish to enter.

REMEMBERING JUSTIN KOPPEIS Grade 6, 2, and K will attend a release of an eagle who has been restored to health and view another from a raptor program on Wednesday at Cliff Cave Park at 1:15. It is open to the public. This is a great way to remember Justin. With nearly 400 eagles living in Monroe County now, I'll remember him when I spot one. Conservationists tell us our County could support over 1100.

As I grabbed a book to take to Reconciliation Wednesday, it opened to Encounters with Merton by Henri J.M. Nouwen. God always speaks to right where we are. Me too! *Gandhi recognized, as no other world leader of our time has done, the necessity to be free from the pressures, the exorbitant and tyrannical demands of a society that is violent because it is essentially greedy, lustful and cruel. Therefore he fasted, observed days of silence, lived frequently in retreat,*

knew the value of solitude, as well as of the totally generous expenditure of his time and energy in listening to others and communicating with them. He recognized the impossibility of being a peaceful and nonviolent man if one submits passively to the insatiable requirements of a society maddened by over stimulation and obsessed with the demons of noise, voyeurism, and speed.



BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts: Addison Koppeis, Noah Ettling, Delaney Glasscock, Julia Hoeflinger, Grant Monheiser, Maggie Buhr

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

Fr. Carl's Mom, **Gertrude Scherrer**, is in hospice. She is 96. Thanks for your prayers for the family

Melissa Bozesky's Mom **Sissy Chamberlain** has died. Melissa has been working with us 10 years through Learning Consultants and is nearly staff. Please keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace!

Harold Metter, husband of parish musician Dorothy Metter, died yesterday. Harold was a really great guy with a wonderful sense of humor and I spent a lot of time with him as we were in the original Strassenfest Singers and Dancers group. (I did not dance but I was a back-up stomp-fiddle player for Harold when he danced sometimes.) Harold loved to tell jokes and make people laugh. There is not enough laughter in God's world but Harold did his best. God's peace to him and all his family!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Gertrude Scherrer, Danielle Dorlac, Marge Krizan, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Bob Springer, Angela Roepke, Arlin Stechmesser, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania, Dennis Kish, Kaylee Fogarty, Karen Lundy, Larry Pelker, 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, 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

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YEAR A READINGS We are Year B of the Church cycle for Scripture Readings which most Christian Churches follow but we are using Year A Readings to match up with the "Scrutinies" for those joining the Church at the Easter vigil. As I prepare songs for the Mass, I like to read the readings first to help me prepare.

LAZARUS We are all Lazarus. This was a common name so it appears several times in Scripture. Lazarus died. Jesus cried. Jesus raised him up. Sounds like our story. Jesus sits on the mourning bench with us. He laughs as we remember the joy our loved one gave us and he cries for our broken

hearts as well. *Where would we be without our God to turn to?* Come to the Altar with your sorrows and joys and continue your road from ashes to Easter!

Mike Kish

Principal



PS Prayer is like having your best friend on speed dial! *We praise you, O Christ, and we follow you, because by joining our crosses to yours, we help reconcile the world to God.*

PS Parent meeting for Memphis-Chicago- and DC next year on Monday night. Memphis first at 6:45 in Room 220 followed by Chicago and DC fund raising.

PS Quarter ends March 19---Feast of St. Joseph the worker---get yours in!

PS Builders Club meeting Tuesday during lunch. BC/Mission Week April 16-20

PS MAGAZINE DRIVE CHECKS for \$3,539.20 and \$51.60 from Bill-Me-Later. THANKS for honoring your orders!

PS From Joseph 3:16---*"Sometimes I wish the world would stop and wait for me!"*