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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.

March 17, 2017

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



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

DC 2017 Right at 60,000 steps---24 miles walking during our trip! Students Top/Bottom 5:

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| 1 National Holocaust Museum | 1 National Archives (line was long) |
| 2 Colonial Williamsburg | 2 Museum of Natural Science |
| 3 Gettysburg | 2 Museum of American History |
| 4 Mt. Vernon | 2 Jamestown |
| 4 Jamestown | 5 Jeffersonian Memorial |

We averaged 8 activities per day Best questions---“Why is there no recognition of John Adams?” “What could we cut so we would not have to be rushed so much?” “Can we walk to Pentagon City?” “Can you bring back the White House Tour?” “Where is everybody? Not many people there to slow us down-good timing”.

THE CLASS OF 18 WILL MEET ON MONDAY NIGHT to talk about Chicago-34 and DC-33. Room 220. 7:15 pending boys game. Book keeper needed. Fund raising chairs needed.

REGISTRATION for New students entering Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten and new students in grades 1-8 for the 2017-2018 school year on Sunday, March 19, 2017 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.) **If a parishioner, the Full Stewardship form must be on file or completed.** Kindergarten pre-screening dates are April 5 and 6 for sign-up. ICS promotes the “Joy of Love” with small class size, outstanding parent support, and academic rigor 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 work to build a 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!



Terrific Kids – March 2017 Thanks Dr. Doyle and Pat McDermott!

Mrs. Diewald: Easton Dill – Easton is our Terrific Kid for the month of March. Easton is a hard worker and always strives to do his best in all subject areas. He is a great friend to others and never hesitates to lend a hand. Easton truly is a terrific kid!

Mrs. Meyer: Steven Schaefer – Steven is the Terrific Student this month because he is a hard worker in the classroom and plays well with others at recess. He has great organizational skills and always tries his best!

Mrs. Matrisotto: Joseph Whitworth - Joseph has made very strong choices with his cooperation, concentration, and voice. Reading has become a wonderful passion for Joe, while also discovering new books and series. Keep up the great work.

Ms. Kennedy: Charlie Hake – Charlie is a Terrific Kid because he has worked hard this quarter to be the best he can be in the classroom. He has shown his classmates that working hard has a positive reward. Charlie also gets along very well with his classmates.

Mrs. Donjon: Ava Hrdlicka - Ava is a wonderful, spirited girl to have in the classroom. She brings much joy to the class with her smile. Ava completes her work on time and to the best of her ability. She is a good helper in the classroom and out on her own - working with her horses. She is truly a Terrific Kid!

Mrs. Ettling: Summer Harrington – Summer is a terrific kid because she is a responsible student who works to make strong choices. She is always positive, always smiling, and trying her best.

Mrs. Schauster: Allison Stark - Allison always tries her hardest and is a careful student. She has a smile on her face when she walks into the classroom each morning. Allison is a friend to all of her classmates.

Mrs. Taylor: Cade Kostelac - Cade has been working hard in his classes. Keep up the good work.

ICS SPELLING BEE CHAMPS who will represent us at the ROE contest on March 11:

- 5th grade Brock Murphy
- 6th grade Emma Schmidt
- 7th grade Jacqie Gogolek
- 8th grade Katie Grawitch

Chess Meet Dates Good luck tomorrow, March 18 at St. Clare. Cyra Herrmann, Chess Coach
Chess 2016-2017 Practice Schedule:

Practices for Grades 3&4: Tues 3/21 Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 3/28

As part of Mission Week, Sr. Jean Schmidt, SSND, will be here on May 8 for 45 minute presentations on her work in the Missions. The Church is still out there as the greatest delivery of help to the poor and needy in the world and some give by going and some give by giving. This is our call---“Make Disciples”---but feed them first!

10:00 7-8 11:00 5-6 1:00 1-2 2:00 3-4

COUNSELORS CORNER

No child (that means especially teenagers) should have their phone in their room all night long. The end.

Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor
The Teaching Never Stops

THANKS! CASA April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Your generosity raised **\$567.14 for abused and neglected children!** Thanks for helping in the the spirit of St. Patrick to drive the “snakes” out of their lives.

2ND PLACE IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD! 13 schools



! Lindenwood University, Science Olympiad, March 11, 2017
2nd place and a bid to state at the University of Illinois, April 29, 2017

Event medals

- 1st place - Wind Power, Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure
- 1st place - Scrambler, Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure
- 1st place - Towers, Jacob Whitworth, Holly Repp
- 2nd place - Experimental Design, Emma Melliere, Eve Melliere, Maria Biske
- 2nd place - Optics, Noah Newton, Drew Schmoll
- 2nd place - Road Scholar, Jacob Whitworth, Noah Newton
- 3rd place - Anatomy and Physiology, Autumn Ramey, Daylen Litke
- 3rd place - Crime Busters, Jacob Whitworth, Allie Shuler
- 3rd place - Disease Detectives, Autumn Ramey, Daylen Litke
- 3rd place - Reach for the Stars, Emma Melliere, Eve Melliere
- 3rd place - Write It Do It, Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer
- 3rd place - Bottle Rocket, Emma Melliere, Eve Melliere
- 3rd place - Mission Possible, Allie Shuler, Georgia Sasser
- 4th place - Microbe Mission, Allie Shuler, Daylen Litke
- 4th place - Wright Stuff, Emma Melliere, Eve Melliere

Medals were won for 15 out of 23 events with 13 teams competing in the B Division.

Past bids to state – 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017



18 ICS students competed against area Catholic schools in the annual Gibault Catholic High School Junior High Math Contest on Tuesday, March 14. In honor of Pi Day (3/14), the circle themed contest was sponsored

by the Gibault Math Team. 5 of the top 6 spots and 8 of the top 15! 6th grade participants were First Place Abby Eichenseer, Second Place Tyler Wahle, Fifth Place Andrew Feldker, Maria Biske, Ben Haney, Cole Huebner, Brian Stark, and Sydney Wahle. Seventh graders competing were First Place Noah Newton, Second Place Jacob Whitworth, Fifth Place Autumn Ramey, Jacqie Gogolek, Daylen Litke, Caitlyn Schwartz, and Allie Shuler. Eighth graders competitors were Second Place Jacob Feldker, Fourth Place Katie Grawitch, and Isabella Frasure. The team was coached by ICS math teacher Karen Weiler.

MONROE-RANDOLPH YOUNG AUTHORS' CONFERENCE tomorrow at Rogers Elementary in

Waterloo. Congratulations to our honored writers!

- K - Mia Kostelac
- 1 - Rina Baker
- 2 - Garrett Patton
- 3 - Caroline Roche
- 4 - John Bollone
- 5 - Joseph Tyler
- 6 - Sydney Wahle
- 7- Ally Curry
- 8 - Kalia Jerkatis

Children's book author, Jeff Weigel, 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. It is requested that all participants and their parents remain until all medals and certificates have been awarded. Thanks to Robin Nadziejko and Gina Thompson for this great program where the kids are always write!

MONROE/RANDOLPH REGIONAL ART CONTEST

Sparta Lincoln School, 203A Dean Avenue, Sparta, IL, will host the 2017 Monroe-Randolph Art Contest on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Sparta is located 52 minutes south of Columbia traveling on route 3, should leave by 4pm. Let me know if you need a ride, there is no bus. The Art Contest will begin with registration at 5:00pm. Students will begin competition at 5:30 pm.

I have selected the following students to compete in the Bi-County Art Contest. This is always a hard decision since we have only 5 placements for each grade and so many talented young artists.

5th Grade – Briana Baldrige/Illustration Kyra Newton/Cartooning,
Lindsay Harget/Figure Drawing Jack Keeven/Sculpture Maggie Williamson/Still Life

6th Grade - JT Madrid/Illustration Tyler Wahle/Cartooning,
Ariel Adams/Figure Drawing Maria Biske/Sculpture Sydney Wahle/Still Life

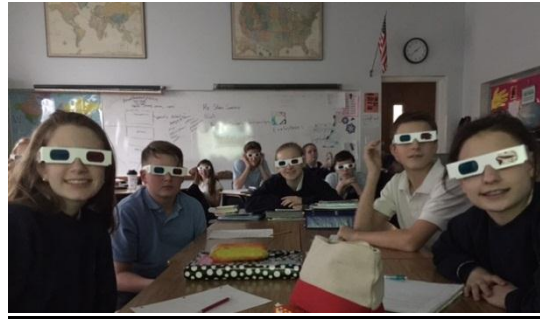
7th Grade - Noah Newton/Illustration, Caitlyn Schwartz/Cartooning,
Ally Curry/Figure Drawing Jacob Whitworth/Sculpture Emma Melliere/Still Life

8th Grade – Jessica Lambert/Illustration, Noah Chism/Cartooning,
Kalia Jerkatis/Figure Draw Jacob Feldker/Sculpture Reagan Herrmann/Still Life

Bring your own supplies for your art category.

If you cannot make this event, let Mrs. Fetcho know as soon as possible so we can find a replacement. Congratulations and try not to be nervous and have fun.

APRIL 29 IS LIKE A DAY OF SCHOOL. State Band Contest. Science Olympiad. Speech meet. State Track regionals. We are juggling things to try to do it all and appreciate your support. What may be best for your child often makes it difficult for the larger group and we seek the greater good. We think we can get it all covered and are trying to cherry pick time slots. Thanks for your help and patience!



Steve Santner Cheryl Tolan's brother who works for NGS visits every other year. Google maps and the available satellite imagery is amazing. Tuck in a survival map and 3D glasses to pick up details and you might have a chance at making it if you crash behind the lines. Meanwhile, we can see the boulders under San Francisco Bay! Thanks Steve and Cheryl!

CONFIRMATION CLUSTER AT WORK!

Help us give all children the chance to have books in their home. Our confirmation cluster is collecting gently used or new children's books for the St. Vincent DePaul Society in East St. Louis. Please drop off your books at ICS, ICC or call Penny for pick up at [314-707-0783](tel:314-707-0783). We will collect through April 23. Thank you in advance for helping share the gift of books! Prindiville Cluster

EQUAL EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT UNBOUND

The students of Immaculate Conception Parish School of Religion are making a difference with an Equal Exchange fundraiser to support Unbound and give our community high-quality products that support farmers and artisans around the world. What does it mean to create change with your everyday choices? Something as simple as the coffee you drink and the chocolate that you eat has an effect on the planet and our global community, and you have the power to make that effect a positive one. When you purchase fairly traded products from Equal Exchange, you ensure that farmers are able to live and work with dignity, that their children are able to go to school and that their communities are made stronger through trade. You can make an impact in the lives of people around the world by choosing to purchase fair and ethically produced products from the Immaculate Conception P.S.R. program. And, for every purchase you make, P.S.R. will donate the total profit from sales to the Unbound sponsorship program which partners with families living in poverty, empowering them to become self-sufficient and fulfill their desired potential. For more information on Equal Exchange and Fair Trade products visit www.equalexchange.coop Thank you, Hope Wienhoff Immaculate Conception Parish School of Religion Coordinator



Cailynn Mueth won a Platinum award (highest you can receive) as well as the 1st overall score in her division at her dance competition last week at the Scottish Rites in downtown. She was interviewed on stage in front of all the other dancers and a few hundred parents in the audience. *Just look at the adoring fans!*



Crossing Guard Observation: We occasionally almost get run over by a parent who misses this sign, misses the crosswalk, misses the cone, but doesn't miss their message. Remember the Law in Illinois and put your phone down when in control of a 3 ton moving object! Thanks! Right behind this sign we lost a 1st Grader chasing a ball in the early 1950's to a tractor trailer with no cell phone, and no warning either. Then we put up the fence.

April 8, 2017 ICS Parents & Friends Rummage Sale

- [Annual Fundraiser](#)
- During Columbia's City Wide Yard Sale Event...
- 8am-12pm
- ICS parking lot (in case of inclement weather-school gym)
- \$10.00 per spot in advance \$5.00 to rent an 8x8 table (while supplies last)
- Contact Diane at 618-791-0626 or ddndoug@charter.net for more information or to reserve a spot - deadline to reserve is April 1st.

YEARBOOK 2016-2017 Order your 2016/2017 yearbook online at jostens.com. Price is \$18.00. Order forms will not be sent home this year. All ordering online. Thanks to Kim Foutch, our Yearbook Sponsor and to Keeven Photography and Jostens for our keepsake.

36th Annual ICS Magazine Drive Go to www.gaschoolstore.com to continue ordering on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. MOTHER/FATHER'S DAY gifts? We only get checks if you make payments on your pay later or buy on-line

PARENTS AND FRIENDS Thanks to Michelle Juengling and Amanda Buhr for the Casimir Pulaski Fun Day at Monkey Joe's. \$187.69 and a barrel of laughs!

Thanks to Parents and Friends for funding \$500 for Kevin Brooks, guest speaker at Columbia High School on suicide prevention and \$500 for our maker lab (we are doing drone research with Kevin and Theresa Beabout). They also funded some new kitchen aprons so we would look good for the State Review on March 30!

THANKS TO WELLS FARGO MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM for \$446.50!

Thanks to Papa John's and you for \$23.29! Papa Johns next year: 3rd Tuesday
9-19 10-17 11-28 (moved back a week due to Thanksgiving) 2-20 3-20 4-17

Thanks! Panda Express for March 2 \$74.33 (Trisha Haywood chairs for Parents and Friends)
And thanks to Hamra Noodles \$140.87

THE SPORTING NEWS...Congratulations to our 8th Grade Volleyball Girls on their 3rd place at Holy Childhood. They beat St. Theresa, lost to St. James, and beat St. Clare!

Diocesan Volleyball Tournament Play has started for the girls. Our Parochial girls lost in the first round and play tonight at 7:10 at QP vs. St. John. Our Jr. Girls play tomorrow at 11:00 at QP vs. St. Theresa. Good luck girls!



Marie Prindiville finished 1st in the F14 & Under division of the St. Patrick's Day 5 mile race in downtown St. Louis with a time of 35:59. Marie finished 29th out of 2,321 Women and 178th out of over 4,300 runners! Marie also finished 1st in 2016 and this is her 7th year competing in the race.

Brian Stark won 1st in the KC Regional Free Throw contest and will compete in the State Finals in Chatham on April 8. He hit 19 of 25!

Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament We are past half full and this one is filling up early. Ann Briar. Get your reservation in or you might miss it!

Soccer opportunity for ICS students!

2017 Spring Kicks Program - Boys and Girls - Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade

Saturday 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 9:00-10:00 am @ Columbia Soccer Club Fields

\$40 per Participant - For more information or to register online, click the link below:

<http://www.overtimesportsllc.org/columbia-soccer-club-2017-spring-kicks-registration/>

TRACK MEETS If you have never been, you will be surprised! Come watch your kids!

April 5 home-5:00 April 8 Freeburg 10:00 April 11 home 5:00 April 20 Belle Valley 5:00

April 26 home 5:00 April 29 Chester Regional for State May 3 Columbia HS 5:00

May 6 @ Belleville West Conference Meet 9:00 May 9 home 5:00 May 13 Herrin HS State Track May

20 Belleville West 9:00 Diocesan Meet

Scott and Heather Schaefer Family Benefit The Immaculate Conception Parish School of Religion teachers will host a 1950s Sock Hop Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Turner Hall in Columbia, Ill., from 6pm - Midnight, to benefit the Scott and Heather Schaefer Family. A \$40 ticket includes dinner, beer/wine/soda, dancing and fun! The evening features all your '50s favorites spun by All proceeds from this event go directly to Scott and Heather for non-insured medical expenses and basic household needs. ***To request reservations or arrange to make a donation, send an email to schaeferbenefit2017@gmail.com. Thanks!***

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 1st, from 8a.m.-3p.m., no foolin'! As always, there will be special deals from 1-3p.m.

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!! Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 26th**. We are recruiting superheroes entering kindergarten through 5th grades to fine tune their skills for the upcoming school year. Camp will be from 8am to 3pm at Immaculate Conception with before & after care available. Info & registration forms are attached. To receive a \$25 discount, registration due by Friday, March 31st. Registration & payment can be sent to school, or online by clicking the link (<https://goo.gl/forms/mwvAgtcfHBXaYwiw2>). Contact Mrs. Epplin (bepplin@icsmail.org) with questions. Click here for [camp1](#) and click here [for camp2](#)

FISH FRIES are everywhere but the Knights of Columbus are helping fund our new Catholic Education and Education Center! Let's eat our way to building our Capital Campaign! If you can help in any way (serve, clean, cook, or make a dessert) please go to www.kofc6165.org and pick a shift or call Jim Vonderhaar @ [314-494-8874](tel:314-494-8874). If you are donating a dessert please bring to the cafeteria after 2pm on the day of the fish fry. Every Friday in Lent now serving from 4-7pm in the ICS cafeteria. Featuring shrimp, cod, French fries, cole slaw, drinks included. Give praise to God and eat some cod. 50% of net proceeds to the Catholic Education and Activities Center!

Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood Drive The Knights of Columbus Council 6165 will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, March 19th from 8:00am to 1:00pm in the lower level of Church.

A Family Day of Mercy. Below is a video link to include as well. This video is good insight into the how the weekend retreats are conducted...to include the power of cookies and Agape:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkyGRSZ4sXM&t=4s>

Shriners Hospital is having a screening clinic at the Monroe County YMCA on April 29th. We would love to get this flyer out to the kids in your grade school(s). [Please review the flyer](#) and let me know what is the best way to get this information out, email or paper. Thanks for your help.

Brad Nevois – Ainad Hospital Unit [314.267.5226](tel:314.267.5226)

GRADS IN THE NEWS...CONGRATULATIONS to ICS grads who are new national honor society inductees at Columbia High School! Alicia Archambault, Samantha Estes, and Jake Heet. Sam Groppe was also named a "Soaring Eagle"! We are proud of you!

Children's Choir: Dear Parents, Our next and final commitment is to sing at 9:00 mass for Easter Sunday. A few of the children have said they will not be there to sing. Please let me know.

After Easter there will not be Wed. afternoon rehearsals, but I still will have the children sing at Thursday school liturgies. Also, if anyone is available to help put music into plastic protectors for the Easter binders I could use the help. Please contact me about this and we can discuss details.

Thank you, Karen Lundy

PRAYERS: Special Intention Barb Reinholz, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Teresa Dorshorst, Alicia Cohen, Christine Matrisotto, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Jim Edgar, Connie Huebner, Elisabeth Weilbacher, Tootie May, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Seth Watters, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stehmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer:

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

Well...Jacob fell in love at the well with Rachel...Jesus forgot his bucket and he runs into a woman at the well whom I am sure fell in love with Him. We don't know her name. Jesus knows what she has done. The underlying thirst in Scripture here is the encounter---relationship---softening hearts---bringing the marginalized back into the group---forgiveness. How can we not fall in love with a God who is so compassionate, so merciful, so much in love with us that He is willing to die for us? Lent is more than not eating meat on Friday, giving up your Diet Coke or chocolate, or becoming angry at the reminder that we can control ourselves. Jerusalem is our destiny! Make the journey with Him, in your own way, this Lenten season! Come to the well and hear the story and join us around the altar!

Mike Kish, Principal

PS Kindergarten and new student registration is Sunday, March 19 from 10:00 till 12:30 or by appointment at 281-5353.

PS **Happy Birthday** to Dana Weik of our cafeteria staff who celebrates her birthday with St. Patrick's Day! Green Day!

PS **THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR** WILL BE BACK ON APRIL 24 IN OUR CHURCH AT 7:00.

PS **Phones are becoming a problem during school.** They are to be used for parent emergency contact only with permission or in class at teacher request---notes and research. Technology socialization is not a school goal. Technology is a tool and not meant to get in the way of relationship building. Learn to deal with people one on one, face to face, and seek to find what God has taught us---*there is you---there is me---there is us!* And that is where we find the power! ***In us!***

PS The Pre-K SmartBoard wasn't working today. Nick Doerr piped up "*What about St. Lewis? She can fix it.*" We all agree on that!

PS For they're some jolly good fellows...Blake Metzger and Trevor have completed their Gibault Senior Project with us and we wish them all the best as they finish out their High School careers. We hope they take a little bit of ICS with them and treasure what they have learned and the gift they have been to us!