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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 20, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

RUSS PETERSON When someone you have come to know, love, and respect is hit with a serious and mysterious illness, the human response is a desire to help. The School---PSR---RCIA---Staff---prayer groups---St. Vincent DePaul group---Knights of Columbus---neighbors---friends all feel the shock and pain and want to help. I remembered early in my relationship with Russ that he was a man for the parish. He plays no favorites and loves the parish. He belongs to all of us. So the parish is responding as a whole. Pastoral Council Vice-Chairperson Pat Grawitch will coordinate our efforts, so that we can all work together in tandem, and make our efforts to help as fruitful as possible, and hopefully avoid any unnecessary duplication. Our "Meals from the Heart Ministry," under Helen Csik, is coordinating meals for the family of Russ and his sister as they attend to him. As Fr. Carl has said, "Very simply put, when we do it together, we do it better!" **A fund has been set up for parish online givers for donations to Russ Peterson. The fund will be called Russ Peterson Assistance Fund – givers can just select the fund and donate what they wish. Donations can be ear-marked in the collection basket too.** The parish will then distribute the donations to the family. Please continue your daily prayers so he can awake and return to us. Here is yesterday's update from his wife Lara:

I am very thankful for Facebook, sites like this, and the link to the rest of the world it gives me. For myself I love reading things and seeing pictures of others' lives. For Russell right now, I love how I am connecting with people from every single chapter of his life to help him in his healing journey. Thanks everyone!

Goals for our day are:

**keeping Russell comfortable*

**dialysis - which has just started*

**talking to doctors about other possible tests and things we can do connected to him still being unawake*

**breathing deep and long - :)*

**Hoping Russell awakens*

Russell's vitals remain steady. We remain hopeful and thankful for all the support.

Peace, Lara

Like a geodesic dome, Fr. Carl, parish staff and parishioners are absorbing Russ's workload and our parish mission continues as he would so want it too!

The Avalon Community has set up a GoFundMe account in Russ Peterson's name. Many friends and family have asked how they can help the family while Russ is in the hospital. Here is an easy way to do just that.....Here is the link for the GoFundMe set up in Russ's name. It is called the Russ trust and it is active! Thank you so much! <http://www.gofundme.com/p9bry8>

an AFRICAN SAFARI TRIVIA NIGHT is being held by "friends of Russ" held at ICS on April 20. See the flyer!

BUILDING THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE...this Sunday we choose the 12 after the 5:00 Mass. First meeting is April 9. We live in a very exciting time in the history of our parish! If you have said your prayers, discerned, and feel "called", get your ballot in the box before Mass. Come Holy Spirit!

SPREAD THE WORD PLEASE Registration was good but we still have room **IN ALL GRADES!** The best thing you are doing for your child is giving them the chance to have TIME to talk about their God. The Joy of the Gospel is a lifetime experience. No need to wait for a crisis to look to God! 32 new students so far! Let's grow the Good News and the good news of ICS!

BIG CHESS NEWS DIOCESAN CHAMPS!



The ICS Chess Team won First Place in the Diocesan Championship Chess Meet on Saturday, March 14th at Blessed Sacrament School in Belleville. Thirty-seven ICS students participated with 144 students total in attendance. Leading the way with perfect 4-0 scores were Johnny Adams, Lucas Herrmann, James Ramette, and Tyler Wahle. Reagan Herrmann finished with a 3-1 record for the meet.

St. Louis is the Chess capitol of the world! ICS had **84 STUDENTS IN CHESS THIS YEAR!** Great job Mrs. Herrmann and Jim Williams! The Diocesan win was quite a battle. We only beat St. Teresa by a half-point. Truly shows how every

point (or half point) counts. Lots of 2-2 and 1-3 records today were hard fought and every win counted! Meets are based on a 15 minute clock. Strategies are different than playing to checkmate.

Pictured with the trophy are Avery Herrmann, Kate Adams, Kaila Jerkatis, Karina Jerkatis Row 2: John Bollone, Drew Roche, Owen Haney, Kyra Newton. Row 3: Dorian Thorne, Tyler Wahle, Maria Biske, Sydney Wahle, Colin Mueth, Spencer Biske, Noah Newton, Isabella Frasure, Emma Tippen. Row 4: Coach Cyra Herrmann, Drew Schmoll, Cole Huebner, Trevor Stockard, Ben Haney, James Ramette, Hannah Stearns, Reagan Herrmann, Molly Tippen. Back row (L-R) Ryan Gallagher, Sam Sippel, Ryan Swindle, Johnny Adams, Lucas Herrmann, Anna Adams, Jacob Gilbreth. Not pictured: Bailey Lundberg, Reilly Lundberg, Delaney Lundberg, and Stephen Johns

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



YOUNG AUTHORS are celebrated! Pictured: Flag-bearer from Gardner Elementary in Waterloo, Claire Wachtel, Ava Langhans, Caroline Roche, Anna Haubrich, Sophia Holobaugh, Allison Curry, Kalia Jerkatis, Claire Huebner, with Regional Superintendent Kelton Davis and Jennifer Stumpe, guest author who presented to the students.

The ICS Scholastic Bowl Team is well into the season. The Varsity team beat St. Teresa this week to push their season record to 27-4. The JV record is 21-3. Current toss up leaders are Spencer Biske with 64, Thomas Young with 46, Sarah Rose with 42, and Adam Stearns with 39. The season will begin to wrap up with matches against Edward Fulton Junior High, Lincoln Middle School, Amelia Carriel Junior High, Triad, and Aviston. Team members include Johnny Adams, Mason Babcock, Lucas Herrmann, Sarah Rose, Jack Sainz, Adam Stearns, Hannah Weiler, Thomas Young, Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Hannah Janson, Trevor Stockard, Ben Traxler, Mary Wessel, & Jane Whelan.

The Crusaders are coached by Tiffany Taylor and Dan Kassebaum.

ICS Terrific Kids for March 2015 Thanks Mrs. Greenfield for coordinating and the Columbia Kiwanis and Pat McDermott for honoring us!!

Mrs. Sarah Diewald- **Ava Hrdlicka** is the Terrific Kid in our class for the month of March. She is a great listener and always follows the rules. Ava is a hard worker and great friend to others.

Mrs. Emily Meyer- **Michael Wessel** is a terrific kid because he works hard in the classroom and participates well during class. He is also well-liked by his classmates.

Mrs. Barb Greenfield- **Lindsay Harget** is a Terrific Kid ! She works hard, and always has her work done well and completed on time. She enjoys helping me and her classmates, especially with computer skills.

Ms. Tara Kennedy- **Abby Repp** is a Terrific Kid because she is a diligent worker and works very hard to succeed. She is also very respectful and has stepped up to be a leader to her classmates.

Mrs. Maren Donjon- **Andrew Feldker** is a great student. He takes pride in his work and enjoys learning. He stays on task until the job is complete and gives 100% in all his work. He is willing to help other students and myself in the classroom.

Mrs. Angie Ettlign- The terrific kid from my class is **Josie Thomas**. Josie tries her best in all subjects and she works hard at improving friendships. Josie loves to volunteer for Mass.

Mrs. Jen Schauster- **Emily Everett** is a terrific kid! She is always smiling with a cheerful word for all. She is willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it and is a true asset to our class.

Mrs. Tiffany Taylor- **Joey Hesterberg** has been working hard in the classroom to get organized and has been putting great effort into his work. I am proud of Joey's hard work.



Vitaly Neimer, one of the Webster University Chess Team members who was one of our summer camp leaders paid a visit to the Diocesan Meet. Vitaly is the coach for James Ramette. Vitaly is an International Chess Master. Webster University will compete for their third consecutive Final Four Championship in New York April 4th-5th.

MAGAZINE DRIVE so far: 6089-343-335-3643 Over \$10k in now thanks to your payments!

Good luck to the Rosati-Kain Math Contest Team tomorrow and to our NATIONAL HISTORY BEE REGIONAL FINALISTS on Tuesday at Wydown Middle School. Historians are Adam Stearns, Sarah Rose, Hannah Weiler, Ben Traxler and Nick Prindiville. (Name the 3 Presidents not buried in their claimed state.)

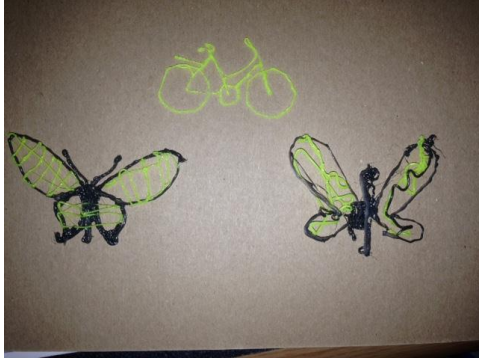
DISTRICT BAND CONCERT On Saturday March 28th we will be traveling by bus to Triad Middle School for the District Band Contest. Students will wear khakis and activity shirt with brown or black shoes. Please have them bring money for snacks afterwards. Parents are welcome to come watch us play. It is always great to have our fans at contest. If anyone is going to drive and wants to haul some percussion and low brass please let me know. Mr. Hake

Meet at ICS: 10:00am Warm-up at Triad: 11:30am Perform at Triad: 12:00pm
Arrive back at ICS: 1:45pm

PARENTS & FRIENDS EVENTS ICS Trivia Night – TONIGHT 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!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS YARD SALE APRIL 18 Would you like to have a yard sale and get rid of stuff but don't live in town? Parents and Friends has the solution! We will be renting spots on the school parking lot on Saturday, April 18th, during Columbia's City Wide Yard Sale Event. Help Parents and Friends out by cleaning out your house and make some extra cash for yourself. 14 x 14 ft spot for \$10. [See attached form for more information and to register.](#)



We bought two 3-D pens for our computer classes. Box opened at 7:02 by Mrs. Lewis. School starts 8:00. 3 students picked by lottery to try the pens out the last 5 minutes of the class. Sarah Rose made the bicycle, Isabella Garcia made the butterfly, and Mason Babcock made the dragonfly. 9:02 presented to Principal for viewing. They are laid flat for the picture! The best is yet to come! Thanks to Mrs. Lewis for writing the grant!

THANKS TO...

COLUMBIA DAIRY QUEEN AND CHAD STULTZ \$167.23 from ICS Night!!! (this one tastes good!)

BOEING COMMUNITY PARTNER \$175.00!

ATT&T \$14.00!

PAPA JOHN'S Sales - \$159.28 10% back - 15.93 Class winner –Mrs. Diewald

SAFETY UPGRADES: Thanks to the ICS Fathers Club (\$5000) and Parents and Friends (\$3840) for upgrades to our locks, closers and entry windows! You are always there for us!

KC FISH FRIES TONIGHT----FOLLOWED BY OUR BIG TRIVIA NIGHT! April 3 IS NEXT.

THE SPORTING NEWS...



8TH GRADE SMSA TOURNAMENT Our 7th grade boys won 5th out of 12 teams in the 8th grade tourney! Spencer Biske, Trevor Stockard, and Ryan Gallagher were at the Diocesan Chess Meet. Congratulations!

TRACK HELP NEEDED Bill Feldker, Tom Prindiville, Rich Southard, Ken Mohr, Chris Wessel, Dan Whelan, and Rich Southard have been great help for the past track seasons. Rich will be able to help only once in a while due to the requirements of his job, and Bill Feldker may also not be able to help as much

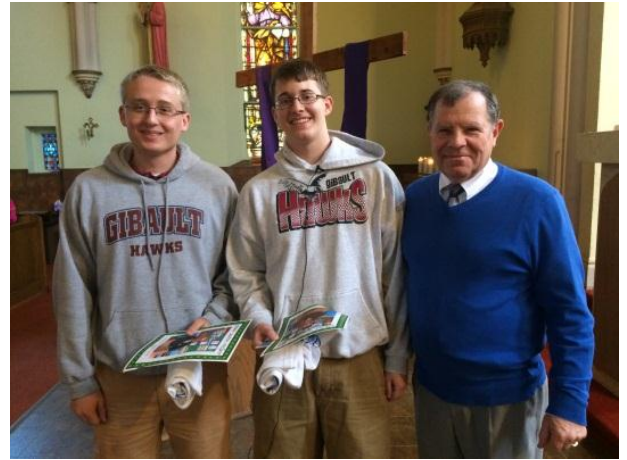
as he would like IN keeping 50 track athletes focused and on task. No experience in track required - I was never a track athlete like Ken, Tom, and Rich, for example. So don't let your lack of experience stop you. In addition, when we host a meet, we can always use parents to help time events and record scores.

Our first practice is 25 March from 5-6:30 at Columbia HS-- this is an intro for the 5th Graders only -- other students can come to participate but priority will be given to helping the 5th Graders understand what track is all about and give them an introduction to the various track events.

The schedule for track should be posted soon by Ms. Kennedy. First meet is at CHS track on 13 April.

Bill Riley, head coach

Thanks to Johnny Lebert and Sam Constantine for their 3 weeks of help here as part of the Gibault Senior Project! My mentor Fr. Ed Hustedde started this in the 1970's, long before service-learning became popular as a way to grow high school students. Johnny and Sam know how to bring the joy and we pray for a strong high school finish for them!



Experience your Catholic high school in action! The **Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday** series wraps up with its final opportunity on **April 1st**, 9 – 11 am. Meet Principal Russ Hart for coffee and conversation about **Gibault Catholic** – an area leader in academics, technology, fine arts and athletics. Tour the campus “live” when classes are in session. RSVP: Pat Herzing pherzing@gibaultonline.com or 618.939.3883. Join us for part or all of the morning – We would love to see you!

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Comparing high schools? Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7th or 8th grader excited about high school! Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaultonline.com). We look forward to meeting you!

COMMUNITY NEWS...

The Violence Prevention Center of SW Illinois is holding a **coloring contest for Child Abuse Awareness** month that is April. Kindergarten through 2nd grade this year. We would like to drop the coloring pages off at your school between March 30th-April 1st---do them at school or over Spring Break. Due! April 14th any questions? Contact Kay Clements, Chairperson of the Monroe County Outreach Group, VPC Board Member, Kclements@wcusd5.net or I #[618-558-5810](tel:618-558-5810) .

PARISH NEWS.... CONFIRMATION IS BACK to May 20 at 7:00 pm.

Last night the District changed the Middle School graduation date and freed up May 20 for Confirmation. More families will be able to make this date than May 9 so now we are **BACK TO MAY 20!** Please mark your calendar and spread the word!

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 attachment from last week!

2015 Knights of Columbus Catholic High School Scholarship Essay Contest is March 22nd at 12:15 in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. All 8th grade parish members who will be attending a Catholic high school are eligible to participate. The scholarship is worth \$1,000 total --- (\$250 per year). Any questions, call Al Ziegler @ 281-5707.

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

Caroline Keefe in in the hospital suffering from a kidney ailment. Please say a big one for her!

Becca Hangel, cousin of Constance Barnett, is in need of our prayers.

She is 39 and currently on life-support after collapsing in Montana. Please put her on our prayer list.

Emily, Zach, and Nick Gillan's grandfather **John Clark** was called home to God last Saturday. He was laid to rest on Thursday. God's peace to his family and especially his wife Geneta and Denise and Eric Gillan.

Joseph Trimberger Battle of the Bulge Veteran-grandfather of ICS grad Geoff and Lillian McKay...was laid to rest at J B this week. Memorials were designated to our new school fund.

MERLE HABERL passed away yesterday afternoon. She is grandma/aunt to so many ICS and Gibault kids. The Haberls, Toals, Herrmanns, Stemlers, Hoochs, Wolfmeiers... Prayers for the family please. She was a frequent daily mass attendee for years and an ICS and Gibault Hawk SuperFan! Merle and Tiny were faithful and active parishioners and Merle was the matriarch!

Surviving are her children, Gary (Cate) Haberl of Coldwater, MI, Cindy (John) Toal of Columbia, IL, Pam Hendrix of Osage Beach, MO, Tim (Pam) Haberl of Quincy, MI, and Scott (Marilyn) Haberl of St. Louis, MO, daughter-in-law, Liz Haberl of Columbia, IL, 15 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, Shirley Hooch of Keller, TX, Rosalie (Harold) Stemler of Columbia, IL, Betty (Tom) Wolfmeier of Waterloo, IL, Ralph Herrmann of TX, Dorothy Haberl of Columbia, IL, and Thomas (Joan) Herrmann of Columbia, IL, sisters-in-law, Florence Haberl of Columbia, IL, and Julie Herrmann of Belleville, IL, along with other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Daniel Haberl, and a brother, Robert Herrmann.

Visitation will be Sunday, March 22, 2015, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 23, at 10:00 am, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL, with Fr. Carl Scherrer, officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions to: Gibault High School, 501 Columbia Ave., Waterloo, IL 62298, , Immaculate Conception School, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236, or, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. www.lawlorfuneralhome.com.

PRAYERS: Caroline Keefe, Russ Peterson, Bill Pennock, Zac Epplin, Becca Hangel, Erin McKean, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Edward Pelker, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

GOD HAS HELPED is the meaning of the name Lazarus. It was a common name and represents us in Scripture. We are all Lazarus. As Lazarus was raised from the dead, we all have that hope! Lent continues. Hope continues! Let your faithfulness continue!

Mike Kish
Principal

PS **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS** Michell Guettermann on the Feast of St. Joseph, Joanne Schilling on 3-2-1 blast-off, and Shari Murphy 9 months till Christmas!

PS Happy Birthday to Pauline Neurohr who turned 96 last Wednesday. Say prayer for this great lady. For many years she was her husband Benny's right hand as he fixed our electrical problems here. Pauline has the most beautiful flowers in town. A big flower gets an Our Father and a small one a Hail Mary as she waters them!

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

PS The Bishop held a birthday party for his 70th last year with donations going to Catholic education.

\$49,000 to elementary fund for tuition assistance
\$7,500 to the Newman Center
Balance to our 3 Catholic High Schools as designated by donors

HOW THE IRISH SAVED CIVILIZATION This is a great book. As the dark Ages crept across Europe, all the great books, the culture, the learned people were destroyed. The Dark Ages did not reach Ireland. There, the monks and the scribes kept turning out the great books which were returned to Europe as the Dark Ages receded. So hooray for Ireland and St. Patrick!



Band Schedule Week of March 23-27

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

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 6th-8th Percussion
9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass
11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass
11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass
8:35-9:05 5th Percussion
9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet
10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals
11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

Saturday

District Contest meet at ICS 10:00am