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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.

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



PRAYER---FASTING---ALMSGIVING---this is our Lenten Journey! Half-way there but plan a strong finish today and grace wins!

REGISTRATION We can run ads but Word Of Mouth is the best advertising and that is up to you. Please spread the Good News about the Gospels and the good news about ICS! Give us a call for a tour or to register. 618-2891-5353 or bepplin@icsmail.org. Lots of PreK room!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER! We have hit \$7,000,000 in pledges and can celebrate and pay interest on the balance needed or chase the full amount by saying we need \$4,600,000 so we can kiss interest good bye! We have millions of dollars out there in the form of "asks", letters of intent not yet delivered, alumni, and friends we haven't asked. Once again, I can ask the Kindergarten story question "*Who will help me eat the applesauce?*" Many will reap the benefit. Many owe a debt to the past to the believers who built our present facility. Either way, NOW is critical because we have to talk about FINANCING the project. The great the pledges we have, the greater the clout we have in getting a lower interest rate over a shorter period of time. So worry about debt service(making interest payments) or get moving on pledges. Can we dig deep, go short, and get this done NOW? We can if you will. Please get your letter of intent in if you have been contacted or call the Principal if you need a contact on how to pledge. **Time to think 4.6 instead of 11.6! Much, much, easier numbers! And 21 days from Easter on Sunday and 21 months till new CEAC!**

A big thank you to the **Sophie and Elmer Oerter Foundation for a \$225,000 grant** for our new playground. Soph and Otis(as I knew and loved them) have left a legacy scattered widely across Columbia, our County, neighboring cities, our youth, and veterans. Thanks to the Oerter Foundation Board for being the voice of Sophia and Elmer! As St. Paul says, *the good you do lives on!*



Chess News: Great turnout to the last meet at St. Clare. 36 ICS students and 169 students total. Avery Melliere led the way with an undefeated record of 3 wins and one tie. No 4-0 players this time. Our 3-1 record holders were Sean Fredrick, Easton Dill, Julia Hoeflinger, Avery Herrmann, Michael Wessel, Drew Roche, Drew Schmoll, Tyler Wahle, Lucas Sheehan. Thanks to all of you who helped transport your children to and from meets this season! THANK YOU to **Mr. Jim Williams** for his donation of time and talent to our chess team. He is a great source of knowledge for our students and a valuable part of our program. Last practice/party for **GRADES 5-8 NEXT TUESDAY from 3:00-4:30 in the cafeteria.**

CONGRATULATIONS MATH DEPARTMENT! ILLINOIS MATH LEAGUE: The 8th grade took 3rd place in our 7 county region of Champaign, St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Sangamon, Macon and Vermillion counties and were 30th of 71 schools taking the test in the State! In the 7th grade contest, we placed 2nd and Jacob Whitworth was 4th in our 7 county region with a 26 of 35.

8th grade: (88) 1. Isabella Frasure-20 2. Rose Sippel-18 3. (tie)Eli Garcia---Katie Grawitch-17
5. Andrew Harmon-16

Commendable: Jacob Feldker, Anna Adams, Dominic Dalpoas, Nik Traiteur

7th grade (109) 1. Jacob Whitworth-26 2. Jacqie Gogolek-22 3. Noah Newton-21 4. Dorian Thorne-20 5. (tie)Georgia Sasser, Adelynn Murphy, Ally Curry, and Collin Schmidt-19
Commendable: Reece Ward, Emily Everett, Paula Boser, Emma Blaskiewicz, Jordan Smugala, Devin Cason, Allyse Broske, and Kaleb Hugger

6th Grade: (112) 1. Ben Haney- 23 2. Tyler Wahle-20 3. Brock Murphy-18 4.(tie) Sydney Wahle, Colin Mueth, Emma Schmidt-17 Commendable: Josie Thomas, Andrew Donjon, Joe Tyler, Thomas Schaefer, Jaylyn Brister, Michael Costner, Emma Tippen, Cole Huebner, Andrew Feldker, Abby Repp, Blake Powers, Owen Dalpoas, Rhyan Ward, Allison Stark, Danny Repp, Maria Biske, Dominic Voegele, Jack Basler, Abby Eichenseer, Anna Haubrich, Gavin Kesler, Maddi Swip, Marisa McGill, Kyra Newton, William Sanker.

Litchfield Scholastic Bowl Tournament: We competed in the Litchfield Open Scholastic Bowl Tournament on Saturday, March 18th. Team members Katie Grawitch, Kalia Jerkatis, Jessica Lambert, Noah Newton, Autumn Ramey, and Ben Haney finished the day 4th out of 18 teams with a record of 6-3. They started the tournament with wins against Porta, Litchfield, Rochester, & Mt. Zion and a loss against Franklin. Advancing to the championship bracket in the afternoon, ICS defeated Mt. Zion and lost to Next Generation A to advance to the 3rd place match. ICS lost the 3rd place match to Next Generation B with a score of 270-310. ICS team members Dominic Dalpoas, Isabella Frasure, Ally Curry, Daylen Litke, Georgia Sasser, & Jacob Whitworth also competed in the tournament ending the day with a record of 2-7. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor & Dan Kassebaum.

Blessed Sacrament Toss-Up Tournament: The Immaculate Conception Scholastic Bowl team competed in the Blessed Sacrament Toss-Up Tournament on Wednesday, March 22nd. Each team member competes individually against peers from Diocesan schools to answer the most toss-up questions. In the Varsity division, Eli Garcia ended the night in 7th place with 30 toss-ups, and Katie Grawitch finished in 10th place with 24 toss-ups. In the Junior Varsity division, Noah Newton captured 1st answering 65 of the 200 toss-up questions. Autumn Ramey came in 3rd place with 42 toss-ups, and Jacob Whitworth finished 6th with 28 toss-ups. Other team members competing were Dominic Dalpoas, Isabella Frasure, Kalia Jerkatis, Jessica Lambert, Ally Curry, Daylen Litke, Georgia Sasser, Maria Biske, Abby Eichenseer, Stephen Johns, and Josie Thomas. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor & Dan Kassebaum.



TEAM QUEST We brought the “mountain to Mohammed” as Adventures in Learning ran our annual Team Quest competition for Grades 5-8 today. This STEAM experience is a fun way of building real life work skills with students mixed across the grades. Thank you for funding Parents and Friends! Here are our top three teams for the day:

1st-Ty Griffin, Noah Newton, Sydney Wahle, Sam Glasscock
2nd-Reagan Herrmann, Georgia Sasser, Stephen Johns, William Reed
3rd- Constance Barnett, Autumn Ramey, Ben Haney, Emma Farris

DISTRICT BAND CONTEST Tomorrow we head to Triad Middle School for a 10:00 performance. Almost a year's worth of work has gone into our effort. The greater good is always the most involved within schedule limitations. We often have 4 or 5 events at one time, and each one important in its own way.

ICS SPELLING BEE CHAMPS who will represent us at the ROE contest on April 11:
5th grade Brock Murphy 6th Emma Schmidt 7th Jacqie Gogolek 8th Katie Grawitch

OUR GOOD FRIEND ANDREAS HEUSER from our Columbia Sister City of Gedern, Germany will bring his students to ICS next Friday morning for some cultural updates from Western Europe. This is always a big learning day for us!

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.

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

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. Competition at 5:30 pm.

5th Grade – Briana Baldrige/Illustration Kyra Newton/Cartooning,
Lindsay Hargett/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.

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!***

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 Fair trade items to sponsor a child through Unbound are being marketed by our parish PSR program. They even have K-cups! (I'll take 2 please!) Great program and most of the profit goes to the producer which exponentially changes lives there. Contact Hope Wienhoff.

April 8, 2017 ICS Parents & Friends Rummage Sale 8am-12pm

- During Columbia's City Wide Yard Sale Event...
- 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.

\$5,192.00 from the Bill-Me-Later portion of the Magazine Drive! We are over \$10,000 for our parish Catholic Education and Activity Center ! **Keep on paying those bills and we reap the profits!** Go to www.gaschoolstore.com to continue ordering on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. MOTHER/FATHER'S DAY? We only get checks if you make payments on pay later or buy on-line.

THANKS! CASA April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Your generosity raised **\$574.69 for abused and neglected children!** Go away snakes in our lives!

THANKS ... much for all the help you give the Columbia Public Library. We so appreciate it. Columbia...A Glance at the Past March 31st from 1-3 The library welcomes Gene Haller, to answer all questions relating to Columbia's history. Copies available for purchase.

Book Sale The Friends of the Library have an ongoing book sale located at the entrance to the library. Many gently used books are available at affordable prices.

Tech Time 2nd Tuesday of each month 2-4 Bring your device (laptop, tablet or phone). Instructions on 3M e-books/audio.

CPR Training Infant, Child, Adult Saturday, April 29th 9:30 am Present by Columbia EMS Registration required.

Friends of The Library April 24th @ 7:00 Meeting is held at the library. New members always welcome. Call for more details.

Want to be the first to knowwhen the library gets new books, movies and more? Sign up for our weekly newsletters at Wowbrary.org

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THE SPORTING NEWS...

VOLLEYBALL GIRLS ended over the weekend with the 8th grade girls taking the Diocesan Consolation championship after losing in the first round. The Jr. Girls had a bye their first round and then lost so they were out. A great season nonetheless with lots of growth! It is so good to see the growth of talent during a season!

DIOCESAN BOYS VOLLEYBALL play started last night with our Parochial boys beating St. John Red Bud in 3 and they now play tonight at 8:00 at St. James. The Junior boys lost last night and play tonight at 8:00 at Millstadt Consolidated. Bilocation anyone? Good luck boys!

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.overtimesportslc.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 TBA

May 6@ Belleville West Conference Meet 9:00 May 9 TBA May 13 Herrin HS State Track May 20 Belleville West 9:00 Diocesan Meet

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.

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting a Junior High trivia night for grades 7-8 on Wednesday, April 12th from 7-9 PM. The theme is "Decades" so come dressed in your favorite decade and win the "Best Dressed" award! \$2 per person, pizza and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibalthawks.com). Come join the fun!

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 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!

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. See flyer last week. Brad Nevois – Ainad Hospital Unit [314.267.5226](tel:314.267.5226)

GRADS IN THE NEWS... Congratulations to the Sophie and Elmer Oerter Charitable Foundation Scholar Dinner Honorees from ICS who were saluted on Wednesday night. Alicia Archambault, Jake Heet, Jay Hollman and Morgan Ladyman. We are proud of you!

BORED? Cut and paste this from from Dynamic Catholic. And yes, he is from Australia.
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/15af536e2f750e26?compose=15af5f7a0be978e9>

Joy of Love t-shirt: Jaylyn Brister, Megan Janson, Dustin Swindle, Sean Frederick, Drew Hagedorn, Rhyan Ward, Broedy Furlow, Avery Melliere

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

Mr. Bill (former ICS teacher) Riley's Mom is out of the hospital. She is 104 I think and one tough lady for sure!

Condolences to the Ettlting family on the loss of Jason's(Angie) Uncle Ralph "Buddy" Ettlting. He is great uncle to Noah and Alaina. He was 69. Rest in peace.

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, , Elisabeth Weilbacher, Tootie May, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, 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 Stechmesser, 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

DOJ Every year we pass the Department of Justice Building in D.C. I try to remember the blindfold. Justice is supposed to be blind. This is another reason the Founding Fathers created the Bill of Rights as a further guarantee of equality under the law with protections for our basic freedoms. This Sunday Jesus cures a blind man on the Sabbath and gets taken to the court of public opinion by the Pharisees. We are reminded that holding on to sin keeps us blind. If we cannot get over the sin of withholding forgiveness, we will always stay blind. Justice demands we forgive or we stay blind. *Awake o sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light!* Come and kick-start your second half of Lent by gathering around the Table! (Ever wonder why Fr. Carl and Fr. Chris genuflect before the Altar and often kiss it? The Altar represents the Body of Christ. That is why Bishop Braxton rubbed the Holy Chrism and rubbed the Holy Chrism and rubbed the Holy Chrism into our Altar. We are holy too and get Holy Chrism at Baptism and Confirmation and Fr. Carl and Fr. Chris received it at

ordination.) For the 5 old timers who read this, this Sunday is “Laetare Sunday” which means rejoice! We are 3 weeks from Easter and the big party. For now, we fast, pray, help the poor, and gather for fellowship around the Altar and around the Cod fish stand---Eating together is rejoicing together and the KC’s are set up for you tonight!

Mike Kish, Principal

PS **Report Cards** are going out today. The normal third quarter---tougher subject matter phenomena hit again so a little slippage. Students will recover for 4th quarter.

PS **Stewardship forms**: gentle reminder time is over. Please get them in. We are a Full Stewardship Parish and need 100% working towards the goal. Buy in and get grace free!

PS **Good luck to our 10 regional finalists in the National History Bee** on Wednesday at Wydown Middle School!

PS State and Diocesan Review is Thursday. We will be tied up a little doing the “humble-brag” about our school and getting our check-offs.

PS **“Living Stations”** hosted by the Class of 2017 will be March 31. Their **Confirmation retreat** is that evening with The REAP TEAM leading the way. Come Holy Spirit!

PS THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be back on April 24 in our church at 7:00.