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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 31, 2017

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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!**

**STATE EVALUATION AND DIOCESAN REVIEW** It could hardly have gone any better! Lots of kudos and we will get better. In life, it is good to stop and reflect---kind of like a retreat, My beloved wife reminded me the night before “*remember, you don't have to sell the school to them.*” I said “ *I know. We already sold it!*” Thanks to the Review Team! A written report is coming which will be shared so we can get better.

- Regional Office of Education: Kelton Davis, Regional Superintendent\ Chris Diddlebock, Assistant Superintendent
- Columbia Community Unit #4 Representative: Dr. Beth Horner
- SPPCS Principal: Lisa Buchheit
- Queen of Peace Principal: Sharon Needham
- Diocesan Office of Education: Thomas Posnanski, Director of Faith Formation and Education David Timmermann, Associate Director of Elementary Education
- Facilities: Deacon Bill Johnson, Director of Facilities/ Risk Management
- Staff Records: Vickie Korte, Administrative Assistant
- Child Protection Compliance: Lynn Muscarello, Office of Child Protection, Diocese of Belleville

**AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT...**The Monroe County Health Department stopped by during the review. Connie Huebner and staff received a 98%! Outstanding! Food gets 100%!

**DISTRICT BAND ANOTHER FIRST PLACE!** We sounded great and our spring Concert will be terrific. Congratulations to our Band and Mr. Hake!!! So proud of you! Thanks Band and parents!



**National History Bee** WOW!!! 6 Of 10 qualified for the Nationals in Atlanta! Congratulations team and Ms. Taylor! headed to Atlanta: **Autumn Ramey, Noah Newton, Jessica Lambert, Andrew Harmon, Jacob Feldker, Eli Garcia. Team mates Marie Prindiville, Molly Tippen, MaryClare Murphy, and Addie Murphy.**



**PICTURE THE MUSIC WITH THE ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY** 12,800 started this. 535 submitted entries and we had Ariel Adams and Sydney Wahle in the top 100! Elena Biske also entered. Congratulate them and Mrs. Fetcho! They were honored at Powell Symphony Hall!

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 31, FROM 5-10pm.** That's tonight folks! Please meet in the Garden Level of church. Each student should be accompanied by their sponsor or a parent-proxy. (Each student needs his/her own partner for the retreat activities.) We will be serving cheese pizza and veggie pizza for dinner, and snacks will be available. We will be sharing the experience with students/sponsors from St. James, Sacred Heart, and Ss. Peter & Paul. If you have any questions, call or text Lizanne Young at [314-306-0981](tel:314-306-0981) or email [young@iccmil.org](mailto:young@iccmil.org).

**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](mailto:schaeferbenefit2017@gmail.com). Thanks!***



**OUR GOOD FRIEND ANDREAS HEUSER** from our Columbia Sister City of Geden, Germany This is always a big learning day for us!

**THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF LYDIA BOYER AND FAMILY** Your generosity overflowed today as we collected \$1,712.00!! More importantly, please pray for this little girl and her family.

**The ICS 5K/Kids Fun run is coming up soon on Saturday, May 6th.** We hope that you can help support this event. If you know anyone who would like to be a sponsor, please pass along this information or contact Holly at [314-707-1045](tel:314-707-1045). Any help is greatly appreciated! [See attachment](#)

**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. 618-281-5353 or [bepplin@icsmail.org](mailto:bepplin@icsmail.org). Lots of PreK room!

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER!** 21 months out. The more pledge's we receive, the less we need to borrow. Will you be there for us as we have been there for you?

## **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.

**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.***

### **Spring Pictures will be April 10th**

As in the past all students will be photographed individually and their pictures will be uploaded to [www.keevenevents.com](http://www.keevenevents.com) for online viewing and purchasing. The password will be: spring

**Siblings pictures** will be offered again but only by pre order. Send your order form with payment to the ICS office by April 10th. You will have the chance to make your pick online. Just e-mail [pam@martykeeven.com](mailto:pam@martykeeven.com) or call [314-773-3587](tel:314-773-3587) with the DSC\_number of your choice.

Please see attached order form.

Order by April 30, 2017 for school prices and free shipping through school.

**Volunteers** If you would like to help out with spring pictures please call Pam Keeven at [314-773-3587](tel:314-773-3587) or e-mail her at [pam@martykeeven.com](mailto:pam@martykeeven.com). **Volunteers** receive 1 free picture package of choice.

**All Immaculate Conception Parish Mothers & Daughters (or Grand-Daughters or Nieces)** ages Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to attend a Pancakes, Popcorn, and Pajamas Party on Saturday 4/22 from 6-9PM in the ICS Gym. Please see the attached flyer and return the registration form with \$10 fee per person to ICS Office by Friday 3/14. If any mothers of sons / older daughters or older girls would like to volunteer to help at this fun night, please email [tricia\\_haywood@yahoo.com](mailto:tricia_haywood@yahoo.com).

**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 IC-PSR program is raising money to sponsor a child in the *Unbound* program. To fund this endeavor, they are offering for purchase *Equal Exchange* organic fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate bars. By purchasing these quality products, we join a movement to reclaim the food system – to make it better for farmers, consumers and the earth. See the attached. Form

**CALLING ALL PAST & PRESENT BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS** April 29th , 2017 1:00-5:00 pm At Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park We need your help to document the history of scouting in Columbia. We are looking for Eagle Scouts, Gold Award Winners and past scouts to help us map the great things you or your troop did to provide service to our community. If you are willing to set up a table display to share your Scouting memorabilia or speak during the celebration, please contact Anna Stogsdill at 618-477-1951 or by email at [anna.stogsdill@outlook.com](mailto:anna.stogsdill@outlook.com) All current scouts and their family members must have a completed Health History Form to participate in the event. All scouts under 18 years of age must also have a signed permission slip. See the attachment to the letter home.

## **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](mailto:ddndoug@charter.net) for more information or to reserve a spot - deadline to reserve is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**YEARBOOK 2016-2017** Order your 2016/2017 yearbook online at [jostens.com](http://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.

**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!** We only get checks if you make payments on pay later or buy on-line. Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556.

**THE SPORTING NEWS...** Thanks to our Boys volleyball teams and coaches and fans for a great season! Launder your uniforms and turn them back in with your name on it to Mrs. Whlean. Thanks!

**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 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@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaulthawks.com)). Come join the fun!

**CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!!** Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 26<sup>th</sup>**. We are recruiting superheroes entering kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>**. Registration & payment can be sent to school, or online by clicking the link (<https://goo.gl/forms/mwvAgtcfHBXaYwiw2>). Contact Mrs. Epplin ([bepplin@icsmail.org](mailto: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>

**PAPA JOHN'S** results from event last week: Sales - \$177.23 **Donation - \$25.47** Thanks!  
**THANKS TO YOUR CAUSE CORPORATE GIVING PROGRAM for a \$14 match!** We don't play with matches---we take them seriously and say thank you!

**Spirit** Wear Orders will go home today. The due date to turn in forms and money is: Wednesday, April 12 ( the last day before Easter break). Forms can be turned into the office. Any questions contact me at [jessicawaldron13@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicawaldron13@yahoo.com)

### **GRADS IN THE NEWS...**



Andy Loless and Elena Biske were inducted into the GCHS National Honor Society

### **EVERYTHING STARTS SOMEWHERE---HEEPWAH!**

From **Allie McCreary**, daughter of Faith and the late Henry McCreary

Allie McCreary was born and raised in Columbia, Illinois, and is an alumna of ICS (2000) and Gibault (2004). An adolescence influenced largely by outdoor recreation experiences (Camp Ondessonk camper & staff - heepwah!) directed her towards a career path in in the human dimension of natural resources management. She obtained her Bachelors of Science degree in Outdoor Recreation Resources Management, with a minor in Environmental Studies, from Southern Illinois University - Carbondale (SIUC) in 2008. Experiences working for the USDA Forest Service as a seasonal recreation and timber technician and in the private environmental education sector eventually led Allie back to SIUC to complete a Masters of Science degree in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Management in 2010. Next, Allie joined the staff at Heart Lands Conservancy (Mascoutah, IL), providing community-based park, open space, and alternative transportation planning and mapping services and working with private landowners to permanently protect their land through agricultural or conservation easements. While appreciative of her experiences in the nonprofit sector, Allie's true interest remained within research, instruction and outreach at a university setting. Allie returned to academia and completed her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, with a certificate in Geographic Information Systems, at North Carolina State University in 2017. Her research explores how environmental change, emerging technologies, and partnerships are influencing the management of parks and protected areas.

**Allie had an inquisitive mind and look where it has taken her! Proud of you Allie!**

**Joy of Love t-shirt:** Avery Melliere, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Michael Wessel, Avery Herrmann, Gabe Thebeau

**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

Joyce Rose was Secretary for ICS for 17 years. She had a minor stroke Sunday and is in St. Anthony. Please pray for her.

**Dave Loless** is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Please keep him in your prayers!

Rich Southard, who did our security camera work here and is an active parishioner, has requested prayers for his nephew **Tom Sweet** who is losing his fight to bladder cancer at age 39. He has 4 children. He recently fell and has a severe concussion to worsen it all.

**Lance Corporal Vincent Burke** deployed to Kuwait this week. God be with him!

**Mr. Bill (former ICS teacher) Riley's Mom** is out of the hospital. She is 106. Pulse rate of 71!

Our Sympathy: to Rick (Sue) Taylor and family on the death of his father, **Jean Taylor** of Evansville, IN (recently a resident of Garden Place here in Columbia), who died on March 24. Rick and Sue are very active in our parish and were great ICS parents. I met Mr. Taylor and he was a gentleman! May he rest in peace!

**Victoria Rose's godfather and Uncle Louis Scaturro passed away last weekend.** Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**Fr. Vito Lopardo**, former Associate Pastor of our Parish, passed away on Tuesday. He served us from 1958 till 1961. He was an inspiration to many as he was hobbled with bad knees and hips. My Mom used to make his surplices for him so we got to know him pretty well. God's peace to this gentle and bright man of God. He can walk again!

Dear Priests, Deacons, and Parish Life Coordinators,

The Reverend Vito Raymond Lopardo, died this afternoon, March 28, 2017 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Illinois. Fr. Lopardo was born on August 5, 1927 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ by Most Reverend Albert R. Zuroweste May 3, 1955.

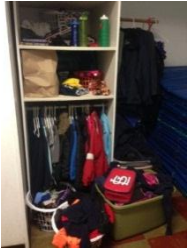
In keeping with Fr. Lopardo's wishes, his body is being donated to science. There will be no visitation or Liturgy of Christian Burial. Should a Memorial Mass be planned, details will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Clergyman's Aid Society and the Hincke-Sense Residence in Belleville, Illinois.

Every time a member of the community of faith dies we are reminded to live our lives of faith each day with the awareness that it could be our last day. We are strengthened by the words of Christ Himself, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (Jn. 11:25-26) As we give thanks to God for his long, full life and ministry, let us remember Father Lopardo often in our prayers. In accordance with our diocesan tradition, priests are asked to celebrate three Masses for Father Lopardo, asking the Lord Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection we are preparing to celebrate during this Lenten season, to be merciful to him and give him a share in the Eternal Life promised to His faithful disciples.

Yours in Christ,



Deacon Douglas L. Boyer, Chancellor



If you are missing things, Lost and Found has been moved, some of it to charity. Please put your name on you clothing so we can help return it.



We owe a huge debt to our Tinkers, Inc. for all their help, especially with the State Review. God bless you men as you have blessed us!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** Joyce Rose, Dave Loless, Tom Sweet, Barb Reinholz, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Teresa Dorshorst, Alicia Cohen, Christine Matrisotto, Jan Habermehl, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Maggie Williamson, 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

***If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.*** Paul to the Romans. Put this into this week's Lazarus story. It all comes down to believing. Jesus human tears are a wonder to us for we know he was God. Yet his humanity came through before his divinity raised up Lazarus who had been dead 4 days. Come and hear the story and get ready for next week's triumphal entry!

**LIVING STATIONS TODAY** *Jesus is laid in the arms of his mother...*



*Mike Kish,* Principal

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 THE AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR will be back on April 24 in our church at 7:00.  
 PS Good luck to our Rosati-Kain Girls Math Team tomorrow!



### What type of video games are right for your child?

At their most basic level, playing video games is akin to reading books. Like books, video games can range in quality from trashy novels to informative historical fiction. Like books different genres of video games have varying learning potential. Like books, video games offer different purposes and varying levels of usefulness when it comes to learning.

To decide which type of games are best for your children, first consider which type of learning you want to support then figure out which games are best suited for your child's needs. Here are some of the more popular types of games students use for learning today:



#### Drill and Practice

Drill and practice are the rote memory games. These are the type of games labeled as educational and often seen in a school setting. If given the choice, young people would likely choose a drill game over a worksheet, but that doesn't necessarily mean they'd like it. While drill and practice may be tolerated better than an old fashioned worksheet, it is important to cautious that in the end it doesn't kill your child's love for learning the way worksheets can.

Health and Fitness---Children may not have access to a boxing ring, running track, personal trainer, or fancy equipment, but with the new motion sensitive games, all that has changed. There has been an explosion of games in the health and fitness market like [UFC Personal Trainer from Xbox Kinect](#) and [Nintendo's Wii Fit](#). These games deliver personal trainers and professional athletes right into our living rooms or classrooms, offering tremendous value to players as they monitor their motions and expert avatars offer corrective advice. Player fitness data is stored and available for analysis to measure fitness gains.

Simulation---If given the choice to learn about the Westward Expansion by reading, watching, discussing, or being a pioneer on the Oregon Trail, which would you choose? With simulation games you are no longer a passive recipient of information. You are an active member of a meaning-making experience where you have been transported to an alternate time, place, or reality. Players are completely immersed in their environment and develop a complex understanding of the topic at hand.

Simulation games such as SimCity enables players to develop a deep understanding of city planning and infrastructure. Such games give players the opportunity to do the things that engineers do—identify problems; brainstorm ideas; design solutions; test, retest and build; and share their results, all within the simulated gaming



environment.

MMORPGs---Among the most exciting game type for learning today Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games.

Educator [Joel Levin](#) joins his primary school students on learning adventures with [Minecraft](#), a game which lends itself easily to science, technology, engineering, and math explorations. Language teachers are using Minecraft to help students strengthen communication skills, civics teachers are using it with students to explore how societies function, and history teachers are having their students recreate ancient civilizations.

What will you choose?

Today there is a choice. We can learn passively by listening to lectures and consuming information or we can engage interactive, game-based learning.

Which do you think would be a more interesting way for a child to learn?

Traditional Learning: Listen to the lecture, read the chapter, and answer the questions at the end.

OR

Game-based Learning: Create your own heroes...battles...encounter...fly.. explore.. take on your friends... master... amass.. .build... perform...

## **Columbia Khoury League Newsletter - March 24, 2017**

I am so excited that the season has officially started for the majority of our programs. If you have registered for the Spring Training Program, thank you for your patience as we get the bigger kids' season started. I will be reaching out to Spring Training participants in the very near future with additional information. We are still accepting Spring Training registrations for 3 & 4 year olds through March 31.

The district is working diligently on game schedules, which will be available approximately one week prior to games starting on April 17.

There is a lot of information and important dates listed below. We will be sure to share additional details as they become available, but you can always check the website for updates as well.

Thanks and hope that everyone is off to a great start!  
Jessica Whaley  
CKL President

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