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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.

April 6, 2017

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



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

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

- 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.

ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

We would like to thank our Pastoral Council and School Board members who have faithfully completed their terms of service, and would like to invite you to fill their shoes.

What do you need to know about the Pastoral Council or School Board?

School Board: The 12 member School Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in Room 220 of the Immaculate Conception School. The Board serves as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies while acting as a liaison between parents and school administration and serves as a catalyst for change and development at ICS. Board members are expected to actively participate on two committees, such as budget, teacher/employee, development, curriculum, athletic or building and grounds. Board members serve 3 year terms that begin in June.

Pastoral Council: The 10 member council plus 2 lay trustees meet with Father Carl and the Pastoral Staff on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the Knights of Columbus Room on the Garden Level of the Church. The Pastoral Council serves to recommend policy to the pastor for parish spiritual, educational and financial matters, serving as a hub and interface for all parish groups and ministries. The authority of the Council is not one of governance, but one of leadership and service. All are encouraged to consider service; a wide variety of members (men & women, young & mature) will best represent the parish. Pastoral Council members serve 3 year terms that begin in June. All registered Catholic members of the parish who are fully initiated are eligible to serve on the Council.

Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box for Pastoral Council or School Board (located in the gathering space in the back of Church). New members will be drawn from the boxes at the end of 5PM Mass on April 29th.

Please fill out the discernment form and drop it in the Pastoral Council or School Board discernment box in the back of Church before 5PM Mass on April 29th. Or, recommend a friend to do it!

After prayerful consideration, I wish to serve Immaculate Conception Parish as a member of: (circle one)
Pastoral Council **School Board**

Name: _____ Phone _____ Email _____

INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR BOTH KIDS AND PARENTS... This Sunday In Garden Level from 10-10---10:50 a.m. **Deputy Chief Jason Donjon** will be covering topics including: sexting, cyber bullying, how to create a "positive online image" vs. a "negative online image". He will suggest which apps and social media sites are "better" than others.....and if used correctly can help build up a "positive online image". Finally he will cover ways to talk about these issues with your kids/parents and some tips, tools and apps to assist with monitoring.

This is Palm Sunday. He will be gusting to 600 words per minute. Please listen to him and learn. I will be late so take notes for me please! We have had such a hard time finding an opening for this due to how busy our Garden Level is and wanting to open it up for more parents and students. Pop in after 9:00 Mass or before 11:00 and catch up with your children.

Thanks Deputy Chief!



Rosati-Kain Math Contest

42 girls from 17 different schools competed in the Rosati-Kain Math Contest on April 1.

Autumn Ramey earned the 3rd place individual trophy with a score of 39/45. Daylen Litke received a blue ribbon, Georgia Sasser and Jacqie Gogolek received red ribbons, and Emma Blaskiewicz and Caitlyn Schwartz received white ribbons. Karen Weiler is the ICS Math Teacher.



MONROE/RANDOLPH REGIONAL ART CONTEST

In Grade 8, Jessica Lambert, Noah Chism, Jacob Feldker, and Reagan Herrmann received first place and Kalia Jerkatis second.

In 7th Grade, Emma Melliere received a perfect score and Noah Newton, Caitlyn Schwartz, Ally Curry and Jacob Whitworth received first.

In Grade 6, Ariel Adams and Sydney Wahle received perfect scores and judges choice awards, Tyler Wahle and Maria Biske received firsts and JT Madrid a second.

In Grade 5, Lindsay Harget received a perfect score and judges choice award, Kyra Newton and Jack Adams received a perfect scores, Briana Baldrige received a first place and judges choice award and Maggie Williamson received a first. So---the "humblebrag"---18 firsts including 6 perfect scores and 4 judges choice and 2 seconds and an All-World to Carol Fetcho, ICS Art Teacher!



Students from Immaculate Conception School in Columbia participated in the Ag Literacy Color and Poster contest through the Monroe County Farm Bureau for National Ag Month.

Maria Hake, Eleanor Nadziejko, Owen Dill, and Ava Schmidt will have their posters hung in the Columbia Dairy Queen and received a free blizzard as winners.

On Wednesday, March 22nd, 2017, the 1st Grade classes at Immaculate Conception School, Columbia, IL, took their annual Butterfly House Field Trip. They learned about and observed the stages of a butterfly's life cycle. This learning experience wrapped up the 1st graders science unit on butterflies during which they hatched and released Monarch butterflies the size of 9 inch plates.



Immaculate Conception sixth graders took their spring field trip on Tuesday, April 4. The religion and arts themed trip started at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. The class started their tour by visiting the Angel of Harmony statue, which emphasizes the themes of harmony, peace, and racial justice and was created from a suggestion of Bishop Edward Braxton, currently Bishop of Belleville, when he served there as Auxiliary Bishop. Following the Cathedral tour, the class visited City Garden, an interactive sculpture park in downtown St. Louis. The park features 23 modern and contemporary sculptures and a video wall. The students finished the trip with a docent led tour at the St. Louis Art Museum to view religious art and mosaics. Chaperons were Kim Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Kevin Schmoll, Mary Tippen, Andrea Biske, Shannon Haney, Victoria Rose, Carol Fetcho, and Karen Weiler. The trip is part of arts integration into the ICS curriculum.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER...How are we cultivating peace? How do we go from angry thoughts to angry minds to angry words to angry actions? What are the baby steps that lead to large confrontations? What are the tiny moments that mushroom into nuclear warfare?

Imagine cultivating only peace: Peaceful thoughts, peaceful words, peaceful actions.

I spent some time this morning comforting a student who lost a family member to gun violence. How could I possibly have the words to comfort this child? I could only feel his sorrow. "I'm sorry," I told him. "This is so sad. You must really be hurting." His face was so drawn that I barely recognized the otherwise wound up and vibrant boy that I normally see. I began to consider what I may do in a given day that paves the way to violence. If I am wanting peace, I must be peace. I must choose and use my words carefully. I must mind my thoughts and sift through them carefully before I act. I need to note when I begin to think in terms of "us" and "them".

We are Catholic: catholic, meaning universal, all-embracing. May we enter into Holy Week with peaceful hearts. Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor, The Teaching Never Stops



Terrific Kids – April 2017

Mrs. Diewald: Sean Frederick - Sean is a hard working student and always strives to do his best. He is a great friend to his classmates and would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Sean is a great role model for his classmates.

Mrs. Meyer: Ella Boyd – Ella is the Terrific Kid because she is a creative student and always willing to lend a hand to help a classmate. She enjoys school and her positive attitude brightens up the classroom.

Mrs. Matrisotto: Paul Ott - Paul has shown tremendous maturity this school year with his strong choices and using control of his voice and cooperation. I am extremely proud of his willingness to be empathetic toward his peers. Keep up the fabulous work, Paul.

Ms. Kennedy: Layne Traxler – Layne is Terrific Kid because she is willing to help her classmates and works hard in the classroom. She has improved greatly since the beginning of the year! Keep working hard!

Mrs. Donjon: Owen Dill - Owen takes a serious interest in his education. He has been working hard all year and the success he has had proves it. Owen shows concern for other students and makes sure that everyone is included. Owen is a Terrific Kid inside and outside of school.

Mrs. Ettling: Kaiden Timmons – Kaiden is a terrific kid because he works exceptionally hard. He is a motivated student who has a positive outlook every day, regardless of any challenges he knows he's up against.

Mrs. Schauster: Briana Baldrige – Briana is a hard working student. She gives her best effort in everything that she does. She is a friend to all her classmates and willing to lend a helping hand.

Mrs. Taylor: Olivia Blaskiewicz - Olivia is always willing to lend a hand, and I can always count on her. She works hard in school and proves to be a great leader in the classroom.

Thanks to the Columbia Kiwanis Club and Advisors Pat McDermott, Dr. Renee Doyle, Deputy Chief Jason Donjon.

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](#)

GOLF: Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament Time is running out!! Get your reservations, sponsorships or both in today!!

[Please help our school, ICS, get a Soccer & Athletic Park at our new campus](#)

Only 6 teams spots remaining and going fast.

Sponsorship deadline extended to 5pm this Friday April 7th.

Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this event!!

Player Reservations - playzac9@gmail.com Sponsors - sponsorzac9@gmail.com

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. 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? Two more people found us on Thursday to help grow our pledges! Please get your intent form and help us plan.

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 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 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. **Volunteers** receive 1 free picture package of choice.



Tyler Stern took 4 class periods to create this love seat with a 3D pen from a template he viewed. In our Maker Lab, we also use the Osmo which allows you to draw self-portraits or any image it projects onto a surface. Our 3D printer is getting a work-out and our Lego RobotICS uses proprietary coding while we use Scratch with Makey-Makey. Sound like Greek? Archimedes would be proud!

All Immaculate Conception Parish Mothers & Daughters (or Grand-Daughters or Nieces) ages Preschool-8th Grade are invited to attend a Pancakes, Popcorn, and Pajamas Party on Saturday 4/22 from 6-9PM in the ICS Gym. Please 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.

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 attachment last week.

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 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 attachment last week.

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.

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 --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556.

THE SPORTING NEWS... SPORTS PHYSICALS: For your convenience, Shanna Witges and Jessica Sheehan from Family Practice Associates and Lauren Stief with Athletico (musculaskeletal assessment) will be doing **sports physical here at ICS on April 23rd(Sunday) from noon till 2:00 p.m.** Each physical will be \$15.00. The money will be donated to the New Catholic Education And Activity Center. Thanks Shanna and Jessica!.

UNIFORMS: we are currently inventorying and need them laundered and turned in to Mrs. Whelan--- soccer, basketball, volleyball. Track uniforms were given out yesterday. Thanks!

"Columbia Cheerleading tryouts are coming soon! For those interested in becoming a member for the 2017-18 season there will be an informational meeting Monday, April 10th at 3 pm in the CHS Cafeteria."

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 <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 6 Dupo-4:00 April 8 Freeburg 10:00 April 11 tbd 5:00 April 20 Belle Valley 5:00
April 26 tbd 5:00 April 29 Chester Regional for State May 2 at dupo 5:00
May 6@ Belleville West Conference Meet 9:00 May 9 Dupo 5 pm May 13 Herrin HS State Track
May 20 Belleville West 9:00 Diocesan Meet

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). 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, April 28th** 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!

To be Christ imitators is to break from some of our schedules

and this coming Saturday morning is an opportunity for one of those...

Example 1: Katie Hart is taking time away from her weekend to run this event.

Example 2: Tom Braun, our point of contact for KAIROS, is missing parts of two formation meetings to be there.

Example 3: Nick Matrisotto is passing up on coaching a football game to be there.

Example 4: You...What will you give up to be there?

This is a unique opportunity for not just young families but everyone in our community!

A Family Day of Mercy Where: Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria

When: Saturday April 8th starting at 9:00 AM

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090b4baaaa28a4f94-afamily>

Come join [J.U.S.T. Families Ministry](#) and the Knights of Columbus Family Committee bake cookies and make uplifting posters for the prisoners at Menard Correctional Center in Southern Illinois. *Jesus said in Matthew's Gospel "I was in prison, and you visited me."*

Come support the KAIROS Prison Ministry and bring Christ's love and forgiveness to the imprisoned. Bring a roll or two of pre-made cookie dough or just come by to help bake n' make.

If you would like to help but are unable to attend or have questions, please email kathleen.hart@hotmail.com

"Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish"

Nick Matrisotto

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT---Friday, April 21 at 6:30. Garden Level "MOANA" free popcorn, drinks, bring your beanbag or comfy chair. Contact Nick at 314-609-7092 or Katie Hart at 973-0828. See the attachment.

Spirit Wear 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

Joy of Love t-shirt: Michael Wessel, Avery Herrmann, Gabe Thebeau, Aidan Berdeaux



GRADS IN THE NEWS...

Luc Epplin signed his letter of intent this week to play soccer at SWIC! Congratulations Luc!

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, former Secretary for ICS, is improving. Please pray for her.

Nick Doerr's Mom Deidre(Cory and Fred) is on bed rest for her baby to postpone delivery a few weeks. Please add her to the prayer list.

Larry Pelker, Crystal Schaefer's Dad, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of Prostate Cancer. He has the very best care and will be treated at Siteman Cancer Center. While he will never be fully cured, the outlook is hopeful that he can live with this for some time.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Deidre Doerr, Larry Pelker, 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

THAT MAGIC MOMENT Maybe you have had a great moment in your life when you have had an accomplishment or the praise heaped on and you felt just a little tingle of *"I don't want this moment to go away."* Jubilation might express that moment. Getting to the mountain top might express that moment. Jumping out of a perfectly good aircraft at 13,500 feet might give you that moment. Winning the National Championship might give you that moment. The birth of a child might give you that moment. Falling in love might give you that moment.

Well, Jesus Triumphant entry into Jerusalem had to be something special for Him. Knowing what was in store, just like knowing Lazarus would have to die later again, would not diminish the *"right now"* of it. Palm Sunday is a special day in many ways. It is a lifetime peak before a lifetime valley and we all know the valley is coming. Jesus knew, but for the moment, He humanly feels what we do when we have a life peak moment. Come and sing Hosanna---and know the valley of death awaits---but only for 3 Days. Think back 3 days. What would you change? Think forward 3 days? How would you get ready? Jesus is looking for you in the crowd. Come and lead the cheer! Holy Week is here and our Confirmation Candidates will be at the Mass of Holy Chrism on Tuesday at St. Peter's Cathedral in Belleville. These Holy Oils will sustain us through the new year in Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination.

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 Blue Jay Football info for Saturday.... See attachment](#)

PS Chicago Bound tonight-52 to of us head to the windy city tonight. Please pray that we have a safe trip and good weather.