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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"

April 10, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

AFRICAN SAFARI TRIVIA NIGHT by "friends of Russ" TONIGHT at ICS. See the attachment on our website! THIS WILL BE A FUN NIGHT IN MEMORY OF A FUN GUY!

The Avalon Community (horse) has set up a GoFundMe account in Russ Peterson's name. Here is an easy way to help "Russ trust". <http://www.gofundme.com/p9bry8>

LENTEN RICE BOWLS---please turn them into the office or collection basket in Church. Another of Russ's tasks...

PARISH COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD DISCERNMENT 2015

The function of the Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council is to evaluate the needs of the parish, provide advice to our pastor, create policy and serve as an interface for the Pastoral Council with our partner parish Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dupo. We are grateful to those who have completed service to the Council including Maria Renner, Patty Pulcher and Marilyn Zeigler, who are completing their terms of service.

The Immaculate Conception School Board is an advisory group organized to support the principal and pastor in developing and implementing school policies, act as liaison between parents and school administration, and serve as a catalyst for change and development at the school. The School Board is grateful to Sarah Lundberg, Doug Ramey, and Cindy Schaefer, and Christine Schorb, who are completing their term of service.

You meet fellow parishioners every day that would make great contributions to leadership in our school and parish. Encourage them! Exciting times for our parish and school! Here are the dates:
Discernment Meeting - April 22 7:00pm KC room Discernment Selection - May 9 at 5pm Mass

REGISTRATION Please send us your friends and neighbors! **Word of Mouth** is still the best advertising! And that is exactly how the Gospel message is still spread!

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 last week for more information and to register.](#)

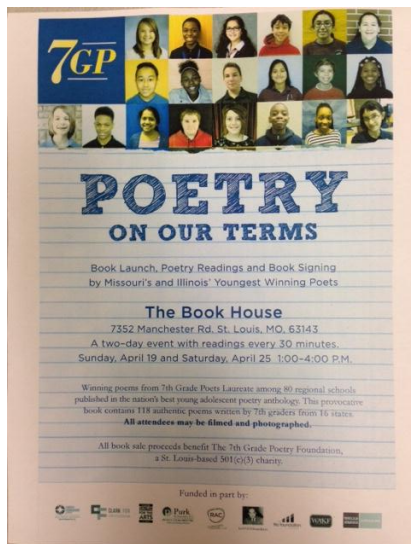
SCHOOLA CLOTHING DRIVE APRIL 18-24. We will accept gently worn kids' (toddler to teen) and womens' clothes, shoes, purses. Just throw it into a bag or box and bring it up to school either Saturday (April 18) morning/early afternoon or during school hours April 20-24. We could also use a few packing boxes to ship it off in? Clean out your closets to benefit ICS! Any questions, email at josasser@yahoo.com

Parents & Friends Meeting April 13, 2015 7pm Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary Report – Beth Glasscock
- III. Treasurer's Report – Joyce Randle
- IV. Teacher's Report – Mr. Hake
- V. Principal's Report – Mr. Kish
- VI. Old Business
 - Trivia Night
 - Father/Daughter Dance
- VII. New Business
 - Rummage Sale (April 18) – Diane Ramey
 - Schoola Clothing Drive (April 18-24)
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation (May 4-8)
 - Uniform Resale
 - Elections/Appointments
 - Calender
- VIII. Closing Prayer

WHOA BOY! Building the Church of the Future Committee met last night! We are off to a great start! God sent just the right people again! First task is to hold back the Principal who can't wait to get "shovel ready"! Tasked with this are Brian Boyd, Michael A. Conrad, Stephen Braun, Teresa Dorshorst, Desiree Frasure, George Johns, Lisa Main-Haubrich, Shari Murphy, Christopher Neumann, Christine Schorb, Mary Schroeder, Michael Whelan, Fr. Carl, Parish Council Chair Margaret Raisch, and the Director of Faith Formation. Everything we are and hope to be starts with prayer:

We believe in Christ, the Divine Builder, who calls us to build a community of faith, worship, and service, to nourish a generation of believers. Therefore, through consensus and in peace, with reverence and respect for all, we commit the work of our hands to build an education center that honors God by welcoming all people. Amen.



POETRY ON OUR TERMS Book Launch, Poetry Readings and Book Signing by Missouri's and Illinois' Youngest Winning Poets Winning poems from 7th Grade Poets Laureate among 80 regional schools published in the nation's best young adolescent poetry anthology. This provocative book contains 118 authentic poems written by 7th graders from 16 states. All attendees may be filmed and photographed. The Book House 7352 Manchester Rd. St. Louis, MO, 63143 A two-day event with readings every 30 minutes. Sunday, April 19 1:00–4:00 P.M. Funded in part by: All book sale proceeds benefit The 7th Grade Poetry Foundation, a St. Louis-based 501(c)(3) charity. Our Claire Eppinger will be honored and we are proud of her being "published"!

D.A.R.E We celebrate another completion of the Drug and Alcohols Resistance Education program on Tuesday evening here at 7:00. It will be a jam-packed event as combine our 6th grade with the CMS 5th graders honoring 140 students. Our thanks to Det. Sgt. Jason Donjon and Chief Joe Edwards of the Columbia Police Department for all their help. D.A.R.E. has its naysayers but I don't like to think where we would be without it. You need to be informed to make choices. Knowledge doesn't always stop us from making bad choices but I am sure it discourages some. People have to be saved one at a time!

Press Release: Sixth grade students recently completed the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program under the direction of Columbia PD's Det. Jason Donjon and will celebrate with a graduation ceremony at 7 PM on Tuesday, April 14 in the ICS gym. In the weekly classes, the students learned the facts about drugs, alcohol, and smoking along with how to handle peer pressure in order to avoid making bad decisions in their future. During classes, the students were also shown different tools that police officers use in doing their jobs and saw a demonstration of how Dago, Columbia's K-9 officer, can be used to search for drugs and apprehend suspects. Congratulations to Anna Adams, who was announced the overall winner of the essay contest this year. Anna, along with other essay contest finalists Delaney Lundberg, Andrew Harmon, Isabella Frasure, Kalia Jerkatis, Eli Garcia, and Noah Chism will be rewarded with a tour of the Cardinal stadium and lunch at the Spaghetti Factory on April 14.

Anna Adams

Drugs are dangerous and unhealthy, and I am nervous about being exposed to them. Through DARE, I have learned many facts about drugs that will help me make healthy decisions in my life. DARE help me to understand about peer pressure when it comes to drugs and suggested many ways to deal with it or avoid it. I hope to use all the information that I learned to make good decisions in my life and be very happy .

I learned many facts about drugs and many ways to avoid them. Over 400,000 Americans die each year from tobacco related drugs. There are over 200 types of drugs. The newest type of drug is the electric cigarette. They are making flavors to encourage kids to buy the electric cigarette. People think it is just water vapor, but this is not true. Marijuana users have an increased risk of cancer. Marijuana affects your body and brain. Another type of drug that you see most often is cigarettes. Smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer. Cigarettes contain nicotine, a very powerful substance that causes addiction.

Besides marijuana, prescription drugs are the most abused drugs in America. One reason prescription drugs and over the counter drugs are the most abused is because they are easy to get to from doctors and drug dealers. Some new and harmful trends are Molly, Skilting, Sizzurp. Molly is a white powder in a pill form. Skilting is a type of cough medicine that people get addicted to. Sizzurp is when you mix Sprite, Jolly Ranchers and cough medicine together. Painkillers are also very addictive and expensive. People will switch to heroin because it is less expensive.

How do you avoid the peer pressure of trying drugs? If you know of places where people may use drugs, stay away from those places. If you are in a situation with drugs just walk away or say no with a reason. For example, "No, I will get kicked off the cheer team if I do drugs." Another option is to change the subject. Start talking about how the Cardinals are doing or how the weather has been. If you are stressed don't just give in. Some ways to relieve stress would be to count to 5, walk away from the situation and calm yourself down. Ways to avoid the peer pressure is to be around trustworthy friends, be prepared and be confident.

Officer Donjon taught me many things about the use of drugs. During DARE class we learned that inhalants are so dangerous you can die or cause damage to your body. The harmful effects of alcohol are you can die or get really dizzy. Alcohol and tobacco companies use advertisements to try to influence young people by making flavors they would like and also by making it look like you will never get depressed or sick.

DARE has given me more confidence on how to deal with situations that may include drugs. Drugs are very scary to me. Watching the videos of real life experiences helped me better understand how terrible drugs can be. When a person uses drugs, the outcome is not what they expect or hope for. It can end your life, you could have rotten teeth or even end up in jail. I don't want any of those things for me, so I am making a personal commitment to always avoid drugs.

District level Winners for the Waterloo VFW Contest: Congratulations to Brian Stark, Ava Schmidt, Sam Bollone, Violet McGuire, Caroline Keefe, Malia Schaefer, Sophia Holobaugh They get to march in a parade and short program afterwards on April 25th!

DIOCESAN SPEECH MEET Good luck tomorrow at Holy Trinity to our team of Isabella Garcia and Sophie Spurgeon-Duet; Mason Babcock-Humorous; and Lucy Settle-Serious. This is a rock solid team and they might reach new heights!

ROE Monroe/Randolph Art Contest is Monday, April 20 at SS. Peter & Paul, 217 West Third Street, Waterloo, IL. Contestants--- be there by 5:00pm for registration. Contest begins promptly at 5:30pm -6:30pm, students then return to gym/cafeteria and judging begins(30 minutes for judging). There will be **NO BUS, parent transportation needed.**

Competitors are: **Caitlyn Schwartz, Emma Melliere, Ally Curry, Allison Shuler, Jacob Whitworth, Kalia Jerkatis, Noah Chism, Tyler Stern, Anna Adams, Delaney Lundberg, Jane Whelan, Maggie Schulte, Spencer Biske, Kaylum Furlow, Kaleb Chism, Sarah Rose, Isabella Garcia, Maggie Parks, Hannah Weiler**

We will have practice in the Art Room Wed. 4-15, Thurs. 4-16 and Monday, 4-20 during recess. Go to the Art/Science room right after lunch. Mrs. Fetcho - cfetcho@icsmail.org

BUILDERS CLUB WEEK April 20-24 This will be defined better next week...Committee: Rachel Groppe, Kaleb Chism, Johnny Adams, Andrew Gibson, Thomas Young
PENNY Pinch all week! Fill up your jug with change for BC Charities! 3 Class prizes!

Monday, April 20	PJ day(pajamas)
Tuesday, April 21	Super Hero Day BC TALENT SHOW starring Gr. 5-8
Wednesday, April 22	Teacher-Student Swap Day
Thursday, April 23	Sports Team jerseys with uniform bottoms---Mary Poppins
Friday, April 24	Mission Day sponsored by the 8 th grade. Prizes needed! Raffle! Dimes rule the day! Pay the missions to dress down day! 50 cents per item(tops-bottoms)

PARISH WORK DAY TOMORROW CHURCH ON MAIN (Please consider bringing a ladder)

Clean work sacristy. A sacristan will be present to provide direction
Clean/dust pews Clean/dust window ledges Clean/dust sanctuary remove spider webs
Tighten loose knee brackets on kneelers paint electrical boxes on the side of the church with aluminum paint Fix concrete step on south side of church

Grounds Rake and bag gumballs and move them to the back of school

Remove old shrub in front on sign and flagpole trim bushes around school and rectory

School trim excess turf around Ga Ga pit stain Ga Ga pit

A paint electrical boxes on the side of the school with aluminum paint

Convent clean second floor and attic removing for either trash or rummage sale

Rectory clean garage clean rabbit cage for Adeodatus

Church-411 Palmer Road To be done before 9 AM

Breakdown cardboard in equipment room and take to recycling bin at school

Sign in sheet will be in the old parish office

Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S. inside the rectory

THE END IS NEAR The last day of school will be May 21 with early release at 11:25. Kindergarten graduation will be that morning at 9:30 and the Class of 2015 will graduate that evening at 7:00 in our new Church.

Chess News: A BIG thank you for all the support for the chess program this year! Thanks to our 6th grade helpers with the younger group: Anna Adams, Hannah Stearns, Delaney Lundberg, Dominic Dalpoas, Reagan and Lucas Herrmann, and Ryan Swindle. Thanks also to our assistant coach Jim Williams and to Rob Lundberg for judging at the meets. It was a great year!

ICS Chess Camp- Will be held HERE afternoons the week of June 22-26 from 1:00-4:00. The Team Members from Webster University will be our instructors once again. They just had a three-peat and won the National Chess Championship earlier this month! A full flyer with more details will be attached to next week's newsletter. Contact Mrs. Herrmann with any questions.

THANKS to Dave Boser for fixing the microphone in Room 220 for Mrs. Tolan. She has been requesting this for years for this!

THANKS TO WELLS FARGO COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN for a \$35 match! Bless you!

St. Raymond \$128.78. Thank you!

MAGAZINE DRIVE When you pay, we get paid! Thanks for fulfilling your orders. Prizes have been awarded on projected sales. Let the sale become a reality. Another \$264.80 has come our way!

CARDINAL GLENNON CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER is looking for submissions postmarked by May 8 for their annual CARDS FOR KIDS holiday card project. K-8---crayon---marker---paint---chalk or colored pencils---8 ½ X 11 paper to create their cards---winners will be chosen from Religious, Christmas, General Holiday themes---winning cards will be on sale on glennon.org starting in October. meredith_kusky@ssmhc.com

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Volleyball Records 2015 Congratulations on a great season!

5th girls-3-	Katherine Voges	5/6th boys- 8-12	Lauren Powers
6th girls- 14-5	Beth Mundy, Ellen Sippel	Diocesan 3 rd	
7th girls- 9-6	Jim Wessel, Dan Whelan	7th boys- 10-4	Mary Ann Lambert
8th girls- 15-3	Jim Wessel, Dan Whelan	Diocesan 2 nd	8th boys- 7-10 Kelle Altadonna

Please launder and get your uniforms in to Mrs. Whelan this week!

TRACK MEETS Monday and Wednesday! Thanks to Coach Bill Riley and all assistants!

"Soccer Made Simple" Instructional Camp will be returning to Columbia, IL this summer. The camp will cater to both boys & girls who are entering grades K-8th in the fall of 2015.

About the Camp . . . The **"Soccer Made Simple"** instructional camp is designed to help ALL kids learn and enjoy the game of soccer. Whether a young beginner or a more experienced youth player, the camp is designed to teach the game in a fun and age-appropriate environment. Parents are invited to come out to watch and learn more about youth soccer education. All attending will find out just how **"Simple"** it can be to help kids enjoy this GREAT GAME!

About the Director . . . **Dave Fernandez** is the camp director. He is nationally recognized for his ability to teach and demonstrate soccer skills and techniques to aspiring young players of all ages. He has been a director of player development and youth soccer coach for 29 years and an educator of the game .

Camp information . . .**When:** July 13th-16th, 2015 (Friday, July 17th make-up date in case of a rainout during the week)

Where: Oerter Soccer Park (on route 3 in Columbia, IL)

Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm (K-3rd graders) 7:15pm-8:45pm (4th-8th graders) **grade entering Fall 2015**

Cost: \$65.00 (Includes camp T-shirt)

See last week's letter---mail in with payment to: Soccer Made Simple, 5706 Beefwood Ct., St. Louis, MO 63129



[HOOSIER ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: LANCE STEMLER, THEN AND NOW](#) *April 05, 2015*

Lance was 5'3 and next to me in this grade 6 picture and our team was 18-5. Cathedral was our nemesis that year!

https://circlecitiesportsreport.sportsblog.com/posts/2019755/hoosier_alumni_spotlight_lance_stemler_then_and_now.html

COMMUNITY NEWS...

2015 Ford Drive 4UR School Event and BBQ Come out on Saturday, April 18 and test drive a new Ford at the Gibault Catholic Gym parking lot from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. For every no pressure test drive (one per address) Ford will donate \$20 to GCHS! The Gibault's Men's Club will be also be hosting a BBQ at the event, and all children who have a parent drive will receive a free hot dog. Come and enjoy lunch and a drive!

IT'S MARY POPPINS! on April 23-26 as the Gibault Catholic High School drama department presents Mary Poppins! The cast and crew are joined by students from our local Catholic grade schools to bring you this fantastic production. Shows will be performed Thursday-Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM and Sunday at 2:00 PM in the gym. It will be **Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!** Grades 2-8 will be permitted to attend the morning matinee on April 23. Permission form will be emailed out.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, April 24th starting at 7:00 pm
Please come and join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as the Knights of Columbus presents the next film from BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH program: "THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE". We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like to, bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact Nick Matrisotto at (618) 281-0427, Brian Repp at (618) 281-9547 or Ted Haney at (618) 281-5990.

THE GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARE COMING TO ICS ON APRIL 13! Thanks to Mrs. Tolan for our schedule. The 12th bi-annual trip for Andreas Heuser and the students from our Sister-City of Gedern!

CAMP ONDESSONK Hit the website www.ondessonk.com. Be sure and get registered early so you get the dates you want for a great summer experience!

THE FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT IS TOMORROW. 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.

Please pray for Patrice Thebeau's niece **Kaylee**, who is 23. Two weeks ago she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Leah(Angela and Neil) Schlemmer on the loss of her great-grandmother Mae Doerr (Mike's Mom) on April 6. She raised quite a family and more of her great-grandchildren will be at ICS next year. God's peace to her and the family.

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

From White House Retreats: *When, out of fear, the disciples had locked themselves in the upper room, what might they have expected to happen? They didn't expect to see Jesus, it seems. But, as in every resurrection account in the Gospels, Jesus comes to them! He comes through locked doors with forgiveness and love. All he wishes for them is peace and "blessed assurance!"*

When, out of fear of whatever afflicts us, we don't know what to expect, we can always remember that Jesus shows us his glorious wounds-- those wounds that heal us and bring life and hope. God's mercy is stronger than anything in the world, and we need to know that. And to rejoice in that knowledge!

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

Mike Kish
Principal

PS Scholastic Bowl Varsity: 35-4 JV: 28-4 "When you lose, say nothing. When you win, say even less"!

PS **Parish work day**—think of what you have to do to keep up your yard and property. Multiply it by 38.49 acres! We have a lot to do here. Can you come help tomorrow? I heard a rumor that kids are good at raking gumballs and we have been over-taken in the pre-K. Our 4 year olds keep trying to turn them into soup and meatballs but they just can't keep up. Please come help. The Principal will be interviewing...

PS You won't get very far in life on an 8th grade education. Try it for your religion? Keep growing spiritually. We feed our bodies and the food lasts only one day. Our minds and spiritual life are the same...feed both each day!

Band Schedule Week of April 13-17

Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute

8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

Tuesday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet

11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet

11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

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

Friday

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



FIND THE EASTER JOY! The highlight of all we do and teach just happened last weekend! Let's act like it! Like Fr. Carl said this Easter Tuesday morning---"Let it soak in". Looking for "closure"? Where's the body? "Show me the body!" ***Jesus is walking right next to us and we don't recognize him in our family, our neighbors, the poor!***

Don't be afraid of deep places. Sometimes, it only by going there that we find ourselves.



Pope Francis as seminary rector. Everyone had to work. He took the laundry job that started at 5:30. As the little kid said, he was a shepherd already---"washing his socks by night"

