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Celebrating 165 years of Mission, Community, Service.

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.

*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*



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,



Opening Night was one of the largest crowds ever!

Thanks to the Dorothy weinel Eppinger foundation for underwriting production, the ICS Builders Club hope to turn a great profit for their charities. \$496 was donated at intermission last night to Sr. Thea Bowman School!! You will love this production. It's Jr. version so you will miss the wedding in Augsburg Cathedral.

Appropriate for all ages! Refreshments available!

The WILDEST WEEK OF THE YEAR next to Catholic Schools Week is next week.

Builders Club Week We will honor 80 students for the Virtues of Creativity, Humor, Leadership, Kindness, Forgiveness next week. Penny Pinch is clearing out the loose change in the couch from home. Pennies count as +1. All other money as minus. A losing number will win. Homerooms compete with decorated milk jugs as containers and you can slow down another class by dropping a quarter in theirs and only your pennies in yours! Mission Day is Friday with the dime carnival games in the gym. 8th Grade runs Friday and 7th grade takes the Kindergarteners through. (When I was in school, I paid a penny to see the monkey. Tommy Herrmann held me up to a mirror---funny what you remember!) Grade 2 will come to the second shift after their field trip.

Monday-Virtue-Creativity

Salad dressing Day Day-French(Tri-color), Thousand Island(tacky tourist), Caesar(toga-tennis shoes of course), Ranch(cowboy), Italian, House(Blue and White), etc.

Penny Pinch start-bring in your pennies

Tuesday-Virtue-Humor

Super Hero(could be dress like Mom or Dad or teacher?) Day

Trivia Afternoon

Wednesday-Virtue-Leadership---GIVE StL DAY Please support us!

Field Day Spirit Shirts Day---we'll be a rainbow of color(flashback to August 31, 2018)

May Crowning---**PLEASE BRING FLOWERS TO PLACE BEFORE MARY and honor your spiritual Mother---from your yard is great!**

Thursday-Virtue-Kindness

Celebrity Day

Talent Show

Friday-Virtue-Forgiveness

Bring in 50 cents for every article of clothing for dress down day

Penny Pinch ends

Mission Day Games-bring your dimes

GIVE STL DAY is a 24 hour online campaign organized by the St. Louis Community Foundation to inspire philanthropy in the St. Louis area. The ICS Parents and Friends organization voted to match up to \$10,000 given to ICS on **May 1st** via the Give STL website at the following website: <https://www.givestlday.org/ICS62236>

ICS has designated 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. as the "Power Hour" of giving. If you are able, log in and donate during our "Power Hour" so we can maximize the amount that our dollars are lifted by corporate sponsors. During this "Power Hour," we could earn up to 50 cents on every dollar donated to ICS! For a minimum donation of \$25 during the "Power Hour," your children can participate in the jeans, crazy sock AND crazy hat day on May 7, 2019. Thank you for your continued support of ICS!

TEACHER APPRECIATION – MAY 6-10 It's that time of the year again...when we get to put our fabulous teachers up on a pedestal for the week! But, we need your help in two ways. 1. We need Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers to chaperone the classrooms during mass on Thursday morning, May 9 @ 8 a.m., while the teachers enjoy a yummy, homemade breakfast. 2. We need items for the breakfast. Help spoil our teachers!

For those willing to volunteer their time during mass on Thursday, please click [here](#) to sign up. For those who are able to contribute breakfast items on Thursday morning, please sign up [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Kara Boyd at knboyd2@yahoo.com



Girls on the Run Update The ICS Girls on the Run team have been working hard the past couple of weeks. We had a visit from the director of the organization who gave us many compliments on our accomplishments so far. And, we had several girls on the team participate and complete the ICS 5K on Apr. 5.

Throughout the past month, the girls have been learning about goal setting, when to stand up for others, compromise, and recognizing and choosing good, quality friends. This week, the girls chose the organization they want to help for their community project – an animal shelter!

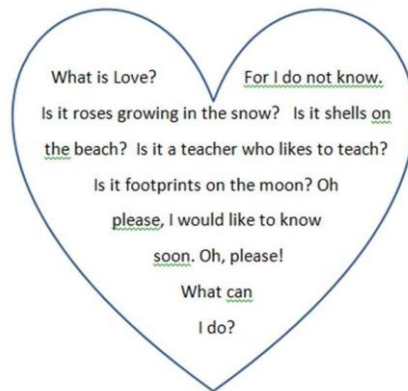
With only two more weeks before the big run, the girls have been training hard to build their endurance for the 5K. They are getting very excited about crossing the finish line!



Sophia Kienzle took second place in the 4th-8th grade division at the 2019 Southwestern Illinois College Red Bud Campus Poetry Contest. Love it Sophia!

What is Love?

A concrete poem by: Sophia Kienzle



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ICS DARE Essay winners: Summer Harrington, Emily Rose, Brady Moore

DARE Night is April 30 here at 6:30. The essayists visit Busch Stadium for a tour on May 7th with Officer Hopkins and the CMS winners and then out to lunch! One (TBD) will be announced as the 1st place winner at DARE graduation and will read their essay aloud. Congratulations!



One of my favorite office days each year! Thanks Mr. Hake and First Grade sing to the whole school. We find God through creation!

Every Day is Earth Day

We hold our future, let's take a stand
Then come tomorrow we'll see the light

Let's work together, let's do it right

We are the ones who can make it happen
It's up to us, it's not too late to try

We are the ones who can make it right
Every day is Earth Day

We hold our lives in our hands
The worlds tomorrow needs us today

Our children's children are in our plans
If we keep trying will find away

We are the ones who can make it happen
It's up to us, it's not too late to try

We are the ones who can make it right
Every day is Earth Day

THE ICS band will play the National Anthem at the St. Louis Football Club game on May 4 at 7:30 in Fenton at the Soccer Park.

ICS NEWS... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZJEUhShw>

CALENDAR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: May 22, 2019. Early release with the District buses at 2:00. There Will Be **No Afternoon Latchkey on our last day.** The first day for next year is August 15, 2019. And we will pack...



Water, Water Everywhere - Fourth Grade Field Trip

On April 23rd the fourth graders took a field trip to Camp Wartburg in Waterloo and the Sewage Treatment Plant in Columbia. While visiting Camp Wartburg the students conducted water tests on the creek water and pond water. They tested for phosphates, nitrates, nitrites, and the pH for both samples. They documented and analyzed their findings to determine if the water in both locations was healthy or polluted. The students also took time to find critters in the water and look at them under the microscopes. They identified the living creatures they found. While at Camp Wartburg, they also went on a nature hike. While hiking, they learned about some of the plants and trees and looked for fossils next to the creek. By observing the fossils, they were able to identify what they thought made the fossil. In the afternoon, the students took a tour of the Columbia Sewage Treatment Plant and learned about the process of how sewage water gets cleaned before going into the river and how we need to protect water. Boat races were held in the afternoon---boats were "design-build"!

THE SPORTING NEWS... TRACK & FIELD NEWS Our next meet is TOMORROW--- Saturday ---at Althoff (Regional Track Meet) We would love for you to come cheer us on!!

Memories on Main

For 166 years, the Main Street Immaculate Conception School has been a second home for many families in the area. It has been the foundation of our faith, education, and livelihood. Although we are incredibly excited to create new memories in a different location, it is always important to remember our roots. A Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/memoriesonmain/> - has been created to share and reminisce the memories made throughout the years for all who have been blessed to walk the halls of the Main Street campus. Additionally, we will be hosting a farewell event on June 1 from 1-3 p.m. at the ICS Main Street campus (see the event within this group) for guests to share memories and visit the school one last time. Please invite other alumni, teachers, and those who have played a part in making ICS the school it is today, to join the page and attend the event on June 1!

THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF EDUCATION is hosting a get together event at Busch Stadium on August 29. We need to pre-order tickets. Great price for a great evening of entertainment!

- Date – Friday, August 9, 2019 – 7:15 pm – **Cardinals** vs. Pirates
- Cost - \$20.00 per ticket (\$58.00 face value)
- The Office of Education Deadline with the **Cardinals** – July 12, 2019
- Please make one check payable to the “Diocese of Belleville” and send to the *Office of Education, 2620 Lebanon Avenue, Belleville, IL 62221*
Attention: Cardinal Tickets
- The earlier you get your tickets, the easier it will be to keep your group together
- I can bring your tickets to the Principals’ Appreciation Lunch or you can pick them up at the Office – whichever is more convenient for you!

Dream Fixer

Everyman and Everywoman: O God, I am many things, but I’m no dream.
I am a child who wants your blessing, but I’m told by the disciples that it can’t be done just now.
I am sick, and lying on a mat, and I can’t even walk to get help.
I am deaf and want to hear, blind and want to see.
I am my mother’s only child and I am dead.
I am out of work and have been standing in the market-place all day, and no one has hired me, and it’s already too late to make any difference. If I’m a dream, I’m a broken dream.
I am Martha, busy, and very, very frustrated.
I am the poor man at the rich man’s gate, covered with sores.
I am Zaccheus the tax collector, laughed at, disliked.
I tried to throw a party and I ran out of wine.
I am the Samaritan woman at the well-quick-witted and snappy-and my life is a mess.
God, I am no dream.
I am Lazarus, dead and buried.
I am Judas who betrayed your Son; Peter who denied him; Andrew, James, John, and all the rest who abandoned him.
I am weak, afraid, tired, confused. I am a sinner.
No excuses. No hedging. No fudging. No asterisks. No footnotes. Here I am, as I am.
But if I’m a dream, it’s a broken dream. Just look at me. Look at my life.
I’ll manage...but this is no dream.
If I’m a dream, I’m a broken dream.

Bishop Ken Untener(author of the little black books)

Crusader Teacher Spotlight

At ICS our children are led each day by some of the best teachers in the country. Their talents, background and community involvement, along with their phenomenal education, bring an addition to the classroom that sets ICS apart from other schools. This month's Crusaders' Teacher Spotlight goes to one of our 4th-grade teachers, Mrs. Ettling. Please click [here](#) to learn more about this fabulous ICS teacher!

<http://www.icscolumbia.org/uploads/3/0/8/1/3081466/ettling.pdf>

GRADS IN THE NEWS... Nick Gillan (ICS '12) was recently published in *The Capstone Journal of Law and Public Policy* at the University of Alabama. His article was "Issues in Space Law: Proposing a New Treaty", Volume II, April 2019. The journal is the work of undergrad law students and allows them to showcase their talents. Congratulations Nick!

GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL NEWS: Plant Sale Gibault presents its annual plant sale. Customers can purchase plants, grown in the Gibault greenhouse by agriculture students, and purchase hand-painted pots, crafted by art students! Gibault greenhouse (back of the school) Sat., April 27, Sat. May 4, Sat. May 11 8:00AM-1PM flowers, fruits, herbs, and vegetable plants

Dion Scherr, Mother to Karen Lundy and MaryBeth Babcock is ill but doing better! Thanks for the prayers!

Danielle Dorlac is still struggling and on a ventilator. Continue saying your prayers for her, Constance, Jamie, and Teresa please.

Our condolences: Patricia Jane Morr, Mother of of our Art Teacher Carol Fetcho:
Visitation will be on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Braun Family Funeral Home, 265 Quarry Rd. Columbia, IL. and on Saturday from 9:00 am till 10:45 a.m. A funeral procession will leave funeral home at 10:45 a.m. to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial with Msgr. Carl Scherrer officiating. Interment will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Columbia, IL.

Our condolences: Peggy Babcock(nee O'Leary), died on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Beloved mother of Stephen (**MaryBeth**) and Brian (Marie Butler) Babcock, and Amy Babcock-Cinotto; dear grandmother of Henry and Mason Babcock, and Kolin Cinotto; dear sister of Leo and Kevin (Jan) O'Leary, and Kathy (Charlie) Kraus; dear aunt, cousin, and friend. Services:
Visitation Monday, April 29, 5-8 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (411 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236) and on Tues, April 30, 9 a.m. until Memorial Mass at 10 a.m.

PAYING RESPECT One consolation people have at the sad time of death is people taking the time to make the time to stop by and pay their condolences or sending a card

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Dion Scherr, Stella Moll, Shawn Eichoff, Jim Edgar, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Joyce LaPrade, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Bill Anderson, Patrick Kish, Tom Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Judy Gundlach

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER---Divine Mercy Sunday

Our Easter joy continues as we celebrate our future and our hope. The greatest gift a school can give its students is the gift of HOPE. Without it, life can be tough and we can feel very alone. Jesus Resurrection is the reason the Church exists---to share that HOPE. One time home for Easter is not enough. It is a 50 day celebration. Come and hear the Good News and learn to live the story that is still alive today---in us!

Every week is the busiest of the year! Thanks for helping us stay on track!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS Our Columbia ROTARY CLUB MOUSE RACES are in our gym on April 27. \$10 admission. Don't bet on the house mouse!

PS As per School Board policy, all student fees (past tuition, book bills, lunch, band, latchkey) must be paid prior to graduation. Our budget is based on total collection of all fees. Please call Mr. Keith Huels at 281-5105, extension 350 if you are having a problem. Next Week we will hold registration. We will send it home and save you a trip in if you are already in the system here. Please be sure you are current on all bills.

PS "We don't need it to be easy, we just need it to be possible." Tim Alexander