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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.

*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*

May 18, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,



CLASS OF 2018

Samuel Joseph Atchley
 Emma Elizabeth Blaskiewicz
 Paula Anne Boser
 Allyse Nicole Broske
 Devin Patrick Eugene Cason
 Allison Rosemary Curry
 Andrew Meyer Epplin
 Matthew Robert Epplin
 Emily Rose Everett
 Kaleb Michael Hugger
 Daylen Grace Elizabeth Litke
 Brianne Victoria Massie
 Grant Andrew Mathany
 Emma Rose Melliere

Adelynn Denise Murphy
 Noah Frasure Newton
 William Glenn Powers
 Autumn Elizabeth Ramey
 Holly Nicole Repp
 Georgia Bernadette Sasser
 Collin Patrick Schmidt
 Caitlyn Marie Schwartz
 Allison Marie Shuler
 Jordan Thomas Smugala
 Dorian James Thorne
 Reece Elizabeth Ward
 Therese Anne West
 Jacob Ignatius Whitworth

Profile of the Class of 2018

Last Graduating Class from 1846 campus

Confirmation-April 12, 2018

Band: Regional ---two 1st Superiors and a 1st DuBourg Band Adjudication
 Jazz Band---National Anthem at SLFB game and at Grizzly Stadium

National History Bee National Finalist: Noah Newton, Jacob Whitworth **Regional Finalist:** Ally Curry Adelynn Murphy Noah Newton

Autumn Ramey Georgia Sasser Jacob Whitworth

National Geography Bee: State Finalist: Noah Newton

National School Block Challenge: Jacob Whitworth 3rd in grades 5-8

Vianney Academic Decathlon: 1st 24 schools

Noah Newton Autumn Ramey Jacob Whitworth

Scholastic Bowl: 27-11 Regional 2nd Place

Mater Dei Tournament: Noah Newton 1st toss-ups

Blessed Sacrament Toss-Up Tournament: 1st Noah Newton

2nd Autumn Ramey, 6th Jacob Whitworth

Science Olympiad: Regional 1st of 13 teams Regional 1st Noah Newton(3) Jacob Whitworth(2) Daylen Litke(2)

Holly Repp, Allie Shuler Georgia Sasser

American Scholastic On-line Challenge: State: Noah Newton 3rd

Illinois Math League: 3rd in 11 County Region, 16th in State: 1) Noah Newton

(3rd in Region) 2) Jacob Whitworth 3) Autumn Ramey 4) Paula Boser and Reece Ward

Gibault Math Contest: 1) Noah Newton 2) Jacob Whitworth 3) Autumn Ramey

Word Masters On-Line Test: 1) Noah Newton 2) Paula Boser 3) Ally Curry

4) Autumn Ramey 5) Daylen Litke and Jacob Whitworth

Young Authors: Ally Curry Autumn Ramey

ROE Art Contest: Ally Curry-Judge's Choice Jacob Whitworth-Judge's Choice

Emma Melliere-1st Noah Newton-1st

Outstanding Keyboarding: Paula Boser 100% accuracy 49 wpm

Perfect Attendance: Devin Cason Collin Schmidt Jordan Smugala

Soccer: Parochial Girls 4th in Diocese

Volleyball: Parochial Girls 4th in Diocese

Basketball: Parochial Boys 2nd in Diocese

Track: Diocesan Champ: Glenn Powers-high jump

Msgr. Holtgrave Award: Adelynn Murphy Andrew Epplin Glenn Powers

K.C. Free Throw Award: Collin Schmidt

Math Award: Noah Newton

Band Award: Ally Curry, Autumn Ramey

DAR: Ally Curry and Noah Newton

Special Academic Honor Roll Award: Noah Newton 4.0 4 years 3.95+ Autumn Ramey Ally Curry Jacob Whitworth

Over 20 major field trips: Columbia/Monroe County, Springfield, Adventures in Medicine at SLU, Gettysburg, D.C.,

Jamestown-Williamsburg, Chrism Mass

SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

COLUMBIA KIWANIS: (\$100 each) Georgia Sasser Devin Cason Emma Blaskiewicz Caitlyn Schwartz

Autumn Ramey Reese Ward

COLUMBIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$2000 (\$500 per year) to Cor Jesu Academy Paula Boser

BLESSED THERESA GERHARDINGER SCHOLARSHIP \$5,000 Ally Curry to Notre Dame High School

FR. PIERRE GIBAULT MERIT SCHOLARS – 50% tuition reduction (renewable if GPA requirements met) Noah

Newton Autumn Ramey \$1000 Jacob Whitworth -

FR. ED HUSTEDDE AWARDS: – \$500 non-renewable

Fine Arts – Autumn Ramey Technology – Noah Newton Service – Autumn Ramey

SPIRIT OF ICS AWARD: Ally Curry Caitlyn Schwartz Autumn Ramey

The parents of our Class of 2018 gave a great example of stewardship to our students. Our hope is they keep paying it forward so we can provide for others. The only way to change the world is to change the culture. What we give to God, we get back in all kinds of blessings! Thanks to

Lucy and Bill Atchley

Carrie and Dave Boser

Kerry and Lon Broske

Bev and Doug Epplin

Kim Pendleton and Brad Everett

Patti and Jeff Litke

Linda and Scott Massie

Ame and Wes Mathany

Diane and Doug Ramey

Debbie and Pat Schmidt

Jean and Jack Shuler

Shari and Tom Smugala

Maria and Bill West

AWARDS NIGHT A big thank you to Melissa Curry for an excellent evening honoring this year's accomplishments. To God we give the glory! She also does the K-4 program **Grades K-4 Awards will be Tuesday, May 22 at 2:00.** The **Dance** was great last week. Thanks to chaperons Patti Litke and Craig Heimburger and Parents and Friends for funding!

BUILDERS CLUB WRAP-UP 2017-2018 Officers report to Columbia Kiwanis June 5 at 7:00-Bullys.

Officers for 2017-2018

President:	Autumn Ramey	Vice-President:	Georgia Sasser
Service-Director:	Emma Melliere	Treasurer:	Noah Newton
Secretary:	Daylen Litke	Fund Raising Director:	Caitlyn Schwartz
Kids Against Hunger:	Jacob Whitworth	Social Director:	Reece Ward
Talent Show Director:	Jordan Smugala		

Builders Club Wrap-up * TASK BOOK: Activities this year:**

1. Kids Against Hunger ---\$3,700.00 donation

<u>Year</u>	<u>meals</u>	<u>cases</u>	<u>to</u>
2018	15,984	70	Honduras and 4 local
9 years	121,608	536	avg. 13,512 meals

2. Co-Executive Producers: James and the Giant Peach
3. Hunger Is Scary Food Drive---**2629** items for Catholic Urban Programs
4. October Safety Month inspections
5. Patriotic Rosary/Veterans Day with guest speaker Chuck Mansel-Viet Nam War
6. Craft Fair Flyers distributed for Parents and Friends
7. Collected 20 **boxes** of food for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive
8. Collected 2645 **items** for the Funderwear Drive-Day Star-Cairo
9. Collected 229 **gifts** and Christmas Toys for Griffith Center---
10. Served as Ambassadors for Open House
11. Donated **\$1250** to Sr. Thea Bowman School
12. During Builders Club Week :
- Raised **\$2024** for Mission Day and Penny Pinch
- Ran a successful school Talent Show with 12 acts
- A WEEK OF VIRTUES: We honored 82 students for patience, humor, leadership, courage, and knowledge
13. We will run a "Clean out Your Desk Campaign the last week of school with usable school items going to inner city children.
- \$1800 BC
- Make a Wish \$200
- Our Brothers Keepers \$375
- IC CEAC \$500
- Lauren Eichenseer \$400 for Logan Eichenseer-Cri Du Chat Syndrome
- St. Thea Bowman School \$325

Total left to start next year - \$450.62

THANK YOU to our advisor Ms. Sharon Nealon and to the Columbia Kiwanis for sponsoring our Club. We are also grateful for your sponsorship of the Terrific Kids program which recognizes good **Dance**

ST. VINCENT DePAUL Please remember to bring your food bags to Mass this weekend for SVdP! Thanks for feeding the hungry!

MEALS FROM THE HEART - help wanted - Immaculate Conception Church meals from the heart program is in need of a coordinator. The main duty is to connect families that want to help with families that need meals during a stressful time. Please contact Beth Carrow 618 980 3525 if you are interested in this truly fulfilling ministry.

SCHOOL BOARD Officers for 2018-2019

President: Tammy Hoeflinger Vice-President: Kit Timmons Secretary: Megan Gilbreth
Thanks to outgoing President Bob Wachtel, Lynetta Newton, Kory Haywood, and Toni Kuhlmann for their service and support to the Principal and our school during their terms of office. Our new members are Trish Adams, Janice Schaefer, Donna Videmschek, and Toby Ellner. Lots going on and so glad you are going to be a part of it!

We will run a “Clean out Your Desk Campaign the last week of school with usable school items going to inner city children. Don't pitch---let's pass on what you might otherwise throw away. Builders Club will collect and start sorting!

A BIG THANK YOU TO MARK ALTADONNA AND BETH CARROW for installing an air conditioning unit in the Pre-School last week. We were blessed to have a spare and blessed to have the quick installation!

CONGRATULATIONS to Cailynn Mueth who received a Platinum award and placed 1st overall out of 43 contestants in her tap dance solo this past weekend at UMSL! Happy Feet!

Congratulations to the second grade class for winning the April **Shoparoo** contest! Thank you to everyone who took the time to snap receipts. Keep it up all summer!

YOUNG AUTHORS-Awards Night-Yearbook-Entertainment Book-Magazine Drive---- HELP NEEDED We might have young Authors covered. Can you officially step up for one of these programs which allow us to be the school we have become?

CEAC BOND SALE MEETINGS You can review the presentation slides and prospectus (our bonds are referred to as the Series 2017B Serial Bond) on the parish website to the right of Mass Times. <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/> Please contact Keith Huels, parish Business Manager, with any questions. You can buy all 3 million if you get there fast enough! 5.5% interest!

CALLING FOR DONATIONS (submitted by the Girls on the Run team)

We need your help! We are the ICS Girls on the Run and we are doing a service project for Moms on a Mission in Dupo, IL. We are collecting books, toys, and clothes, but no stuffed animals, please. It has to be delivered to the ICS office by May 21, 2018. Thanks in advance to everyone who donates. This is such a good cause. For more information, you can contact Coach Jessica Wachtel at jesscurl@yahoo.com.



GOTR – THEY DID IT!!!

Since March these young ladies have worked so hard training and participating in ICS's first Girls on the Run program. On Saturday they completed their 5K run downtown St. Louis with nearly 3,700 girls from 183 schools from 23 nearby counties in Missouri and Illinois. To celebrate their accomplishments, the coaches threw the girls an ice cream party in the park on Thursday after school. The girls and coaches signed one another's shirt to save as a keepsake. Coach Jessica gave each girl a personalized award to recognize her contribution to the team. Then the girls wrote a characteristic about each other they appreciate the most. It was the perfect ending to a very rewarding program. *A Note from the Coaches: Watching how much these girls have grown throughout the past ten weeks has been a beautiful experience. We will miss our weekly training sessions with the girls and can't wait to work with them again next year. In the meantime, keep your star power shining bright, girls!*



Judge Heinz Rudolph and Judge John O'Gara delivered a presentation on social media and the impact on the judicial system to our 5-8th grade students on May 14. They reminded us that the ills of social media don't have to be this way if we use it for good. There is no age protection for these ills and aggravated felonies can be issued for child porn, distribution, and air dropping. Snapchat gets screen shot and this becomes evidence and subjectivity often goes out the window in the eyes of the law. A bell cannot be unrung! If you allow others use your phone—you are responsible! Many of the currently violent youth were formerly bullied and oftentimes on

social media. If you see something, say something. Harassing by pestering is a crime, posting lies is illegal, Videos of fights, Picture of drinking---all can get you into major trouble. *Be careful what you say to whom and when and why and where and how...and on social media too!*

CALENDAR FOR END OF YEAR: Pre-School/Pre-K Metter Park Lunch and Talent Show will be Monday, May 21. K-4 awards, May 22 at 2:00 p.m. Kindergarten graduation is at 9:30 in the gym on May 23. **Last day of school will be May 23 with release at 11:20. No Latchkey.** Opening Day for 2018-2019 is August 16! Whew! Let's finish strong and give thanks to God!

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS!! THE WEBSITE IS WWW.JOSTENS.COM AND THE COST IS \$18.00. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KIM FOUTCH AT 618-973-2878.

HELP FOR NEXT YEAR We will need a kitchen worker on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:45-2:30 and is also available to fill in as needed on other days. Duties include: supervising students during lunch, setting up cafeteria for lunch, cleaning up cafeteria after lunch, helping to serve lunch, running dishwasher, and other duties as needed.

THE SPORTING NEWS...

Dominic Voegle soared 14' 10" in the State meet. Thanks for representing us Dominic!

OPEN GYM Please take advantage!

Kevin McGill and Matt Blaskiewicz (current 6th grade girls volleyball and basketball coaches) are offering Open Gym sessions in the ICS gym during the summer months for both basketball and volleyball. This will be their 2nd year in doing this. The purpose of these planned sessions will be to focus on development of core skills and improving various agility and team movements.

We will be offering these practices on Wednesday evenings (2hrs duration) from 6-8pm. The 1st hr will be dedicated to basketball and the 2nd hr will be dedicated to volleyball.

New this summer will be an additional 1/2 hr of agility and mobility skills included every other Wednesday and will be from 5:30-6pm.

Other nights may be possible due to interest and availability. A more detailed schedule will be finalized as we get closer to end of May.

The Open Gyms are for 5th-8th grade kids, both boys and girls. If you are interested or if there are any questions, please look to reach out to:

- Kevin McGill (email: kmcgill@ne.com, ph: [314-330-6154](tel:314-330-6154))
- Matt Blaskiewicz (email: matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com, ph: [\(314\) 750-6741](tel:314-750-6741))

SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL BE AVAILABLE HERE at ICS for \$15 each **TOMORROW, Saturday May 19** in the morning from 9-12 **IN THE ROOMS NEXT TO THE OFFICE**. Enter by the cafeteria. We also plan to do another day of physicals on the same day as soccer uniform pickup in August. Thanks to Jessica Wachtel for working this out for us!

2018 Columbia Khoury League Night at Busch Stadium

Join us on Tuesday, June 12 to watch the Cards take on the Padres for this year's CKL Night at Busch Stadium. Players and coaches in uniform will have the opportunity to walk the field in the pregame parade. Two lucky players will be selected to throw out the first pitch! Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the link below by May 20. You have the opportunity to select a team so that seats will be grouped together.

This year we are in sections 128-132 which are the best seats we've had in the history of the program. Don't miss out on this amazing event!

Tickets will be distributed to coaches the week of June 5.

PAPA JOHN'S Here is an offer for your staff and student families to enjoy over the summer. 40% Off Regular Menu Price Online Orders. Order Online at papajohns.com
Promo Code: SUMMER18 Valid at Participating Stores Valid through 8-31-18

WE ARE MISSING GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL UNIFORMS #9, 12, and 14. And boys' volleyball uniform #9. If these uniforms are at your house, can you please return them, we want to get a good inventory for next year. We're still looking---would you look too? Tony, Tony, come on down!

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!!! Mark your calendars...ICS Superhero Camp is the **week of June 25th**. We are recruiting superheroes entering 1st through 5th grades to fine tune their skills for the upcoming school year. Superboys and supergirls will solve math problems faster than a speeding bullet, experiment with super powers in science, cook up "super" nutritious lunches & snacks, learn the latest superhero technology, leap tall buildings in a single bound, and fine tune their super powers. Camp will be from 8am to 3pm at Immaculate Conception School with before & after care available. [Information & registration form is attached.](#) Please register by Friday, May 18th. Contact Mrs.Epplin (beppin@icsmail.org) with any questions

SUMMER MUSIC LESSONS CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

AVAILABLE FOR ALL BAND INSTRUMENTS, PLUS guitar, bass guitar, piano, voice, and drums!! Lessons taught in the band room at GIBAULTCATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, by Mr. Scott Ruppel, Gibault Music Director Lessons can also be taught at my house in Millstadt if that is more convenient. Will work around summer schedules!! STARTING Monday, JUNE 4 Call 618-304-3574

GIBAULT NEWS GRADUATION – The Class of 2018 graduation ceremony will be at 7PM on Monday, May 21, in the Fr. Ed Hustedde Gymnasium. Please join us as we send our seniors on to the next chapter in their lives.

SUMMER CAMPS – From drama to soccer we've got a camp for your child! Visit our website (gibaulthawks.com) for registration information or call our office 939-3883.

SUMMER HOURS – Our last day of school is May 24. Summer hours will begin on May 29. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8AM until 2PM or by appointment. Have a safe and restful summer!

FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT Friday, May 18th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm **TONIGHT!**

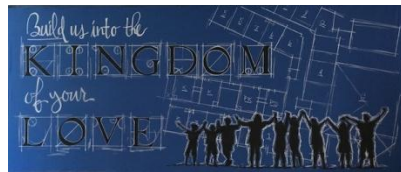
ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE, FUN, FAMILY EVENT. Please join us in the Garden Level of the Immaculate Conception Church. Kids are the focus on this night as they make pizzas from scratch in the warming kitchen and can sing karaoke. Note that food will be provided for adults. So, come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092, Ted Haney at 314-504-5057 or Brian Repp 314-479-3027.

"Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish"

Nick Matrisotto

FREE ORGAN RECITAL sponsored by Allen Organ Midwest. Hector Olivara will perform at 7:00 pm in our Church.

BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE daily shirts Grant Monheiser, Maggie Buhr, Carolyn Randle, Taylor Rose, Eleanor McGuire, Lucy Keeven, Maya Dill, Audrey Sullivan, Brooke Heimburger, Ava Hake



Larry Haywood, Kory's (Tricia) Dad and grandfather of Eva, Turner, Poppy, has been moved to Barnes with major heart issues but is doing better. Please pray for him.

Dylan Walsh is home recovering. Please continue to pray for him as he still has a few issues to overcome with his tumor.

Samantha Shuler, ICS '14 grad on a mission trip to Guatemala through the University of Evansville, had an appendix issue and is in the hospital there. Please pray for her so she can get back to the States quickly. As much as we complain about our health care, we are spoiled. Safe travels for Allie's sister!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Larry Haywood, Dylan Walsh, Danielle Dorlac, Grant Taylor Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Pearl Mueller, Richard Prater, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Arlin Stechmesser, Angela Roepke, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

BUILDING OUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER PRAYER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH! Pentecost is the Big AHA moment of the Church. It all came together through the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said it would happen. It did. And then, like now, some still do not believe. So our good works can help and we can also understand that the Holy Spirit works in mysterious ways. Come celebrate this weekend as the 50 day party comes to a

close. We will still be Easter People! Wear red and orange and fire colors!

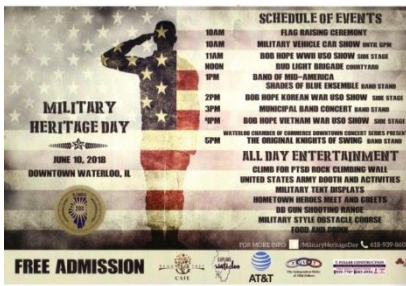
Mike Kish

Principal

PS **ORDINATION! 10:30 May 19th** is the ordination of Rev. Mr. Steven Pautler---yes---Bryce's great uncle---to the priesthood along with 8 Permanent Deacons, many of who we have received thank you cards from this week for all our prayers.

PS 5th Annual Monroe County Fraternal Order of Police ---*Newly Renamed* "Joe Callis Memorial 5K Run/Walk & 1/2-Mile Fun Run" June 16 at Borsch Park in Valmeyer ([see the flyer](#) and honor "Papa Joe")

PS Expand this and take advantage of this step back in time to the days of Bob Hope and the USO! Illinois is in the midst of celebrating its 200th anniversary!



The steel is going up! **86 school days left till January 7. Let's get our pledges up too!**

