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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.

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June 22, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parent,



TINKER PREP What started out as a 10 cafeteria table paint project turned into 15 as we found some more in storage. We will be using these tables in the new school for cafeteria and art. Besides huge savings on the cost, our original \$10 per table purchase from East Alton-Wood River Middle School, goes on in good stewardship and durability. Newer models on the market are just not as good in quality and practicality. So we prepare for the new Catholic Education and Activity Center on the old campus while progress is being made on the new one. Teachers are doing a lot of the good kind of purging this summer so we have less to move on December 21. You may want to put in for this day off work to help us move! Thanks to Mike Whelan, Ed Beck, Rich Toenjes, Denis Ling and Don Happy. Thanks to Jim Held who has repaired our lockers for the umpteenth year in a row!

THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE are conducting active shooter training the week of June 25th-28th at the Columbia High School. The ISP would like to invite all of the ICS staff and their children. This training will be as real as they can make it. The teachers and children will be used as role players during the training. The State Police will actually come in and look for the "active shooter" using paintball rounds. They feel this is a great opportunity for the staff to experience what could happen during an active shooter incident.

Prior to the training there will be a briefing with everyone. After the training, there will be a debriefing to answer any and all questions by trained instructors.

If anyone is interested, they can report to the Columbia High School at 1:00 pm on June 25th-28th. The exercise will be completed no later than 3:00pm. The role players are needed the most on the 26th and 28th--however they may role play on the 25th and 27th as well.

Thanks to the ISP and CPD for exceeding "thoughts and prayers" with training!

BUILD US INTO THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE gives way to...

REJOICE IN THE LORD AND BE GLAD!

UNIFORM RESALE the ICS uniform resale is looking for clean, wearable uniform donations for the sale in July. Drop off at school during the summer by way of the cafeteria door. We sell the uniforms at very low prices and will donate some to the Griffin Center too. And then we even make money which is as good as cash! Thanks to Andrea Harget and Skip Ward for leading the way! **UNIFORM RE-SALE DAY** is Saturday, July 28 from 8:30-1:30 in the cafeteria.

Educatus International My name is Rhonda Hofer and I am a Regional Manager for Educatus International. I am reaching out to you in hopes of finding host families for International Students coming to the Waterloo area to attend high school at Gibault Catholic High School.

As a Host Families you will receive a monthly stipend of \$400 to help offset the expense of having a student in your home. All that we ask of our Host Families is that you provide meals, love and guidance, a place to study as well as a room with a bed and dresser.

Educatus International Host Families come in many different shapes and sizes - young couples with small children, single persons, one parent families, empty nesters, etc. The one characteristic all host families share is a big heart with a lot of love to offer a new family member!

We have two Local International Coordinators, Desiree Frasure & Andrea Bodinet, that will support the student, host family and school throughout the duration of the academic school year. We also have 24/7 national support. Our students have their own insurance and come with their own spending money for; school lunches and fees, personal items and activities they wish to be involved with.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share Illinois and The United States with someone while you and your family learn about the student's culture/country as well. These are amazing young people and come from places like Vietnam, Korea, China, Thailand, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Turkey and Spain.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind Regards,

Rhonda Hofer, Regional Manager, Great Lakes Central Region

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ACTORS' ATTIC SUMMER REP FEST AND CAMP SHOWS

- *Junie B Jones The Musical JR.* (performed by students grades 6-8)
 - Thursday June 21 and Friday June 22 at 7pm
- *Chicago (School Edition)* (performed by students grades 9-12)
 - Thursday June 28 and Friday June 29 at 7pm
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*
 - Thursday July 12-Saturday July 14 at 7pm and Saturday July 14 at 2pm
- *Gypsy*
 - Thursday July 19-Saturday July 21 at 7pm and Sunday July 22 at 2pm

All 5 shows will be in the Gibault Catholic High School Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.actorsatticcolumbia.org/>

CALENDAR: See below for our tentative calendar for the new year!

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 (bepplin@icsmail.org) with any questions

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. Please email Connie Huebner: mrs huebner@icsmail.org

HELP NEEDED YOUNG AUTHORS-Awards Night-Yearbook-Entertainment Book-Magazine Drive---Coaching Maybe these are all covered already? Hope so!

LOOKING FOR A 1ST GRADE BOYS SOCCER COACH (OR TWO...) If you have a son going into first grade and would be interested in being a coach for one of the two first grade boys teams, please contact Brian Boyd at bmboyd02@yahoo.com. We will need more than one volunteer. The current registration for boys is at 23, which will allow ICS to have 2 teams to best provide playing time.

CEAC BOND SALES 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 \$2.5 million if you get there fast enough! 5.5% interest!

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.

THE SPORTING NEWS...OPEN GYM Thanks Kevin and Matt!

- June 27th 6:00 - 8:00pm
- ~~July 4th~~ No Session
- July 11th 5:30 - 8:00pm
- July 18th 6:00 - 8:00pm
- July 25th 5:30 - 8:00pm
- Aug 1st 6:00 - 8:00pm

The Open Gyms are for 5th-8th grade kids, boys and girls. Questions? Kevin (kmcgill@ne.com, [314-330-6154](tel:314-330-6154)) or Matt (matthew.blaskiewicz@libertymutual.com, [314-750-6741](tel:314-750-6741))

PAPA JOHN'S 40% Off Regular Menu Price Online Orders. Order Online at papajohns.com
Promo Code: SUMMER18 Valid at Participating Stores Valid through 8-31-18

PRAYERS: Special Intention Owen Jordan, Dylan Walsh, Danielle Dorlac, Grant Taylor, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, George Perry, Donna Kania, Richard Prater, Jerry Kish, Tom Giovanni, Arlin Stechmesser, Angela Roepke, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Bob Springer, 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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WHAT'S IN A NAME? This weekend we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist. When the baby was born, it was expected that he would be named after Zechariah, his father. But you will hear the story of that and how he came to be called John. In **Hebrew** the **meaning** of the name **John** is: **Jehovah has been gracious; has shown favor.**

My Mom and Dad had 7 sons in a row. We all received our names for different reasons.

Some were popular names of the time, some after relatives. (Mine means "who is like God"--- remember Michael the Archangel? My Dad used to call me little Jesus behind my back. I felt insulted. What do you mean little?) After Dad and Mom named #7 Al Jr., the 4 girls came.

Dad always said if he would have known that, he would have named the oldest Jr.

John holds a special place in our Church history. He was asked the same question Jesus asked of the Apostles. *Who do you say that I am?* John answered his followers with "I am not he. I am unworthy to unfasten his sandals from his feet". Peter would answer Jesus with "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"

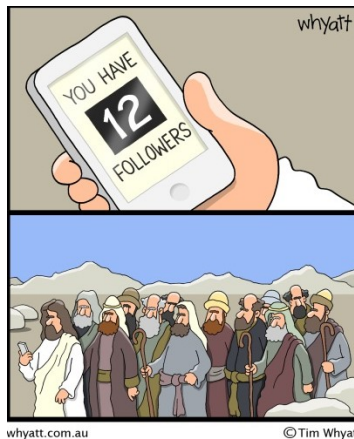
John was the greatest of the prophets since he pointed the way to Jesus. He was likened to Elijah "whose words were like a flaming furnace". John was a high profile guy while Jesus preferred the low profile. Our 3 sentence prayer, the Our Father, is a good example of that!

Celebrate your name this week. Remember we are all called to be John the Baptisers in following and pointing out Jesus by our lives.

Welcome home Fr. Carl and our 10 parishioners who visited St. Raymond's!

Mike Kish

Principal



(Used with permission.) Check out Tim's other hilariously and spiritual work below. Great gifts!



ICS Tentative Calendar 2018-2019

- July 23-26 Elite FT soccer camp at Oerter ages 3-12 from July 23 to 26 from 6 to 8 pm ---
www.EliteFT.com Brian Boyd: bmboyd02@yahoo.com
- 28 school uniform resale day---ICS cafeteria 8:30-1:30 BEST DEAL OF THE YEAR!
- 29-August 2 Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:00 Splash Canyon! Register icc-columbia.il.us
- August Soccer hand-out and parent meetings are currently being scheduled. Dates ASAP.
- 8 **Child Protection Policy** 6:00 Church Garden Space You need this to coach, volunteer, etc. at our Parish and school
- 12 **Meet the Teacher Day** Pre-S-Pre-K-Kindergarten luncheon after 11:00 Mass till 2:00, Grades 1-8 from 2:00-4:00
- 15 Feast of the Assumption---Holy Day of Obligation Come and honor the Mother of God!
- 16 First Day of School---Full Day---8:00 till 2:55 bus
- 21 First All-School Mass
- 25 Soccer Pictures at Oerter Park
- 30 Blessing of new Bibles
- 31 Field Day
- September
- 3 Labor Day Picnic on old campus
- 4 Service Leadership Day---8th grade in attendance only
- 6 Columbia-Monroe County Field Trip
- 14 ICS/Joe Hoguet Golf Tourney at Columbia Golf Course
- 21 Early Release at 11:20-school improvement day-Springfield Trip Gr. 7-8
- October
- 3 Child Protection Training 6:00 Church
- 5 Diocesan Institute-no school
- 8 Columbus Day-no school
- 12 PSR has gym, First Reconciliation Meeting in Cafeteria 6:30
- 11-14 School Musical
- 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 25 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 26 No school---school improvement day
- 28 Trunk or Treat on lower Church parking lot
- November
- 1 All Saints-Holy Day---Mass at 8:15 at Church
- 2 All souls Day---Mass at 7:00 pm
- 9 Patriotic Rosary
- 12 Veterans Day no school
- 14 PSR Gym
- 17-18 Stewardship Weekend
- 20 Pre-Thanksgiving Mass and caramel rolls with the Indians and Pilgrims
- 21-25 Thanksgiving break
- December
- 1 ICS Parents and Friends craft Fair
- 7 Vigil Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day, Parish Christmas Party hosted by Knights
- 11 K-3 Christmas Play
- 13 Band/Art Concert
- 14 Last Home Game in Old Gym
- 20 Last Day of school on Old Town campus, Christmas break 12/21-1/6
- 21 Moving Day to new Catholic Education and Activity Center
- 22-Jan. 2 Christmas break

January

- 3 Teacher Institute
- 7 Opening Day on new campus!
- 8 All School Mass
- 20 Possible Dedication Day
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school

February

- 13 First Eucharist meeting in new cafeteria
- 18 Presidents Day, no school
- 23 Parents and Friends Dinner Auction at The Falls

March

- 2-7 DC Trip
- 4 Casimir Pulaski Day, only 8th grade in attendance
- 22 Early Release at 11:20, school improvement day
- 24 Confirmation Retreat

April

- 5 Chicago Trip Grade 7
- 6 District Band---TBD
- 16 Chrism Mass---Grade 8 to Cathedral
- 17 ICS has school---no bus service available
- 18 Holy Thursday
- 19 Good Friday
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 18-22 Easter break/NCEA convention
- 26 Parents and Friends 5K Glo Run

May

- 1 May Crowning
- 9 Spring Band Concert and Art Show
- 16 Graduation
- 22 emergency snow days