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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*

August 3, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #05

Dear Parent,



CONNECTION MADE!

24,000 POUNDS OF FIREWALL TO SEPARATE CHURCH/CEAC FOR CODE!

We have been waiting for this connection since we received our first set of plans---how to do it was the problem. An interior access/denial to traffic was built by Al Ziegler and his Army, windows had to come out, foundation torn out and replaced so it met code, and then dropped in place and grouted. Church and CEAC will be separated by a fire wall. We can now move to finish the remaining foundation, gym wall, trusses, and watch it fly along to completion! John Whitworth and Mike Whelan are guiding our project along for us as they would monitor the building of their own home. We are grateful to our "boots on the ground"! Pray for good weather. Once under roof, we will catch up!

BONDS---We are pleased to report that we have passed \$1 million in CEAC bond sales toward our \$3 million goal, but we were hoping for more participation from the parish leadership. Please give prayerful consideration about investing in these bonds and encouraging others to participate so we can repay the Diocesan loan. The slides and prospectus can be found on the parish website under Fr. Carl's picture and Parish Mission Statement <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/>.

FYI, bonds can be purchased in an IRA as one option with future potential tax benefits for donations. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks for your continued support of the CEAC. The CEAC Finance Committee, Fr. Carl, Keith Huels

CAMPAIGN Seems we are stuck on 8.2 million or so on our 11.8m project. We could not proceed without all financing in place so we temporarily set up construction loans and borrowed from the Diocese to have ourselves covered. Like buying a home, we mortgaged our future. Many families have made this project part of their future. Many were not in a position to make a pledge over 7 years. We have to stay aggressive in getting this funded. If you have not made a pledge yet, contact Mr. Kish or he will try to contact you. Time, talent, treasure. We have different amounts of it in each of our lives but commitment takes all 3 as amounts are available to us. God wants all of us!

The “ALSO GOOD NEWS”...We stand on the shoulders of giants!



Former ICS faculty meet socially from time to time. What a good reminder of our roots as a school. Mrs. Lewis took role and notes and provided current updates. We are grateful for our past. Make a donation to CEAC for all they have done for you!



**Immaculate Conception
School - Columbia, Illinois**

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Save the date! Please notice the times: Pre-S, Pre-K and K come 12-2pm, and 1st-8th come 2-4pm!

NEW THIS YEAR:

Save the date: August 12, 2018



LUNCHEON/OPEN HOUSE

Noon-2:00 p.m.

Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten

(More details to follow regarding luncheon.)
Have lunch, meet your teacher and some new friends, find your classroom, bring your supplies.

LOCKER MOVE-IN DAY

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 1st-8th

Meet your teacher, find your locker, bring your supplies.



Let's get ready to have an exciting year!

ALL OUR BEST Mrs. Beth Carrow has resigned from ICS and is moving to Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. She served us well for 16 years with 10 in Kindergarten and 6 in founding our Pre-K and Pre-School Programs. We wish her and Chris and Gianna and Maxx good luck in their new venture!

WELCOME! Ms. Sarah Gosma will be taking Mrs. Carrow's position in Pre-K and Pre-School. She has a B.A. in Elementary Education with a specialization in Early Childhood and a Master's in Family Ministry with more than 8 years' experience with little ones. We are excited to add her to the ICS family and will fill you in more as we welcome the new year.

ATHLETIC MEETINGS FOR 2018-19 The second Parent meeting for parents of all athletes at ICS will be Thursday August 9 from 6:30-7:30pm in the gym.

Soccer uniform distribution will be **Sunday August 5** from **12:30-2** for grades 5-8, and **2-3:30** for grades 1-4, and **Sunday August 12** from **4:30-6** for grades 5-8, and **6-7:30** grades 1-4. PLEASE HAVE PHYSICALS ON FILE AT SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC AND MAPLE GROVE FEES PAID. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, YOUR CHILD MAY NOT GET A UNIFORM. YOU CAN BRING IN PHYSICAL AND PAY FEES ON UNIFORM PICK UP DATES. **Kindergarten uniforms** will be decided upon and given out at school on Aug 17.

PHYSICALS are required to play sports at ICS by the Diocese. The K and 6 required by the State of Illinois cover you. Everyone else needs one on the school form. Our office, Family Practice Associates and Athletico will be offering Sports Physicals this Sunday August 5 during the soccer uniform pickup in the 4th grade classrooms and the band room. The \$15 fee will be donated to the CEAC fund. Thanks to Jessica Wachtel and her sister for their stewardship and doing our families a big favor!

HELP FOR NEXT YEAR We need a kitchen worker

on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:45-2:30 and 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: mrshuebner@icsmail.org Please spread the word!

LATCHKEY Mrs. Hope Wienhoff will be recovering from some surgery at the start of the year and we are looking for some extra help. Please contact Mrs. Epplin if interested.

LABOR DAY PICNIC SIGN-UP Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4 & 5 and 18th & 19th, Picnic Sign Up

UPDATES: We will have 4 new games in the Children/Youth area this year - Basketball Toss will be gone. We will have a Rock Wall in the Children/Youth Games area for climbing between 4:30 - 7:30PM. Weight requirement of 30-300 pounds.

The Bounce Houses will move between the old church and convent - along with Face Painting.

New Raffle Booth will replace the Craft Booth. All donations are Family Friendly!!

One Soda Stand this year will be located where the Basketball Toss previously was located.

An ATM will be onsite near the Children's Games Ticket Sales tent.

Wine Stand will be located with the Beer Stand again.

Book Store, Country Store and Dessert Stand will be in Main Street Abbey again. Book Store will open at 8:00AM on Picnic Day.

Thanks so much! We look forward to seeing everyone for Sign Up Weekends!!

Thanks to Georgia Hutchinson, Pat McDermott, and Kate Kienzle for chairing our big-time fun raising event which gets us working together as a Parish!

ICS Parents and Friends Uniform Re-Sale The results are in!

Parents and Friends made \$1,146.00 at the uniform resale. We had 10 large bags to be donated forward. Thanks to our workers: Reece, Rhyon & Skip Ward, Andrea & Lindsay Harget, Briana Baldrige. Anyone needing plaid items are welcome to contact Skip Ward @ 281-1974.

Next year will be the Hargets & Wards - final resale. It would be nice to have a couple of volunteers to follow us on the last Saturday of July, 2019. It is a great way for a new parent or grandparent to show support of their child's school. Thank you as always for helping us. Skip has led this for several years and we are grateful to her and her family and Andrea and Lindsay and Brianna too!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Thanks for another successful week! Details coming!

As you get ready for a new school year, can you look under the bed, in the reading closet, and in your book shelves to see if you have any ICS books you can return. We would gladly take any books that are popular series we use too. Books are our friends! AND---why not start off your year with some Accelerated Reader Tests from books you read this summer? Reading is one of the best ways not to lose "your edge" and this will get you ahead on points for the year!

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY INTITIAL TRAINING if you are new to ICS or have not taken the class yet, this is your closest to home. August 8 in the garden level of Church at 6:00. Contact Angie at 281-5105 to register so we have enough supplies. 35 coming already---you won't be alone!



ICS OPEN HOUSE Sunday, August 12 will feature Open House at ICS with Pre-School, Pre-K, and Kindergarten from Noon to 2:00 including a pot luck and Grades 1-8 from 2:00 – 4:00. Bring in your school supplies, meet the teachers and get excited for a year we make history. The remaining soccer uniforms will be given out that evening. First uniform distribution is August 5.(See above)

OPPORTUNITY! We are looking for a responsible and energetic person to pick up our two children from ICS at 3:00 p.m. daily and stay with them in our home until approximately 5:15 p.m. Position will also require occasional transportation to after-school activities. Great job for a high-school or college student. If interested, please contact Christine at 618-660-6463.

Volunteers Needed for Front Desk Receptionist Catholic Urban Programs

If you have considered volunteering your time for a very worthwhile cause, here's an excellent opportunity. Due to an ever-increasing number of clients to be served, Catholic Urban Programs is seeking volunteers to work as a receptionist at the front desk in their East St. Louis Office which is located at [#7 Vieux Carre Drive](#) (Loisel Village area immediately off Route 157). Office hours are 9 a.m. – 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed for half-days (approximately four (4) hours) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday. Duties would include: answering phones; greeting people; assisting people with applications and directing people to proper staff.

No experience is required; however, you must enjoy working with the public and have good people skills; basic computer skills are helpful. If you have a morning or afternoon or a day or two available to volunteer, please call Gerry Hasenstab at 618-398-5616, Ext. 203, for additional info.

CONGRATULATIONS! Olivia, Jeni, and Andrew Wallenberg who welcomed baby **Quinton Joseph** on July 5. All are doing well. Olivia is loving her role as big sister! And I bet he's a firecracker!

GRADS IN THE NEWS... **Jenny Lesko** (ICS 2005, Gibault 2009) left on Friday, July 27 with a group of approximately 20 Illinois Interagency trained and certified Forestry workers for Southern Idaho to help fight the Grassy Ridge Forest Fire which is currently raging near Idaho Falls. Jenny works as an Illinois District Forester and lives and works near Fairfield, Illinois. The group will be providing forest fire support operations for those fighting fires on the front line for the next 2 weeks. Please pray for her safety and all first responders as they put their lives on the line for public safety!

Tuesday was the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, the "storm troopers of the Church" as my college history prof Dr. Millett said back in the early '70's. Pope Francis is a Jesuit. Jesuits are deep thinkers and receive longer novitiates prior to ordination. They have taught us to read the Scriptures with the Ignatian practice of putting ourselves in the story, imagining those around us, noticing what role we're playing, and observing our reactions. It's a powerful way to encounter the Word and sometimes overwhelming. God always speaks to us right where we are!

OUR CONDOLENCES to Megan Gilbreth and family(Jon, Emmett, Harper) on the loss of grandmother Ruth Skrabacz on July 17 at age 90. A lifetime is as long as we get and all we can do is hope to pack a lot of life in the time we have.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Owen Jordan, Jerry Kish, Donna Kania, Dylan Walsh, Grant Taylor, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, George Perry, Richard Prater, Tom Giovanni, Arlin Stechmesser, Angela Roepke, Paul Thode, Pat Schwartz, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, 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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*"I saw a stranger yesterday.
I put food for him in the eating place,
drink for him in the drinking place,
music for him in the listening place.
And in the Holy Name of the Trinity,
he blessed myself, and my house, my possessions and my family.
And the lark said as she sang:*

It is often, often, often, Christ comes disguised as a stranger." From The Furrow.

Jesus reminded us that after you feed 5,000 people and they want to make you King---RUN! He headed for the hills.

I have friends who follow certain Bands around. This is not an uncommon practice. We do the same with our favorite writers, media programming, and lists. We are hungry and trying to feed our souls. *There, in that small village of Capernaum, Jesus was not introducing them to a religion of beliefs and practices. He clearly was opening a new horizon for them. He was inviting them, just as he is inviting us today, to think, feel, love, work, suffer and live like him. History remembers many who understood and embraced that invitation.*(Fr. James Hogan)

Not all who claim Christianity practice it. Often we just don't get it or interpret it the way we want. We pray "my will be done" instead of "thy will be done".(Fr. Steve Gira)

The intent to think, feel, love, work, suffer and live like Christ is what being Christian is about! The poet understood as he wrote in the simple verse above.

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