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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.

August 11, 2017

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



Capital Campaign Update... Plans are being firmed up today and **out to bid** next week! Thanks to all who have made a generous commitment to our campaign for our new Catholic Education and Activity Center and **all who will commit to "in-kind" donations of work and services** that will directly lower our cost and be an additional donation! We look forward to beginning construction soon. **We still need more pledges**, so if you have not yet returned your letter of intent, please do so as soon as possible. Every gift is greatly appreciated! Fr. Carl and your parish Needs updating: Jump into these numbers please!

Goal11,600,000 Pledged\$ 7,640,745.53
 Number of Pledges.....524 % of Goal Reached.....66%

Class lists will be posted on-line later this afternoon on the school website.

Pre-S, Pre-K, Kindergarten and New Families: You are invited to join our ICS family for a potluck luncheon celebrating the start of the new school year. It will be a great opportunity for your children to meet their classmates and teachers and get a special preview of their classroom. ICS mentor families will also be on hand to welcome you and answer questions.

When: Sunday, August 13th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass (approximately 12:30 pm)

Where: ICS Gymnasium The main dish and beverages will be provided by the ICS School Board. Each family is asked to bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-M bring a side dish, N-Z please bring a dessert. Food can be dropped off at the gym starting at 10am before 11am Mass, if desired.

RSVP Tammy.Hoeflinger@charter.net or Katie@summitsignandgraphics.com by **Monday Wednesday, August 9th** so we have an accurate count for the food. We hope to see you on the 13th!

SCHOOL STARTS THURSDAY, AUGUST 17. FULL DAY! COME BACK CHARGED UP!

ICS Fathers Club 22nd Annual Joe Hoguet Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 15 at Columbia Golf Course is almost sold out!! **Only 7 team spots remain!!!** Hurry and reserve your team today. This event will sell out. To Play:

\$300/3 man team Lunch & Dinner provided

To support and have your name printed on the banner that hangs in the gym all year.

\$100 Business Sponsor \$50 Family Sponsors \$20 Dinner only donation

If you are new to ICS this is a great way to meet a lot of fellow parents.

All proceeds go to help ICS Athletics & Computer Sciences.

For more info on this and other Fathers Club activities email icsfathers@gmail.com

Thank you ICS Fathers Club

HOW TO BE CHURCH---sign up to work at our **Labor Day Picnic!** Belonging is believing and vice-versa! We need over 700 workers to fill shifts. You have never let us down! This is a great time to renew friendships, make new ones, and fulfill stewardship. We are counting on you! Thanks to Georgia Hutchinson and Pat McDermott who are spearheading our Picnic!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094cabab2ca6f85-iccpicnic>

CHILD PROTECTION INITIAL TRAINING:

The next local Child Protection Initial Training is on Aug. 22 in Waterloo at Sts. Peter and Paul.

<http://www.diobelle.org/cp-calendar>

CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE Once you have taken the initial course, you have to take a refresher each year to volunteer, work here, go "field-tripping", be around youth. Cut and paste and follow the directions please. We would love to get the whole parish to do this by the end of September. <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/login/index.php>

PARISH WORK DAY Work day this Saturday 8a.m.-noon!

We will be getting the school grounds ready for the picnic!! We will need:

Pruners, wheelbarrows, trimmers, outdoor push- brooms, electric chain saws, blowers, flat shovels, gumball picker-uppers, hoes, and any other type of garden or yard tool you can think of. Don't forget to bring gloves for yourselves!!

Refreshments provided by the ACTS team.

Soccer Uniforms will be distributed at the ICS gym on **Sunday, Aug 13th for 1st to 4th grade--** from **6:00pm to 7:30pm**. All athletic balances with the school will need to be \$0.00 for uniforms to be distributed. This includes any Maple Grove fees for the use of Oerter Park. Kindergarten soccer will wear their first day of school blue shirt for soccer this Fall. Any questions please contact Brian Boyd at brian.boyd@emc.com or [\(314\) 591-2693](tel:3145912693). **New students need to be caught up with soccer.** **Thanks to our MENTOR FAMILIES for making new students and families feel welcomed and "at home" here at ICS!**

MAGAZINE DRIVE Another **\$24.85 from Bill –Me-Later**. Thanks for paying for the magazines you ordered! That's the only way we get paid besides new online orders. Go to www.gaschoolstore.com --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556.

WELLS FARGO \$580.99! Community Support Group A match made in heaven!
And another for \$14 from Your Cause Corporate Community Giving program!

Back to School Social Night Friday, August 25th

"Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish" See the attachment!

Trumpet for Sale 2015 Bach brass trumpet with black carrying case for sale. Purchased from Nottelman Music originally. Very good condition, recently maintained. Includes new cleaning kit. Contact Tim at [618-779-5323](tel:618-779-5323). Requesting \$500.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Donna Kania Archambault, is improving but still needs our prayers. Long road ahead for her and the family...Thank you for this spiritual work of mercy!

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE---well, not exactly all of it, since we are in the "epi-center" but we'll get over 90% of it! **WE HAVE ECLIPSE VIEWING "SUNGLASSES"** approved by NASA for each student thanks to Regional Superintendent Kelton Davis and First National Bank of Waterloo.

This is a total Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math (STREAM) opportunity. We will be celebrating this historic day with many planned activities. We will be having an All-School Assembly, sack lunch, outdoor observations of the Total Solar Eclipse followed up with Bomb Pops/Popsicles to end the end. Teachers will be extending the learning experience in their classrooms incorporating **STREAM**.

Dress code for that day will be: ICS Total Solar Eclipse t-shirt with uniform bottoms or ICS school uniform. This is NOT a free dress/dress down day. If you have any questions please contact Shari Murphy at smurphy@icsmail.org Our Pre/School and Pre/K students will probably not view and you can **send in a note if you would rather not have your child be outside during the eclipse**. We will practice how to do this safely before going out.

The Day the Sun Disappears

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/21/us/solar-eclipse-2017/index.html>

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 watch 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 you are interested, please contact Christine at [618-660-6463](tel:618-660-6463).

PRAYERS: Special Intention Donna Kania Archambault, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Annie Boedeker, Dennis Baldrige, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Dennis Kish, Ken Biske, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer

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

WALKING ON WATER Jesus is not the only human who walked on water---Peter did it too. We also do it when we walk on ice or use those new shoes with the paddle stick. As one of my mentors asks, *does it really matter that Jesus walked on water?* Haven't we all been complimented sometime or felt like we walked on water doing something we never ever thought we could do? We have all been tossed about in life like the metaphor of being tossed about in the boat on stormy water. We are not asked to walk on water but to have faith that things will work out. The world is truly a scary place right now, and maybe the whole planet is at risk. In this case, it doesn't take a village to raise a child but the whole planet as we work to get along. Everything is possible if we trust and speak out and work together. Bringing Jesus message to life is the message we are charged with. Come and be renewed to do more than walk on water. Come to believe this weekend at the Altar!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS We are all doing the shuffle here at ICS trying to get ready. Exciting? Yes! Fun? Indeed! We can't wait to see everyone next Thursday! An exciting year is on the way! Thanks to the School Board for Sunday and to all our Faculty and Staff for hours and hours spent to get us ready!