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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.*

**OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!**

**August 14, 2015**

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**Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,**

**Feast of the Assumption** Tomorrow is a major feast day for the Church but the Holy Day has been abrogated since it fell on a Saturday this year. Mass at 9:00 in our new Church. It would be a great way to praise our Mother Mary under this title! I would like to go BUT we need to spread some



**tomorrow morning** (unless someone wants to do it tonight!)...Bring a bucket and a spreading shovel and a wheelbarrow if you like. I will be here around 7:30 a.m. and hope to get to Church by 9:00 or finish up afterwards. Thanks for your help. Many hands make light work and some people are really good at spreading it or shoveling it!

**New Calendar** Our one-of-a-kind, work-of-art, Mom's best friend calendar will be out a week late. Please say a prayer for the creator Lizanne Young as she supports her Mom Maggie Klaverkamp during her time of hospice.

**WEDNESDAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. 8:00-3:00** We ride Columbia Community Unit #4 buses only on the way in on Wednesday's since they release early. We have school till 3:00 on Wednesday's(they dismiss early every Wednesday) so you will need to provide latchkey or pick-up for your student IN THE AFTERNOON. Thanks to the District for bus service(all the way back to the 1950's under Superintendent Norman Beck---Jacob Gilbreth's grandfather)! Few Catholic schools have this luxury!

**FIELD DAY** We are one of the few schools in the country that has Field Day in the Fall(September 4). We use it as a "bonding" experience as a community. Teams are mixed across all grades, everybody gets rooted for and we build a system that works together all year long! Thanks to Parents and Friends(chairperson Jean Swip) who will be coordinating the orders for those who want a tee shirt(or wear your assigned color if you already have one) and Laura Whelan for working out teams and colors! We will get this to you soon! We will be asking for volunteers for the games and 6 water bottles per student as a donation for this great day. Thanks to Laura and Dan Whelan for the "Magical World of Field Day"!

**"When grace enters a room everyone begins to dance." William Auden**

**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY** As per Diocesan policy, all parents who coach, chaperon, volunteer in the classroom, or work with our children but compete the initial training. This will be Monday, **August 17 from 6:00-8:00** at the Knights of Columbus room in our new Church. Please do this and

get it out of the way. You will also need to fill out a CANTS form for the Diocese. For everyone else, we have to annually take a refresher course. We will also have this site listed under parent forms on our website. <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/> Click, "Online Training Course"

**MEETING FOR COACHES OF ALL SPORTS AT ICS WILL BE SUNDAY, AUG 16, AT 6 PM** in the band room. Following that meeting will be the Win the Prize presentation for the coaches that need to take the course. Thanks to Mr. Dale Anderson for helping us!

**SPORTS SCHEDULES AND COACHING:** We are grateful to our Coaches for Soccer, basketball, volleyball, and track. We will hold a coaches meeting on Sunday, August 16. To coach, you have to complete the "Win the Prize Program", Child Protection Policy initial or renewal, and adhere to Diocesan and school policies. We still need coaches for basketball and volleyball. If interested, please contact Mike Kish at [mkish@icsmail.org](mailto:mkish@icsmail.org). Terry Soucek, Rob Powers, Mary Ann Lambert, Eric Gillan, Jayleen Murphy, and Jim Wessel are on the list so far. Contact me this week.

**Games and Team Composition** depend on numbers.

**JAMESTOWNE** Imagine how the field trip director feels when 4 bodies are discovered AND identified inside the fort at Jamestowne and it makes the national news. Smithsonian Bill Kelso is featured in explaining the find. We met him and have an autographed copy of Bill's "digs" at Jamestowne which he gave to Mr. Bill Riley last year! Please excite your children and increase their love for learning by reading the good parts of our daily news!

**Band Payments** We still have a few out. All bills must be paid before you start the new year as per new Board policy. Don't wait for a call from the Principal please.

**20th Annual ICS/Joe Hoquet Memorial Golf Tournament for Athletics and Technology:** For registration or questions Email / Call / Text [icsfathers@gmail.com](mailto:icsfathers@gmail.com) 314-690-3237. Not a golfer but still want to help? \$100 Corporate Sponsor \$50 Family Sponsor \$20 Dinner only reservation. 3 Person Scramble \$90/player \$270/team Friday, Sept. 18th 2015 Columbia Golf Club 11am Registration 12pm Start **\*\*Early Registration by Sept 1st enters you into raffle for 4 Cardinal tickets section 161 row 16\*\*** Sponsored by ICS Fathers' Club to benefit ICS Athletics and Technology

**Saturday August 15th - Columbia Daze Parade** –"The home of Thrown Candy" Parade at 5 pm on Main Street.

**Sunday August 16th - Potluck** for Pre-School, Pre-K, Kindergarten, New Student and Mentor Families - 12:30 start (following Mass) This event helps us know each other better and ease fears of new students as they get familiar with our school! Thanks to our School Board for going the extra mile on the parade and Pot-Luck! See the invite!

**OUR THEME SONG** [www.icscolumbia.org](http://www.icscolumbia.org) **OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY**

**Prayers:** **Josephine Chapman**, grandmother of our Kim Sullivan, is near death. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

**PRAYERS:** Josephine Champman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Edward Pelker, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Valerie Bauchens, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

**Scripture comments:** *This Sunday's Scripture is full of reasons why we have a school---we want to be fed! From Proverbs we have "Wisdom has built her house...To the one who lacks understanding, she says, 'Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed...advance in the way of understanding'". In Psalms 34 we "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord". Paul, in Ephesians 2 says "Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord." In the Gospel of John, the "Bread Discourse" continues and Jesus says to us **"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."** The Eucharist will be Jesus parting gift to the world.*

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Come and be fed at the Table of the Lord!

**Mike Kish**  
**Principal**

Ps You are all invited to our opening school Mass on Thursday, August 20. Looks like this will be the last one since 1866. It is the Feast of St. Bernard. All grades will share ministry roles.

Ps Class lists are posted on the school website under parents. The list slipped out early---some changes were made though.

Give your new teacher and classmates a chance and we will have a great year!

PS FYI to all coaches and head trauma cases---

On August 3rd, 2015, Governor Rauner signed into law SB 07 (Public Act 99-245). The legislation focuses primarily on concussion management at the middle school/junior high school and high school levels. Over the course of the 2015-16 school year, the IESA and IHSA, along with other stakeholder groups, will be preparing additional information for schools to review to help them comply with the law.

The law will not impact current game day concussion-related rules, nor the Return to Play guidelines IESA and IHSA member schools are required to follow. Those protocols may be found on the IHSA or IESA website.

Among the items the law does address include:

{ The formation of Concussion Oversight Teams (COT) at all public, private, or charter schools. The COT's primary function will be to develop a return-to-play and return-to-learn protocols for students believed to have experienced a concussion. The protocols should be based on peer-reviewed scientific evidence consistent with guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. These teams can contain a range of individuals based on the resources available to the school in their community or neighborhood but must include one person who is responsible for implementing and complying with the return-to-play (RTP) and return-to-learn (RTL) protocols. RTP and RTL resource information is available on the IESA website-

<http://www.iesa.org/activities/concussion.asp>

{ A student may not participate in an interscholastic activity until the student and their parent/guardian have signed a form acknowledging receiving and reading information that explains concussion prevention, symptoms, treatment, and guidelines for returning to participation. Forms are available on the IHSA and IESA website.

{ A student must be removed from interscholastic athletic practices or competition immediately if they are believed to have suffered a concussion. Return-to-Play protocols are available on the IESA and IHSA websites.

{ Upon a student's clearance from a treating physician or certified athletic trainer to return to athletic and classroom activity, the student's parent/guardian must provide the physician's written report to their school. In addition, a consent form signed by the student's parent or guardian must be submitted to the school. A form that schools can use for this requirement will be created and posted on the IHSA and IESA website. Once that form is available, schools will be notified of its location.

{ No later than September 1, 2016, all interscholastic coaches and licensed officials will need to complete a training program of at least two hours on concussions. Coaches, nurses, and game officials must provide the school or district with proof of successful completion of the training. Training must be completed every two years. Head coaches and assistant coaches must complete the required training. The IHSA will continue updating its current program so that coaches and officials will be able to complete that program to come into compliance with the law. The IESA will be working with the IHSA to provide the approved course to IESA member schools. Once the new IHSA program is available to members, the IHSA and IESA will notify schools and licensed officials.

{ Public, Private, and Charter schools must also develop a school-specific emergency action plan for interscholastic athletic activities to address the serious injuries and acute medical conditions in which the condition of the student may deteriorate rapidly. There are certain provisions the plan must include and it must be reviewed by the COT before being approved by the school. The plan must be distributed to appropriate personnel, posted at the school, and reviewed annually. Links to sample information may be found on the IHSA and IESA websites.

