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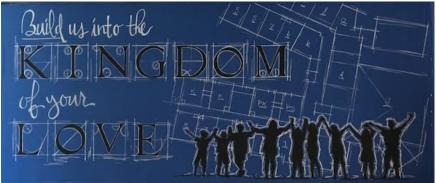
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

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

This year's school and PSR theme---



Brought to you by Fr. Carl, Karen Lundy, MaryBeth Babcock, Jolene Sasser, our Faculty and Staff, and your Faith Community. Thank you for the art work Jolene! A parish like no other---that's us! Not better, just working together to be better!

<u>SCHOOL STARTS</u> tomorrow at 8:00. Latchkey available at 6:45 am. 7:30 admission to cafeteria for supervision. 7:50 get ready to start bell and go to rooms. 8:00---it all begins! Our day ends around 3:00. 2:50 is get ready bell, 2:55 is bus bell, 3:00(or buses rolling) is walkers and Latchkey. SAFETY is paramount. Please use the Old Church parking lot for drop off and pick-up with our crossing guard Francis Asselmeier on duty with his big smile! Liberty Street has a drop-off zone(NO PARKING) off Main. There is a NO PARKING zone for buses on Metter that should not be used for drop-off. Please do not have your children cross the street---drop-off onto our side-walks if you can't use the old Church lot. The big yellow bus is rolling!

# SOCCER PICTURES ARE SATURDAY, AUG. 19 AT OERTER PARK. ORDER FORM AND SCHEDULE ATTACHED.

Our thanks to Soccer Coordinator Brian Boyd for all his hard work is scheduling and finding coaches and to Ms. Tara Kennedy for her support. No program of this size is free of glitches and we want to work them out. There are complications with field time(practices can be doubled-up if need be), finding teams to play since many schools are getting smaller or dropping programs, finding coaches and playing time. Brian and Tara are doing their best and the Athletic Committee of the School Board is studying how to improve our program within all these complications. Thanks to all for your patience and support. We want this to work and that means we all have to "give up something we want to get more as a group"! Believe me; we have great people working on this!

<u>HOW TO BE CHURCH</u>---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

Once you clicked on the link, follow these directions:

Scroll down to find the Dining Room positions.

Select your position and shift(s) by placing a check in the box.

Scroll to bottom and click Submit and Sign up.

No need to sign up in the Gathering Space when it is crowded.

68 SLOTS in the Dining Room

A major need currently is for Set Up and Tear Down. We will take all the help you can give!

Here are the slots needed to be filled:

WEDNESDAY, 08/30/2017 - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SET UP - MOVE TABLES & CHAIRS

THURSDAY, 08/31/2017 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Set up and Electrical)

FRIDAY, 09/01/2017 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Set up and Electrical)

SATURDAY, 09/02/2017 - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Set up and Electrical)

SUNDAY, 09/03/2017 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Unload Soda and Chicken from Trailers)

Then choose a shift for Picnic Day and celebrate fellowship with friends and community. Please help fill in the gaps! Our next Sign Up Weekend is August 26 & 27 or sign up on-line (above)!

## Know what you'll see at the Picnic?

- \* LESS Styrofoam
- \* MORE biodegradable and compostable food and drink containers

With the Pope's call to be kinder to Mother Earth we will be using the last Styrofoam we have!! With a little persistence, we've convinced Switzer's (picnic vendor) to carry a line of the items we need!! We thank Fr. Carl for leading the change!! Please join us for a Mother Earth friendly picnic!!

### Country Store ...

This year at the picnic the Country Store will be located inside the Main Street Abby (the old church building) Items for the Country Store can be dropped of the day of the picnic starting at 8:30 am or you can drop off items on Sunday, Sept 3rd in the gathering space after 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass. Don't forget to stop by the Country Store on picnic day and check out all of the wonderful items we have for sale. Remember everything is donated with 100% of the sales going directly to the Parish. Shopping at the Country Store is a great way to support IC!

**The Bookstore** is Looking For Good Quality Donations!! Books, movies, music taking up space in your home? Drop off you donation at the old church located on Main Street August 29 - September 3 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please use the side handicapped access entrance. If you want to drop off before August 29, please place items at Church on the pew in the Garden Level. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at 618-281-7498 or 314-750-3443.

**Picnic Pies...**Once again, John at Aunt Maggie's has offered to make and deliver pies to our picnic. If you would like to utilize this service, please call or go to Aunt Maggie's and place your order. 281-7894

Have questions about the picnic? Call Georgia Hutchinson 618-401-2626.

PRE SCHOOL-PRE KINDERGARTEN-NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE We had around 300 in attendance for a fabulously successful event. What a Board we have as 11 of 12 members (one on vacation) played an active role! We hope your nerves were calmed and you feel welcome to ICS!



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 having an All-School Assembly, sack lunch, outdoor observations of the Total Solar Eclipse with charting, temperature taking, ambient light metering, a station with Professor Mark Beabout, 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 <a href="mailto:smurphy@icsmail.org">smurphy@icsmail.org</a> Our Pre/School and Pre/K students will probably not view and you can <a href="mailto:send-in-a-note-if-you would rather not have your child be outside during the eclipse">send-in-a-note-if-you would rather not have your child be outside during the eclipse</a>. We will practice how to do this safely before going out. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy with us! Contact your child's teacher but you may have to bring your own solar eclipse glasses.

## JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

We are getting started on the ICS Musical right away this year! We will be putting on *James and the Giant Peach*. Production dates are: Thursday October 12th through Sunday October 15th. Please mark your calendars. The musical is for all students grades 4-8. If your student is not yet in 4th grade please mark one of the show dates on your calendar as a must see ICS event. The plays are terrific. The kids work very hard to put on a great show and it's wonderful when the whole student body comes out to support ICS Theatre!

**Auditions** for 4th through 8th graders will take place this coming Tuesday August 22nd right after school until 6pm. Your child will not need to stay the whole time. They may call you at 4pm and say, "I'm finished". If they need to stay that will be ok. If they need to go home and come back at 4:30...also ok. Please just let me know what you will be doing. Let me know if you have any conflicts or time constraints with the audition and with the rehearsal schedule. I will work something out for you! Please encourage your kids to audition. Performing has many life-long benefits. Theatre involvement helps develop empathy, compassion, problem solving, perseverance, self expression, confidence and presentation skills. Help your child **now** to tackle the number one fear of public speaking.

The play fee this year is \$25.00. Preferably paid at the audition or as soon thereafter as possible. Made out to ICS. (Let Mr. Kish know if you need a scholarship.) Parent help is needed and very much appreciated. What are your talents? I would love exploit them!

Schedule attached. This is the complete schedule as of now. Your child may not be called to every rehearsal. Also, if the play is in need we may add rehearsals. Please think of the dates and times as somewhat fluid. I always do my best to stick to it. If you need to be later than the scheduled end time I may have to send your child to latchkey. I direct several plays at a time and the rehearsals all happen in the 3-10 pm slot. I don't usually have much wiggle room to stay and wait. \*\*But just an FYI: during TECH WEEK (the days just before we open when we rehearse at the Middle School), the end times MUST be fluid. Thanks for your patience with all of this. I can't wait for the magic to begin again! MaryBeth Babcock

<u>ICS Fathers Club 22nd Annual Joe Hoguet Golf Tournament</u> Friday, Sept. 15 at Columbia Golf Course is almost sold out!! Only 3 team spots remain!!! Hurry and reserve your team today.

<u>Capital Campaign</u>... Make a pledge. Contact Mr. Kish or Keith Huels for information. We have a plan on how to get it done but need 4 mil plus debt-service to pay it off. That includes you!

**FIRE DRILL** We will practice this week and get started on Safety.

#### GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

Each year Gibault raises money to support our Post-Prom event. Post-Prom is for every student and provides a safe and fun place for them to meet after the prom. This year we are hosting The Dodge Drive event which has the potential to raise **\$3000 dollars**. We need you to commit to attending and test driving a Dodge, Chrysler, or Jeep.

150 test drives = \$3000!

We need mom, dad, aunts, uncles and grandparents to drive! **Please** put this important event on your calendar! August 19 from 11 am to 3 pm.

<u>SEPTEMBER 24 YOU ARE INVITED!</u> In case you have never been officially invited to join the Catholic Church, let me invite you. Our new season for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults starts September 24 and will be coordinated by Lizanne Young, Director of Faith Formation for our parish. Contact her at 281-5105, ext. 354. We don't beat anyone over the head with the Bible and respect all faiths but if you want to learn more about the Catholic faith, give Lizanne a call!

**SVDP FUNDRAISER** THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY'S famous dill pickles will be returning this year and available after Masses the weekend of August 19th & 20th. All donations are welcomed.

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL NIGHT... Friday, August 25th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm All are welcome for the Back to School Social Night in the Garden Level of Church as we celebrate and kick off a new school year. Food and drinks will be available. Live Music will be performed and activities for the kids. Kids can make their own ice cream sundaes and floats. Come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092.

#### **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

Parents, Grandparents, ICS & PSR Volunteers! Do you want to accompany your child or grandchild on a field trip? Volunteer in the classroom, or help at PSR? If your answer is "yes", then you need to make sure you are in compliance with the Diocesan Policy on Child Protection. To be in compliance and stay compliant just takes a little time each year. Sometimes getting the paperwork through at the state level takes weeks, so it is best to err on the side of caution and get this done early. If you have never taken the Initial Child Protection Course, we have one coming up on SEPT. 18, in the Garden Level at 6p.m.. Call Angie at the Parish Office to register! If you are unsure if you are in compliance or not, please contact Angie at the parish office, she will be more than happy to help you!

<u>Trumpet for Sale</u> 2015 Bach brass trumpet with black carrying case for sale. Purchased from Nottelman Music originally. Very good condition, recently maintenanced. Includes new cleaning kit. Contact Tim at <u>618-779-5323</u>. Requesting \$500.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** Donna Kania Archambault, is still in intensive care. Please send prayers today!

<u>PRAYERS:</u> <u>Special Intention</u> Donna Kania Archambault, Barbara Thompson, Dan Whelan, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Annie Boedeker, Dennis Baldridge, 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

## Mike Kish

Principal

#### **BUILD US INTO THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE**

Build us into the kingdom of your love And fill us with the spirit of your promise and your embracing love. Build us into the kingdom of your love (Build us into the kingdom) and fill us with your promise and your embracing love

For the building of God's church is happening each day As we cultivate our faith and trust in God

We're the people of God's church the living stones (upon this rock I will build your church)

We are the church. (We are the church) We are the future, the future! So, Build us into the kingdom of your love And fill us with the spirit of your promise and your embracing love. Build us into the kingdom of your love)

(We are the church) we are the church. We are the future! Karen S. Lundy 2017

PS Trust is the only legal Performance Enhancing Drug. Thomas L. Friedman

Dates: 2017
August 17 First day-full day---

August 19 Columbia Daze: 4:00 Parade ICS Band, Parents and Friends, and School Board are #24 and 25 in the slot!

August 21 Total Solar Eclipse---

August 22 Opening School Liturgy---Masses at Church the rest of the week

August 23 Band Night/PSR starts---will try to have gates open for additional parking on lot

August 24 MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT--- Jeans Day for students who attended the Ground Breaking on June 24

August 28 EBooks- 8:10

August 31 Bible Blessing at all-school Mass

September `1 Field Day