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**CELEBRATING 162 YEARS OF MISSION • COMMUNITY • SERVICE**

*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!**

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**IN CASE YOU MISSED THE MEMO---**School starts tomorrow! We can't wait to see the new shoes, clean uniforms and big smiles. We know the smiles will last and that is the best part!

**SAFETY FIRST PLEASE!** Leave a few minutes early to get into the routine. Pre-School and pre-K are on a special schedule---make sure you are aware. Buses run in the morning but we have school till 3:00 on Wednesday so there will be no after school bus run for ICS. Use the Church parking lot and say hi to our Crossing Guard **Frances Asselmeier!**

- There will be an opening assembly for the upper grades at 8:10 and one for the lower grades at 8:50 as we "Open the Doors of Mercy".
- The all-school opening liturgy will be Thursday morning at 8:05. You are invited. We will hold a flag raising immediately after.
- And yes, we are serving lunch tomorrow...chicken nuggets!

**THANKS to our School board and especially the Development Committee** for all their work for the parade Saturday, the pot-luck on Sunday, and their help with the mentor program chaired by Kara Boyd. I am just so proud of you and I know God has to love it when we work together! Shannon Haney, Teresa Dorshorst and Melissa Schaefer were in the driver's seat and led the way with Adam Randle, Chris Basler, Cindy Schaefer, Jennifer Thorne, Bob Wachtel, Tim Curry, Tammy Hoeflinger, Tim Mueth and Lynetta Newton getting it done.

**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"!

**THANKS** to Boeing Matching Gifts for a \$50 match and to Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign for \$60!

**HOW WE LEARN BEST** We learn by doing. A young boy watches the big kids play soccer. He sees them running, kicking, sliding, and scoring. He wants to play, too. He sees a ball and starts to run and kick and and run some more. His friend joins him. True, they aren't so fast and skilled as the big kids; but they have fun, and build their skills as they play. Eventually, a parent can teach the boy: 'Son, here is how you pass the ball. Here is how you can kick it better.' The explanation makes sense to him only after he has tried it. We learn by doing.

We learn faith by 'doing' faith. "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Taste, then see. Do, then understand. Try it. Sing and pray, and see what happens. Certainly our Catholic faith has an intellectual component-- we can study the Scriptures, learn about the saints, and discuss Church teaching. But all of this makes sense only after we've had an encounter with Christ in the Church. Faith is caught, like a holy virus. The actions teach us. Many of us enter the Church as children and join the worship before we can speak. A boy can taste before he can speak. Prayer and study helps us to understand the worship and enter it more fully.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood," then we truly have life-- even eternal life. A relationship with Jesus is something we 'do.' He goes first, then I respond. We drink in His Word in the Scriptures. We consume His Body in the Eucharist. These actions form me and inform me. Taste then see. Do then learn. Christ teaches me by feeding me.

-Fr. Joe Laramie SJ, White House Jesuit Retreat

**New Calendar coming soon!**

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**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.

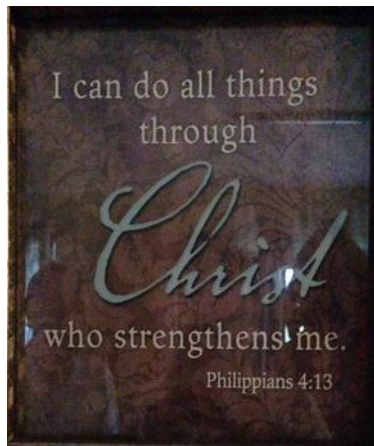
**20th Annual ICS/Joe Hoquet Memorial Golf Tournament for Athletics and Technology:** For registration or questions Email / Call / Text icsfathers@gmail.com 314-690-3237. Not a golfer but still want to help? \$100 Corporate Sponsor \$50 Family Sponsor \$20 Dinner only reservation. 3 Person Scramble \$90/player \$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

**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 Chapman, 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

**Mike Kish**  
**Principal**



I can do all things  
through

*Christ*

who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13