



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

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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 21, 2015

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Thanks to Jolene Sasser for “a work of art on our new theme”!

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW FAMILIES, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS! 60 new students from 38 families! It will take me a while to learn everyone’s name and then get families tied together but I am working on it. A gift to each of us from our parents is our name. It is very important that we get it right!

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A “Nut-Free Zone”. We have several students who are allergic.

New students:

Pre-school - Ms. Merz/Mrs. Kish: Annalyse Charlton, Andrew Daigle, Nicholas Doerr, Alaina Ettlting, Sienna Gianino, Poppy Haywood, AJ Kish, Brady Muckensturm, Chase Ninnis, Jackson Pechacek, Audrey Schilling, Evan Sheehan, Konnor Siegel, Chase Southerland, William Thomas, Samantha Valleroy, Henry Wachtel, Ethan Wilkerson

Pre-K -Mrs. Carrow/Ms. Merz/Mrs. Whitworth/Mrs. Bradley: Brooke Canull, Maxine Conner, Kaylee Eichenseer, Emmett Gilbreth, Gabby Glasscock, Dylan Harrington, Megan Hornacek, Tyler Johnson, Ian Klingert, Lilly Kolweier, Luke Kolweier, Joey Stuart

Kgn-16 Mrs. Murphy: Drew Endraske, Daniel Huels, Jordan Hugger, Liam Johnson, Anna McGill, Eleanor Nadziejko, Isabel Roche, Taylor Schultz, Kate Sheehan, Hogan Story, Xavier Voegelé

Kgn-16 Mrs. Herrmann: David Callico, Kennedy Cooper, Julia Drury, Chase Frierdich, Brooke Hagedorn, Nicholas Holdener, Wes Jasper, Lucy Keeven, Parker Kish, Grant Tucker, Ayven Van Matre, Joey Wynn

Grade 1-Mrs. Neff:

Lucas Sheehan

Grade 2-Mrs. Diewald:

Keeley Cooper, Andrew Hagedorn

Grade 3-Mrs. Wilkerson:

Mariska Lyle

Grade 4-Mrs. Ettlting

Brock Murphy

Grade 5-Mrs. Schauster:

Abby Eichenseer

Grade 7-Mrs. Tolan:

Nik Traiteur

We also welcome Ms. Catie Taylor in upper Grade Social Studies, Mrs. Christine Matrisotto and Mrs. Priscilla Wilkerson in Grade 3, Mrs. Cyra Herrmann in Kindergarten, Ms. Dani Merz in Pre-School, Mrs. Sandy Bradley in Pre-K, Mrs. Edie Weilbacher with our Kitchen Staff, and Breanna Thoma, Samm Groppe, and Aurora O'Connell in Latchkey. Our new Director of Faith Formation Lizanne Young will be working with us closely too!



Mrs. Joanne Schilling retired from Morning Latchkey this summer after helping us for 20 years. She was born to love children and she is surrounded by all the students she greeted every morning with her big smile. She also taught more than 30 years in Cahokia! We wish her many years of good health and happiness and "in the gallery" for our Scholastic Bowl meets!

FIELD DAY Volunteers needed for the games---6 water bottles per student--- Bring water, if you bring your own cold lunch, make sure name and team is listed. No lunch boxes, only throw away bags, Volunteers needed. If Volunteers want a cold lunch through school, please email Mrs. Epplin. [See the attached shirt order](#) form if you need one! Thanks to Laura and Dan Whelan for chairing!



Student art from COCA. Out of the ashes of problems, a phoenix often arises.

LOOKING FOR IDEAS TO OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY FOR SR. THEA BOWMAN SCHOOL.

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 4:10 PM

Subject: Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School - Vandalism

*Dear Friends of Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School,
As a long-time supporter of Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School, you have enriched the lives of young people living in one of the area's most impoverished urban communities, East St. Louis, IL. Recently, an incident happened at our school that, while troubling, offers us an opportunity to transform our peacemaker pledge from words into action.*

Sometime over the weekend of August 14th, vandals destroyed approximately 35 windows at our school. East St. Louis police were notified and incident reports were filed. The first reaction of staff, parents and guardians was to clean and secure the school so that educating our students could resume seamlessly on Monday, August 17th. Staff and students prayed for the individuals involved. Although hurt by the damage done to our school, the Sister Thea Bowman community also recognizes that the best way to move forward is through forgiveness.

Actions are underway to ensure the safety and security of our school. We're in the process of installing additional cameras and sensors, and we are evaluating exterior lighting to determine areas needing improvement.

Although we are insured, our deductible is such that replacement glass only is covered. This will be an out of pocket expense for us. Efforts were underway to replace windows and other improvements and this will accelerate our funding efforts. If you or someone you know has suggestions on a business in our community who could support our efforts, please call the school at [618-397-0316](tel:618-397-0316) and ask for Mary McGeathy. Any assistance you can provide in this area will be greatly appreciated.

*Thank you! Abundant blessings, Roberta Trost, Advancement Director
"Children are always the only future the human race has; teach them well."*

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BE THE FACE OF MERCY...BE THE FACE OF GOD! Fr. Carl challenged us to spread Pope Francis Holy Year theme to *Open the Doors of Mercy* at our Opening Liturgy. As part of his challenge, he presented the "**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY**" tee shirt. We will have a new student wearing one each day as a reminder that we have to stand up and be the face of God to each other.



#1Charley Stewart-#2Aubry Thomas

THANKS to Tom Swip of SCHOOLGUARD for presenting our 911 phone alert system and updating our Faculty on Monday. This extra measure of safety is much appreciated!

BAND Grade 4 and New 4-8 students: On Tuesday, August 25th at 7pm there will be an instrument night at ICS. A representative from Nottelmann Music will be here to rent instruments and answer any questions. The rental fees are approximately \$35 dollars for the first 3 months and then \$37.50 dollars each month after that. The Beginning Band book cost \$10. There is also an ICS Band fee of \$37.50 dollars a month. If you need some assistance with instruments, let us know. I hope to see everyone.
Matt Hake mhake@icsmail.org

THE SPORTING NEWS...For students not playing soccer right now in Grades 5-8 who love to run, we have an opportunity to join in a cross country meet sponsored by St. Mary Centralia on Saturday, September 26 with a distance of 3km---about 1.8 miles. Please contact head Track Coach Tom Prindiville if interested.

COACHES NEEDED: Here's what we have so far:

<u>Boys bkb:</u>	8th grade team (7 & 8)	Terry Soucheck
	6th grade team	Rob Powers
	5th grade team	NEED coach
<u>Girls bkb</u>	7th girls team	Eric Gillan NO 8th TEAM
	6th grade team (5 & 6)	Jaylene Murphy
Boys VB	8th grade team (7 & 8)	Mary Anne Lambert and Todd Biske
	6th grade team (5 & 6)	Lauren Powers
<u>Gilrs VB</u>	8th team	Jim Wessel
	7th team	NEED COACH
	6th grade team	Kim Schwartz? Katherine Voges?
	5th grade team	NEED COACH

20th Annual ICS/Joe Hoguet 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
WE WOULD LOVE TO GET OUR NEW DADS AND MOMS INVOLVED IN THIS FUN EVENT.
Community comes from working together, praying together, and playing together.

LEARNING CURVE---How long does it take to get into sync with anything new? Well, it varies according to difficulty level and our own personal abilities. Please be PATIENT with your children, yourself, your new teachers, and your principal as we learn new things together this year. We all have a lot on our plate and we are going to enjoy every bite! (And remember---how do you eat a Big Mac or DQ Blizzard? One bite at a time!) I have been having a great time meeting all our new families.

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Jacqui welcomes Abby Eichenseer to ICS.

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, August 28th from 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Please come and join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road as we celebrate a new school year. Snacks and drinks will be available. Kids can make their own ice cream sundaes and floats. Live Music will be performed. Knights of Columbus, ICY and the ACTS Community graciously hosts this event so come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Craig Lundy at 618-960-1014, Laura Whelan 618-698-2462 or Nick Matrisotto at 618-281-0427.

Jordan Hugger's Great, Great Grandma, **Belva Searcy** passed away. She was 99 years old and was laid to rest yesterday. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Larry Milson(wife Bev), former parishioner and father of Keith and Chris and Melissa, died on the Feast of the Assumption. Please keep him in your prayers. They moved away many years ago but Keith moved back last year and is a neighbor to the Donjons. (Keith is past State Deputy of the Missouri Knights of Columbus!) Larry was a good man and active in our school. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Kevin Diehl, uncle of Brian and Allison Stark and Lilly Braun, and ICS grad, is in need of our prayers as he is suffering from cancer.

Harold Stemler needs our prayers as he recovers from a stroke. He never missed a parish work day or picnic when he was healthy and all his children went here.

We would like to update our prayer list. Please let us know if good health is back and we will shorten our list! Thanks!

PRAYERS: Harold Stemler, Kevin Diehl, 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

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN This Sunday we are reminded it is not easy to be a disciple of Jesus. Human beings are all about survival, what's in it for me, turning away from what we don't like. We all have been caught thinking at times that the poor want to be that way or social injustice is not our problem. People walked away from Jesus too. Being Christian is a lofty goal but the potential is the essence of religiosity. We all need coaching so we can make it through this life and be happy in the next. "Lord, to Whom shall we go?" "Be still, and know that he is God!" Come to Church for some coaching!

Mike Kish
Principal

- Ps **"Well begun is half-way, half done!"** Come to Meet the Teacher Night---Thursday at 6:45!
- Ps Fire drill times---#1 1:20 #2 1:19 we will get much better!
- Ps **8th grade parent meeting Sunday night in Room 220 at 7:00** to talk about the school year and the big field trips! Need chaperons!
- September 10---Columbia-Monroe County September 24---Springfield
- March 5-10 Gettysburg-DC-Jamestown and Williamsburg
- Ps **Entertainment Books:** We launch the second largest fundraiser for Parents and Friends next Friday. Michelle Guetterman is our fearless leader.
- Ps **Have you signed up to work our parish picnic yet?** What a great way to meet people and have fun working on a common cause! And you can't beat the chicken dinner, the food stands, the bingo, and the games! Lots of set-up help and tear down help needed too. There are many ways to help---just sign up and be a believer!
- Ps **Order your tee shirt by Monday for Field Day!** See the attached!

IT'S PICNIC TIME FOR OUR NEIGHBORING PARISH OF HOLY FAMILY IN CAHOKIA!

Friday & Saturday August 21 & 22 6-11p.m. Security on site! Fun for everyone!

