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Celebrating 165 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.

*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*



“God is good!”

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 45 #8

August 23, 2019

Dear Parent,

On the 7th Day God rested---we didn't! We are getting better everyday!

First All School Mass-----Feast of the Assumption.

Second All-School Mass---Feast of the Queenship of Mary! God keeps “winking” at us!

SCHOOL SAFETY Drop-off update is on the website.(Thanks Keith Heinen!)

A.M. Queueing up: Since only one bus comes to us from the District, at hopefully 7:57, we would like to stop/pause/creep through the crosswalk as permitted and come all the way up to the bus zone for unloading at the curb. Remember at the crosswalk, **PEDESTRIAN'S RULE**, just like real life. This will make us more efficient. Parking and walking-in is still the best and safest for the little ones. Like Stan Musial always said, *if you are not 15 minutes early, you are late*. We are not Stan the Man but allow sufficient time so you do not have to rush.

WELCOME BACK TO ICS Mrs. Natalie Dillon, ICS '10, will be teaching Gr. 3 for us this year.

She has moved back to the area after military travel with her husband. She has 2 sons, Jace and Levi, and is excited about this opportunity. She has a degree in English Language and Literature from Southern New Hampshire University and is working on her Master's from the University of the Cumberlands. Natalie worked for us in our Latchkey Program and was a top notch student. Please make her feel at home as she settles in.



Genevieve and Eleanor came to school on the first day and no one showed up... used with permission

It's BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT for the Parish at 409 Palmer Road tonight from **6:00-9:00 in the Garden Level. The Knights will be providing Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink and Desert and Ms. Catie Taylor and Mrs. Carol Fetcho are going to have some fun projects for the kids. **Find us!****

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH PICNIC This is us! Not school---PARISH!

The Parish Picnic on Labor Day, September 2, is a celebration, a welcoming of community, fellowship with each other as a Parish family and a fundraiser. It's not the Church Picnic or the School Picnic, it's the **PARISH PICNIC**. Are you aware that ALL proceeds from the Parish Picnic support BOTH the school and the church? That's why we are asking for the help of everyone in the Parish. We know you have busy lives, but we are asking for a few hours of your time this year. We are asking that each parish family volunteer to work a minimum of one (1) shift during the picnic. Your participation will make a huge difference in the success of the Parish Picnic.

Our new location for the Picnic on Palmer Road brings some new changes to the picnic format this year. Carnival rides and rock climbing wall begin 4:30pm; armbands will be sold after masses on August 24, 25 and via the letter sent home with all students, armbands are \$15 pre-purchase, \$20 day of picnic. Bingo is 12pm-6pm in the Garden Level (Air Conditioned!) and the band "Well Hungarians" will begin at 6pm (Thank you to Mandy McGuire Realty Group, Heartland Turf Farms and McAuliffe Chiropractic for band sponsorship!) PLEASE support our parish by coming to the picnic on September 2 and also sign up to help! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FA8AB2AA6F85-icparish>

FIELD DAY INFORMATION: August 30th is the day. We can use as many parent volunteers as possible. This year we will not be walking to and from the Legion. We will be riding the bus. If you are coming to help please meet at the Legion by 8:45. All students should bring a refillable water bottle with them. We will have water stations to refill them. Please send them filled with you student in the morning. Please have the student's name on the bottle as well. The teams are attached to this email. Many of you have purchased shirts, if you did not, you can sent your student to school in the team color they are listed under. This is a fun day, but also a team building day. Pray for nice weather and a cool day! Look for the permission form MONDAY! [Click here for the teams](#)

FIELD DAY IS A BRAGGING POINT. Why have it as a "blow-off day" at the end of the year when you can open your year, bond your school into "systems thinking", practice Focus 5, and pray, play, and work together? Thanks to Laura Whelan for all the organization and fun games and all our parents who help us pull it off! This day is always a graduate favorite!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER Finish strong!

Have you ever heard this before? It's been a few years since I've run a race or been a student, but I have heard parents, coaches and teachers say it: FINISH STRONG!

How about START STRONG? What would that look like? I have a few suggestions.

Source, sustenance and summit

Begin with boundaries

- a. Firm bedtimes
- b. Firm rules about phones off and away from bedrooms at night
- c. Firm expectations about starting, checking, finishing and handing in homework (it's not ridiculous to remind your child "Don't forget to hand in your homework!")

Continue with consistency

- a. Check your consistency with the boundaries every week (I like Sunday check ins: how did everyone do on boundaries last week?)
- b. Change or correct things that aren't working

Be open to the process!

I always tell students: you don't arrive in (4th) grade knowing how to "ace" (4th) grade work. Part of learning is failure. Failure in life is necessary. Expect it, learn from it, allow it to motivate you. So, there you go. Start strong. Stay with it. *Find the helpers* if you feel things starting to slip.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at karenslundy@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns. I'm here to help!! Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor, *The Teaching Never Stops!* **AGENDAS WILL BE IN THURSDAY AND CALENDARS NEXT FRIDAY.** Premier moved to Shutterfly this year and had beaucoup problems and then started shipped 1 or 2 at a time. Supposedly fixed now. Handbook got caught up in getting the September 8 dedication book to the print company and Staff illness.

YOUNG AUTHORS Thanks for chairing Carrie Stark!

It's that time again! Turn in date for the fall Young Authors contest will be Monday, September 30th. This will also be the jeans day for students turning in a story. We will again **need parent volunteers for judging**. Please contact Carrie Stark: cbraun79@aol.com if you'd like to be a judge this year.

Guidelines: Please **do not write your name on your story**, instead use a post-it note or attach your name on a separate piece of paper with a paperclip. The emphasis of the Young Authors program is on creativity! A parent volunteer will judge your work based on its originality, its organization (does your story have a beginning, middle, and ending?), and on its use of clear, descriptive words. Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation. You may also enter a poem. Students in grades 5 through 8 may also enter non-fiction essays including classroom assignments. Judges will be looking for clear, descriptive sentences and well-organized paragraphs. Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in Young Authors competition in a previous year. Young Authors is designed to encourage the student to write, however a parent can help with proofreading grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Very young authors may tell their story to a parent while the parent writes/types the story. It is important that the story be "in the child's own words," which is the state rule for the Young Authors program. Parents should encourage their children to work on their submissions as independently as possible. Students in grade K-4 receive their Young Authors awards at presentations following each judging. Older students receive theirs at the Awards Night in May. All winners from fall and spring are entered into a drawing, and one randomly selected student from each grade will be invited to attend the regional Young Authors' Conference.

CALM-FOCUSED-BALANCED-JESUS I have heard the ***Focus 5*** music a few times around school! There is a psychology behind this system that not only unifies us but keeps us MINDFULL. We can talk about Growth Mindset, Discipline Models, Steps to Respect, the Golden Rule, the Beatitudes, the Two Commandments of Love, and find them all rolled into this quick 5 step procedure. We are not secular humanitarians. We operate out of a Christian mindset. Add that to Focus 5 and we will turn out the Christian leaders to change our world!

BIBLE BLESSING was delayed till they arrive. 4th Grade parents are asked to write a love note about The Word. Bibles are historical. Many have been used over the years to preserve family history of births, sacraments received, and even to prove citizenship for social security. St. Jerome is a Church hero for the Vulgate---the translation of the Bible into Latin from Greek so more people could read it. Then Johann Gutenberg developed the printing press and the first book published was the Bible! Since most people could not read, the margins were filled with illustrations to tell the story for the common folk, much like stained glass windows, the first "lighted" visual aids. So write something that will touch your child and make it a keepsake!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR, TRUCK AND TRACTOR SHOW OCTOBER 12TH, 2019. This event raises funds that help the K of C to meet their financial obligation of supporting our CEAC. Third year---expecting larger turnout this year---takes up the entire upper lot in front of the Church and School---Kid Friendly and Family event. Facebook event link to

share with friends and looking for spectators:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/641319156348963/>

COLUMBIA DAYS I was so proud of our Jazz Band and School Board and Parents and Friends for all their efforts for the Parade! Freddie kept giving me candy and making me drink so I wasn't overcome by the heat. I am coachable!

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY The online refresher course for 2019-2020 is now active. If you have just taken the initial Child Protection Course you don't need the refresher. The rest of us need to complete now. Go to our website(www.icscolumbia.org), Parents-Child protection and you are there! It is far better to have each of us inconvenienced and vigilant than to have one child hurt. If you need the initial course, check our website. You must be cleared by the CANTS and forms from the Diocese so we can be safe!

CAFETERIA WORKER Needed- 4 DAYS/WEEK – M, T, W, F 10:30-2:30. Duties include: preparing cafeteria for lunch, monitoring students during lunch, clean up after lunch, running dishwasher, helping to serve lunches, taking out trash, mopping kitchen floor. Great work environment, brand new facility, free lunch. Please contact Connie Huebner at mrshuebner@icsmail.org or call the school office 618-281-5353 for more information.

24TH ANNUAL JOE HOGUET GOLF TOURNAMENT – 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

Friday Sept. 13th 11am Registration 12pm Start Columbia Golf Club
\$100/player or \$400/team NOT A GOLFER? - \$50 family & \$100 Corporate sponsors needed.
Proceeds go to ICS Athletic and Computer Departments.

Email icsfathers@gmail.com for reservations and sponsorship or more information

FIRST FULL CONCERT BAND!



78 Strong! Thanks to Molly Hake for this Memory-Moment!

Fall School Pictures will be take on two different days this year.

Sept. 10, 2019 for Preschool through 3rd grade.

Sept. 11, 2019 for 4th through 8th grade

Please see attached order form on website.

Volunteers needed from 8am-11am on both days. If you can help on with day please contact Pam Keeven at 314-773-3587 or pam@martykeeven.com Volunteers qualify for a free picture package. Gym lighting won't be a problem this year!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume on Wednesday September 11th from 3-4. Choir practices **will now be held in church**. Children from grades 3-8 are welcome to participate. ICS students will be expected to sing in the choir section for all school liturgies every Thursday.

Children's choir typically sings at 9:00 a.m. liturgies once per month (dates TBD soon) and at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:00 Easter morning.

Any questions please contact Karen Lundy at karenlundy@gmail.com or 618-719-1815.

ITS PARTY TIME!!!!

The Beers, Band and Buds Party Returns on August 31st. Come out for some day libations and hanging out with your best friends! Sample from 30 different beers, eats from Schneider's Meat Market, Live Music and hanging around the pool. . Tickets are still available at \$50 per person. (All tickets sales will go directly to the new CEAC.) Please contact Jean @ 618.974.9570 or jean@swipsystems.com for details and tickets.

Party Details:

Date: August 31st

Time: 2 pm – 10 pm

Band: 2 pm - 10 pm

Location: 10501 Sandalwood Drive, Columbia IL (Tom and Jean Swip's house)

The Gibault Catholic High School Men's Club and Sunset Ford will be hosting a Ford Motor Company "drive for your school" event on Saturday, September 7th from 9am until 4pm in the Gibault gymnasium parking lot. Ford will donate \$20 to Gibault for each driver that is 18 years or older (one driver per household) that test drives one of Ford's vehicles. The entire process will take less than 10 minutes. **The Gibault Men's Club will be selling burgers, brats, hot dogs and fries.** 100% of all Ford/BBQ proceeds go to benefit Gibault Catholic High School.

THE SPORTING NEWS... SOCCER UNIFORM If you don't have yours, let us know.



GRADS IN THE NEWS... Andrew Harmon, ICS '17, made his major league debut Wednesday night at Busch Stadium serving the Cardinals as batboy for the Milwaukee Brewers. He hustled like he's always done it!!! He went through an extensive interview process for this and we all know how great he was for us as a good person and student. We are proud of you Andrew! There's all kinds of ways to make a living in sports beyond the field. Brendan Fournie is in the front office of baseball operations for the Astros

and Geoff Ziegler works for the NCAA in Indianapolis.

Watching the bobcat---it's great here on the Bluff!



Seventh grade is studying the legislative process in History as we prepare for the Constitution test. Students are writing bills this week on school and classroom policies they would like to add or change. We will be starting the committee process tomorrow and voting next week!

NONVIOLENCE Remembering Who We Already Are (AND WHOSE WE ARE...)
from Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

My longtime friend, Catholic priest and peace activist John Dear, teaches that nonviolence requires three simultaneous attributes: being nonviolent toward ourselves; being nonviolent to others, including creation; and joining the global grassroots movement of nonviolence. John and the Franciscan organization Pace e Bene lead an annual Campaign Nonviolence (September 14-22, 2019), working toward a culture “free from war, racism, poverty, and environmental destruction.” [1] In John’s words:

What does it mean to be nonviolent? Coming from the Hindu/Sanskrit word *ahimsa*, nonviolence was defined long ago as “causing no harm, no injury, no violence to any living creature.” But Mohandas Gandhi insisted that it means much more than that. He said nonviolence was the active, unconditional love toward others, the persistent pursuit of truth, the radical forgiveness toward those who hurt us, the steadfast resistance to every form of evil, and even the loving willingness to accept suffering in the struggle for justice without the desire for retaliation. . . .

Another way to understand nonviolence is to set it within the context of our identity. Practicing nonviolence means claiming our fundamental identity as the beloved [children] of the God of peace. . . . This is what Jesus taught: “Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called the sons and daughters of God [Matthew 5:9]. . . . Love your enemies and pray for your persecutors, then you shall be sons and daughters of the God who makes [the] sun rise on the good and the bad, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust” [Matthew 5:44-45]. In the context of his visionary nonviolence—radical peacemaking and love for enemies—Jesus speaks of being who we already are. He talks about our true identities as if they propel us to be people of loving nonviolence. . . .

Living nonviolence requires daily meditation, contemplation, study, concentration, and mindfulness. Just as mindlessness leads to violence, steady mindfulness and conscious awareness of our true identities lead to nonviolence and peace. . . . The social, economic, and political implications of this practice are astounding: if we are [children] of a loving Creator, then every human being is our [sibling], and we can never hurt anyone on earth ever again, much less be silent in the face of war, starvation, racism, sexism, nuclear weapons, systemic injustice and environmental destruction. . . .

Gandhi said Jesus practiced perfect nonviolence. If that’s true, then how . . . did he embody creative nonviolence so well? The answer can be found at the beginning of his story, at his baptism. . . . Jesus hears a voice say, “You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.” Unlike most of us, Jesus accepts this announcement of God’s love for him. He claims his true identity as the beloved son of the God of peace. From then on, he knows who he is. He’s faithful to this identity until the moment he dies. From the desert to the cross, he is faithful to who he is. He becomes who he is, and lives up to who he is, and so he acts publicly like God’s beloved.

Fundraising event for Holy Family Church and our school children who attend ICS:

Professional wrestling is coming to the Holy Family Parish Center. (Last match I went to, the late Handsome Harley Race was the m.c.)

Here is the link to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/430428247545703/>
And should any one have any questions please have them contact Elisha Schaffer 618-670-5982 or Michelle Bender 618-781-6037. And in this corner, from Parts Unknown Texas...

St. Vincent DePaul Dear Friends:

[Here is information regarding the annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Friends of the Poor Walk](#) which will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Pat Hogrebe and Joe Hubbard at St. Vincent de Paul tell me of the growing number of requests they receive each day from people in need...many who lack the basic necessities of life – food, clothing and shelter. We need your help in passing information about this walk on to your parishioners, students, teachers, parents, youth groups, organization/group members, neighbors, friends and family members. All proceeds from the walk remain here in our Belleville Diocese and go directly to serve people in need. Pledges can be designated for a parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference or for the St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council.

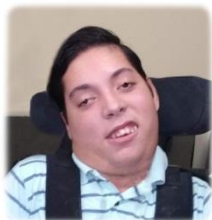
Please consider participating in the walk at the Shrine or hosting a satellite walk in your local community. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Pat Hogrebe or Joe Hubbard at St. Vincent de Paul – 618-394-0126. Thank you so very, very much for your consideration and help; together we can make this year's Walk for the Poor a tremendous success!

Illinois State Trooper Nick Hopkins of Waterloo was killed last night in the line of duty. His brother Zach Hopkins is with the Columbia Police Department and was our D.A.R.E. Officer last year. Nick's Grandmother Evelyn Hopkins is a parish treasure. This is a hard time for us as a community and a nation. Keeping guns out of the hands of criminals might be impossible but maybe we can somehow lessen this heartache by changing attitudes on violence, lessening the number of guns on the street, and vigilance. Even though there is no comprehensive answer, "thoughts and prayers", as St. Paul said, need action too. God bless all who work to keep us safe. Help us to help them by being vigilant and by following the laws we have made about the things we love to keep us all safe.

Mark Fiore Please pray for him and his family and his donor's family that his new heart gives him a new lease on life.

Danielle Dorlac Please continue to pray for her and her caregivers, especially Constance.

A few years ago during our parish retreat, Nicholas Eynon's Mom and Dad did a great presentation on living as a family with a child with cerebral palsy. It was moving. Nicholas was a frequent faithful parishioner at the Sunday 11:00 liturgy and I will miss his presence, even though I did not know him. His family was an example to us of how to deal with the hand of cards life gives us and how to work it out through God.



Nicholas James Eynon, 16 years, of Columbia, IL, passed away on August 21, 2019. He was born May 24, 2003, in St. Louis, MO. He is the son of Patrick J. Eynon and Jennifer L., nee Madrid, Eynon. Nicholas was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL.

Also surviving are his sister, Alyssa Eynon of Columbia, IL; maternal grandparents, George Madrid and Marilyn Stamme, both of Collinsville, IL; paternal grandmother, Audrey Eynon of Ellisville, MO; aunts, uncles, cousins, other relative and friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Harold Eynon.

Visitation will be Saturday, August 24, 2019, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Columbia, IL. Funeral Mass will follow visitation at 11:00 am, with Fr. Carl Scherrer officiating. Interment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Columbia, IL.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to: United Cerebral Palsy, 7228 Weil Avenue, St. Louis, Mo, 63119.

For more information, please access our website, www.lesmanfuneralhome.com. Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL, handled arrangements.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Mark Fiore, Danielle Dorlac, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, George Perry, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Patrick Kish, Tom Kish, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Richard Prater, Donna Kania, Libby LoPorto, Lindsey Herbeck, Judy Gundlach

Mike Kish
Principal

Ps: Parent homework: PASSWORDS FOR OPTION C, have been sent home. Get it done please. FORMAL AGREEMENTS SHEET mentioned in last weeks letter. BRING BACK NOW so you can use the internet!

Ps: Welcome to Jack Hanlin who joined us in Kindergarten this week!

Ps: Mudded out on the playground---we will let you know when to mulch soon!

Ps: A Kindergartener speaks...at snack time...*We said grace for this snack? We should have prayed for something else!*

Ps: Thanks to Chris Thomas Plumbing for hanging our smart TV in the cafeteria yesterday! The hard part was finding the parts!

[PS Join the Girl Scouts](#)