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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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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

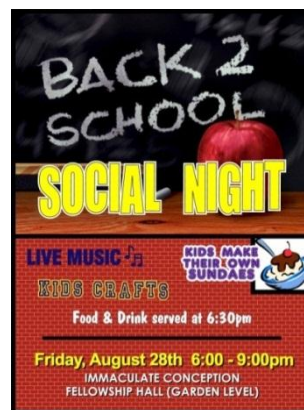
MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT It is hard to describe how proud I felt last night with the great turn-out, the people I get to work with and Who I get to work for. I have one of those blessed jobs in life where everyday is full of mystery (what's going to happen next?), suspense (you fell off of what?), and joy (look at this grade and you thought you were struggling!). And then comes all those "God-winks" where students are kind to each other, parents are fundraising in honor of their late 2 year old sister, and a student in her school uniform gets her Mom's gas paid by a complete stranger who thanks her for what she is doing and becoming. Thanks be to God for last night---for this day—for this year! Like Mary, like Blessed Mother Theresa, we say Mother -a lifelong yes and the embrace of Jesus to the world. We may not have a joyful willingness to do even the most humble work for the poor and dying, but we can each do something and the real uniform people will recognize is our Christianity. Wear it proudly!

Volunteers are needed to set-up for the **Labor Day Picnic(700 needed)** and **volunteers** are needed to help Laura and Dan Whelan run our Field Day next Friday. Picnic set-up is a lot less work than Field Day if you are protecting your health! Please sign up for both if you can. We will be setting up Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the Picnic and it is the largest fundraiser for the parish. All profit goes to the parish and the biggest profit is working together!

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, August 26th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

All are welcome for the Back to School Social Night in the Garden Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road 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. So come and enjoy a night out with family and friends. If you have any questions, please call Nick Matrisotto at 314-609-7092.



SCHOOL PICTURES ARE FRIDAY, SEPT. 9TH [Please download the order form](#), fill out and send to school with your child on picture day.

Volunteers needed. If you would like to help on picture day, please contact Pam Keeven at pam@martykeeven.com or call/text pam at [314-773-3587](tel:314-773-3587). Volunteers receive a picture package of their choice at no charge.

A BIG WEEK and a HALF COMING UP:

MONDAY:

1. **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:** Kick-off assembly on Monday at 8:10 in gym—It is our second largest Parents and Friends fundraiser and Carrie Boser is chairing for us! Buy and save! We send books home to each family to sell. Return if you can't but check out the savings first and win!
2. **DC Parent meeting: 7:30 in Room 220. Come in by the office past the flagpole.**

WEDNESDAY: CPP training--- August 31 6:30 to 8:30. PSDR is going on---meet in Computer Lab.

THURSDAY: ALL SCHOOL LITURGY:

1. **BIBLES:** Fr. Carl will bless the new bibles at Mass for Grade 4 and new students. Please write a profound note in their about God's loving Word.
2. **Blessed Mother Theresa:** We will unveil our new picture of St. Mother Theresa on September 1 at the All-School Mass. I heard her speak in Chicago in 1976 as a baby principal. She came right down my aisle at the Congress Hotel (I was third seat in) and you could feel the aura of saintliness around her. She told us "I am but a pencil in the hand of God" and "be ye perfect" as God wants, not society.
3. **St. Raymond Collection:**

FRIDAY: FIELD DAY Donations of water needed and volunteers to help run the contests.

Mrs. Whelan's notes to you about Field Day.

1. We have been going through the new games in PE so they will know how to play them.
2. I will go over the rules for the kickball tournament in class and make sure you have a copy so you can go over them too.
3. You will need to make name tags for YOUR HOMEROOM. I have labels from Sue in my office. Stop by and grab some so you can make name tags
4. Water - I never feel like we will have enough and we can always use more of it. We do use it throughout the school year and we ran out last year.
5. Parents will be assigned a game to help with and that they don't follow their kids around from station to station.
6. Lunch - remind kids who bring lunch from home that it needs to be in a throw away bag. Please put their names on those lunches and the team color.
7. I will have team assignments by Tuesday next week.
8. We will meet in the gym to assemble in teams before we go. Our games start at 9:10.

PERMISSION FORMS FOR FIELD DAY on SEPTEMBER 2 at the Columbia American Legion Memorial Park need to be returned please.

SERVICE/LEADERSHIP DAY FOR THE CLASS OF 2017: September 6 is a school day **FOR THE 8TH GRADE ONLY.** Start at 8:00 and dismissal at 12:45.

SEPTEMBER 11 IS PATRIOT DAY! We will hold a "Blue Mass" and honor all First Responders. You will process in with Fr. Carl and feel our love and respect for the risks you take and the help you give. Please rsvp Angie at 281-5105 if you can make it. We are blessed with many First Responders in our parish. God bless you! Let us bless you!

FEDERAL LUNCH PROGRAM We belong! If you are having hard times or get laid off, please check out the application process on our website and see if you meet the guidelines. On website under parent/forms and you can fill out on-line: [Free and reduced lunch application 2016-17](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORMS See the link from Catholic Supply. They have **OUR** plaid. Land's End is close but is not correct---avoid please. direct link is: shop.catholicsupply.com/ICSC

THE ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT: Only 10 Team spots remain for Friday, Sept 16. You don't want to miss this one! You may not see a hole-in-one but holy one Fr. Carl is playing and he is very competitive without the bad words! We are also seeking \$50 Family Tournament Sponsors. Email icsfathers@gmail.com for team reservation and sponsorship information. Thanks to President Devin Dalpoas of our Fathers Club and all our Dads and Moms for running this one. Thanks to for the hospitality of the Columbia Golf Club and our sponsors!

CHOIR starts WEDNESDAY, September 7th after school in the Band Room after school till 4:00 for Grades 2-8/ Thanks Mrs. Lundy!



ERIC & INDIA'S JOHNSON'S CHARITY WEDDING REGISTRY

Thanks for the support. God sent them a second child needing the same cure as Eric's sister and they are almost there!

Here is a link with the full information so you can donate:
www.crowdrise.com/ericandindia

Experience your Catholic high school in action! The **Gibault Catholic Welcome Wednesday** series begins **September 7th**, 9 – 11 am. Meet Principal Russ Hart for coffee and conversation about **Gibault Catholic** – an area leader in academics, technology, fine arts and athletics. Tour the campus “live” when classes are in session. RSVP: pherzing@qibaultonline.com or [618.939.3883](tel:618.939.3883). Join us for part or all of the morning – We would love to see you!

SOME OF THE 7 MILLION WHO VISIT---THAT'S US! Our annual DC Trip!



Where would you go to find 126,000,000 animals, plants, and cultural artifacts in a museum complex? Why, you would go to the Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. like we do. Bout only 323,000 sq. ft. of the 1,5 million sq. ft. are on display. 90% of the objects are stored backstage. 7 million visitors a year---most visited in the world. 30 million insects, 4,5 million pressed plants, 2 million cultural artifacts, 400,000 photographs. Here is a back stage picture. Do not show Mr. K or we'll never get him out! Bird specimens!

CAMP ONDESSONK FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND Our school has a great Camp O connection. The Braun family has gone the last two years and they have been great experiences as have many of our families in appreciating God's blessings of nature. Please see last week's attachment!



- **THANKS** to JOLENE SASSER FOR OUR NEW Joy of Love Banner---just coloring it in will be a treat for us!

- **A NEW SPEAKER SERIES**---Rich Southard, John Whitworth and Dave Boser installed the Bose speakers from church that were formerly attached to our sound system. This was donated to the Church in 1995 in honor of Regina Janson, great grandmother of Reagan and Avery Herrmann and Megan Janson. (Daughter Joan was with us this week!)
- **FOR A \$14 DONATION** from Corporate Employee Giving Program!
- **DID YOU GET YOURS?** our one-of-a-kind, collectible, award-winning caliber, school **calendar.** A big thank you to Lizanne Young for this masterpiece! Thanks to Parents and Friends for funding!
- **FIRE DRILL**---98 seconds and clear! Great cooperation!

OOOPPS! Grandparent Day cannot be on the all-school Mass day due to space---Wednesday, September 14 instead. Details coming- **We can accommodate Grades 2-4 on this day.**

Today's Daily Bread Fri. Aug 26, 2016 : **1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13**

Then the door was locked. We rejoice in the Lord's generosity, mercy and compassion, but we cannot forget that in this life there are deadlines. Our earthly existence will come to an end. One day the Lord will call for each of us, whether we're prepared or not. It's foolish to think that we can set the terms, the day or the hour. It's imprudent to put off repentance. It's irrational to rely on others to make up for our lack of planning. It's reckless to ignore all of the signs, admonitions and opportunities already before us, urging us to get ready. It's idiotic to risk getting shut out of the glorious feast that awaits us because of laziness, impatience, procrastination, misguided priorities or any other silly excuse. Lord, help me to grow in wisdom. [Patricia Russell](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS...

The Columbia Kiwanis 16th annual Fishing Derby will be Saturday, September 24. First 200 only. [See the flyer and thanks](#) to this great organization!

COLUMBIA DAZE



And just in CASE...



PARISH NEWS...

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS! THERE IS A TEC RETREAT COMING UP SEPT. 3 – 5 in Mt. Vernon. Applications are due by the end of the week. For more information or to fill out an application, go to bellevilletec.org. TEC is a religious retreat open to all juniors and seniors throughout the diocese. This is a life-changer says this Dad who sent his 3 daughters!

CONDOLENCES:



Kevin C. Diehl, Dad to Molly, Travis and Charlie and Great Uncle to Brian and Allison Stark and Lilly Braun has died after a valiant fight against cancer. Kevin was an ICS grad with deep roots in Columbia and operated Diehl's Florist in Columbia for years.

Visitation is today, Friday, August 26, 2016, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Lawlor Funeral Home, Columbia, IL. A Funeral Mass will be held tomorrow, Saturday, August 27, 2016, at 10:00 am, with Fr. Carl Scherrer, officiating. Interment will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Columbia, IL. God's peace to this lover of the earth who could make the flowers bloom!

Patricia Steppig Kaidan and Carson Timmon's Uncle's mother-in-law had a stroke last night. Please keep her in your prayers and in the petitions.

PRAYERS: Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Dan Whelan, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, Denise Conner, Kevin Diehl, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

SOCIAL LADDERS I always tell our students that if they were paying for their education, they would sit in front and try to get the most out of it. This Sunday's Gospel is all about where you get to sit at the high society feast of the year. There are many times I like to be invisible when I go out and I have also had to sit at a dais and have every mouthful watched. Jesus reminds us of humility this Sunday. Our humble God really knows how to put us in our place when we need it and yet I find many high-performing disciples in our who deserve a real pat on the back and get little recognition and that's the way we like it. We have many "un-ordained" men and women here that I look up to as fellow travelers on the journey. I would believe that upon close examination, we would all find people we know who fit this title in our lives! Come to the Feast this weekend but don't sit in the back---it is too crowded--- and if the collection basket isn't full yet, you are supposed to "top it off"!

Sincerely,

Mike Kish, Principal

Ps We are a Full stewardship parish. 21 forms due May 1 are still out.

PS The FORMAL AGREEMENT is being sent home today. [Click on link It is Homework for parents. Due Monday.](#)

PS Social media is the largest unregulated social experiment of all time. Google "bypassing parental controls" and you will see what parents and schools are up against.

PS Happy Birthday Maren Donjon on 8/24! We hope the day was a thrill a minute!

Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer:

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

Ave Maria

Dios te salve, Maria. Llena eres de gracia: El Señor es contigo.
Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres. Y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre: Jesús.
Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores,
ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

Paul Harvey Writes: I Hope You

We tried so hard to make things better for our kids that we made them worse. For my grandchildren, I'd like better. I'd really like for them to know about hand-me-down clothes *and* homemade *ice cream and leftover* meatloaf sandwiches. I really would.

I hope you learn humility by being humiliated, and that you learn honesty by being cheated. I hope you learn to make your own bed and mow the lawn and wash the car. And I really hope nobody gives you a brand new car when you are sixteen.

It will be good if at least one time you can see puppies born and your dog put to sleep.

I hope you get a black eye fighting for something you believe in.

I hope you have to share a bedroom with your younger brother. And it's all right if you have to draw a line down the middle of the room, but when he wants to crawl under the covers with you because he's scared, I hope you let him.

When you want to see a movie and your little brother wants to tag along, I hope you'll let him.

I hope you have to walk uphill to school with your friend and that you live in a town where you can do it safely.

On rainy days when you have to catch a ride, I hope you don't ask your driver to drop you two blocks away so you won't be seen riding with someone as uncool as your Mom.

If you want a slingshot, I hope your Dad teaches you how to make one instead of buying one.

I hope you learn to dig in the dirt and read books. When you learn to use computers, I hope you also learn to add and subtract in your head.

I hope you get teased by your friends when you have your first crush on a girl, *and when you talk back to your mother that you learn what Ivory soap tastes like.*

May you skin your knee climbing a mountain, burn your hand on a stove and stick your tongue on a frozen flagpole.

I don't care if you try a beer once, but I hope you don't like it.

And if a friend offers you dope or a joint, I hope you realize he is not your friend.

I sure hope you make time to sit on a porch with your Grandpa and go fishing with your Uncle.

May you feel sorrow at a funeral and joy during the holidays.

I hope your mother punishes you when you throw a baseball through your neighbor's window and that she hugs you and kisses you at Christmastime when you give her a plaster mold of your hand.

These things I wish for you tough times and disappointment, hard work and happiness.

To me, it's the only way to appreciate life.

Written with a pen. Sealed with a kiss. Paul Harvey .. Good