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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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September 7, 2018

Bienvenido el parrochia!

V. 44 #10

Dear Parent,



REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THE LORD!
When all is said and done, the last event of the day is rest!



30th LABOR DAY PICNIC--- 2018 Last one here on the Main Street Campus. Over 1.7\$ million so far not including this year. Next year on our new grounds! We had 2,759 scheduled volunteer hours for the picnic by activity. This does not include all the pre-purchasing, licenses, set-up, tear down, fish cutting, onion peeling, tomato moving, book hauling, game set-up, musicians/DJ, pre-post kitchen/gym/bingo and extra help from people jumping in. Numbers are impressive when you total them up. We have no profit projection yet. Crowd seemed down but the spirit seemed up! I had a fantastic time connecting with past grads and so many out-of-town friends and former parishioners. Fr. Clarence Zachmann, OMI, was the oldest priest here and also attending were Fr. George Mauch, Fr. Andy Knopik, Fr. Jim Buerster, Msgr. Dennis Schaefer, Pastor Bill Groennert, Sr. Janet McCann and two compadres from the Adorers of Christ, and we had Sr. Camille from across the Creek win one of our \$500 drawings! Kate Kienzel, Georgia Hutchinson, Pat McDermott and YOU pulled this all off! Thanks be to God for this great day! Fr. Carl was on duty all day!

The **Confirmation Date** for candidates from Holy Family Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacred Heart Parish and St. James Parish has been set for Thursday, May 30th, at 7pm, at Immaculate Conception. Just a reminder, the REAP Retreat for candidates and sponsors is a different date/time this year: Sunday, March 24, beginning with 11am Mass and then lunch and retreat, at Immaculate Conception.

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. President Report: Holly Blaskiewicz
- III. Vice-President Report: Joyce Randle
- IV. Secretary Report: Christy Hornacek
- V. Treasurer's Report: Kate Kienzle
- VI. Public Relations Representative: Kara Boyd
- VII Teacher's Report: TBD
- VIII. Principal's Report: Mr. Kish
- IX. Old Business
 - Columbia Daze Parade: Kara Boyd
 - Field Day T-Shirts: Jean Swip & Tammy Hoeflinger
 - Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
 - Bags & Bubbly: Christy Hornacek & Jean Swip
- X. New Business
 - Dining Out for ICS: Laurie Conrad, Jessi Gianino
 - Entertainment Books (Sept): Jeff & Shannon Howard & Julie Maul
 - Box Tops: Katie Hart & Deirdra Doerr
 - ICS Spirit-wear: Jessi Gianino
 - Laser Tag FUNraiser (Oct): Lisa Patton
 - Teacher Appreciation - PST Conferences dinner (Oct): Sarah Theiret
 - Trivia Night (Nov 3): Jessica Wachtel, Jessica Sheehan, Tammy Hoeflinger
 - Dinner Auction (Feb) : Mandy McGuire, Tricia Haywood, Jolene Sasser
- XI. Closing Prayer

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- XII. Happy Hour & Volunteer Sign Ups

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women would like to advertise **Sunday Funday**

What is Sunday Funday? -----an afternoon to spend playing your favorite board games and card games with your family/friends. In addition to playing games, attendance prizes, a 50/50 raffle, Envelope Lottery (in which you can earn gift cards) and a snack and dessert bar. There are drawings for a handmade quilt, afghan and gas card. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and spend time with family. Consider joining us at the upcoming Sunday Funday on October 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Garden Level at ICC. Tickets are \$5/person or \$15 per table of 4 or family.

SCHOOL BOARD ALTERNATES...we are in need of alternates for the school board. Those volunteering to serve as an alternate would be called on to serve on the school board in the event that a current school board member has to step down during their term. Any parent of an ICS student is eligible as well as any registered member of the parish who is at least 18 years of age. The length of the term will vary depending on the board member stepping down but will range from 1-3 years. Please contact Toby Ellner at [618.615.2868](tel:618.615.2868) or Toby.ellner@gmail.com to volunteer or for details.

GRADS IN THE NEWS...heard at the Picnic---Ty Buser now lives in Vancouver and works in the gaming department for Microsoft.

REBECCA HUSMAN is the new ministry leader for Meals from the Heart. (One of our parish's very best programs!) She needs your help with updating her list. It seems that many people on her list have requested to be removed from the ministry or perhaps you signed up but have never been called. If you are on Meals from the Heart and would like to continue to be OR if you would like to be on a ministry that sends meals to others in our parish needing a helping hand through some times of sickness and/or tragedy, we would love to have you update your info with Rebecca. Please email her at: enchantedkteacher@yahoo.com 314-566-0690 Thanks Rebecca!



FIELD DAY Thanks to Laura Whelan, all our parent volunteers, and our faculty and staff leaders for making it another great day. Parent helpers were Amanda Buhr, Michelle Juengling, Lizanne Young, Dwayne Kenner, David Bollone, Brian Monheiser, Matt Voegele, Courtney Schilling, Meghan Frierdich, Tiffany VanMatre, Ron and Susie Funk, John Canull, Ted Kroenig, Jennifer and David Thorne, Ashley Madrid, Sarah Henneberry, Michelle Bender, Jim Held, Scott Daigle, Katie House, Jessi Gianino, Heather Hagedorn, Jen Cooper, Priscilla Wilkerson, Jolene Sasser, Lauren Connor, Stephanie Roccasalva and Field Day Kickball Champs 2018

YOUNG AUTHORS 2018

- Turn in day will be October 1, 2018. Jeans day on this day if you turn in a story.
- Contact Carrie Stark at cbraun79@aol.com if you would like to be a judge.
- Please include a title, but no name, just a post-it note for your name. These will be removed for judging.
- Grades K-4 will have awards assembly on October 25th at 2:00 p.m.
- Grade 5-8 will receive their awards at the Awards Night in May.
- Please include a cover which could be as simple as a title page.
- The emphasis of the Young Authors Program is on creativity. Make sure your story has a beginning, middle, and an ending.
- You can also enter a poem.
- Students Grade 5-8 may enter non-fiction essays, including classroom assignments.
- Parents may help the young grades, but please make sure it's the child's own words.

COLUMBIA-MONROE COUNTY FIELD TRIP



What a great day we had! Information overload. So many military buried in the County, Silver Star winner Alois Luhr, Vernon Ostertag's story from Vietnam, a scalping and a medicine woman, two creeks that created the break in the bluff, salt, walking a trail, a state protected marsh, phenomenal Rock City with the National Archives, Branding Iron, and Sun Basket on-line meal programs were intriguing. Thanks to Joe Koppeis for the tour and all his community work! John C. Ritter of our Parish drove the coach. I talk about his Dad and family on the trip every year! Simply another God wink! Thanks to chaperons Mike Gibson, Kim Sullivan, George Johns, and Chris Schorb!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Please promote sales!

Update on the Entertainment Book fundraiser. So far we have 69 online sales and 132 hard books sold, so we are at 201 books total. Our goal is 500. Teachers and staff at ICS can buy a book for only \$15 and that counts towards our goal of 500. :)

Upper grade prizes:

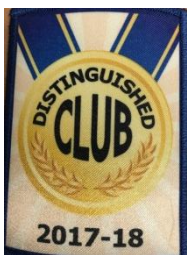


What ever happened to Dragon Red of the Dawn from the Magic Tree house series? It became “deconstructed art” by Kaiden Timmons. Mary Pope Osborne’s children favorite lives on! Not a class project but from a love of the arts! Way to go Kaiden!

Show your ICS Pride and check out our ICS Spirit Wear Web Store. All orders are online, and the deadline is: Friday, Sept. 14th. It will take about 2 weeks after the deadline to receive your items. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jessi

Gianino: jessicawaldron13@yahoo.com The proceeds of this fundraiser go to ICS Parents and Friends. Thanks for supporting ICS! We will also be offering a school theme t-shirt in the near future, so be on the lookout for that as well!

[ICS Apparel 2018](#)



Last year’s Builders Club was nationally recognized as a “Distinguished Club”. One of only two in the Illinois-Iowa District. Congratulations to us! Something to shoot for this year. Thanks for nominating us Advisor Sharon Nealon! We Inducted 39 new members this week and are off and running!!

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY Everyone starts with the initial training and there is the annual refresher course. This year’s course is on boundaries and it serves to remind us of professional relationships and responsibilities. **Go to the ICS website, choose parents and click refresher course.** You can take the test till you pass.

Thanks! St. Raymond Collection for 9/6/18 was \$153.54 And \$14 from YourCause Corporate Giving Program and \$500 from a Boeing Employee match! Yahoo!!!



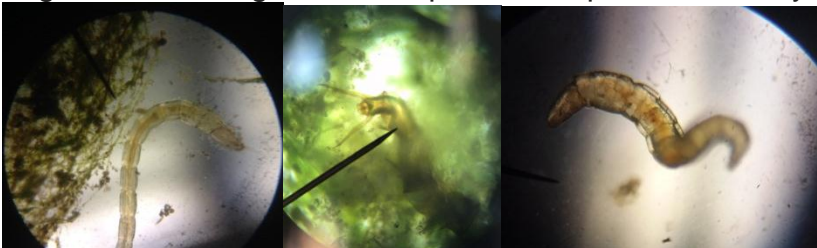
Jamin Carter with Focus 5 experience We cannot lose sight of what we have learned. Practice will make us better! Benefits:
 Enables “reflective brain” vs. “reactive brain”
 Kinesthetic review---tools, elements, rules/expectations
 Establishes a vocabulary for self-regulation/control
 Behavior assessment Provides a clear, unifying transition
 Balances the energy of the group Provides a framework for reflection
 Addresses bodily/kinesthetic and intrapersonal intelligence

Arts Integration is an APPROACH to TEACHING in which students construct and demonstrate UNDERSTANDING through an ART FORM. Students engage in a CREATIVE PROCESS which CONNECTS an art form and another subject area and meets EVOLVING OBJECTIVES in both.

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES---Grade 1 says thanks!



Drops of water from the pond of South Side Park in Belleville---not creatures from the Black Laguna. Amazing---microscope and telephone and they are alive! Larvae(3 of them).



Emma Tippen and Stephen Johns Emma Schmidt

THE SPORTING NEWS.. ICS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Cross Country Team results---15 Runners Saturday at Pickneyville ---JV Girls 1.15 miles

Cheyenne May 13:11 #102 Mariska Lyle 14:22 #107
 Hailey Wilkerson 13:01 #101 Kaila Jerkatis 12:08 #98
Caroline Roche #9

JV Boys 1.15 miles

Charlie Hake 8:53 #38 **Luke Dalpoas 7:50 #5**
 Logan Loporto 9:52 #59 **Riley McGill 7:57 #9**
 John Bollone 8:23 #20 Will Dalpoas 8:46 #33

Varsity Girls 1.65 miles (86 Runners)

Ava 16:10 #69 Marissa 13:15 #40
 Brianna 15:40 #67 Kyra 19:07 #82

Varsity Boys 1.65 Miles (84 Runners)

Drew Roche 10:32 #10 Owen Dalpoas 12:06#38

13 Runners on Tuesday Sept 4th at Sparta Shooting and recreation complex with Gibault. Here are results! IT WAS HOT.

GIRLS:

Ava Hake 9:37/15:16 #68 Brianna B 9:02/15:07 #64
Caroline Roche 10:25/16:35#96 Cheyenne May 12:34/19:54
Haley Wilkerson 12:40/20:57 Hope Schwartz 10:25/16:36 #97
Kaila Jerkatis 10:30/17:00 Kyra Newton 11:53/19:37
Marissa McGill 8:38/13:24 #31 Mariska Lyle 14:40/29:36

BOYS Drew Roche 7:03/ 11:30 #26 Owen Dalpoas 6:59/ 11:17 #24
John Bollone 7:41/ 12:20 #45

ICS Soccer Rita Breitenstein was Paul Breitenstein's Aunt. We visited at the wake. Everything comes from somewhere or some event or some idea. Paul scored over 600 points for us in his 8th grade basketball season. But he also begged me along with Roger Wink and Brad Stanhouse to start soccer while a 7th grader. I said ok but I don't know anything about soccer. I put a note in the bulletin and Joe Hogue walked into our life and took soccer to the success story it is today. Our Golf Tourney was named in his honor. Paul never played basketball in high school. Gibault started a year after we did. As Mark Twain said, *"history doesn't repeat itself. And it doesn't even rhyme"*! Yet we make history everyday!

The Diocesan soccer tournament is hosted by St. Clare and will be played at the O'Fallon Soccer Park September 24-27.

ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNEY Only 7 openings left! Wow! Already a success!

Pedal the Cause Support Aidan Howard-Maull who is spearheading our Pedal the Cause ride again this year. We had 5 riders from our students last year and this year's goal is 20. 100% of your donation gets there. You can also donate through November in memory of Dan Whelan.

Nephew **Chet Waver** will have heart surgery next week to tighten up a valve. When you are a young dad with two little girls, the anxiety is often worse than the problem. Prayers please for him and Emily and Rosie and Elly! Chet teaches at Manhattan High School in New York City.

Please pray for Bill Anderson, Mr. Dale Anderson's brother who has been diagnosed with throat cancer. Bill made a nice donation to our wooden gym floor in the '87 gym years ago. God be with him as he works through this.

DANIELLE'S BATTLE Constance Barnett's mother was diagnosed with Primary Progressive MS in May of this year. Dinner, dancing, and a silent auction will be held at the Oakville Elks Lodge, 2726 Oakville Elks Lane, St. Louis, MO 63129 on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door by contacting Teresa Dorshorst at 314-303-5353 or Tdorshorst79@gmail.com. Silent auction items are appreciated. Please join us in supporting Constance's Mom Danielle! Thank you, Teresa Dorshorst 314-303-5352

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Bill Anderson, Chet Waver, Owen Jordan, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor, Pearl Mueller, Richard Prater, Dylan Walsh, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Donna Kania

Rita Breitenstien Nate Stechmesser's great grandma(Becky and Mike)(Denise Sueme's mom). 2 weeks ago she was on a ladder cleaning out the gutters at age 96. Her German DNA had her work her troubles away. So another wonderful soul cheated the "wait for death" by living life to the end! We raffled off some of her last quilts this year at the Picnic. There are many Scriptural references to wool and yarn and spinning weaving. Nimble fingers keep you close to your work and close to God. Peace Rita! Thanks for being so much fun! Every one of her kids could fix anything. Even to the point that her oldest son was chief of maintenance for the ARCH. He was pictured on in the Post repairing the bulb on top!

My brother-in-law James Burns' Uncle died in Florida. His namesake. Prayers for James Burns please and his family!

BUILDING OUR CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY CENTER PRAYER

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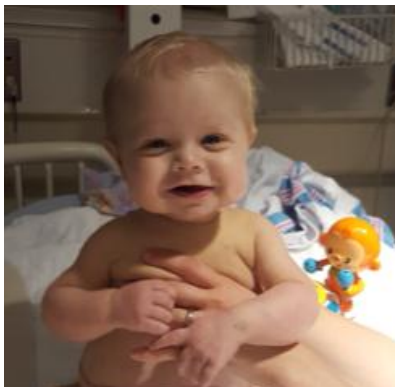
EYES THAT CANNOT SEE AND EARS THAT CANNOT LISTEN Lots of focus on being deaf to those around us in this Sunday's readings. Two ears, one mouth, and we all know which one wins. We laugh and say God must surely love poor people since He made so many of them. But this is everyone's mission. To hear the needs of those around them, whether rich or poor, and help them. The poorest person in any room who has learned to pray and live simply, is far better off than someone of means who will not hear or help others. I have been poor and I have been rich. Rich is better but only from an earthly point of view and how I count my richness outside of dollar signs. The student I did not graduate from here for disciplinary reasons asks ME for a picture together at the Labor Day Picnic. I am humbled. He owns his own house, is nearing retirement, and has a smile twice the size of mine. His older brother comes by and asks for a picture too. There are so many blessings in this life that are unquantifiable. Mourning for people's deaths may be very human, but remembering their life is definitely holy. God wants all of us. There is no big book of accountability with dollar signs on it. You can die a multi-millionaire with a troubled soul because you cannot buy your way into heaven, yet in your last moments, you draw deeply from the generosity of hearing and responding to the cries for help around you. That little bit of satisfaction of reaching out is also a little bit of the start of heaven on earth. Come and hear this weekend!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS **WELCOME BISHOP EDWARD K. BRAXTON** who will make a visit to ICS on Oct. 11---8:30

PICTURE OF THE DAY-WEEK-MONTH-YEAR! THANK YOU FOR THE SMILE OWEN! A reminder to sign your organ donor line on your driver's license! Owen is home after a liver transplant! Keep up the prayers! We are so happy for Mom Amanda, Dad Chris, and brother Jacob!



AGE QUOD AGIS I am not sure which prof taught me this in the seminary but I have sure been followed around by it most of my life. “Do what you are doing” is a simple way to “go whole hog”, “jump in with both feet”, “own it”. In Fr. Richard Rohr’s reflection today, I am reminded of this inside prayer. **Early Christianity Practical Prayer Friday, September 7, 2018 Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM**

In the same way as the early church, the desert Christians were deeply committed to Jesus’ teachings and lived practice. Withdrawal to the wilderness—whether into close-knit communities or solitude—was only for the sake of deeper encounter and presence.

Diana Butler Bass describes the natural flow from prayer to active love:

[Jesus’ invitation to] “Come follow me” was intimately bound up with the practice of prayer. For prayer connects us with God and others, “part of this enterprise of learning to love.” Prayer is much more than a technique, and early Christians left us no definitive how-to manual on prayer. Rather, the desert fathers and mothers believed that prayer was a disposition of wholeness, so that “prayer and our life must be all of a piece.” They approached prayer, as early church scholar Roberta Bondi notes, as a practical twofold process: first, of “thinking and reflecting,” or “pondering” what it means to love others; and second, as the “development and practice of loving ways of being.” [1] In other words, these ancients taught that prayer was participation in God’s love, the activity that takes us out of ourselves, . . . and conforms us to the path of Christ.” [2]

The desert fathers and mothers—*abbas* and *ammās*—learned to be sparing and intentional with their words and to preach more through their lifestyle than through sermons. There were few “doctrines” to prove at this time in Christianity, only an inner life to be experienced. Abba Isidore of Pelusia (5th century) said, “To live without speaking is better than to speak without living. For the former who lives rightly does good even by his silence but the latter does no good even when he speaks. When words and life correspond to one another they are together the whole of philosophy.” An old *abba* was asked what was necessary to do to be saved. He was sitting making rope. Without glancing up, he said, “You’re looking at it.” Just as so many of the mystics have taught us, doing what you’re doing with presence and intention is prayer. As other spiritual teachers have taught in many forms, “When we walk, we walk; when we chop wood, we chop wood; when we sleep, we sleep.” As you know, this is much harder than it first seems.

Belden Lane helps clear away any romanticism we might associate with desert spirituality:

[The] desert is, preeminently, a place to die. Anyone retreating to an Egyptian or Judean monastery, hoping to escape the tensions of city life, found little comfort among the likes of an Anthony or a Sabas. The desert offered no private therapeutic place for solace and rejuvenation. One was more likely to be carried out feet first than to be restored unchanged to the life one had left. [4]

In the tradition of Moses and Jesus, the Christians who wandered into the desert entered a wild, fierce, unknown place where they would encounter both “demons” and “angels” (Mark 1:13)—their own shadowy selves which contained both good and bad. Belden Lane writes: “Amma Syncletica refused to let anyone deceive herself by imagining that retreat to a desert monastery meant the guarantee of freedom from the world. The hardest world to leave, she knew, is the one within the heart.” [5]