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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!***

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**Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,**



Karen Weiler, Immaculate Conception Catholic School Teacher, has been chosen as the nominee from the Belleville Diocese for the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is recognition for excellence in teaching in the St. Louis metropolitan area. CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Weiler!! She will be honored at the Ritz-Carlton in November and we will fete her accomplishments then!

**ICS/JOE HOGUET MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary **Registration** 11am

**Dinner** (Lower pavilion) Food provided by DeliStar and Boccardi's restaurant---Beer, water and soda provided. Winners announced - prizes given. Side games of washers and bags \$5 to play, winner stays loser pays. **You don't have to go to The Masters to have fun.** Come to **The "After Party"**---not just for golfers, please invite your spouse or friends to join us for dinner. We want to make this a Must-Do event year after year. [icsfathers@gmail.com](mailto:icsfathers@gmail.com) or [\(314\) 690-3237](tel:3146903237)

**Silent Auction** - sports memorabilia from Red Schoendienst, Cards tickets, Blues autographs, Lake of the Ozarks vacation home weekend getaway, Matty Mauk autographed football, etc. We are packaging some of these together to make "big ticket" items. ICS Athletics and Technology benefit!

**OUR FIRST PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING** was energizing! We have lots going on and lots of support and Jolene Sasser is leading the way! Thanks for funding white board restoration film(\$1025), a Serra Club donation(\$100 for our field trip), a new SmartBoard for Ms. Merz's Pre-School, a hover cam for Mrs. Herrmann's Kindergarten, a new water cooler (\$728.45), 4 new atomic clocks (\$144), flu shots for our faculty and staff( helps keep their attendance up), and continued funding for Resource, Spanish, Art, and Counseling. We are so blessed to have your backing!

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** Entertainment Books are **due tomorrow.** Either return the book or pay \$30.00. We need to fill orders with those extra books not sold and reward our jeans day kids! Thanks again to Michelle Guetterman and Carrie Boser. This is our second biggest fund-raiser for P & F!

**Beginning Speech Meeting-Monday, September 21** during lunch at 12:50 for a few minutes with **Mrs. Watters.** Jump into school life. All too often, students have the "Awards Night blues" because they never got involved. **All 5<sup>th</sup> graders and any 6-7-8 who have not been in Speech are eligible!**

**Young Authors** Monday, 9/28 for turn in/jeans day for writers and Tues 10/20 for award ceremony. Can we get the stories written by then please....mentor your compadres. Writing is the most difficult thing we do and uses the most parts of the brain. That is why it is so important for us to promote writing. Do it---write!



**CONGRATULATIONS to the ICS Builders Club of 2014-2015** on being named a Distinguished Club based on overall performance in administration, membership, leadership development, Kiwanis-family involvement, and service and fund raising efforts. Ms. Sharon Nealon, Mr. Kassebaum, and Mr. Kish are advisers.

**ICS Craft Fair....** Calling all Crafters and Vendors! Spaces are available for the upcoming Immaculate Conception Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, please find the registration form on the Immaculate Conception School website or contact Holly Blaskiewicz at [314-707-1045](tel:314-707-1045) or [h\\_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com).

**SOCCKER PICTURES ARE SEPT. 26TH AT OERTER PARK behind the concession stand.**  
**Attached last week.** Download the order form, fill out, bring to Oerter Park on picture day.

**ART ON THE BLUFFS** is in need of volunteers to work a three hour shift on Saturday, September 19 for Art du Soleil (Art Walk 2015) on Historic Main Street. Shifts needed are 7am-10am, 4pm-7pm and cleanup 6pm-8pm. Some shifts may finish early. Please call/text Carol Fetcho at [314.565.7354](tel:314.565.7354) or Pam Keeven at [314.773.3587](tel:314.773.3587). Thank you for your help.

**FEATURED FIGHTER FOR "PEDAL THE CAUSE"--- DAN WHELAN** will be on Channel 4 at 9:00 am on Great Day St. Louis on Monday, Sept. 21. Set your VCR and be inspired by Dan the Man!

**ICS CAR DECALS for SALE!** Show your ICS pride with this fundraiser. \$9/each. Send checks made to "ICS Parents & Friends" into the office (mark the envelope with "Car Decal", your name, and your child's teacher) and we will send the decal(s) home with your oldest child.

### **AND JUST WHAT IS THIS RESOURCE YOU OFFER?**

You may have heard that ICS has a Resource Teacher, but do you know what that means? At ICS we believe that all students learn differently, and some students really struggle within the traditional educational system. Sometimes a student's grades do not reflect their true ability. If a teacher or parent suspects this is true, it's Resource to the Rescue!!

It may just take a little extra coaching to get the student back on track. Other times, we work with our partner, Learning Consultants, to run a full educational evaluation to determine if there is something getting in the way of a student's performance (attention, processing speed, memory, reading or math disability, etc.) After evaluation, we meet with the teacher and come up with a plan to help that child succeed in the classroom. We help students **"de-mystify" the problem.**

Thank you, Parents and Friends for supporting ICS Resource. With your help, we have tested 70 students and have gotten them onto the path of success! And thank you to Mrs. Diane Zika, M.A., Industrial Organizational Psychology---just the right tools for this!

**The Gibault Men's Club and Menard Auto Sale** is sponsoring a **2015 Dodge Drive 4 UR School event** on Saturday, September 26th from 10am to 2pm in the Gibault gymnasium parking lot. Gibault will receive \$20 for each qualified driver (18 or older) and Dodge will allow multiple drivers per household. Your time commitment will be less than 10 minutes and you will get the opportunity to drive one of Dodge's top new models. There is absolutely no sales pressure involved. The Men's Club will also be hosting a **BBQ**. Please contact the Gibault School Office with questions --- 939-3883.

**SIUE HOMEWORK HOTLINE** In conjunction with SIUE Math Department and the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, you can get some help:

Get FREE Help with Your Math Homework! Your brain will be glad you did. Students in grades 5-8 can call in and ask math homework questions. It's FREE! Tutors are SIUE college students who are trained to help with math homework. Call 618-650-3072 6-10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday September 8, 2015 – May 6, 2016 Rose Hulman Institute of Technology-Founding Partner and Copyright Owner of the Homework Hotline

**The Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation is sponsoring the St. Louis Brass** on Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Free Family event!

**“DO NOT LET PEOPLE PULL YOU INTO THEIR STORM. PULL THEM INTO YOUR PEACE!”**

**Flute for sale** \$175 Maren Donjon

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN OUR BABY GRAND IN THE BAND ROOM?** We will be bringing over the piano from Church soon. It needs a tune and some work and no delivery.

**ALERT!** We have quite a few people rolling through stop signs on our corners and another one is Cherry St. and Metter Ave. The Columbia Police Department will be watching these areas. Listen to your children and obey the stop sign and save the \$75 bucks!

**THE REASON YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING** I have plenty of reasons to get up in the morning...313 to be exact but add to it faculty and staff and parents and grandparents and friends and fellow parishioners and God's great world around me. Here is a way the Japanese culture looks at it:

**Ikigai** (生き甲斐, pronounced [\[ikigai\]](#)) is a [Japanese](#) concept meaning "a reason for being". Everyone, according to the [Japanese](#), has an ikigai. Finding it requires a deep and often lengthy search of self. Such a search is regarded as being very important, since it is believed that discovery of one's ikigai brings [satisfaction](#) and [meaning to life](#).

In the culture of [Okinawa](#), *ikigai* is thought of as "a reason to get up in the morning"; that is, a reason to enjoy life. In a TED Talk, Dan Buettner referenced *ikigai* as one of the reasons people in the area had such long lives.

The word "ikigai" is usually used to indicate the source of value in one's life or the things that make one's life worthwhile. Secondly, the word is used to refer to mental and spiritual circumstances under which individuals feel that their lives are valuable. It's not necessarily linked to the economic status or today state of things. Even if a person feels that today's dark, but has a goal, he may feel ikigai. Behaviours that make one feel ikigai are not actions which individuals are forced to take - these are natural and spontaneous actions.

The term "ikigai" is composed of two Chinese characters : *iki* and *kai*. Iki refers to life and kai is a suffix meaning roughly "the realisation of what one expects and hopes for."

Kobayashi says that people can feel ikigai only when on the basis of personal maturity, the satisfaction of various desires, love and happiness, encounters with others, and a sense of the value of life, they proceed towards self-realization.



**Taking leave of the Church on Main**---Mark your calendar for Tuesday October 13 for the last Mass in our Church on Main---an historic event. The last school Mass will be on October 8 and we will do a few historic things too as we celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for the last time.

**GODSPELL, JR** Our annual musical will be performed Oct. 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th in our Church on Main. This will be our last event as a church family in the church on Main. Students in grades 3-8 are invited to audition for the play on Wed., Sept. 9th, right after school. Another historic opportunity! Please direct any questions to MaryBeth Babcock 618-719-1264 or actors attic@gmail.com

**KINDERGARTEN** will be recycling markers. ICS will help collect markers which the Crayola Company will convert into clean energy. Help our world! Make recycling a way of life!

**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY** Charley Stewart-Aubry Thomas-Molly Tippen-Eli Garcia-Lilly Barnett-Ava Hake-Jane Whelan-Hope Pollman-Dominic Dalpoas-Josh Matthews-Avery Herrmann-Kyra Newton-Marisa McGill-Jessica Lambert-Owen Dill-Ashton Pulliam

**THE SPORTING NEWS...LACROSSE COMES TO COLUMBIA**

Illinois Youth Lax will be in your area for an Introductory Lacrosse Clinic! Registration starts on September 19th at [www.kirkwoodyouthlax.com](http://www.kirkwoodyouthlax.com) What to Bring: Stick, cleats, and water! \*For anyone that does not have a stick, please come anyways because we will provide you one for the lesson! Introductory Lacrosse Event Please join Coach Giovanni Najarro and Coach Blake Neal for a two hour intro lesson on lacrosse at Oerter Park on October 10th, 2015 from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. \$20 For Who: Boys & Girls Ages: K – 8th [See the attachment!](#)



Nickelodeon inspires kids to take action and make a difference in the world. Through the Worldwide Day of Play initiative, Nickelodeon will celebrate kids' love of play this September on **Saturday, Sept. 26**. The network will suspend programming from noon to 3 p.m. in order to encourage kids to get up, get out and get active! Plan activities for the day and help K-Kids members get outside and get moving with [Kiwaniis Vision Partner Nickelodeon](#) by hosting an event like a jump-rope-a-thon, basketball game or soccer tournament.

For more ideas, [view Nickelodeon's top ten ways](#) to get out and play. Consider hosting an event with other Kiwanis-family members, and [register your event](#) as an official Worldwide Day of Play event to make this year the best yet. Learn more about how you can encourage children to get up and get active at [thebighelp.com](http://thebighelp.com).

**DIocese of Belleville** **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY** schedule for initial training. New Volunteers and Employees or those who have not attended before. Pre-registration required. Arrive early DATE LOCATION TIME Thursday, September 24, 2015 or Thursday, November 12 Blessed Sacrament, Belleville 6:30pm-8:30pm To Register: School Office @ 618-397-1111 Or Email: [blsac@hotmail.com](mailto:blsac@hotmail.com) Wednesday, October 7, 2015 or March 5, 2016 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belleville (cafeteria) 6:00pm-8:00pm To Register: Office @ 618-397-2287 Or Email: [gpparish@gqfp.com](mailto:gpparish@gqfp.com)

**Eve Dorshorst**, niece of Teresa Dorshorst, is headed to Iraq. She is crew chief for an F-16. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please pray for **Fred Frierdich**, grandfather of Chase, who needs our prayers.

**Arlin(Steck) Stechmesser** needs our prayers. After a CAT scan it was determined he has cancer. But right now Steck is feeling good and plans to play in the ICS/Joe Hoguet tournament tomorrow. Steck is our Diane Stechmesser's husband and a good friend to us. God be with him!

**PRAYERS:** Eve Dorshorst, Fred Frierdich, Arlin Stechmesser, Jim Brown, Harold Stemler, Msgr. Vince Haselhorst, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Valerie Bauchens, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

**This Sunday's Gospel...** stolen again from a good friend...

*It is no surprise that humans seem to crave power. Rubbing elbows with the important, having the IMPORTANT FOLKS on my Facebook, having the latest gossip, we think of as status. No surprise then, when we hear the disciples arguing among themselves about who is the greatest, who has the power, who is on the inside with Jesus? In many ways they are us at times. In fairness to them, they were raised in households where the hierarchy of power was decided by gender, class and age. Slaves were at the bottom of the power ladder; followed only by the most socially inferior group of all: Children. Children were invisible, unnoticed. They counted for nothing. Knowing this, imagine the uproar when Jesus answered the disciple's question by telling them: The prize for the greatest among you goes to .... a child. A child? The least noticeable, the least important now becomes the standard for who is the greatest? Once again, Jesus not only rocks the boat, he sinks it. He upsets the very structure of their society. He turns everything upside down and inside out. And Jesus is still doing it today. But as if this isn't enough, Jesus goes a step further: To make the invisible ones even more visible, and makes sure no one misses the point, he uses an unmistakable audio-visual. He takes a child and "putting his arms around it," dramatizes the heartfelt meaning of his message. This is what true power and true authority looks like: service: Service to the most vulnerable; Service to the most invisible; Service to the weakest. If you want to be truly great and number one in my kingdom, Jesus tell us today, use this child as your model. Serve. Don't lord it over. Serve. Don't abuse or exploit or take advantage. Serve.*

*Even though children today have more rights than the first century, but in Gospel terms we are challenged in how children are treated today. Even though we cherish children more than then, listen to some sad facts.*

*More than 3 million cases of child abuse are reported in the USA every year. That is only the reported. Every two hours a child is a homicide victim. Every two hours a child dies by firearms. There is a child suicide every four hours. Trafficking of children is a \$9.5 billion business annually. Children are always vulnerable and easily exploited. The reason remains the same. Power is misused for personal gain. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely is still true today.*

*Jesus offers a remedy: Turn power into service. Make the last first. God bless and hold those of you close who have heard, seen and responded. You are the greatest. Imagine a world that did that. As always it begins one of us at a time, one of us at a time.*

**Mike Kish  
Principal**

Ps GRANDPARENT DAY 2015 Grades 2-3-4 September 23 more info coming!

Ps Free and reduced lunch applications can be found on our website under parents-forms-registration-lunch app. Please apply if you are eligible---it helps our program!

**Godspell Rehearsal Schedule(rehearsal might be added---especially Tech Week)**

9/21 – 3-5pm	9/22 – 3-5pm		
9/24 – 3-5pm	9/28 – 3-5pm	9/29 – 3-5pm	9/30 – 3-5pm
10/1 – 3-5pm	10/5 – 3-5pm	10/6 – 3-5pm	10/7 – 3-5pm
10/8 – 3-5pm	TECH: 10/13 -- 3-6pm	10/14 -- 3-6pm	

## **Calendar 2015 September**

9/18-ICS/Joe Hogue Golf Tourney

9/23 Grandparent Day

9/24-Springfield Field Trip-8<sup>th</sup> grade

9/25-Kindergarten Transportation Field Trip

9/28- ITBS testing starts-Grade 2-8

9/30 Take your refresher class for Child Protection by this date

## **October**

10/1-4-Womens Acts Retreat

10/3 **The Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation is sponsoring the St. Louis Brass** on Saturday, October 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Free Family event!

10/5-Bishop Braxton visits ICS

10/9-No School-Teacher Inst.

10/12-No School-Columbus Day

10/13-Leave taking from the Church on Main---7:00 liturgy-thanksgiving-memories

10/15-Flu Shots available 9-11 on ICS parking lot-MC Health Dept.

10/15-18-ICS Musical "Godspel" in Old Church on Main

10/25-Trunk or Treat 5:00 p.m.

10/26-Paul Koleske Concert at Church

10/27-Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/28-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip Symphony and Missouri Botanical Gardens

10/29-Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

10/30-No School

## **Band Schedule Week of Sept 21-25**

### Monday

8:05-8:35 5th Flute

8:35-9:05 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1

9:05-9:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2

10:35-11:05 4th Clarinet

11:05-11:35 4th Flutes

### Tuesday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 5th Clarinet

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Trumpet

11:05-11:35 4th Trumpet

11:35-12:05 4th Saxophone

### Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**

9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble

10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**

1:15-2:15 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

### Thursday

7:15-7:50 **Jazz Band**

8:55-9:25 5th Saxophone

9:25-9:55 6th-8th Low Brass

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Percussion

11:05-11:35 4th Percussion

11:35-12:05 4th Low Brass

### Friday

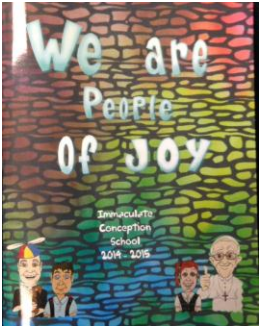
8:05-8:35 5th Percussion

8:35-9:05 5th Trumpet

9:05-9:35 5th Low Brass

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab



**YEARBOOKS ARE IN!** Kim Foutch and the Yearbook Staff of Hannah Weiler, Isabella Garcia, and Hannah Janson have made a wonderful keepsake for us! We will be dispensing tomorrow. Thanks Kim and Crew!

**POPE FRANCIS will visit Cuba and then the U.S. It doesn't happen that often and every time I sing "Cry the Gospel", I am taken back to the Savvis Center with JP II back in 1999. The Church needs a theology of women...** <http://bcove.me/udvfk1uq>

Pope has high hopes for his 'mission' to Cuba-U.S., asks for prayers

By , Catholic News Service | September 15, 2015

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Francis asked for prayers for his trip to Cuba and the United States, calling it "a mission" he had high hopes for.

He said while the main purpose of his 10th apostolic journey abroad, Sept. 19-28, was to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, he also highlighted his planned visit to the United Nations in New York as it marked its 70th anniversary.

"I greet with affection the Cuban people and the people of the United States, who, guided by their pastors, have spiritually prepared" for the visit -- "a mission I'm preparing for with great hope," the pope said at the end of his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square Sept. 16.

The pope said his talk Sept. 16 would be his last audience talk on the family and marriage, thus concluding a series he began in December 2014. The reflections were meant to help prepare for the now imminent World Meeting of Families Sept. 22-27 and the gathering of the Synod of Bishops on the family in Rome Oct. 4-25.

A correct vision and culture of the family are necessary for defending the world from many threats, he said in his catechesis.

Society today seems like it is being run by an "economic technocracy," which has "massive resources and enormous media support" at its disposal and has made ethics subordinate to "the logic of profit," he said.

"A new covenant between man and woman becomes not just necessary, but also strategic in order to free people from the colonization of money," he said. "This covenant must once again guide policy, the economy and social coexistence."

God did not design the family to cultivate an intimacy whose sole goal is taking care of itself, he said, but gave it a loftier, more "thrilling project of taming the world."

The family, he said, is the beginning and the foundation of the kind of global culture that will save humanity from many attacks, destruction and "ideological colonization that so threatens the world. The family is the basis for defending oneself."

How men and women live together in their families has a major impact on everything, including the state of the environment, passing on an awareness of life and the bond between memory and hope, he said.

Refusing God's blessing to be custodians of creation leads "fatally to a delirium of omnipotence that ruins everything," he said.

However, despite the stain of original sin, "we are not cursed or left to fend for ourselves," the pope said.

"Let us never forget," the pope said, that God always loves and mercifully protects his sinning children.

Pope Francis said God reached out in a special way to women when he told the serpent in the garden that "I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers," and she will always strike at serpents.

"God marks the woman with a protective shield against evil," the pope said, which means she "carries a secret and special blessing" to be able to defend her offspring from the devil.

While too often the woman is displayed as a temptress leading others toward evil, he said, "there is room for a theology of women that is commensurate with this blessing by God" that makes her and her decedents strong adversaries against evil.

Christ was born of a woman, and he "is God's caress upon our wounds, our mistakes, our sins. But God loves us as we are and he wants to bring us forward with this plan" of salvation, Pope Francis said, adding that "the woman is the one who is stronger, carrying forward this plan."

The pope concluded by saying salvation is meant for everyone and that with "sufficient faith, families on earth will recognize this blessing."

Speaking in Italian to pilgrims from Arab-speaking countries, the pope summarized his main talk by emphasizing how the more the marriage bond between a man and woman is weakened, the more all human ties will be harmed.

"Let us work then to repel everything that makes light of marriage; every form of injustice and inequality, especially toward women," he said. "Let us work to establish a new covenant between a man and woman based on respect, equality and love."