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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.

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

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



HEADING TO SPRINGFIELD TOMORROW!

Three stories to the ceiling of books written about Abraham Lincoln. We visit his exploits in New Salem and Springfield, Illinois, we passed by “The Wigwam” where he was nominated for the Presidency on the Chicago River LAST YEAR, visit Gettysburg where he delivered the address for the dedication of the National Cemetery, visit his tomb, and visit the Lincoln Memorial in D.C. All educated people know about the Bible, Abraham Lincoln, and William Shakespeare AND WE LIVE IN “The Land of Lincoln”! 6:00 AM Departure!

Tomorrow we have early release at 11:25 a.m. Latchkey will be in session. Please bring a lunch if you are staying in latchkey. Buses are running.

Entertainment Book sales Our gratitude goes out to all who purchased and/or sold Entertainment Coupon Books to help make this another successful fundraiser for our school. There are still quite a few books out. If you haven't returned or purchased the one sent home on 8/28, please send it in so we can close this fundraiser. Thanks again for your support of ICS!



WHAT A GOLF TOURNEY!---weather and God-winks First National Bank won the Tourney on a tie-breaker---they have our loan on the CEAC. Second place to Jim Vogt of Hennegan---our Civil engineer! Devin Dalpoas and the Fathers Club did a terrific job again! I had a great time and the last time I played golf, Mr. Anderson said he would pay someone else to take me the second time! Numbers coming in soon!

Children's Choir Because Mrs. Lundy is not able to work a full schedule right now, our plan for Children's Choir is to focus on Christmas Eve Mass. Rather than meeting each week, we will have four rehearsals to prepare for and lead the music at 5pm Mass on December 24th. The rehearsals will be from 3-4pm on:

- Wed, Nov 15
- Wed, Nov 29
- Wed, Dec 6
- Wed, Dec 13

We are encouraging students grades 3-8 to participate. Because this is less of a commitment than the weekly scheduled Children's Choir, we would love to have a strong participation in this very important ministry. Ms. Brutton will be primary teacher for this choir, and Mrs. Lundy will be there as she is able.

Please email karenslundy@gmail.com or ebrutton@icsmail.org if you are interested. Thanks! Mrs. Lundy

8TH GRADERS ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THEIR DC FIELD TRIP. If you would like to order TJ's Pizza or \$1 chocolate candy bars, talk to an 8th grader! The TJ's pizza sale runs until 10/10, with delivery around Halloween and candy bars are available while supplies last. Thanks in advance!

ROSARY RALLY-THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN is hosting a public Rosary on Saturday, October 14th, at noon by the fountain at City Hall. All are welcome to participate as we join 17,000 other groups across the US praying the Rosary for peace in our world. 100 years ago our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima, Portugal, and instructed the children to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world. Miracles happen!

Columbia Kiwanis is the recipient of sales of "Giving Bags" for the month of October. For each bag sold during October, the club will receive \$1. Please look for the bags in the store and spread the word to your friends and family on this simple way to support Kiwanis who supports ICS so much!

WALK FOR PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY for Declan Oberfell to raise funds to improve the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of persons with PI through advocacy, education and research.

http://events.primaryimmune.org/site/TR/Walk/General?px=1017412&pg=personal&fr_id=1211 Support Declan in the cause!

Ameren Kids Challenge at Pedal the Cause Kids ages 3-12 can help end cancer by participating on Saturday, September 23rd from 9 am – 1 pm. **Join Aiden Howard-Maull** on Team ICS Proud (Immaculate Conception School, Columbia) and help cure cancer! Go on-line and support Aiden!

JDRF Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk® to change the lives of people who have type 1 diabetes (T1D)—including other kids like me.

http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR?team_id=245859&pg=team&fr_id=6964&et=3OyLIW2gihvBP7YmKkOxsg Thank you ! Maddie Swip

Young Authors Fall 2017



Sharpen your pencils, for it is time to start preparing for the Fall Young Authors' program! The fall turn-in day will be Monday, October 2nd (this will also be a jeans day for every student turning in a manuscript). For judging purposes, please do not write your name on your story, but do include a title. We ask that you attach your name either by a Post-It note or on a separate piece of paper (attached by paper clip or stapled). The chairpersons will record the titles and names, and then remove the names from the stories before giving them to the judges. Your story will be identified solely by its title. Give your submission to your teacher (5th-8th grade students please give your manuscript to your English teacher). Winning stories from k-4th will be presented at the Young Authors' assembly, at school, on Wednesday, October 25th. The following information may answer any questions you have. If you have other questions, please email Gina Thompson or Robin Nadziejko at icsyoungauthors@gmail.com .Thank you!



Pilot at work! Thanks to Captain Dan Whelan, a commercial airline pilot and U.S. Air Force veteran visited the Immaculate Conception School Kindergarten classes as a part of their unit focused on transportation. The students sat in a simulated airplane cabin to listen to Capt. Whelan explain information about air travel as well as

share his experiences as a pilot. BTW, did you know the first woman to pilot a 727 and a 767 is from Valmeyer? Lynn Ripplemeyer---niece to Bud Ripplemeyer who was HoF pitching coach for Steve Carlton of the Cardinals and Phillies.

JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH Our 11th annual school musical sponsored by the ICS Builders Club and underwritten by the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation will be Thursday October 12th through Sunday October 15th. Please mark your calendars.
Cast of 52!

MAGAZINE DRIVE Go to www.gaschoolstore.com --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. We get 40%!

HURRICANE HARVEY and IRMA Over \$14,000 between the parish and our Labor Day Picnic donation! Thanks for answering the need of others!

GIBAULT NEWS...

Fall Play – The Gibault drama department proudly presents “The Wisdom of Eve” , a drama, Sept 28-Sept 30 at 7PM and Oct 1 at 2PM. For ticket information please contact MaryBeth Babcock at actorsattic@gmail.com.

Grandparents' Mass - Gibault Catholic will be celebrating our Grandparents Day mass on September 28 at 9:00 AM in the Hustedde gymnasium. All grandparents are welcome to join us!

Comparing high schools? Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7th or 8th grader excited about high school! Schedule your student's date to shadow a Gibault Catholic student for a full day of class by contacting Pat Herzing (pherzing@gibaulthawks.com). Something different within reach. We look forward to meeting you! Follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@GibaultCatholic) and Instagram (#gibaultproud) for more information.

Save the date! Gibault's Oktoberfest Auction will be on **October 21, 2017**. Admission is \$50 per person with Mass at 4:30PM, hors d'oeuvres and dinner to follow. Come join us at our biggest fundraiser of the year! Contact us at gibault@gibaulthawks.com for information, donations or reservations. Thank you!

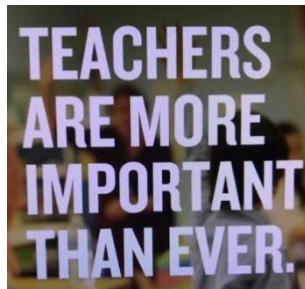
Another Save the date! Gibault Catholic Open House, November 5, from 11AM – 2PM.

THE GIBAULT basketball team is sponsoring a benefit camp (proceeds will go to Catholic Relief Services) on Sunday evenings, Sept 24-Oct 15, for 5-8 grade boys & girls. More details on flyer last week.

Calling all Crafters and Vendors! A few spaces remain for the upcoming Immaculate Conception Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, December 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, [please click here for 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.

STUCK IN A PAST THAT HAS BECOME OUR FUTURE. In 1993, our school received a Pioneering Partners Award from the Great Lakes Council of Governors that included free internet for a year(it was only 4 years old) and a trip for three for five days of training in Norwalk, CT at the GTE Corporate Training headquarters. I was never so honored to be a teacher in my life. I came back, as Fr. Steve Humphrey said, “all jacked up”. Still am as you well know. Crystal Bowl proof is in our trophy case.

Alan November was our Pioneering Partners Faculty Advisor in 1993---Christa McAuliffe Fellow, teacher, internationally recognized leader in technology. That fall Marge Krizan, Glenda Bequette and I stayed at his house in Evanston for a couple of nights for the ICE Conference. I later brought him down to speak to the Diocesan Institute, have attended workshops with him at Hamburger U.(corporate McDonald's training HQ) and have read several of his books. "Owing your education" comes from him. Along with the phones in our classrooms, networking, global connectivity and awareness, and student generated knowledge. *** If you want to know if you are efficacious, ask a student who was taught by a student you taught. ***Sometimes schools have a curriculum an inch deep and not very wide, but not if you teach students how to learn. ***In 1993 we talked about "smart toilets" that record your specimens with the data sent to your doctor daily. These are now available for a couple thousand dollars instead of the 12-15k\$ then. ***Gordon Moore's Law was taught to us and it has even been supplanted by faster versions where technology turns over in months rather than a year and a half and the cost is way less than halved like 1993. Scrum now rules.



Not for the subject matter or content, according to Alan November, but the fact that you teach the skill "how-to-learn". It is harder to teach these skills than to teach what you know. By Day 23 of the school year, we should have front-loaded the skills they need to "learn how to learn". Learning how to ask good questions and working in teams is far more important than memorizing.

Relationship---Risk Taking---Responsibility---Who owns the learning?

Content is now at students' finger-tips, so no need to memorize what they will forget. "Whoever asks the most interesting questions will get ahead. Socrates meets the internet." A. November

"We are always listening, not with the intent to understand, but to reply." Steven Covey.

CHILD PROTECTION REFRESHER COURSE Once you have taken the initial course, you have to take a refresher each year to volunteer. Cut and paste and follow the directions please. We would love to get the whole parish to do this by the end of Sept. <https://safeandsacred-diobelle.org/login/index.php>

A GOD-WINK So you are walking down the hall and in the chapel-gymna-auditorium they are singing "Make me a channel of your peace" and the Concert Band is playing "Do You Hear What I Hear". Thanks MaryBeth for listening with both ears!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday, September 29th starting at 6:30 pm **"THE BOSS BABY"**. We will have free popcorn and drinks available. If you would like, please bring comfortable chairs, bean bags and/or sleeping bags. If you have any questions, contact

Nick Matrisotto at (314) 609-7092 or Katie Hart at (618) 973-0828. Keeping with the September theme of charity---please attend and donate newborn items for birthright stl: onesies & sleepers (0-3 months), diapers (size 1 & 2), wipes, new blankets & bottles.

Mitch Huebner had his surgery yesterday afternoon and we received very good news. Even though the surgery was more complicated than the surgeon had anticipated, he was still able to bury the pins. This means that he could be "back in the pads" as soon as next Friday night. He is beyond thrilled!!! Thank you so much for your kind thoughts and prayers. The smile is back on his face! Connie

Dan Whelan is in the hospital for some stomach issues. Please pray for our one-in-6 billion-man as he wrestles with his cancer.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Dan Whelan, Kaylee Fogarty, Pat Row, Heather Hughes, Barbara Thompson, George Perry, Pat Huels, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Donna Kania Archambault, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Joe Schmid, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Joyce Rose, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Jan Habermehl, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure

This weekend's Gospel from Matthew reminds us that God doesn't care where we start out in life but where we end up. At the end of the day, we all get the same unconditional pay---God's love. And who knows if the last hired yesterday just might be a great worker, needing a break, who is the first hired the next day? Scripture is rich in open ended situations and cutting each other some slack! Come to the Table and come and Welcome back our A.C.T.S. ladies who we pray for this weekend! Seek and Find!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS The Messenger has a terrific article on Achievement vs. Fruitfulness. Worth the read.

PS Another reason to get to Church. Kids imitate what they see. Full, Conscious, Active, Participation in life includes the spiritual!



PS Thanks for sharing Caitlyn!

Adventures Begin, So Close to Home!

By Caitlyn Schwartz

My alarm clock cried out as the time hit 5:30 a.m. I did not think twice about getting up so early in the morning! We needed to get to school at 6:30, and the bus, we were told, was supposed to leave at 6:35. However, the bus arrived closer to 6:45 - and then off we went!

Rolling along Main St. at fifteen miles per hour, Mr. Kish talked about how one house connected basements with another through a narrow passageway! Also, he pointed out some distinct concrete markings along some houses which marked where extensions were added. Ever since Mr. Kish pointed out the concrete markings, I can't miss it! I thought Mr. Kish definitely pointed out some great facts that I didn't know before the trip! They really seemed to have a great effect on the way I look at things. One of my favorite facts was that the new office building on the hill (directly south-west from the new church) was the tallest building in Monroe County! When we passed the building, called 11 South, Mr. Kassebaum pointed out that it's title, 11 South, is meaningful when you stop and think about it. The number 11 represents the distance (11 miles) between the building and the St. Louis Arch, and the word "South" is for south of St. Louis. That was a great piece of information that I had not known prior to the trip. On the road down, Mr. Kish told our bus driver, Curtis, to pull over on the shoulder of the road. The road's name was Bluff Rd. This road is not very populated because it leads straight down to Valmeyer, IL, which has a population of 1,256 people! While pulled over, we made a stop but we did not get out. We were shown the Columbia airport. This airport has dirt runways and are unavailable during or after rain. Mr. Kish noted that he had the chance, in 1993, to go up in a plane with his friend to see what terrible destruction the breakage of the levy caused to Valmeyer, IL. In 1993, the Mississippi levees broke and water flooded "Old" Valmeyer. I say "old" because after the flood, Valmeyer was gone. The town never

recovered(though some still live in “Old Valmeyer”), and was moved up onto the bluff for much safer living!

My mom went along as a chaperon and I knew that she had a special experience with the flood of Old Valmeyer in 1993. My father used a plane to surprise my mom by flying her above the flooded town. While up in the plane, my dad proposed to my mom! My sisters and I still love hearing the story, so Old Valmeyer has special meaning to my family.

Lunch was also a favorite part of the trip. This was not because I loved my food, but because we drove our huge coach bus into the Rock City quarry and ate lunch there. The only light was shining through small portholes that dropped off from a cliff. I knew this would be my favorite part as soon as we arrived!

I might have known some information about my county, but I definitely learned A LOT more information to tell my dad and sisters! I enjoyed the Monroe County field trip with my mom and classmates! It was one I’ll never forget!

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