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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!"

October 3, 2019

Bienvenido el parroquia!

V. 45 #14

Dear Parent,

ICC Parish Revival Tonight at Sacred Heart in Dupo and Friday at ICC with refreshments to follow. Each of these nights begins at 7. We are aware that we are hosting a soccer tournament next week. We are hoping that some of you can make tonight or tomorrow.

FRIDAY CONVENTION NO SCHOOL. Fr. Greg Heille is a Dominican priest. They are not called the Order of Preachers for nothing. He should be good. Faculty will be in school at Althoff connecting and strengthening why we do what we do. We will make this day up WITH NO BUS on October 11.

ST. LOUIS SYMPHONY EXTRA CREDIT Just a shameless plug for my performance with the Saint Louis Symphony on Friday. If anyone is interested in attending it's a free concert so there are no tickets required. You can just show up and enjoy the show. The concert should last about an hour. If you do attend try and sit in the balcony that way you can see into the percussion section. I am playing on 3 of the 5 pieces including snare drum on Star Wars. I'm looking forward to a great evening Friday, hope to see you there!

Below is a link about the event.

https://www.slsso.org/en/com/community_concerts/community-events/extra-credit-on-stage-at-powell1/. Thanks, Matthew Hake, Band Director

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. We had our first gathering today and said the Fifth Glorious Mystery. We were all challenged to complete the rest of the rosary on our own. The Rosary is a great way to calm your day and connect to the Son through the Mother. Our statue of Our Lady of Fatima is a sacramental and reminds us to pray. As we complete the work around the Heritage/Reflection area, we will have an official blessing.



4 Mysteries Left---Resurrection---Ascension---Descent of the Holy Spirit---Assumption

National Public Rosary The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women invites everyone to join them in the National Public Rosary event on Saturday, October 12th, at 12 noon near the fountain by Columbia City Hall. We will be praying the Rosary for peace in our nation with more than 15,000 other groups across the United States. All are welcome to join us for this powerful 30-minute program.

VIANNEY ACADEMIC TOURNEY OF CHAMPIONS OCTOBER 16 We have won this contest 4 consecutive years. The previous years we were close, with some first places, but it takes a total score and Mrs. Weiler really has that figured out. We will be happy with a top 5 since these are 25 of the best Catholic schools in the Metro. But we would happily take one for the thumb! Thanks Mrs. Weiler!

Team 1: Brock Murphy, Drew Roche, Allison Stark, Brady Moore, Owen Haney

Team 2: Owen Dalpoas, Lindsay Harget, Marisa McGill, Sadie Loless, Claire Barbour

The ICS Entertainment Book Fundraiser officially ended Monday 9/23/2019. Thank you to everyone who sold and purchased books! If you have not turned your book or sent payment in. This is a hard deadline we have with the company and any accounted books ICS will have to pay for so please look in those backpacks and either send in your check for \$30 or return the book.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact shanhoward311@gmail.com or at 314-707-2139. Thank you, Shannon and Jeff Howard

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION COLLECTION CONTEST!! October 7 - October 18 turn in your clipped box tops to your homeroom teachers to be eligible for prizes. Make sure that clips aren't expired and that you use the collection sheets with your name, grade and teacher or put in a clearly marked envelope/baggie. Even though Box Tops is moving towards only using the App, clipped box tops are still accepted until fully phased out. Make sure to scan your receipts in the App and update to the latest version so you can give credit to students - select the "Give Credit" icon at the bottom left when scanning your receipts and type in your student's name. Happy clipping!

THANKS TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS for funding flu shots for our Faculty and Staff. Attendance is one strong piece of the data for efficacious schools! Both for students and teachers!

On Friday, November 8th , our Crusaders and the CMS Jr. Eagles will square off in 2 charity basketball games starting at 6:30 in support of our **Logan Eichenseer** and family and Officer **Jared Reddick**. More info coming out please mark down the date so we can help these worthy causes. [Love of Community T-shirts](#)

Jared Reddick, a Columbia Police Officer has been diagnosed with a malignant sarcoma and has been undergoing intensive treatments at Siteman Cancer Center since June 2019. Jared's wife, Megan Reddick is a second grade teacher at Parkview Elementary School. They have two daughters Reagan(age 6) and Leah(7 months).

Logan Eichenseer is a 3 year old little boy who lives with his mother, Lauren, older sister Kaylee and fraternal twin brother, Landon. Logan was born prematurely and was diagnosed with Cri-du-chat syndrome. Cri-du-chat affects one in every 35,000 to 50,000 babies born each year. The condition is characterized by a deletion of the 5th chromosome. Children with this condition have problems with language, and may express themselves by using a small number of words or sign language. Other health problems can include delays in walking, problems with feeding, hyperactivity, scoliosis, and severe intellectual disability. Logan has benefitted greatly from therapy but insurance does not cover the specialized therapy that Logan has responded to. All money raised through this event will go directly to the Reddick and Eichenseer Families to help cover medical costs and therapies.

Girls game starts at 6:30 p.m. Boys will follow at 8:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS We could use some volunteer help in our PreK/PreS Programs. If you love little children and have lots of patience, and have Child Protection clearance, we need you. Please contact the office at 281-5353. Thanks! Share yourself with others---satisfaction guaranteed!

CEAC DEDICATION BOOK Sponsors will receive a free copy and we are selling them for \$10 each. These are great keepsakes for our EPIC event!

FYI We screened for headlice this week. There should be no shame in finding these critters, just plain old eradication. If you find them at home, please let us know and we can keep an eye on the class and prevent them from spreading. Thanks!

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-Family event. Share with friends/spectators: <https://www.facebook.com/events/641319156348963/>

TRIVIA NIGHT- Saturday November 2 @ 7pm

Help us fill the gym for one of our school's largest fundraisers!! Get your table of 10 together for the annual trivia night before we sell out!!! \$200 per table of 10- this includes mulligans and extra games Heads or Tails and "I Never" for a chance to win gift cards. Email your table reservations to lcstrivia@gmail.com. Costume contest- dress up in your favorite wig. Extras include 50/50, silent auction, Heads or Tails, barrel of booze raffle. This is a FUN night!! Doors open at 6pm, see you there!! Purchase tickets online at <http://ics-pf.weebly.com/store.html>

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

New in Child Protection this year it is required that everyone have a background check.

This is in addition to the online refresher and CANTS form you do each year.

At some point in the future (if you have not been contacted already), you will receive an email from an online entity that handles the background checks.

I believe the email says it is from Immaculate Conception, Belleville.

Please do not disregard this email, as it is the link to the site that you will go to and fill out info to have the background check run.

Please also remember **that if you are not in compliance with the policy on Child Protection, you will not be able to volunteer at school, church or field trips.**

AND you are not considered in compliance until all paperwork is cleared with the state and the Diocese it notified.

Sometimes this takes months, depending on how busy they are at the state level.

With all that in mind, please be diligent about filling those forms out and responding to emails etc...pertaining to Child Protection.

If you have any questions, please call Angie at the parish office-281-5105.

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If you build it...they will still play with the dirt outside it and build a fort.
THE NEW PLAYGROUND As in all things new, we aren't finished yet. GaGa Pit on the way, another hoop coming, lowering some swings for younger students, additional safety features, and trying to figure out how many ants can be on the spider web at one time. The Committee is meeting...

THE SPORTING NEWS... The Diocesan Soccer Tournament Thanks to all who pitched in to help Brian Boyd with the Tournament! It's been a week of some exciting play for us. Tonight at 6:00 our Parochial Girls play for third and our Junior Boys for the championship! Hope you can make it OR The Parish Revival at Sacred Heart at 7:00!



PEDAL THE CAUSE Aiden rode 2 laps (nearly a mile) on Saturday. He got up with me at 5:30am and stuck it out for my 7 hour volunteer shift! He helped cheer on other kids on the Safety Course! He has raised just over \$2200 in total. On Sunday 5 of us rode the same shift as Todd and Maria Biske and we're lucky enough to see them. In total our family has raised over \$6,000 this year. We can't thank you enough for everything you did to support Aiden's efforts. It means so much!!! Please share with all your wonderful staff that helped make this possible.

Thank you! Aiden Howard-Maul

Glitz and Ghouls!- Gibault's Oktoberfest

Join the Gibault community for its annual Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction in Hustedde Gymnasium on Saturday, October 26. Mass begins at 4:15PM; Doors open at 5PM; Dinner

begins at 6:30PM. Contact Andrea Biske (939-3383) for tickets (dinner and drinks included in ticket price).

- **GCHS Open House- Find Out What Makes Us #gibaultproud**

Mark your calendars for Gibault Catholic's Open House on Sunday, November 3, 11AM-2PM. Explore our campus, meet our students and teachers, learn more about our clubs and athletics, and enjoy your time as part of the Gibault community. Gibault Catholic is a safe, faith-based inclusive school that offers over 40 hours of college credited courses, over 20 different club opportunities, and a multitude of sports programs, many of which see state appearances regularly. Come check us out!

HOLY FAMILY QUILT BINGO October 27 th 2019 St. James Church Millstadt ILL Doors Open 10:30 am Bingo starts at 1:00pm BASKETS, RAFFLES HAND MADE QUILTS

SISTER THEA BOWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020 CASH "MEGA" RAFFLE*

\$10,000 ---\$1,000 second --\$500 third ticket cost: \$100.00 buy 1 get 1 free buy 2 -get 3 free buy 3 - get 5 free
Karen Waide at cooperwaide@aol.com or Roberta Trost at roberta_trost@yahoo.com. **If 230 tickets are not sold by auction night, Sister Thea reserves the right to withdraw prizes and split 50/50 with a winner.*

FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS & TEENS!

Sign up now to be part of the 8th Annual Spooktacular Festival & Show at St. Henry's Parish Center Nov. 1-3! Kids & teens ages 4-17 are welcome! They will help create and perform in a musical show based on their favorite movie, TV or stage characters, enjoy Halloween-themed games and crafts, and learn new skills with professional musicians and directors. Older students may choose to assist with technical elements of a play-lighting, sound, costumes, stage make-up, etc. No audition, no fee to participate, minimal time commitment (8-10 evenings beginning October 6.) Call or text 618-409-0015 for info or to sign up!

Dorothy Buechler, Grandmother of Jacob Jordan, is home from Anderson in Houston for cancer treatments. Please pray for Jacob's Grandmother. Someday we will find a way to stop cancer cells from growing---Research and innovation and a breakthrough are the plan.

Danielle Dorlac Danielle is back in the hospital. Please continue to pray for her and her caregivers, especially Constance.

LINDSAY(BRANDON)WHITE Mason's Mom is in Texas for cancer treatment. Please continue to keep her and the family in your prayers.

Jose Cecena, father of MarcieKen) Ebers, died Sunday, and funeral was Wednesday in our church. He is the Great Grandfather of Camden, Emmett, and Isabel Bodinet. His grandchildren Andrea, and Olivia, and Nate are ICS reared. His story was the American Dream fulfilled. Orphaned at 4, he overcame every obstacle in coming to America with his family, gaining his citizenship, and becoming a succesful jeweler. God's peace to him and the family.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Danielle Dorlac, Dion Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Dorothy Buechler, Anthony Hendricks, Lindsay White, Mark Fiore, 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

FAITH IS CAUGHT, NOT TAUGHT. We teach religion as part of our curriculum. Church History, belief systems, sacraments---all support systems for why we do what we do. Faith, like The Mustard Seed, has tremendous power when combined with ACTION. Many obituaries of our era mention "part of Cardinal Nation", or Cardinals fan as a hobby of the deceased. Unless you go to games or watch on TV or listen on the radio or check out the box scores and standings, you might just be a fair-weather fan. Part of our ACTION plan is to place your seat in the stands called pews in our Church. Stewardship is an active verb. Faith is caught by seeing our families live it. Come and see what Faith can do!

Mike Kish

Principal

CALENDAR: TIME IS OUR ENEMY AND FRIEND. NOT ENOUGH OF IT. PLAN WELL.

10-4 FRIDAY CONVENTION NO SCHOOL!!!

- 10-5/10-6 New Server Training
- 10-7 Parents and Friends Meeting
- 10-8 Gibault annual visit at 8:50 Garden Level
- 10-10 Fr. Linus---Birthday cards for his 50th
- 10-11 School---no bus, Gr. 5-6 Vocation Field Trip by Serra Club, quarter ends early so we can get ready for SPT Conferences and report cards out.
- 10-14 Columbus Day-no school
- 10-15 Grade 1 Zoo, School Board
- 10-16 Play Dress Rehearsal, Vianney Academic Tourney of Champions
- 10-17 Once Upon an Island, Jr.
- 10-18 Musical, 4th Grade Transporation Field Trip, Gr. 6-7-8 Cyber Bullying---Judge Rudolphg and Judge O'Gara 1:15 Garden Level
- 10-19 Musical
- 10-20 Musical
- 10-22 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, Parish Council, Staff Meeting
- 10-23 ACRE I Test Gr. 5, Young author Awards K-4
- 10-24 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10-25 No School, First Home Game
- 10-27 Trunk or Treat
- 10-28 Bishop Braxton visits ICS
- 11-1 School---no bus---All Saints Day! All School Mass!