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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.**

Bienvenido el parrochial!

*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*

**October 5, 2017**

**V. 43 #12**

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



### **OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY.**

Catholics do not worship the Mother of Jesus. She is not God. She is human like us and our best thread to her Son if we are too scared to talk to Him alone. We do that in life with our natural and spiritual Moms, Grandmothers, and Godmothers. During October and May, we say the rosary together with all kinds of special intentions. Peace is on the leader board right now along with an end to violence, racism, protection of all Good Samaritans and First Responders, and those wearied by disease of body and mind. Every time I leave town for more than 20 minutes, I try to get in a rosary. I have special intentions and add "anyone who needs a prayer right now". Sinners should pray a lot and I need to do more. Sinners are future saints but you have to work at it! Hail Mary, full of grace! (And thanks to Amerigo Serafini for creating this base for Mary's statue some 50+ years ago!)

**JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH The 2017 ICS Musical James and the Giant Peach (#11 since MB walked into our lives) runs Oct 12-15. You can now place your order for both Reserved and General Admission seating. Please note that advance purchase is the only way to obtain Reserved seating, the best seats in the house! All advanced orders must be received by Oct 11, but General Admission tickets will also be available for purchase at the door before each performance. Don't miss our talented actors in this fun show based on the classic book! For questions, contact Lynetta Newton via email [Lsnewton@htc.net](mailto:Lsnewton@htc.net). Executive Producers: ICS Builders Club underwritten by a grant from the Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation!**

**MIX IT UP DAY** will be Nov 2 this year. Sister Thea Bowman School, one of the greatest accomplishments of our Diocese, is coming here for upper grades. This is always one of the best days of the year

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** will be out next week to make appointments on October 24th and 26th. **The Builders Club will have a dance for Grades 6-7-8 (ICS and registered PSR only) from 7:30-9:30 on Thursday night, October 26.** No school the next day. Admission for members is \$5 which includes dues of \$2 and \$3 for Grade 6. The Family Affair will spin the spooky music and there is a costume contest. See Reece Ward for questions.

**National Quilt Museum - School Block Challenge** Our ICS team has won this competition three times Taking 1, 2 and 3rd place In our category last year. That had never been done before. Open to all students 4-8 grade. We start on Tuesday, October 10 , 3-5pm with a quick tutorial on past winners, quilt patterns old and new in addition to some freeform styles.

Tues. Oct. 10	Thursday, Oct. 12	Tuesday, Oct. 17	Wed. Oct. 18
Monday, Oct. 23	Thurs. Oct.26	Tues. Oct. 31	Thurs. Nov. 2
Tues. Nov. 7	Thurs. Nov. 9	Tues. Nov. 14	Thurs. Nov. 16
Tues. Nov. 28	Thurs. Nov 30		

All sessions from 3-5pm in Mrs. Weiler room. Attend as many sessions that you NEED to finish. You do not need to attend all of the dates, only what you need to finish and what works with your schedule. We teach you how to sew, piece, iron, cut and make patterns, so come and learn a new art form.

We need help sewing, if you have a machine and some time we could use your help.

Email [cfetcho@icsmail.org](mailto:cfetcho@icsmail.org)

We look forward to seeing you. Mrs. Fetcho & Mrs. Weiler.

**“If you take that thing off will your arm fall off” asked Audrey?** (No, but when I am done with it, I can use it for my terminal over-bite!) I had a spill here on 9/25. Sling-bound. Since then, lots of “how did it happen”, “hey there’s something different about you---did you get a haircut?” and lots of conversation starting. Anyhow, surgery on October 18<sup>th</sup> to put the muscle back. Good news is I haven’t hit any wrong chords on the guitar. Bad news is I am singing louder to compensate. Life is always a challenge and I can’t believe all the “God-winks” from this OUCHEE!

**Picture Retake day will all be Wednesday, 10/18/17 Starting about 9:30 after mass in the gym.** If your child was absent during school picture day please have them dress up for retake day. If there was an issue with your child’s picture and you want them retaken, please write a note explaining the reason for the retake and send it with the package you ordered on retake day. Expectable reasons for retakes: Glass glare, out of focus and eyes closed, bad do etc.

**All Immaculate Conception Parish Fathers & Sons (or Grandsons, Nephews, etc)** ages Preschool-8th Grade are invited to come out for the first ICS Father & Son Fishing Tournament on Sunday October 22 from 3-5PM at Herbeck Lake. [Please click here for details](#) and return the registration form & money to the ICS Office by Friday 10/13.

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT** Which fabulous ICS business owners would like to sponsor this year's trivia night? This is a very affordable sponsorship for businesses to promote their product/services. Our ICS family try to stay loyal to one another, but we can't be your customer if we don't know about you. And non-local business owners, please remember we know how to spend money outside of Columbia! Contact Kara Boyd ([knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com)) or [click here](#) for more information.

**ICS Trivia Night- Saturday November 4** [click here for flyer](#)  
Time: 7pm, Doors open at 6pm Place: ICS Gym  
Price: \$150 per table (Limit 10 people per table)  
Extra: Silent Auction, 50/50, Heads or Tails, Booze Raffle  
SNL dress up theme optional, prize for best costume  
BYOB and Snacks **Reserve your table today**  
with [tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net](mailto:tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net)  
**Questions? Contact Jessica Wachtel** [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663)

**\$75 fine...Don't park** in the drop off lane on the south side of Liberty Street? This is designed for traffic flow. If you need to get out, park on the north side of Liberty (past the driveway) (or anywhere else but the drop off lane!). Thanks! Just 15 more months...

**GOOD LUCK TO THE DEFENDING CHAMP VIANNEY ACADEMIC TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS TEAM** on Monday, Oct. 9. Each team is comprised of three 8th graders and two 7th graders. The contest will be in a new scholar bowl type format this year. **Threepeat?** Thanks Coach Karen Weiler!

**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!

**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!

**Young Authors Fall 2017** Winning stories from k-4th will be presented at the Young Authors' assembly, at school, on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:55 pm.

**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](mailto:karenslundy@gmail.com) or [ebrutton@icsmail.org](mailto:ebrutton@icsmail.org) if you are interested. Thanks! Mrs. Lundy

**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!

### **THANKS!**

**St. Raymond's** Collection this month: \$131.60

**MAGAZINE DRIVE** Go to [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) --- order on-line. Our ID # is 2710556. We get 40%! **\$12495.50 PROFIT** so far!

**Papa John's! \$156.21! Best ever!** Thank you!



~ Congratulations ~ AGAIN! We are contacting you today to let you know that your local Schnucks store has selected

**Immaculate Conception School** as the **November** recipient of the Schnucks - Bags 4 My Cause program *featuring the "Giving" bag!*

**WHEN:** The entire month of November

**WHICH SCHNUCKS?** [1000 Columbia Centre Dr., Columbia IL](#)

**HOW DOES IT WORK?** For every "Giving" bag sold during the

month of November at this location, you will receive a \$1 donation! **The Schnucks - Bags 4 My Cause program is simple and fun!** *As a reminder...*

1. Check out the Marketing Toolkit and program details at

[schnucks.bags4mycause.com](http://schnucks.bags4mycause.com).

2. Share the news with your staff, supporters & the community.

3. They visit your assigned store during your benefiting month & buy the "Giving" bag.

4. Each bag sold equals a \$1 donation to you!

**Remember** - Only the sale of the "Giving" bag will support your cause! We are also doing this during October in the Cahokia Schnucks if you shop there. (Say hi to my brother-in-law Rick who is store manager.)

### **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

**Grades 5,6,7,8**-next Wednesday Mr. Anderson is coming down around 9-9:15 to hand out basketball uniforms. All sports fees must be paid up for uniforms to be given out.

**School and Soccer Pictures** were sent home on, 9/29/17. Please check your child's backpacks. Fall and soccer pictures are packed together.

If you ordered a **digital file** and you did not receive it, is probably because you did not supply an e-mail address on the order form. If this is the case please e-mail [pam@martykeeven.com](mailto:pam@martykeeven.com) with your child's name and home room and she will get it you.

### **CROSS COUNTRY!**



ANY 5-8 grade student are invited to join the Oct. 10th race in Fort de Chartres. They can email me with questions! It's a good opportunity for anyone to try it out. We will leave school that day around 1:45 from ICS and ride bus with Gibault. We had a terrific time today with the Gibault cc team and would love for more kids to join next week! I need to know by Thursday so Mr. Hart can sign them up. Susan Dalpoas

### **GIBAULT NEWS...**

**Comparing high schools?** Our innovative schedule and electronic curriculum will get your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> 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@gibalthawks.com](mailto:pherzing@gibalthawks.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@gibalthawks.com](mailto:gibault@gibalthawks.com) for information, donations or reservations. Thank you!

**Another Save the date!** Gibault Catholic Open House, November 5, from 11AM – 2PM. You just have to take a look at the modular schedule, future-oriented school where opportunity abounds with all the chances to get involved! Mike Kish '03-honorary grad.

**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 find the registration form below, 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).

**The Dorothy Weinel Eppinger Foundation is sponsoring the Arianna Quartet at St. Paul's U.C.C.** Saturday night. This is a chance for bringing culture into your family. They travel internationally and are based in St. Louis. We have had them here 2 years ago for an assembly. The Foundation is also hosting Shakespeare St. Louis for us in the Spring. The workshop will be on **Romeo and Juliet**.



**Arianna  
String  
Quartet**

St. Paul UCC  
127 St. Paul St.  
Columbia, IL  
618 660-5790

**Saturday  
October 7, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

Hailed for their outstanding musicianship, the Arianna String Quartet has firmly established itself as one of America's finest chamber ensembles. The Arianna Quartet has appeared throughout North America, South America, Europe and Asia, with frequent visits to Brazil and South Africa. The acoustics of St. Paul UCC will provide a perfect setting for this quartet.



**Eppinger  
Foundation**

**Free  
Concert**

**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>

January 17    March 21    June 20    August 8    Oct 3

All from 6-8p.m. All in Garden Level of church.

**GRADS IN THE NEWS...**  
**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION**



September 2017  
COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2018 NATIONAL MERIT®  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The principal, Russell Hart, of Gibault Catholic High School announced today that **Elena Biske** and Andrew Unverferth have been named Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

“The young men and women being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”



**impromptu visit from Fr. Carl---** The Kindergarten Classes were so excited to see Fr. Carl and they asked to peek into his homily bag (which he used for the upper grade Mass Tuesday). He pulled out some of his signature hats. He said that each hat represented a different country because we need to love people everywhere. The Kinders got a kick out of seeing his hats and guessing which country each one represented. One was the U.S., and another was from China , (worn by Maria). Next he pulled out a hat that looked like a pizza..."Which country does this represent?" he asked. Little Joey eagerly responded, "Hungary"! Pretty clever!

**BUILD US INTO THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE** daily shirts: Alex Hrdlicka, Kyra



Newton, Eva Haywood, Henry Schulte, Michael Wessel, Malia Schaffer, Sam Bollone, Lillian Kolweier, Nick Doerr, Kate Adams, Joseph Tyler. We are God's Walking billboard with or without the shirt!

**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

**YOUR REAP WHAT YOU SOW** You can't plant corn and harvest beans. You can "double crop" and get both the same year though. This Sunday we are reminded that God doesn't want us hurt, want us to die, want us not to be fruitful. These are choices we make and God's natural law which runs everything. If we cannot get along with our classmates, neighbors, and fellow workers, how can we whine that the world should be any different than what we sow? God's first commandment was 'Be fruitful and multiply'. And God didn't just mean sexually but in all ways. So sow good and reap good. And come to The table to enjoy and be grateful for God's bounty to us!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS George Couros TedTalk him!

PS No School tomorrow. Diocesan Teachers Institute in Fairview Heights. Buses are running for C.C.U. #4 but not for us! No School Monday in honor of Christopher Columbus!

PS I asked the Kindergarten what Fr. Carl was going to do Wednesday night. "*Baptize our pets*" said Emmalyn. Lots of jokes about this one. Pets are a blessing and St. Francis reminds us to love all creation!

PS



Last Sunday Fr. Carl said the question of the week was "How's Dan Whelan doing?" And then he gave



Dan the microphone. The smile is still there and the fight is still there. Praying for a miracle yet heaven is in his sight and he doesn't want to leave his family. No words to describe his courage, attitude, and inspiration....and today he is in the classroom presenting to Grade 4 on flight. Dan Whelan is the miracle!



*The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton*  
*Bishop of Belleville*

**October 2, 2017**

**The Memorial of the Guardian Angels**

**Dear Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Parish Life Coordinators, and  
Department Directors,**

**I join all of you in sadness and deep distress in the aftermath of the terrible mass shooting last night in Las Vegas, Nevada. This act of unspeakable evil which resulted in the deaths of more than 50 people and the injuries to more than 200 others is, tragically, the deadliest act of mass murder in the history of our country. It is not possible to phantom what prompts one human being to systematically destroy the lives of so many of his fellow human beings.**

**I ask you to pray for all who have died during your morning Masses this week and during any gathering of the Christian Faithful. Please include a petition for those who have died and those injured and for an end to such senseless violence in all of your Masses this weekend.**

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is violence and conflict let us bring harmony and reconciliation.**

**Appreciatively yours in Christ,**

*+Edward K. Braxton*

**Bishop of Belleville**