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**CELEBRATING 162 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.*

***OPEN THE DOORS OF MERCY!***

October 29, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

**BUILDERS CLUB DANCE TONIGHT FROM 7:00-9:30!!!** Gr. 6-7-8. No school tomorrow! Admittance is good behavior and \$3 plus \$2 Builders Club dues from Gr. 7 and 8. Chaperons needed!

**LUNCH CHANGE:** We are in need of upping our lunch count in this era of restrictive bureaucracy and national "health consciousness". We are really paying attention to what we hear while trying to disguise what we have to serve to meet compliance.

- 1) Starting in November, we will go back to offering chef salad or cheese and crackers as an alternate to the main entrée for grades K-2.
- 2) We are in need of a part-time cafeteria worker and an occasional volunteer worker.

Thanks for your help!

**CONGRATULATIONS ICS ART TEAM reminder-** Sunday, November 1st awards ceremony at Gibault in Waterloo at 1:00pm in the auditorium. Claire Huebner, Maggie Schulte, Megan Levin, Jessica Lambert, Noble Faris, Noah Chism, Reagan Herrmann, Kalia Jerkatis, Mary Clare Murphy, Marie Prindiville, Ally Curry and Jacob Whitworth. Good luck to our team! Jeans day on Monday, November 2 for Art Team. See you there. Mrs. Fetcho - call/text with questions.

**Time for Chess!** We have another great turn-out for the chess team this year! Therefore, we will break practices into two groups again. We will have a lower grade group (grades 1-3) and upper grade group (grades 4-8). Practices will be held from **3:00-4:15 every other Tuesday for each group** and the groups will alternate weeks. Contact Mrs. Herrmann ( [cherrmann@icsmail.org](mailto:cherrmann@icsmail.org) ) with any questions. **Schedule:**

**Lower Grades (1-3):**- November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15, January 12, January 19, February 2, February 16, March 1, March 15

**Upper Grades (4-8):** November 10, November 24, December 8, January 5, January 12, January 26, February 9, February 23, March 8, March 22

\*\*Mrs. Herrmann is directing all chess emails to her new email address. If your child is playing chess but you have not yet received an email, please contact her at [cherrmann@icsmail.org](mailto:cherrmann@icsmail.org) to be placed on the distribution list.

**BUILDERS CLUB...** HUNGER IS SCARY food drive October 26-November 3. People need to eat all year. Our goal is 1573 items to beat last year. Ramen Noodles count as ½. 3 Class prizes! Bring to your room to be tabulated so the poor can eat!

**Godspell Jr. pictures** can be viewed at [www.keevenevents.com](http://www.keevenevents.com)  
There is no password

**SPEECH** Practice next week after school Monday thru Thursday. Meet is November 14th in Freeburg. More information to follow with the speech students.

**SMITHSONIAN WATER/WAYS EXHIBITION** From October 22 to December 3 sponsored by the Valmeyer Community Heritage Society watch the papers for the times. The exhibit explores the significance of water in the human experience from a wide range of perspectives. The community of Valmeyer was flooded out in August of 1993 during a 500 year flood that was larger than Lake Superior. This would be a great family experience.

**Nov. 5 & 6, the Eppinger Foundation is hosting a trio of authentic Japanese instrumentalists from New York City - Kyo Shin An Arts.** The ensemble will be available for a performance on Thursday morning and that afternoon. There will be a free concert on Friday evening at Immaculate Conception Church at 7 p.m.

**THE MESSENGER CHRISTMAS WRITING PROJECT:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-through 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students  
"A Prayer for Christmas." --- make it personal ---no word count limit---quality not quantity---due by Nov. 30. [editor@bellevillemessenger.org](mailto:editor@bellevillemessenger.org)

**I HAVE HEARD IT SAID AND I BELIEVE IT IS TRUE THAT THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR MY SCHOOL IS TO MAKE IT A SAFE PLACE TO FAIL...THAT'S THE WAY WE LEARN BEST.** A great part of life's anxiety is worrying about failure and what other's think of us. There are 3 people living in me---one worrying about how others see me---one worrying about how I see me---one that knows how God sees me. Dwell on the last one and forget the other two. If you do that, anxiety is manageable. Mrs. Lundy says it a lot better in this week's comments:

### **COUSELOR'S CORNER**

I am seeing more and more children who are struggling with anxiety. For that matter, I am seeing more and more PEOPLE who are struggling with anxiety. A defining issue can be our extreme busy-ness and our need to succeed. I too fall prey to these demands (so much so, that I began writing this article in SEPTEMBER). The question is, what is self-imposed and what is imposed upon us? We actually CAN choose.

Know for sure that part of dealing with and treating the symptoms of World 2015 is to live and be IN it. For children, teaching balance, giving self-esteem, and affirming your child's uniqueness is your job. We don't shoot for eliminating anxiety, we work on managing it. Although it is always great to eliminate something, a realistic goal is a better place to begin.

Respect your child's feelings and be realistic. Your child may not be great at soccer or an A student, so the anxiety that accompanies wanting to be something he/she is not must be tempered with reality. Try not to reinforce fears by asking questions that are too leading, "Are you worried about your science test?" Instead, focus on solutions. If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me and we can discuss the issues and together we can find solutions!

Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor

~"The teaching never stops!"

**FULL STEWARDSHIP** Our budget is down 4 %. The economy is up. Please keep up you stewardship commitment. Pay God first and the other bills will fall into place!

**ST. LOUIS BLUES DC FUNDRAISER!** We have 100 tickets available to Tuesday, December 8, 2015 game vs Arizona Coyotes at 7 pm. Tickets are \$30 each and the seats are in section 308-309. Please contact Penny Prindiville at 314-707-0783 or pmprindy@yahoo.com. Let me know which 8th grader you want to buy from! Deadline is November 13, 2015



**PLATO HAD HIS SOCRATES, AQUINAS HAD HIS ALBERT THE GREAT, AND MATT HAKE HAD HIS TOM STUBBS!**

The second graders attended an educational concert at Powell Hall on Wednesday. Here I am with Charlie and Tom Stubbs of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. I studied percussion with Tom for 4 year while attending SLU. He has been member of the SLSO since 1970. He specializes in playing cymbals and is the Assistant Principal Timpanist.

Studying with Tom helped shape me into the musician and educator I am today. Thanks to Emily Meyer and Sarah Diewald and the second grade for letting me tag along! Mr. Hake

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS...**

**LASER TAG AT THE EDGE**-No school on October 30---what to do? Play laser tag at The Edge in Belleville from 12-3:00. (Ages 7 and above---\$20 for unlimited games of laser tag---some moms last year had a lunch date there while the kids played laser tag) Thanks to Michelle Guetterman!

**CALLING ALL BUSINESS OWNERS: Trivia Night Sponsors Needed!**

Ten lucky businesses will have the opportunity to be featured at this year's trivia night. For \$100, each sponsor will be designated to a particular round. During that round, the business' logo will appear on all of the PowerPoint slides and answer sheets given to each team for that particular round. Additionally, our very outgoing emcee for the evening will do a mini commercial for each sponsor encouraging guests to patronize the business. Sponsors will also be featured on our school and Parents and Friends' Facebook pages, which consist of more than 700 members.

We are asking for commitments by Nov 7. Please contact Kara Boyd at [\(618\) 444-6502](tel:6184446502) or [knboyd2@yahoo.com](mailto:knboyd2@yahoo.com) if you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring.

Thanks, Kara Boyd

**ICS Trivia Night- Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>** Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 7pm in the Gym More info to follow! Reservations: [Tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net](mailto:Tammy.hoeflinger@charter.net)

**MCTEACHER NIGHT IS NOVEMBER 17** RONALD MCDONALD IS COMING---ATTENDANCE PRIZES---BUY GIFT CARDS AND WE GET 20%

**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:3147071045) or [h\\_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:h_blaskiewicz@yahoo.com).

**THE SPORTING NEWS...**

**Taco Night here on Nov. 4 during games vs. St. Clare** Cheap and plenty good eating with profits going to defray costs of ICY attending the NCYC in Indianapolis.

**ICS/Joe Hoguet Golf Tourney Another \$550.00** came in from the Golf Tourney!

This was split between the computer lab and athletics. Thank you!

**THANKS! Magazine Drive** Bill Me Later Program---another \$23.60---1093 subscriptions so far---\$10,334 profit and then there is the on-line sales!

**THANKS** for \$14 from the Corporate Employee Giving Program!  
**From Tammy Prater-May**



**ASK ME ABOUT MY MERCY SHIRT** Charley Stewart-Aubry Thomas-Molly Tippen-Eli Garcia-Lilly Barnett-Ava Hake-Jane Whelan-Hope Pollman-Dominic Dalpoas-Josh Matthews-Kaylum Furlow-Avery Herrmann-Kyra Newton-Marisa McGill-Jessica Lambert-Owen Dill-Thomas Schaefer-Ava Langhans-Keegan Thompson-Nick Traiteur-Grant Monheiser-Gali Palicious-Goudey-Steven Schaefer- Shawn Stuart-Izzy Foutch-Sophia Schuette-Alex Bira-Glenn Powers-Owen Dalpoas-Ava Hrdlicka-Josie Thomas-Kaiden Timmons-Jaylyn Brister-Lindsey Harget-Lila Griffin-Emma Tyler-Broedy Furlow-Rhyan Ward-Noah Newton-Ryan Gallagher

### **GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**GIBAULT MOVIE NIGHT:** Here are some details (grades 6-8):

Doors open: 6:30PM                      Movie starts: 7:00PM

Snacks – we have some snacks, but moviegoers are encouraged to bring their own if they wish

Drinks – we will provide drinks. This movie night will be picnic style – bring quilts, blankets, pillows to spread out on the floor of the cafeteria for viewing comfort ☐

Blessings, Pat Herzing Gibault Catholic High School

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Sunday, Nov 1, 11AM -2PM** Short sessions available on scholarships/financial aid and our electronic curriculum. Personal guided tours---art on display--- band--- chorus rehearsals, scholar bowl demonstration, faculty meet and greet, club/organization displays, sports info, and so much more! No reservation needed. Questions? [pherzing@gibaultonline.com](mailto:pherzing@gibaultonline.com) or 939-3883.

### **PARISH NEWS...**

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will be singing at mass Nov. 22 at the 9 a.m. Mass. We will NOT have practice on the 4th (I will be out of town) OR the 11th (holiday). Any children Grades 2-8 interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Lundy.

**Annual Blue Mass** Honoring all First Responders: Police, Firefighters & EMS

**Sunday November 1, 2015 9 a.m. Mass** Immaculate Conception Church 411 Palmer Road

All First Responders will process in with Fr. Carl and have reserved seating. Please wear your uniforms. A reception will follow in the Garden Level. **If attending kindly contact the Parish Office by Wednesday October 28, 618-281-5105**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Fall Festival & Hayride**

Saturday, November 7th starting around 6:00 pm---IC Church Lower Parking Lot

Everyone is invited to an evening of food, fun and fellowship. We will begin the night's festivities by honoring our Holy Mother Mary with the Living Rosary. Candles, torches, and a huge rosary rope will make this a special experience for all ages. After the rosary, food will be served that includes chili, hot dogs as well as smores and hot apple cider. Hayrides for kids and adults will be available throughout the evening. We would appreciate if families with last names starting with A-M bring a "small" dessert and those with last names starting with N-Z bring a "small" side dish. Questions? Nick Matrisotto-281-0427, Ted Haney-281-5990, Brian Repp-281-9547.



## COMMUNITY NEWS...

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**Daniel Webster**, an Albuquerque police officer (and brother of our good friend and co-worker from St Louis, Doug Webster), was shot multiple times last night in the line of duty. He is in critical condition and has already had multiple surgeries. We are asking for prayers for him and his family. Thank you. Doug & Lynetta Newton

**Bob Hayden**, Rob Powers step-brother, died from cancer at age 30 leaving 2 small children. Please pray for him and his family. **Johanna Ling**, mother of Judy Kinane and Denis Ling of our Tinkers, has died at age 101. She will be laid to rest on Saturday in Ellis Grove.



Diana M. Sugden

Born: August 14, 1951

Died: October 25, 2015

Diana M. Sugden, 64 yrs., of Columbia, IL, passed away suddenly, surrounded by her family at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. Diana's husband Ed has been our Yearbook Rep for over 25 years. He is very generous to our school in keeping the cost down and getting us a much better product. Ed and Diana's children Christina and Eddy are graduates. Please keep the family in your prayers. Death comes like a thief in the night but death never wins with our faith. God's peace to Diana and all who loved her!

**PRAYERS:** Dominic Matrisotto, Daniel Webster, Marcella Heinrichs, Rick Abrahamson, Bob Hayden, Denise Conner, Arlin Stechmesser, Josephine Chapman, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, **Special Intention**

**FOR THE SPIRITUALLY POOR...** Oscar Romero, the sainted Bishop of El Salvador said this about the poor, "the poor have much to teach the world about the good news and the true meaning of the Beatitudes". Preaching the Beatitudes Romero said: " Christ was sowing a moral revolution in which we human beings come to change ourselves from our worldly thinking...Society says, Blessed are the rich, but Jesus said, Blessed are the poor...The poor have shown the true way to go. A Church that does not join the poor in order to speak out from the side of the poor...is not the true church of Jesus Christ." Now you know why the wealthy land owners, arranged to have him shot at the altar during mass. **When Jesus said the world's struggling and poor were blest, Jesus in effect was issuing a "Bill of Rights" for the reign of God He, Jesus, had come to establish.** That kingdom would not be compromised by the world's so called chosen, the rich, the satisfied, the glad handed elite. It would be the chosen of God, the poor, the lowly, the sorrowing and all mentioned in the Beatitudes on which the kingdom was to be built. Jesus not only said it, he modeled it. He lived it. He sought out and served the special need of these special members of the kingdom by word and works. Jesus lived the ethic of how membership in the kingdom was to be attained (showing mercy, accepting persecution for holiness sake and all the beatitude blessings.) By a similar service, work ethic and association with the needy, the believers in Jesus will also find a share in the blessedness Jesus pronounced upon them. (Borrowed from my good friend again---so well-put!

**Mike Kish**  
**Principal**

## **Ps No school tomorrow!**

Ps Today--- is it National Candy Carl Day or Corn Day?

Ps Fall back this Sunday! (You get an extra hour of sleep!)

Ps All Saints Day is Sunday and All Souls is Monday night with a 7:00 pm Mass. This is a great time for us to recall all our family and friends who have passed on this past year.

Ps Workday New and old Church November 14

Ps INITIAL CHILD PROTECTION Policy training is Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 in the lower level of our new Church. Please get this done once and for all and save yourself the grief down-the-road!

## **Band Schedule Week of Nov 2-6**

### Monday

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

8:35-9:05 5th Flute

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

10:35-11:05 4th Flutes

11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

### Tuesday

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

8:55-9:25 6th-8th Trumpet

9:25-9:55 5th Clarinet

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn

11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone

11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

### 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 6th-8th Percussion

9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone

9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass

11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass

11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

### Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass

8:35-9:05 5th Percussion

9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet

10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals

11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

