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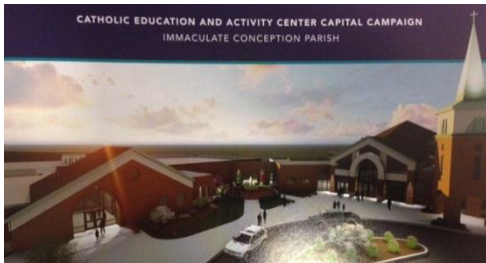
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

December 2, 2016

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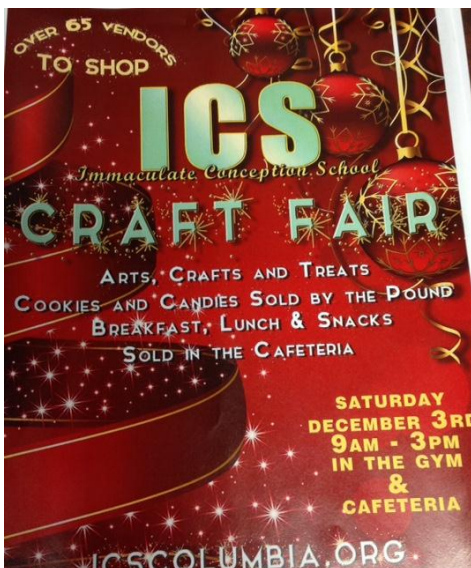
THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



Capital Campaign---Catholic Education and Activity Center .

A task like ours to raise \$11,600,000.00 to get to a new campus is daunting. How do you keep up momentum? How do you get people to buy-in? To not have that normal human feeling to ask "what's in it for me"? I may not have the answers but I do have the faith that we will get this done, that people will pay in the future their debt to the past, and that the Holy Spirit is alive and well here in our parish, even when things don't happen as fast as the Principal wants. So my belief must also be wrapped in humble gratitude for all the work that has been done and continues. Every phone call, every knock at the door, every commitment on the signature line is a reminder that God lives, that we believe we need facilities to help us better find God in each other, and prayer works as long as you believe and act. God helps those who help themselves? Yes, indeed. We proved it here in 1846, 1853, 1867, 1920, 1927, 1950, 1960, 1987, 2013! Go you campaigners and open your doors you parishioners!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS CRAFT FAIR 77 tables sold! **Come and get your Christmas spirit** this Saturday from 9:00-3:00. We need break-down help at 3:00. It is fun to be the "Wreckin' Crew".

Cookie Booth We are asking for 3 dozen per child . Home-made please. Get them here by 8:00.

ICS DINNER AUCTION February 11th --- The Falls --- You!.



18th Annual Immaculate Conception Parish Christmas Party

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus---**FOR ALL THE PARISH!**

*Saturday, December 10, 2016 in the ICS Gym

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Dancing until 10:30 p.m.

Soda & Beer Included with meal! The ICS Jazz Band will perform at 6:00!

Music and Dancing provided by "A Family Affair"

Visit from Santa Claus! ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Reservations are required! Please pay in advance.

Please contact John Haubrich for reservations at [618-281-6021](tel:618-281-6021)

or email John at kcchristmasparty@gmail.com

*Ticket information: *Adults (13 and older): \$12

*Children (ages 7-12): \$6 *Kids 6 and under: FREE!



The Regional Office of Education and generous sponsors provided guest speaker **Kevin Brooks** for students in Columbia today. This Canadian gave us a powerful message and dedicated his talk to his best friend Brendon who died while with him as he was driving drunk with Kevin ending up in a wheelchair for the rest of his life, Jordan to suicide, and Chris to gunshot-wrong place at the wrong time. Kevin's message was one of hope as Brendon's family forgave him and he was able to reclaim his life. Life is full of tragedy. We can make it better by being "noticers" who reach out to help or seek help ourselves. The gift of time always holds the hope of a better future or something to look forward too, even when the future is not bright. It is our living human response to hold on to hope for ourselves and give it to each other that will make a difference. A magnet with phone numbers for whom to call will be sent home soon and take the place of the flyer passed out today. Thanks to CHS Principal Kevin Moore and Mrs. Angela Huels for their hospitality to us and the Regional Office for taking the initiative. If your

children come home with the story, take the time to talk to them. Mrs. Lundy is available here to help and it all starts with noticing and acting.

ICS is having a Spirit Wear fundraiser...just in time for Christmas! Your child should've received a form. You can see the items at the craft fair, stop by our booth. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jessi Gianino. @ jessicawaldron13@yahoo.com Thanks for your support!

Looking for a fun thing to do over Christmas break? ~~ 8th grade is having a rollerskating party at Rollercade in South County on Wednesday, December 28th from 2-4. Tickets are 10.00 per person and that includes roller skates. If you want inline skates it is an additional 3.00. If you are interested in tickets please send money in to the ICS Office marked Rollerskating and if you have a specific 8th grader that you want the credit to go to, please mark in envelope. If you have an questions please contact Sue Dalpoas at 314.265.4263 or Ellen Sippel at 314.283.8310. Thank you!

MAGAZINE DRIVE Our drive kicks-off on Monday, January 9, 2017. But why wait? Magazines make great gifts---gifts that give all year long. To order online anytime---your child will get credit during the drive--- go to www.gaschoolstore.com I.D. 2710556 You can't sell if you don't ask! Another check today for \$120.60 profit!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is next Thursday. Please join us at 8:15 for Mass. Same schedule as All Saints on November 1. Let your teacher know about transportation. The same permission form suffices. *Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!*

The Perfect Christmas Gifts for Teachers! Buying Christmas gifts for teachers can be challenging. On one hand, you would like to give a thoughtful, useful gift. On the other hand, it's hard to know what to buy, and there are so many teachers that cost may become an issue. Parents and Friends have developed a cash gift program that has been very popular with parents in the past. On Monday, each family will receive a letter explaining more about the program and a contribution envelope for you to use if you decide to participate. This program is not a fundraiser – all contributions go to the faculty and staff and participation is completely voluntary. If your family would like to participate, simply send in your contribution by Friday, Dec. 16. Your contribution will be divided between your children's primary teachers and other teachers and staff like Mr. Kish and Mrs. Epplin, and the Band, Computer, PE, Spanish and Art teachers and your children's names will be on the Christmas cards of all his/her teachers and staff. If you have any questions, please contact Lynetta Newton at Lsnewton@htc.net. Merry Christmas!

FATHERS CLUB MEETING - Monday Dec 5th 8pm-9pm ICS Cafeteria. 9pm-- head over to Merz. All Dads are welcome to discuss future events and impact we can make on new education facility. See you then. Devin Dalpoas

ARTS INTEGRATION is an Approach to Teaching in which students construct and demonstrate Understanding through an Art Form. Students engage in a Creative Process which Connects an art form and another subject area and meets Evolving Objectives in both.

THE GRIFFIN CENTER Sr. Beth Ruder, D.C.(Daughter of Charity) called about spreading joy to over 500 students at the DeShields Project through Catholic Urban Programs. With that notorious, winner-take all, shopping event right after Thanksgiving coming up, you may want to have your child select a Christmas gift they would like to get. We are committed to 100 gifts(we usually average 130-160) for a boy or girl with the age marked on it. If you can wrap it, that would be great. Otherwise, the Builders Club will be happy to wrap them. Delivery is December 16. Make sure the games and gifts are peaceful! Thanks for spreading the joy of the birth of the King!

Joy of love tee shirts this week--- Eli Thebeau, Sadie Metz, Reagan Kenner!

PAPA JOHN'S 25 Papa Points will redeem a large 3 topping pizza! \$10 minimum purchase required to receive 25 Papa Points. Must be a Papa Reward Member. This Papa Reward Free Pizza is valid through 5-30-17.

NCEA CONVENTION StL is April 17-19. April 18-19 are teacher in-service days. No school here.

St. Louis is the 40th largest Diocese in the country but has the 8th largest number of schools. Interesting facts: The Old Cathedral is the only piece of property in Missouri that doesn't have a deed. The property was owned by the Archdiocese since before Missouri was a state. It was the first cathedral west of the Mississippi. St. Louis was the second diocese in the U.S. following Baltimore with Bishop Kenrick as the first Bishop

140 schools serving 39,256 students---113 elementary schools and 27 secondary schools.
12% of students are not Catholic, 14% are members of racial minorities, and 11% of students have diagnosed disabilities
37% of Catholic elementary students are in Catholic elementary schools compared to 15% nationally.
32% of all Catholic high school age children are in a Catholic high school compared to 12% nationally.
3,000 teachers serve the archdiocese are paid 60-70% of comparable public school salaries. Robert K. Carlson is Archbishop of St. Louis.

Chess 2016-2017 Practice Schedule:

Practices for Grades 1&2: Tues 12/6, Tues 1/10, Tues 1/31, Tues 2/21, Tues 3/14

Practices for Grades 3&4: WEDNESDAY 12/14 Tues 1/17, Tues 2/7, Tues 2/28, Tues 3/21

Practices for grades 5-8: Tues 12/20, Tues 1/24, Tues 2/14, Tues 3/7, Tues 3/28

MARY BOSER is the new President of the Key Club sponsored by the Kiwanis for Columbia High School. She will do a great job!



Gibault Hawkapellas Would you believe we have 6 of the 8 fabulous ladies who comprise this musical treat to the world? Rachel Lindauer, **Elena Biske, Sophie Spurgeon,** Grace Floarke, **Morgan Ladyman, Lucy Settle, Isabella Garcia, Sarah Rose** Another kudo to Mrs. Babcock and Mrs. Lundy! Hearing is believing!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5CCA5Ssu_4g

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEcl7kRMQvk>

THANKS to Your Cause Corporate Giving Programs for a match of \$14 and \$84! You have honored us again!

St. Raymond \$59.93 from December 1 collection. Thanks!

THE SPORTING NEWS...Funderwear Game tonight vs. SPPCS on the Gibault Floor!
BASKETBALL TEAM PICTURES will take place on Dec. 12.

5th Boys 4:45 (home game 5:30)

7th Girls 5:00 (no game)

5th Girls 5:15 (no game)

6th Boys 5:30 (home game 6:15?)

6th Girls 5:45 (no game)

8th Girls 6:00 (no game)

8th Boys 6:15 (home game 7:00?)

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS... Placement Test for the incoming Class of 2021 TOMORROW---Saturday, December 3, from 8:30-11:45. The test is given free of charge, please RSVP to Susan Mackin (smackin@gibaultonline.com).

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: The Family Fully Alive reminds us the theme for December is: "Because God is the Lord of mercy, we want to begin anew by helping heal our family wounds and promoting forgiveness"

Can we, as a family, renew our own "spiritual conversion" by going to confession more frequently?

DECEMBER Family Project Go to confession together as a family. **DECEMBER 11 AT 3:00 AT**

SACRED HEART IN DUPO. Go as a family and then go out for ice cream and some family fun.

Young children may need guidance in preparing for the sacrament; discuss with them how one might sin in regard to the Commandments and precepts of the Church. Older children might instead independently review A Guide to Confession (#2075) or a similar examination of conscience. Share

with your children that although it's normal to feel some shame when preparing for confession, it should not be something to fear. Through reconciliation and penance, a person is released from the burden of sin and gifted with great graces.

OUR CONDOLENCES to Holly Blaskiewicz and family on the loss of her good friend **Sanela Spahic** to pancreatic cancer at age 41. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Marilyn Kay, nee Metter, Borcharding, 65 yrs., of Waterloo, IL, and formerly of Columbia, IL. She was born in Belleville, IL, the daughter of Harold and **Dorothy(our parish organist for over 40 years)**, nee Herrmann, Metter of Columbia, IL. Marilyn had worked as a legal secretary with Bryan Cave Law Offices, St. Louis, MO. She was married to the late Donald C. Borcharding. They were married on November 5, 1971. He had passed away April 19, 2008. **Visitation** Saturday, December 3, 2016, 10:00 am - 11:00 am Lawlor Funeral Home **Funeral Services**

Saturday, December 3, 2016, 11:00 am Lawlor Funeral Home Fr. Carl Scherrer, officiating

Memorial Contribution Suggestions As an expression of sympathy, the family prefers memorial contributions to: Helping Strays of Monroe County, 4221 Hanover Road, Columbia, IL 62236, or Immaculate Conception Catholic Education & Activities Center Building Fund. **Survivors:** Parents, Harold C. and Dorothy A., nee Herrmann, Metter of Columbia, IL, Brother, Steven (Mary Sue) Metter of Columbia, IL Sister, Connie (Larry) Costello of Kirkwood, MO, Nieces and Nephews, Stephanie Metter, Abbey and Kelly Metter, Brandon, Kevin, and Andrew Costello, and Jon Borcharding

Also Preceded In Death By Brother, Alan Metter

Delores Delevseki, ICS supporter, is recovering from a trip to the hospital for some viral condition. Please keep on of the Founders of IC Bingo and the IC Picnic in your prayers!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Delores Delevseki, Dan Borisuk, Denise Conner, Leigh-Anne Feldker, Maggie Williamson, Dan Whelan, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Josh Ritter, Stella Moll, Gertrude Scherrer, Henry Scott Dabbs, Carolyn Baker, Scott Schaefer, Katy Basinski, Chrissy Hoeflinger, Barbara Buchheit, Angie Rose, Ken Bolton, Nick Carron, Mary Giovanni, Roy Lansing, Sis Blaes, Arlin Stechmesser, Marcella Heinrichs, Florence Dorshorst, Bill Pennock, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure,

“Grandpa, guess who I get to be in the play? I get to be Frankincense!”

Advent is not a poetic make-believe or a nostalgic historical pageant(from G.I.A. publications). The grandpa question is original though. We are a liturgical people in the Church, molded by the season we re-visit during the Church year. Our highpoint is found in being Easter People, People of the Eucharist! As for now, we are Advent People. We have a destiny date with God in this recollection. I recently read an article on Catholic Men not being in touch with the Church. I wish it wasn't true but it is. And sometimes I fear for the future of the Church. But then I remember the Holy Spirit is at work. Catholic men won't be active in the Church because Mike Piazza is or Terry Anderson is or Mike Kish is. Each of us has to form our relationship with God and get over our 8th grade mentality of Christianity and seek what it means to follow Christ. I am always touched by a dad who comes to Mass during the week because he works weekends. His Sabbath is real. Our families deserve dads who will lead their families to faith. Our God deserves our faithfulness but we have to choose to give it. Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Come be Advent People!

Sincerely,

Mike Kish, Principal

Ps Tuesday is the anniversary of the death of Fr. Steve Gira, C.R. 2010

Ps Wednesday is **ICY Taco Night from 4:30 till 6:30.** One buck taco and one buck soda and we're playing St. Clare. Come and get 'em! Tweet this one out!



So at Immaculate Conception School in Columbia, here is a little of what we are doing:

- 100 gifts for the Griffin Center through Builders Club
- Secret Santa with Caritas
- Candy Cane sale for Kids Against Hunger through Builders Club
- Grades 5-8 will attend the Sr. Thea Bowman dress rehearsal for their Advent program and the Builders club will present them with a check for \$1000 from their donations from intermission at the annual school musical.
- ICS is competing with SPPCS in the annual "Funderwear" competition which collects personal clothing for Day Star in Cairo. This is the idea of Lisa Buchheit and is in its 8th year.
- Grades K-3 will perform a Christmas program on December 13
- The School will celebrate Reconciliation on December 14.

Kindergarten will make Christmas cards and gave them to Fr. Chris Reuter, OFM, to distribute to the prisoners when he visits them through Our Brothers Keepers.

Several grades will create Christmas cards which are distributed to the residents at the area nursing homes and home bound through our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Grade 2 has an Advent tree in the classroom and the students will make Advent wreaths that we put on our lockers. Advent paper chain - we write names of those in need on paper slips creating a chain and daily we pull off a name praying for those in need

Grade 4 will make a Jesse Tree Advent Calendar. Each day students will read a bible verse in their bibles and write what it means to them in their journals. Students will illustrate a picture as well. We will then choose a corresponding picture, which depicts the reading, and put it on our Advent calendar, which is displayed in the hallway!

Grade 6 religion class writes Advent poems that we will display in the hallway starting next week. These are some of them. If you want to pass them on to The Messenger we will need to get permission from the kids.

Waiting in Excitement by Sydney Wahle

Candles

Purple and pink

Lined up in a green wreath

Lit up marking the weeks until

Christ's birth

Advent by Anna Haubrich

Patience.

Emmanuel.

Waiting for Jesus Christ.

*Coming. Joyful expectation.
Advent*

Advent: A Time of Waiting by Ben Haney
Jesse Tree
Emmanuel
Anticipating Him
Preparation for His coming
Advent

