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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*

**December 15, 2017**

*Bienvenido el parrochia!*

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MATT HAKE!** We are proud of you!



December 11, 2017

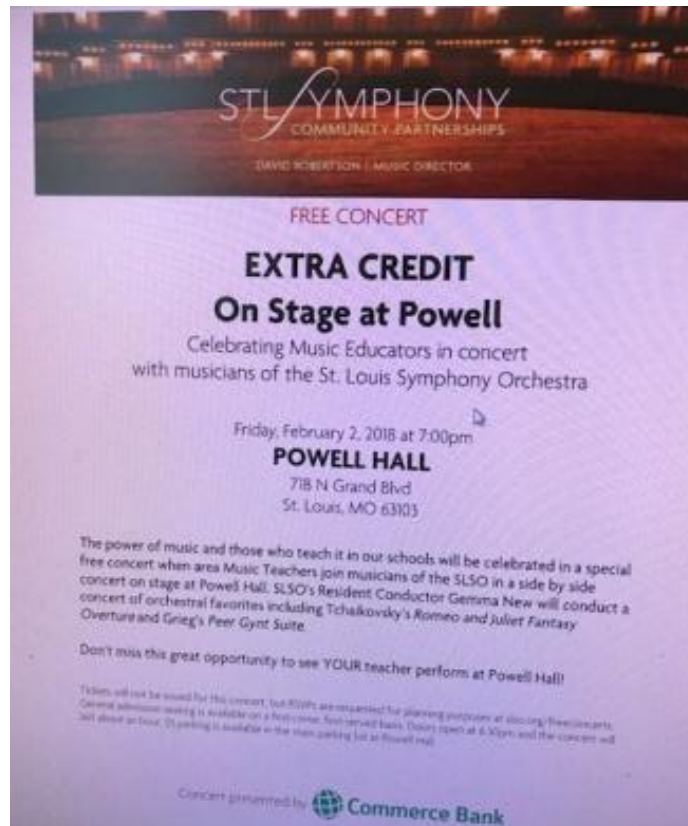
Dear Mike Kish,

We are delighted that one of your teachers, **Matthew Hake**, Band Director, has been selected to participate in a very special professional development opportunity with musicians of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra on Friday, February 2, 2018. **EXTRA CREDIT On Stage at Powell** will provide Matthew with the opportunity to rehearse and perform a concert side by side with SLSO musicians under the direction of Resident Conductor Gemma New. The concert is free and open to the public, and we hope that many students, parents and teachers from Immaculate Conception School will be able to join us for the concert to applaud Matthew's performance.

The benefits of music education in our schools are numerous and well documented. EXTRA CREDIT On Stage at Powell provides an opportunity to celebrate the educators who inspire the effort required by their students to learn to play an instrument and perform successfully in an ensemble. Thank you for making music a part of your school community, and we hope to see you at Powell Hall on February 2!

**The concert is free and open to the public, and will last about an hour.** No tickets will be issued for this concert, but we are requesting RSVPs for planning purposes at [slo.org/freeconcerts](http://slo.org/freeconcerts). We look forward to welcoming music educators to Powell Hall on Feb 2! (Mr. Kish already made his RSVP!)

**Maureen Byrne, Director of Diversity & Community Affairs**  
St. Louis Symphony Orchestra



**Our 2 programs**(K-3/Art and Band/Art) this week reminded me of a recital of Handel's Messiah in 1743(I was there!) The hall was in Dublin and small. To allow for more people, the owners advertised for the women not to wear hoop skirts so they could get more people in. The 51 Halleluiahs in the Chorus (thanks Olivia!) came off perfectly and we still celebrate this masterpiece that has moved from the Easter to the Christmas Season. ***Lord of Lords, King of Kings, And He shall reign forever and ever!*** We delayed entry and people had to wait in line in the cold like the Shepherds to see the Baby but it seemed to work. Thanks to the Third Grade for leadership and Mrs. MaryBeth Babcock, Mrs. Karen Lundy, Ms. Emily Brutton, Zack Gillan on percussion, Mrs. Whelan for set-up, Mrs. Dill for costumes, and all are parents who brought, set-up, and returned the stage to Gibault. Hopefully Fr. Phil got the message across with the Little Sisters of the Big Holy Cross that the world we live in takes most of its cues from the spiritual world which we need to get back to. Our Bands and Mr. Hake were great! Thanks for 2 really fun evenings! Mrs. Carol Fetcho brought out our inner art again and made God smile! The curriculum integration using art to capture the 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip was brilliant! And "Cardinal Carl" became "Santa stuck-in-the-chimney Carl" and led us both nights in the opening prayer.



**THERE WILL NO AFTERNOON LATCHKEY ON Wed., DEC. 20TH, The last day before break. **MORNING LATCHKEY will be OPEN. Please make arrangements.****

**GRIFFIN CENTER** We are **committed to 75 gifts and have 40 so far.** We did 167 last year. They need to be gift wrapped, marked boy or girl, and age. We need them by December 19 for transport. Students should choose something they would like to receive and make it personal. Thanks for blessing others! Let's go Builders Club!

**CHRISTMAS TEACHER COLLECTION** Hello parents, Please remember tomorrow is the deadline for turning in donations for the **Christmas Teacher collection.** If you cannot locate your envelope sent home last week, just indicate the family's last name, children's names and grades on a blank envelope. If you have any questions, please email me at [kidRN74@hotmail.com](mailto:kidRN74@hotmail.com). Thank you, Beth Johns

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Thanks for a great last rehearsal! All choir members should arrive by 4:20pm in the Garden Level on Dec 24th, and their parents should stay with them until Mrs. Lundy and Ms. Brutton bring them upstairs. Please wear a nice Christmas outfit, bring a bottle of water, and use the restroom before 4:20. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jason and Amy Tucker, brother **Grant** and sister Faith-The twins are here! The girls made a quick arrival last Friday evening. **Harper Grace** was born at 542 pm weighing 5 9 and **Avery Marie** at 550pm weighing 6 3. Everyone is doing well. Jason is trying to find directions to the "Sleep Store" if anyone knows.

**LATCHKEY MORNING HELP NEEDED** Great college student morning job. 5 days a week. 6:45-7:50 am starting the days with smiles for some of the greatest kids in the world! Contact Mike Kish at 281-5353.

**DC Trip Fundraisers:** 8th graders are selling **TJ's Pizza** to earn money for their DC field trip in March. If you would like to order cookie dough, bread braids, gooey butter cake, coffee, all varieties of pizza and more, please contact an 8th grader by Jan. 12th.

***The ICS 8th Grade Class is hosting a PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER on Sat., Dec. 16th in the ICS Gym/Cafeteria from 6 pm - 10 pm. Tomorrow night!*** Drop your kiddos off for fun, games, popcorn snack and a movie while you complete your shopping or have a date night! Reserve your spot early! The cost is \$10/child (age 3 and up), \$15/child (age 2 and under) - per session (Please provide a nut-free sack dinner per child). The 8th Grade Class thanks you for helping us get to Washington D.C. Walk in are welcome.

**ROLLARCADE:** Fundraiser      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 27th 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 Bev marked Rollerskating. If you have a specific 8th grader that you want the credit to go to for D.C. Trip, please mark their name on the envelope. If you have a questions please contact Holly Blaskiewicz at 314.707.1045. Moms-Dads are welcome to skate. It is a lot of fun for all!

**Girls on the Run---**This is a 10 week program that empowers girls in grades 3-8 to be healthy and confident by incorporating life lessons with running. The program ends with 5K in St. Louis in May. We will be starting this program at the end of February 2018. Sign up for the girls will be in January. **We need your help!!** We need coaches especially for Grades 6-8. You **do not** have to enjoy running to help! Women and men adults are both welcome to coach. **If you are interested in helping with this exciting program, please contact Jessica Wachtel- [314-749-1663](tel:314-749-1663).**



#### **Terrific Kid – December 2017**

Mrs. Diewald: Taylor Rose – Taylor is the Terrific kid in our class! She has been working so hard in all of her subjects and always strives to do her best work. She loves to share with others and lights up our classroom with her big smile.

Mrs. Meyer: Sam Bollone – Sam is our Terrific Kid because he is a problem solver. He participates well during classroom discussions, enjoys learning and has a positive attitude. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Matrisotto: Shawn Stuart ~ Congratulations to Shawn Stuart for earning December's Terrific Kid for Mrs. Matrisotto's Third Grade Classroom. Shawn has been modeling good character traits such as kindness and respect while working and playing. Keep up the great work!

Ms. Kennedy: Regan Kenner – Regan is a Terrific Kid because she has shown great improvement in the classroom! She is always willing to help out and do little "jobs" for me. She shows kindness to her classmates and is a good friend to all. Keep I up Regan!

Mrs. Donjon: Keegan Thompson - Keegan is a terrific kid, inside and outside the classroom. He always has a smile and is ready to share that smile with all. He is an extremely hard worker and helps out when needed.

Mrs. Ettlign: Elliot Unwin – Elliot does a great job participating in class and adding to our class discussions. Keep up the effort in class!

Mrs. Schauster: Kate Adams – Kate is a terrific kid. Kate is always willing to lend a helping hand in the classroom and even after school. She pitches in with a smile on her face. I know Kate is always going to try her hardest and put forth her best in class.

Mrs. Taylor: Ava Schmidt - Ava is a hard worker that puts her best effort into her work. Whenever I need help, I know I can trust Ava to help me and do a great job!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DAYLEN LITKE who will be performing** with the St. Louis Ballet 2017 production of "The Nutcracker"! This is a "dream come true" for any serious ballet dancer and Daylen, you are there! Performance times-2 shows Saturday, 1

Sunday, 1-Wednesday and 1 Thursday.



**FUNDERWEAR** What a great afternoon! Within 3 hours, we won Funderwear 2669 to 2057 for a total of 4736, won a very exciting basketball game where we lead by 12, SPPCS went on a 16-0 run and we came back to win by 9 54-45! And then the **Jazz Band** was terrific at the Parish Christmas Party!

**THANKS** to Maggie Bollone for arranging a donation of 112 functional tech items to our technology program through NJVC Center for Technology Integration! 31 computers and monitors, 16 laptops, 20 keyboards, 3 switches, 3 ipad keyboards, and some cat-5 wire. What a blessing!

**Advent Program at Sr. Thea Bowman School---** Principal Dan Nickerson was very impressed with our respectful demeanor and grateful for our donation. They will re-string their bows for the violins over the Christmas break. Every student at Sr. Thea Bowman School plays the violin!

**SAVE THE DATE: The Daddy/Daughter Dance** will be held in the ICS gym on Feb. 3, 2018 from 7-10 p.m. This is for all grades and girls.

**GRADS IN THE NEWS...Thanks to Zack Gillan** for playing drums for our K-3 concert Tuesday night! Zack has always given back and we are grateful!

**SCRIP** ---last day to order scrip to guarantee delivery before Christmas is Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>! These make great gifts for fellow employees! ALSO---**Volunteers needed:** to sell Scrip at Mass on weekends. It's a great way to fulfill your time, talent and treasure! We will schedule you for a Mass you already attend. Email Catie Tyler at [rcjetyler@gmail.com](mailto:rcjetyler@gmail.com) if interested in helping.

**Thanks to Your Cause Employee Corporate Match for another \$14!**

**MAGAZINE DRIVE** Another \$122.40 for our Catholic Education and Activity Center! [www.gaschoolstore.com](http://www.gaschoolstore.com) --order on-line. ID #2710556. We get 40%! Terrific Christmas gifts that give all year long! January 8 is kick-off for this year!

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR TUITION, PRE-K, BOOK FEES. BAND AND LATCHKEY** through DiamondMind will end over the Christmas break. Any future invoice payments by credit card should be made through the email invoicing process, and the **new credit card payment link** seen here will replace DiamondMind on the school website over the Christmas break.

<http://cloud.accountedge.com/immaculateconception/webpay>

Sheryl or Keith if you have any questions. **New Stewardship forms for all ICS full-stewardship families are due by January 7.** Copy of the stewardship form is [attached](#). Please give to Bev or send in to the parish office/Sunday collection.

We a **FULL STEWARDSHIP PARISH!** We have 391 parish returns so far which includes 67 of 170 from school. Please pray, commit, and return by January 7, 2018.

***How can we raise money year round for ICS without giving more money out of our pockets?***

The answer is simple – Shoparoo! Shoparoo is an app in which you snap pictures of your everyday receipts in exchange for real cash donations from Shoparoo directly to the school of your choice (ICS of course). Friends and family (near or far) can take part in this fundraiser. Shoparoo makes fundraising easy and fun.

**How does Shoparoo work?**

You earn Roo Points for your receipts from any store that sells groceries, health items, beauty products & more. Common examples are Target, Walmart, Costco and CVS Pharmacy. The amount of the receipt determines the number of points. See the chart below. You can also earn Roo Points by completing surveys and connecting accounts to Shoparoo. Each Roo Point you earn is added to the overall ICS total. 500 Roo Points = \$1 cash donation, so earning more Roo Points leads to a bigger cash donation.

<b>Receipt Total</b>	<b>Reward</b>
Under \$10	10 Roo Points
\$10-\$50	20 Roo Points
\$50-\$100	30 Roo Points
Over \$100	40 Roo Points

**What if I have Non-Grocery receipts?**

ICS can earn sweepstakes entries for receipts from restaurants, clothing stores, home improvement stores, electronic stores, sporting goods stores and more. These entries are used in monthly and end-of-school-year sweepstakes that could win ICS \$15,000!

**And the Winner is...** At the Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Parents and Friends meeting, we discussed a contest involving Shoparoo. As Shoparoo allows you to pick a grade to support, the contest is based on the amount of Roo Points per grade at ICS for the month. We are happy to announce the winning class for November is.....Kindergarten!!! We will be working with Mr. Kish on a small prize for all of the kindergarteners.

**Let's do this again!**

At the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had 16 Supporters and 6,060 ICS Roo Points on the Shoparoo app. As of December 8<sup>th</sup>, we have 43 Supporters and 23,625 ICS Roo Points. Since the contest increased our supporters, let's do it again! We will be doing another grade competition for December. What a great month to snap those receipts as you may be buying more groceries for holiday parties and doing more shopping for gifts!

**Questions?** If you have any questions, feel free to contact Joyce Randle at [jarandle30@yahoo.com](mailto:jarandle30@yahoo.com). **Happy Shopping! Parents and Friends Club**

**GIBAULT NEWS...Junior High Glow Dance** – Gibault Ambassadors Club is sponsoring a Glow Dance for grades **7 & 8 on Tuesday, Dec 26, from 7-9PM** in the school cafeteria. Admission is \$3 or 3 canned goods for a local food pantry. White or bright colored clothing is suggested. See you then!

**GIBAULT RAFFLE TICKETS** are great Christmas gifts and are now for sale! For only \$25, you get a chance to win \$25 every calendar day between Jan.1<sup>st</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>, with grand prizes of \$2000, \$1000, \$500, and \$250 drawn on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A single

ticket can win multiple times! To purchase, contact any Gibault student or Andrea at the Gibault office, [abiske@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:abiske@gibaulthawks.com) or [618-939-3883](tel:618-939-3883). Thank you for your support!

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC BASEBALL WINTER CAMP 2017** sent home yesterday:

Where: Gibault Catholic Fr. Hustedde Gym • Who: Any Current 5th - 8th graders

When: Dec 27, 28, 29 th 9:00-11:30 am • Cost: \$50.00 (includes t-shirt at end of camp)

Meet Gibault's Coaching Staff and work with us to take your game to the next level!

Campers should bring their equipment. Questions...contact Coach Andy Skaer:

askaer@gibaulthawks.com or 618-973-2707 Please send form & payment by Thursday,

December 14th, to assure your child's t-shirt order! (Late entries accepted without tee shirt guaranteed) --- (cut here and return bottom portion with payment\*)--- Athlete's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (name and

phone number) T-shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (YL, AS, AM, AL) \*Please return bottom

portion of flyer along with check payable to: Andy Skaer, 501 Columbia Ave, Waterloo, IL 62298

**END THE YEAR ON A CLEAN SLATE. PLEASE CATCH UP ON ALL TUITION AND FEES!** It is a great time if you are in the market to make donations!

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:** Sat., Jan. 20th, start time of 8:00am

**Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee:** Sat., Jan. 20th at 10:00am. .

**BUILD UP THE KINGDOM OF YOUR LOVE** daily shirts Mason Homeyer, Addison Sanker, Alaina Patton, Nicholas Holdener, Summer Harrington, Sean Frederick, Brynn Moore, Wiley Sasser, Daniel Huels, Nicholas Wahle, Poppy Haywood, Emma Schmidt, Hogan Story, Eli Thebeau, Aiden Howard-Maul, Anna McGill, Abby Repp, Megan Janson

**CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING:** Wherever you are in the decking-the-halls process, consider this blessing (from Loyola Press) for your Christmas tree! Gather your family, extend your hands and pray together:

**Leader:** *Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in our midst. It stands as a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. We ask you this in confidence, because we know you love us.*

**All:** *Amen.*

In your service, Lizanne

**Hello Families,** **BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: The Family Fully Alive** reminds us the theme for December is **JOY**. "Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ." What stands out this month in reading from the booklet is the word

"rejoice" which is mentioned twelve times and is the verb for joy. **Here is a short video you can stand and rejoice in with your family:**

<https://vimeo.com/148569882>

**WE ARE DOING "THE DANCE"**...as Aiden Howard-Maul tested cancer free again!  
Rejoice in the Lord and rejoice for Aiden!

**PRAYERS:** Marvin Parker, Donna Kania, Barbara Thompson, Susie McClenahan Mantz, Paul Thode, Tom Giovanni, Jim Vogt, Norman Waterman, Pat Schwartz, George Perry, Pearl Mueller, Dennis Kish, Kaylee Fogarty, Larry Pelker, Danielle Barnett, Brandon Martin, Susan Adams, Laurie Austin, Donna Barton, Lydia Boyer, Alicia Cohen, Denise Conner, Kenny Hamontree, Susie Kish Settle, Rachel Warden, Bill Kesler, Dan Borisuk, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Gertrude Scherrer, 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, **Special Intention**

**Dream Fixer** from our little blue books for Advent

Everyman and Everywoman: O God, I am many things, but I'm no dream.  
I am a child who wants your blessing, but I'm told by the disciples that it can't be done just now.

I am sick, and lying on a mat, and I can't even walk to get help.

I am deaf and want to hear, blind and want to see.

I am my mother's only child and I am dead.

I am out of work and have been standing in the market-place all day, and no one has hired me, and it's already too late to make any difference. If I'm a dream, I'm a broken dream.

I am Martha, busy, and very, very frustrated.

I am the poor man at the rich man's gate, covered with sores.

I am Zaccheus the tax collector, laughed at, disliked.

I tried to throw a party and I ran out of wine.

I am the Samaritan woman at the well-quick-witted and snappy-and my life is a mess.

God, I am no dream.

I am Lazarus, dead and buried.

I am Judas who betrayed your Son; Peter who denied him; Andrew, James, John, and all the rest who abandoned him.

I am weak, afraid, tired, confused. I am a sinner.

No excuses. No hedging. No fudging. No asterisks. No footnotes. Here I am, as I am.

But if I'm a dream, it's a broken dream. Just look at me. Look at my life.

I'll manage...but this is no dream.

If I'm a dream, I'm a broken dream.

**SEASON OF DREAMS---THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!** Mary is having them, her betrothed Joseph is having them, prophets always have them. And sometimes they come true and sometimes they aren't heeded (Pilate's wife warned her husband not to bend on the innocent Jesus). Little children dream of coming Christmas presents,



parents dream of peace and love in their very busy homes, a world longs for peace. Peace takes work. Sometimes you have to take the time to make the time to find peace. Our Church community brings me peace, on weekends, just like the huge gatherings we had this week for our Christmas Program, Art, and Band Concert. I always leave feeling grateful and a sense of joy and peace. Here is your God! Seek and you shall find!

Mike Kish  
Principal

PS Builder's Club--- **Griffin Center gifts---** December 20---please wrap and mark boy or girl and age. No toys depicting violence please.

**PS THERE WILL NO AFTERNOON LATCHKEY ON DECEMBER 20TH, THE LAST DAY BEFORE BREAK. MORNING LATCHKEY WILL BE OPEN.**

Exams December/January 2017-2018

<p><b>12/18</b> History 8, part 1 Pre-Algebra Course 1</p>	<p><b>12/19</b> History 8, part 2 Pre-Algebra Course 1 History 6, part 1</p>	<p><b>12/20</b> History 6, part 2 Geography 8 Geography 7</p>		
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**...Why we have Church buddies---Maria and Maria--- at the Liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**



75 cubic yards and another 100 feet of wall this week. (And I wore my hard hat and did not get kicked off site this time!)