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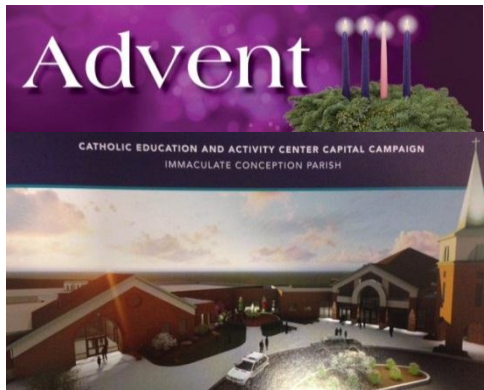
The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

December 21, 2016

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THE JOY OF LOVE

Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,



isn't over till Christmas Eve. Enjoy the wait for the Lord and be attentive to bringing peace to those caught in the frenzy. Amen!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
411 Palmer Road, Columbia, Illinois

Community Reconciliation Service:
 Dec. 11, 3pm at Sacred Heart in Dupu, Illinois

Christmas Season IC Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
 5pm & Midnight

Christmas Day:
 9am & 11am

New Year's Eve:
 Vigil of Solemnity of Mary 5pm

New Year's Day:
 Solemnity of Mary
 7am, 9am & 11am



Capital Campaign---Catholic Education and Activity Center .

END OF THE TAX YEAR POSSIBILITIES

We have great dreams for a big push before 2016 ends. If you've been contacted, please return the Letter of Intent.

- *Did you know that most of our fellow Parishioners will gain tax advantages if they initiate their payments by yearend.*
- *Did you know that a gift of stock may provide the tax advantages of the entire gift while avoiding capital gains income tax?*
- *Did you know that seniors with a required minimum IRA distribution may gain tax advantages by distributing directly to Immaculate Conception Parish?*

If you haven't been contacted yet, you can make an advance payment on your pledge towards it!!!!

Everything depends on you, prayerfully, knowing everything depends on our Lord. Isn't it wonderful to SEE WHAT FAITH CAN BUILD! The ROI is great!

1% PLEDGE Last night our School Board designated the next 6 years of profit from our Magazine Drive to our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. If our success continues as in the past, we will have donated \$116,000 which is ONE PER CENT OF OUR GOAL of \$11,600,000! As you can well imagine, the sooner we hit our campaign target the sooner we break

ground! The Committees and Subcommittees Please pass your pamphlet around during the holidays and start setting your goal. Each sub sold averages \$9.23 in profit! **The 36th Annual ICS Magazine Drive** is upon us. 40% of the cost of the magazine can stay in Columbia in the form of prizes to our students and our new Catholic Education and Activity Center. A new feature is the **SAGE Program**. If a student sells \$250 in subscriptions, they can stockpile \$2500 towards credit towards college tuition. The SAGE list is growing with 365 universities from 45 states on board. Included from Illinois are McKendree, Millikin, DePaul, Bradley, Quincy. Details coming! Go to www.gaschoolstore.com to order on-line. Magazines make great gifts! Our ID # is 2710556.

IMPORTANT--- **NO LATCHKEY** today. Please make arrangements to cover your children.

THE CHRISTMAS BREAK CAN BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH UP. Once you've rested up, read ahead in your AR books, get ready for the next exam, check your grades on Mystudentsprogress.com or write a story about the time you got a picture of a present that was ordered from Montgomery Ward that did not come until the day after rabbit hunting season ended! Sometimes true stories are Pulitzer Prize winners! School resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017!

REVISED YOUNG AUTHORS DATES We had to move our dates to meet the State Contest. We have also attached the information. Thanks to Robin Nadjziejko and Gina Thompson! And our Judges who read the Write Stuff!

Monday, January 23rd: Turn-in stories & jeans day

Friday, February 17th: Spring Assembly

Saturday, March 18th: ROE Conference



NATIONAL SCHOOL BLOCK CHALLENGE

Immaculate Conception School in Columbia participated for the 5th time in the National School Block Challenge Contest sponsored by Moda Fabrics at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky on December 16, ICS students swept the middle school division with Marie Prindiville taking 1st with her block titled "Slave Escape", Sydney Wahle 2nd with "The

Universe", and Maria Biske and Isabella Frasure 3rd with "Yellowstone". 204 quilt blocks were entered from 16 states. Art Teacher Carol Fetcho and Teacher Karen Weiler assisted by Jeanette Melliere directed the students and sewed the school quilt. Also submitting blocks were Ally Curry, Noah Newton, Jacob Whitworth, Kyra Newton, Samantha Glasscock, Katie Grawitch, Daylen Litke, Holly Repp, Allie Shuler, Emma Melliere, Olivia Blaskiewicz, Jessica Lambert, Georgia Sasser, Stephen Johns, and Emma Tippen.

ICS DINNER AUCTION February 11th --- The Falls --- You! Now is a great time to get your donation or re-gift something for our Auction---It is the main reason we can dream so big here at ICS!

DRESS FOR WEATHER? We now have a break from the cold. We follow St. Louis Children's Hospital guidelines for outdoor recess. **Dress appropriately** Shorts and skirts won't be an excuse to stay in and you may be wearing clothes from lost and found to stay warm or do the shiver!

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS Thanks to Teresa Dorshorst, Karen Weiler, Tiffany Taylor, and Christine Matrisotto who went to the Warehouse in Fenton and received \$1696 in free books! Teresa has done an amazing job encouraging reading and promoting our Book Fairs! Thanks Teresa for reminding us it all starts with the printed word!

SANTA'S COTTAGE Thanks for a great idea that will only get better and better. The creativity around here is boundless and parents often lead the way. If we could put all the joy of that morning into a sack, it wouldn't make it down any chimney. The feeling we have in giving and receiving gifts is a "God-Moment". Sometimes the simplest love note can change everything. God has our picture on His refrigerator!



CHESS MEET DATES so far... St. Teresa - January 28 ICS - February 25

LOOKING FOR A FUN THING TO DO OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK? ~~ 8th grade is having a roller skating 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 contact Ellen or Sue and If you have an questions please contact Sue Dalpoas at 314.265.4263 or Ellen Sippel at 314.283.8310. Thank you!

THE SPORTING NEWS...

CROSS COUNTRY 2017? We are looking to gauge interest in the 2017 ICS Cross Country Team. Cross county is a popular sport in our area. Middle School aged kids run approximately 1.86 miles in the races. Training begins in late August and ends early October and can be done in conjunction with soccer. The Goal of CC is not to win races but to develop self confidence by focusing on individual improvement. **Please let Mrs. Tara Kennedy tkennedy@icsmail.org know if you think your child might be interested so we can plan for next year.**

GRADS IN THE NEWS... BELLEVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT ALL LOCAL SOCCER TEAM: Ben Mueth, Dalton Scace Second team: Ryan Gool. Scholars and athletes! We are proud of you!

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS...

Gibault Catholic High School placement test for the incoming Class of 2021, will be offered again on **Friday, January 13, from 12:45-4:00**. The test is given free of charge, please RSVP to Susan Mackin (smackin@gibaulthawks.com).

Gibault Catholic High School Band Alumni night will be at the home basketball game on Friday, January 13, 2017. All GCHS alumni band members are invited to join the band! Contact Scott Ruppel sruppel@gibalthawks.com for more information.

Glo Dance : Gibault is hosting a dance for 7th / 8th grade students on Saturday, January 21, from 7-9PM in the Gibault cafeteria. Admission is \$3 or 3 canned goods for the Hope Christian food pantry.

FULL STEWARDSHIP Please get your commitment form in!

Our good buddy and ICS grad **Seth Watters** is in ICU at Children's Hospital with upper respiratory problems. Seth is a Jr. at Gibault. He spent his first 6 Christmases in the hospital and my prayer is that he gets home soon. God's healing touch be with him! Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for him!

PRAYERS: Special Intention Seth Watters, Angie Peters, Lynn Pelker, Bill Kesler, Pat Whelan(Dan's Mom), Rachel Warden, Delores Deleveski, Jan Walsh, Dan Borisuk, Jessica Stemler Barcik, Denise Conner, Maggie Williamson, Dan Whelan, Patricia Steppig, Lauren Foran, Rich Cullen, Barb Winschel, 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.

Our Building a Catholic Education and Activity Center Prayer:

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

Welcome Emmanuel!

Mike Kish, Principal

PS Giant thanks to all for the Christmas gifts for the faculty and staff. Special thanks to Lynetta Newton for chairing the Christmas collection this year for the staff.

PS Young Authors information attached with revised dates.

PS Friends of Zac Eplin are sponsoring a Soccer Clinic in his memory. See the flyer from last week..

PS **Exam Schedule for First Semester 16-17**

Friday---January 6: Geography 8, Geography 7



Mary did you know that your baby boy
 Mary did you know that your baby boy

would someday walk on water?
 would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy
 This child that you've delivered

has come to make you new?
 will soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy
 Mary did you know that your baby boy

will give sight to a blind man?
 will calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy
 When you've kissed your little baby

has walked where angels trod?
 then you've kissed the face of God.

Mary, did you know...?

Mary, did you know...?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
 The lame will leap, the dumb will speak

the dead will live a-gain
 the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy

is Lord of all creation?
 will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy
 This sleeping child you're holding

was heaven's perfect lamb?

is the great "I AM".

Lyrics by Mark Lowry and music by Buddy Greene