



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Eric reminded us that we are educated by God and we act like Him when we accept Him. Fr. Steve reminded us that we are Christians and it is important to act like Christians.

**(The students get these reminders during the week. Hopefully they are getting another reminder each weekend during the Celebration of the Eucharist with you.)**

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD CHAMPIONS:** Congrats to our Science Olympiad Team on their 1st Place finish at the regional competition last Saturday. The team won 21 out of a possible 23 ribbons. The team is coached by Mr. Kassebaum.

Brynn Moore, Emme Doerr - 1st place: Forestry, Fossils, Roller Coaster  
3rd place: Disease Detectives

Emmett Gilbreth, Nick Wahle - 1st place: Meteorology, Optics  
3rd place: Flight

Lizzy Wittenauer, Jack Williamson - 1st place: Fast Facts, Wind Power  
3rd place: Crime Busters

Joseph Wynn, Turner Haywood - 2nd place: Air Trajectory, Tower  
3rd place: Write It, Do It

Konnor Siegel, Jack Siegel - 1st place: Ecology  
2nd place: Codebusters, Dynamic Planet

Nicholas Holdener, Noah Burns - 1st place: Microbe Mission, Road Scholar  
3rd place: Anatomy & Physiology

Tyler Johnson, William Sasser - 2nd place: Reach for the Stars  
3rd place: Wheeled Vehicle



**NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:** Spread the word - spots may fill up.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**

# **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Mission  
Community  
Service

**Preschool - 8th Grade**

**Sunday, March 17th  
10am-12:30pm  
ICS Main Entrance**

**For More Information**

contact Bev Epplin  
[beppin@icsmail.org](mailto:beppin@icsmail.org)  
618-281-5353

[icscolumbia.org](http://icscolumbia.org)

\*Please bring birth certificate &  
baptismal certificate.



Parents & Friends Agenda  
March 11th, 2024 - 7:00pm Garden Level

I. Opening Prayer

II. - VI. Executive Reports

VII. Principal Report: Mr. Gregson

X. Old Business

- Dinner Auction: To Die For Auction Chairs

- Spiritwear: Emilee Dufford

XI. New Business

- Mother/Son Event: Ashley Veteto

- Teacher & Staff Appreciation: Laura Oberkfell

- Give STL Day: Ellen Southerland

XII. New Ideas / Information

XIII. Closing Prayer

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

Monday April 8th, 2024 - ICS Garden Level

XV. Important P&F Event Dates

Saturday April 13th, 2024: Mom & Son Event ICS Gym

Friday May 10, 2024: Give STL Day

Tuesdays - Queen of Hearts at Sunset Overlook

\* Most meetings will also be available virtually using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85942105584?pwd=MkgvOWJCcG9yVW9RdExYYnF4bG5GZz09>

**RECESSES SUPERVISION HELP:** We are asking for volunteer help at recess time. All volunteers must be Child Protection compliant. Here is the link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-icsrecess>

## **ICS EVENTS:**

### **March**

March 11: 8th grade girls volleyball night **5:30 pm**  
March 12: 8th grade boys volleyball night **5:30 pm**  
March 13: End of Qtr 3  
March 14: Gibault math Contest 3:30 pm  
March 17: New Student Registration  
March 20-22: 7th Grade at Space Camp  
March 26: Chrism Mass-8th Grade 11:30  
March 27: 2:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 3:00  
**March 28-April 1: NO SCHOOL Easter Break**

## **NOTE TIME CHANGE!!!**

**Buddy Night @ ICS Volleyball will begin at 5pm with the 7th graders and 8th graders to follow.**

**See you then**

**Don't forget....MAKE POSTERS**

**BUILDERS CLUB:** Tab collection for Ronald McDonald House. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

## **GIBAULT INFO:**

### **Visit Gibault!**

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. Your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! We also offer Private Tours for the whole family. See our campus and get your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

### **Future Hawk Events**

Save the date for these fun events! More info to come!

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scavenger Hunt – April 5 from 6-8 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Future Hawk Hangout – April 12 from 6-8 p.m.

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate – May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

### **Spring Sports**

Spring sports begin soon! Come cheer on our Softball, Baseball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Volleyball, and Track Teams. Visit [www.gibaulthawks.com/calendar](http://www.gibaulthawks.com/calendar) for full schedules! Go Hawks!



**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** A week's worth of dressdown was available at the auction this year. On Monday I heard a student tell another student as they were walking into school, **"I see your mom bought the free dressdown at the auction."**

A kindergarten boy showed me his teeth and said he lost one and the tooth fairy came. I asked him how much money he got and he replied, **"I got two of the \$1 bills."**

**PRAYER LIST:** Joanne Schilling, Bryan Kennedy, Greg Thebeau, Mike Conrad, Nan Chapman, Stella Schultz, John Belpedio, Donna Ritson, Geri Griffin, Whitney Embick, Mike Neal, Jill Dalke, Jamie Moravec, all those serving in the military. (If you would like a loved one added to this list please email me.)

***"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."***

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

QUEEN  
OF  
HEARTS  
& 50/50 RAFFLE

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

6:30PM - TICKET SALES END  
7:00PM - QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING  
7:15PM - 50/50 DRAWING

LOCATION:  
SUNSET OVERLOOK  
11604 BLUFF ROAD  
COLUMBIA, IL

TO BENEFIT:  
ICS  
COLUMBIA, IL

# How can you help the Ronald McDonald House?

Dear ICS Families,

Have you ever heard of the Ronald McDonald House? For those who have not heard of it, the Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home to families of seriously ill children. Our service organization, Builders Club, enjoys helping in ways to support the Ronald McDonald House. We have helped them by cooking meals and organizing a fundraiser to provide things that may be useful to families.

## **How can you help Ronald McDonald House?**

One of the ways that you can help is by saving your can tabs. When we save can tabs, the Ronald McDonald House turns them in for money to help less fortunate families living there. We have put collection boxes **by the concession stand** and **the garden-level kitchen**. If you have large quantities, you can put them in a bag and give them to the school's front office or leave them next to one of the collection boxes. Learn more about the can tab program here <https://rmhcstl.com/volunteer/recycle/>.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope this encourages you to help those who have sick kids. If you have any questions, please contact Sophie Conrad at [sconrad@icsmail.org](mailto:sconrad@icsmail.org).

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Sincerely,

Builders Club



gather your peeps for an

# egg dying party



wednesday, march 27, 6-7:30pm



immaculate conception garden level  
409 palmer road, columbia



this is a fun family event - no drop-offs



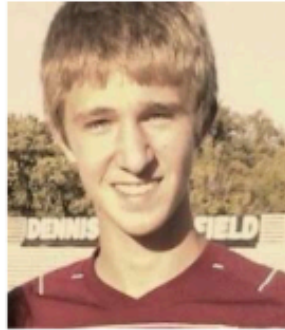
we will provide the dye, decorations,  
& a little help



bring your own boiled eggs  
or prepurchase boiled eggs using the  
link below

this free event is presented by  
immaculate conception youth.  
all are welcome.





# 2024 Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday April 26th, 2024 - Annbriar Golf Course - Waterloo, IL

## Zac's Story

Zac was the eldest child of Bev and Doug Epplin of Waterloo, IL and was an alum of Immaculate Conception Grade School and Gibault Catholic High School. He began his battle against cancer at the young age of 17. During his journey he touched all of our lives with his positive outlook, humor, and faith. Despite his illness, his desire to push forward was the beating heart that helped propel his Gibault Men's Soccer Team to an emotional High School State Championship. His inspiration did not stop with his teammates. He inspired his family, his friends, and eventually an entire community. With your help we can carry on his inspiration for years to come.

## Our Vision

Our goal is to make sure Zac is not forgotten. With this annual fundraiser and others, we want to raise enough funds to build and name the Zac Epplin Soccer & Athletic Fields at Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia, IL. We need your help to make this goal a reality.

## How You Can Help

Please see the attached flyers for information on sponsorships, golf registration, and dinner-only registration.

We also could use some donations for our booze raffle. If you have a spare bottle of booze (or two or three!!!) please drop it off anytime at the ICS school office. Or call/text Bob Wachtel at 618-531-9169 and he'll come to you.



## Sponsorship Opportunities:

All sponsorships can be purchased online using the QR code below or by completing the mail-in form below.

- Platinum Sponsors (1 per hole) \$1,000 – 4' X 8' color banner with your logo or photo.
- Gold Sponsors (2 per hole) \$500 - 4' X 6' color banner with your logo or photo
- Silver Sponsors(4 per hole) \$250 – 3' X 4' color banner with your logo or photo
- Family/Friend Sponsors \$100 - sponsor names will be placed on a keepsake banner and presented to the Epplin family

**\*\*\*Please email your high-resolution logo or photo to**

**icsfathers@gmail.com\*\*\***

**\*Please return by April 1st.**

**Questions? Call or text Bob Wachtel at 618-531-9169**

Select your level of commitment and make your check payable to:

**ICS Father's Club  
409 Palmer Road  
Columbia, IL 62236**

**Or pay online at icsfathers.square.site**

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum Hole Sponsor \$1000

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold Hole Sponsor \$500

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver Hole Sponsor \$250

\_\_\_\_\_ Family/Friends Sponsor \$100

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Golf Tournament and Dinner Registration:

### 4-Person Scramble Shotgun Start at 12:00 noon

All golf packages include all of the following:

18 holes of golf with cart for your 4-person scramble team

Buffet lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. and Buffet dinner after golf

Skins game entry and Mulligans (1 mulligan for each member of the team)

A special commemorative gift and a goodie bag

Beer, wine, and soft drinks all inclusive

- Platinum Plus Package (\$2500): Includes Platinum level sponsorship plus TWO teams of four to play in the tournament, plus early access to register (Registration opens online on March 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- Platinum Package (\$1700): Includes Platinum level sponsorship plus ONE team of four to play in the tournament, plus early access to register (Registration opens online on March 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- Standard Package (\$800): Includes ONE team of four to play in the tournament (Registration opens on March 9<sup>th</sup>).
- Dinner Package (\$50): Includes ONE buffet dinner after golf. Beer, wine, and soft drinks are included.

Golf and dinner registration must be done online here:



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EXPIRES MAY 31, 2024

**SAVE \$30**

WITH CODE **SIBLOVE30**  
FOR 2 SIBLINGS

**SAVE \$40**

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FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS

## SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

**Grades:** K - 6th

**Location:** Immaculate Conception School  
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236

**Date:** June 3 - 7, 2024

**Time & Cost:** 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$270 (before discount)

**Camp Director:** Ashley Wright | [awright@icsmall.org](mailto:awright@icsmall.org)

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

**REGISTER HERE!**

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Spring Break Sale!  
\$20 off March 1-31  
Coupon code:  
**springbreak20**

# COLUMBIA



**Dates: July 15-18**

Pre-K Age 3 - 5:45-6:15pm

Pre-K Ages 4 - 6:15-6:55pm

Grades K through 8th - 6:00-8:00pm

Columbia High School Stadium Turf

77 Veterans Pkwy, Columbia IL, 62236



PreK Camps: \$85

K-8th Grade Camps: \$135

Questions:

[info@eliteft.com](mailto:info@eliteft.com)

**Score BIG this summer with our youth soccer camp!**





Columbia



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SKILLS

2024

K-8:  
**\$135**  
PRE-K:  
**\$85**

JULY 15-18  
PRE-K AGE 3 - 5:45PM-6:15PM  
PRE-K AGE 4 - 6:15PM-6:55PM  
GRADES K-8TH - 6:00PM-8:00PM

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM TURF FIELD  
77 VETERANS PKWY, COLUMBIA, IL 62236

**SALE!!**

Save \$20 March 1-31  
with coupon code:

**springbreak20**



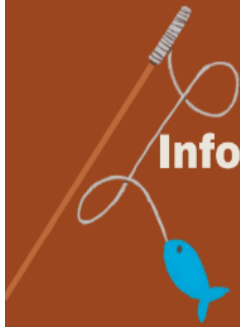
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www.eliteft.com



# Wildlife & Fishing 4-H Club

**Info Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 6:30p.m.**

**Monroe County Annex, 901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo**



Open to youth ages 8-18.

This club offers the opportunity to engage in wildlife education and learn fishing skills.

This club is led by a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.

*\*No firearms are used in this club\**

Register for club: [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org) and choose "Wildlife & Fishing" Club

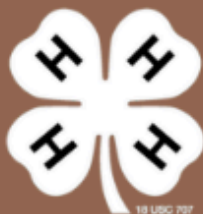
Please contact Kelly Brandt at [kmbrandt@illinois.edu](mailto:kmbrandt@illinois.edu) or 939-3434 for more info.



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# Learn about Leather Crafting!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ART  
OF LEATHER CRAFTING?

JOIN US:

**APRIL 3 , 7:00P.M.**

**MONROE COUNTY ANNEX**

901 ILLINOIS AVE., WATERLOO

**\*OPEN TO BOTH  
YOUTH AND ADULTS!**

**REGISTER:**

<https://go.illinois.edu/LeatherCrafting>

Local leather crafter,  
Dan DeWilde will talk  
about the history of  
leather crafting, items  
you can make, types of  
leather, and more.

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