



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Carl joined us this week for two masses. He reminded us that we are called to be humble servants and that we need to make little sacrifices to be more like Jesus. Fr. Eric us to exercise our faith by loving God.

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

**NO BUS:** Mon, March 4 in the morning or afternoon.

**CHESS CLUB:** Our chess club competed in its first tournament Saturday morning at St. Clare. We scored a 12 out of a possible 16 points, which put us in 6th place. Congrats to our scoring team who each went 3-1.



**ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS:** Our academic team received their 1st PLACE banner from Vianney this week. This is the 6th time ICS has won first place. That is more than any other school who competes in this tournament.



**AUCTION:** Thanks to all who planned, set up, cleaned up, attended, and participated in the dinner auction on Saturday. The faculty and staff had a blast.



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



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

Preschool - 8th Grade

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

Mission  
Community  
Service

**For More Information**

contact Bev Epplin  
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618-281-5353

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

\*Please bring birth certificate & baptismal certificate.



**YOUNG AUTHORS:** Awards for grades 1-4 will be presented after mass on THU, MAR 4. All parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to join us.

<u>Young Authors Spring 2024</u>			
	Runner-Up	Runner-Up	Winner
1 - Borgmeyer	Azalea Hammel	Charlie Wachtel	Teddy Schilling
1 - Neff	Maddy Evans	Ingrid Lunk	Olivia Schuette
2 - Diewald	Hannah Dohm	Evan Vail	Cora Metter
2 - Meyer	Otto Oberkfell	Keaton Schueler	Maria Kennedy
3 - Kennedy	Delaney Dufford	Evan Voyda	Steven Hornacek
3 - Wright	Ruth Dohle	Dalton Yount	Isabel Bodinet
4 - Crean	Stella Day	Cooper Williamson	Harper Gilbreth
4 - Ettling	Addison Holdener	Mason Knobloch	Zoe Klingert
5 - Cornish	Kayden Crossen	Rhett Johnson	Raegan Nelson
5 - Scheibe	Aria Pretto	Eleanor Rinella	Peyton Weiler
6th Grade	Lizzie Funk	Stella Hart	Nick Doerr
7 - Tolan	Gabby Glasscock	Owen Keefe	Brynn Moore
7 - Weiler	Drew Boyd	Maggie Buhr	Ian Klingert
8 - Hrabusicky	Grace Jansen	Jack Williamson	Adysen Lyon
8 - Kassebaum	Lillian Braun	Noah Burns	Averie Sanker

**AUCTION:** If you missed the auction there are still opportunities to get in on some of the action!

All these items can be found at

[https://e.givesmart.com/events/zgY/i/\\_BUY%20AFTER%20AUCTION/](https://e.givesmart.com/events/zgY/i/_BUY%20AFTER%20AUCTION/)

**#1** - Donate to our FUND THE NEED. This year we raised paddles to buy new/better cafeteria tables and we are SO EXCITED to make this happen. Any donation is welcome!

**#2** - ICS Embroidered Trucker Hats - this is a special auction preorder price, so get yours before the regular price kicks in.

**#3** - ICS Student Dress Down Week. \$50 per student to dress down for the entire week of March 4-8, 2024!



**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 TAPE CONTEST:** Registration has been extended to Mon, March 4. (SEE FLIERS BELOW.)

### ICS EVENTS:

#### March

March 4: School in session-No Bus

March 11: 8th grade girls volleyball night 6:00 pm

March 12: 8th grade boys volleyball night 6:00 pm

March 13: End of Qtr 3

March 14: Gibault math Contest 3:30 pm

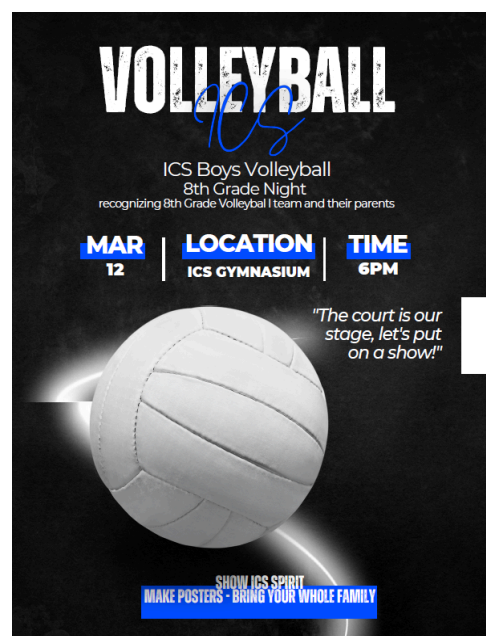
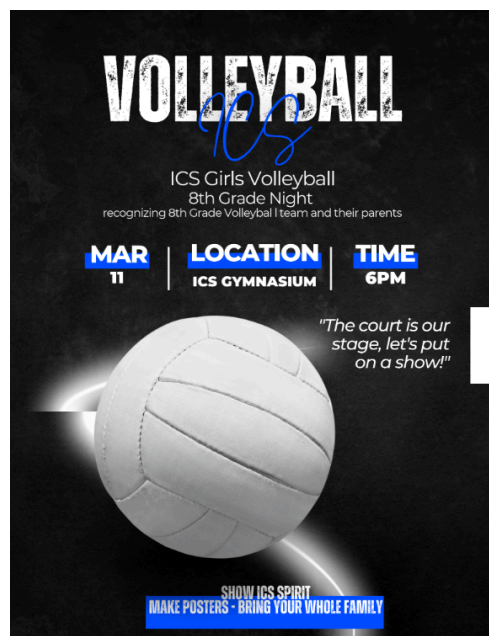
March 17: New Student Registration

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**



**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>

**NOTES FROM MS. SHEA:**

**FRIENDZY**  
· FRIENDZY.CO ·  
UNIT SEVEN >>> I AM VALUABLE  
CONNECT THROUGH CONVERSATION

**KEY VERSES**  
"YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU SO THAT YOU MIGHT GO AND BEAR FRUIT—FRUIT THAT WILL LAST."  
JOHN 15:16  
"BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL."  
GALATIANS 5:22-23

**>>> UNIT SEVEN <<<**  
As we start to wrap up the year, unit seven discusses how we are uniquely valuable to God. Once we recognize that we are deeply valued by God, we ourselves can become better friends to others by loving them in the same way. It's easy to compare ourselves to others, but this unit reminds students that we are all valuable and precious to God just as we are!

**>>> CONVERSATION STARTERS <<<**  
> What is something that makes you unique and valuable?  
> What is something you find unique and valuable in one of your friends, siblings, or parents?



**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** A 6th grade girl came to the office to get some ice. I asked her what happened and she said, **“One of my friend’s shoulders hit me on the side of my face.”** I asked her, “With what?”, but she didn’t get my humor. (Not many do.)

I was chatting with some of the younger kids in afterschool latchkey and one of them told me, **“I have a new favorite color - white. It is lighter than the other colors.”**

A 1st grade girl came into the office and told Mrs. Epplin, **“My stomach hurts and I almost had diarrhea.”**

**PRAYER LIST:** Joanne Schilling, Bryan Kennedy, Greg Thebeau, Mike Conrad, Nan Chapman, Kristen Brewer, 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

# ICS TAPE CONTEST

WIN EXTRA CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR STEWARDSHIP

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**BUDNICK CONVERTING\***  
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Winners will earn supplemental credit  
towards their 2024 stewardship!

Two Age Level Contests: K-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$750

2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$500

Budnick will provide a variety of scrap adhesive materials  
and duct tape for all, and the canvases for K-4<sup>th</sup>.

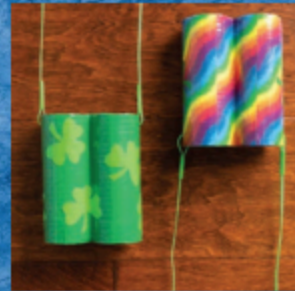
See back of this form for more information.

Kickoff & supplies delivered on  
Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

Entries due on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

Judging will take place on March 15<sup>th</sup>  
and winners will be announced that afternoon

Registrations due February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024







To register, please visit <https://forms.office.com/r/CvSBKX1TNP> to complete the entry form.  
Must register by February 26, 2024 to be eligible for the contest.

K-4<sup>th</sup> - Must complete a Flat Tape Art Project with the provided canvases; *theme is Local Pride (ICS, Cardinals, Blues, local sports team, etc.)*

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - Must create a Functional School Spirit Item; *theme is ICS (colors, mascot, etc.)*

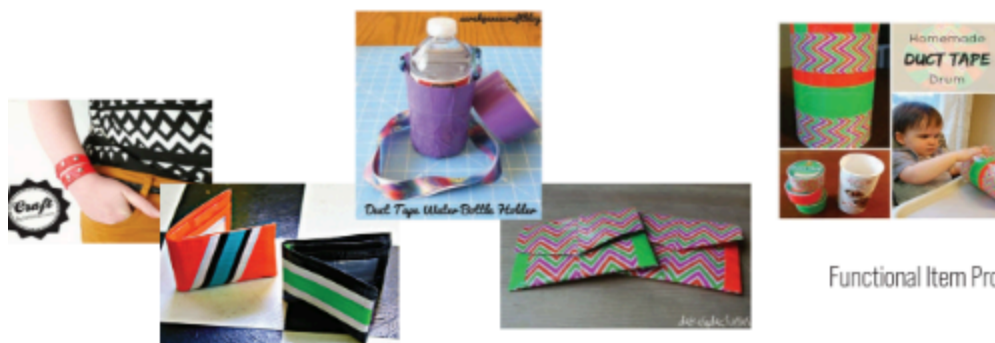
### Judging Criteria

K-4<sup>th</sup>

50% - Creativity/Originality / 50% - Construction/Execution

5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

25% - Functionality / 25% - Creativity/Originality / 25% - Construction/Execution / 25% - Transportability (Must fit in a backpack)



Functional Item Project Examples



Flat Tape Art  
Project Examples  
K-4<sup>th</sup>

# 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



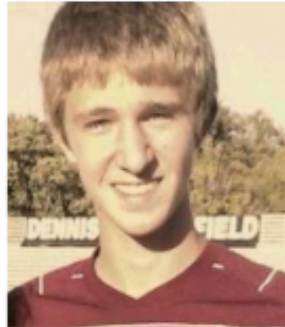
we will provide the dye, decorations,  
& a little help



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**

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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](http://icsfathers.square.site)**

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

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

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

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

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

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



## 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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## 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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# **MOCO STARTUP COLOR RUN 5K**

**MARCH  
23**



**MARCH  
23**

Saturday, March 23rd at 9am

Starts/ends in Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial City Park, Columbia IL

Registration: \$35 dollars, 5 & under are free!

Group, personal, & business participation are welcome

**SCAN QR CODE  
TO REGISTER**



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