

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Steve reminded us that the first reason we attend the Eucharist is to give thanks.

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

**4TH ANNUAL FROSTED FLICK FEST:** Outside Christmas movies with firepits, smores, and hot chocolate. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** This is FREE \$\$\$ for ICS!!! It's simple to scan a paper receipt or use a digital receipt in the free app on your phone. We need more participation and receipts scanned to get closer to our annual fundraising goal of \$1000.

Total earnings - \$78.70

Grade Leading - 1st grade with 130 box tops, followed by kindergarten with 57 box tops Total participants - 14

DOWNLOAD THE APP, SCAN YOUR THANKSGIVING FOOD RECEIPTS - IT IS THAT SIMPLE!!! (If I can do it, anyone can.) or SEND IN YOUR RECEIPTS AND I WILL DO IT FOR YOU!!!





**BUILDERS CLUB:** Several members of the Builders Club volunteered at the Kiwanis Bowling event on Saturday.

**TOY COLLECTION:** Builders Club is collecting toys for the children and families at the Griffin Center in East St. Louis. They really need toys for toddlers. Collection dates are NOV 28-DEC 13. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**FUNDERWEAR:** It's the most wonderful time of the year!!! It's time for ICS to have its annual clothes fundraiser in partnership with SPPCS Waterloo. We are looking for people to donate **NEW CHILDREN** clothing items, such as underwear, socks, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and coats. The collection will begin November 20th, and the last day to bring in items will be December 8th. There will also be an 8th-grade boys basketball game against SPPCS at Gbault on December 9th. As we enter into this season of giving, please keep the less fortunate in your minds during your Christmas shopping trips and Amazon purchases. Thank you, Immaculate Conception School Builders Club.

(I know for a fact that the principal bribes her students with a week of dress down days if they bring in more items than us. We do not need to do that at ICS.) This is a perfect opportunity to teach your child the importance of helping others. Let them go shopping with you and pick out the items. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**ICS TREATS:** The students and staff were treated to the traditional ICS cinnamon rolls on Monday. These have been baked for decades at ICS.



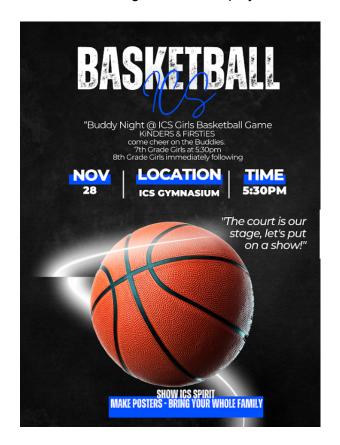
**THANKSGIVING MASS:** The 1st graders led the Celebration of the Eucharist today. They reminded us of all things from A to Z that we should be thankful for.

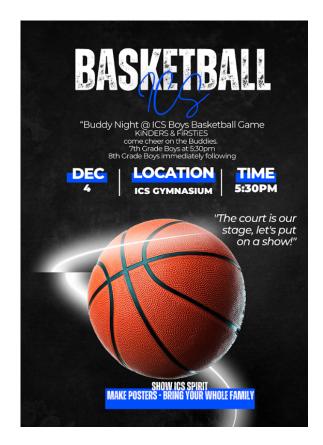






**BBALL BUDDY NIGHT:** We are inviting the kindergarteners and 1st graders to come out and watch their 7th grade buddies play basketball.





**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 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-icsrecess">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-icsrecess</a>

**CHESS TEAM:** Our first chess team practice was a success!!! Our next chess team practice is Wednesday, November 29, from 3:00 to 4:30. It will be in the garden level of the church. We are asking parents to pay a one-time fee of \$10 to help cover the cost of snacks (The snacks were popular!). If you would like to join or have any problems with TeamSnap, contact jwilliamson@icsmail.org.

ICS CRAFT FAIR & CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CANDY BOOTH: We need your homemade cookies and candies for the craft fair on SAT, DEC 2. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**SQUARE1ART:** Order forms are going home today. (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**ICC SANCTITY OF LIFE:** Need any Christmas Cards? These beautiful "Kissing the Face of God" Christmas cards are available for purchase in the parish office. A pack of 10 is \$10. Quantities are limited, so get them before they're gone!

The inside says, "So gentle this time of wonder, so holy Christ's moment of birth, So wondrous the gift of life, When love was born on earth. A blessed Christmas!"

The back says, "By sending this card, you are furthering efforts towards restoring the sanctity of all human life."



## **ICS EVENTS:**

November 28: Girls Basketball "Buddy Night" 5:30

December 2: Craft Fair/Cookie Booth

December 4: Boys Basketball :Buddy Night" 5:30

December 8: All School Mass (Feast of Immaculate Conception)

December 9: Funderwear basketball game at Gibault 4:30

December 12: K-3 Christmas Concert

December 13: 2:00 Dismissal

December 14: 7:00 Band Concert/Art Show December 18: 8th grade night - basketball December 20: 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00

December 21-January 2: NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

**7TH GRADE FUNDRAISER:** (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER:** (SEE FLIER BELOW.)

#### **GIBAULT INFO:**

**PLACEMENT TEST:** Attention Class of 2028! This year's placement test is scheduled for December 2 from 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Sign up at: <a href="https://bit.ly/2028placement">https://bit.ly/2028placement</a> **SHADOW VISITS:** We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Shadow visitors 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! Get started at: <a href="https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire">https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire</a>

**WINTER CAMPS:** Join the Hawks for our Winter Camps!  $K-6^{th}$  graders can join the Gibault Cheer Team for a fun mini-camp on Dec. 8 & 9, with a performance at halftime of the varsity game on Dec. 9. The State Champion Gibault Baseball team welcomes  $5^{th}-8^{th}$  graders for its camp on Dec. 27-29. For full camp info and registration forms, visit <a href="https://www.gibaulthawks.com/winter-camps">www.gibaulthawks.com/winter-camps</a>.

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** As a 1st grade boy came into school on Monday he excitedly told me he had a loose tooth. I asked him how loose it was and he replied, "**Not too loose, it just came last night.**" (Wow - Amazon has everything.)

**PRAYER LIST:** Alan Schertel, Seppi Hoefft, John and Loretta 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."





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FRIDAY, DEC 8

## DIE HARD

6:00 GATES - 7:00 MOVIE





SATURDAY, DEC 9



4:00 GATES - 5:00 MOVIE





SUNDAY, DEC 10

## HOME ALONE 2

4:00 GATES - 5:00 MOVIE





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Date: June 3 - 7, 2024

Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$270 (before discount)
Camp Director: Ashley Wright | awright@icsmail.org

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## Dear Parishioners, Cookie Bakers, and Candy Makers of All Ages!!











The ICS Craft Fair and Christmas Candy & Cookie Booth will be open for business December 2nd. We typically make over \$3,000 for ICS Parents & Friends. Please help us exceed our goal!

 Donate your best homemade cookies, treats, or candies to be sold at the Cookie Booth during the ICS Craft Fair. (Please, no store-bought cookies.)

BONUS: Earn a dress down day! 1 child = 3 dozen, 2 or more children = 6 dozen

- · Mark your treats "with nuts or "nut free".
- Cookies can be packaged in ANY disposable container. Zip-loc bags do cause a lot of smashed cookies that we can't use. We will display them on cookie sheets so no need to make a nice display on a nice plate.
- We'd love for unique holiday themed cookies and/or candies. It's definitely why the cookie booth is so special! We typically get an overabundance of chocolate chip cookies so consider a variety if at all possible.
- Delivery of Cookies and Candies

## Drop-off Hours

- Friday, Dec. 1st 7:30 am 8:30 am and 3:00 pm 3:30 pm (Main school entrance)
- Saturday, Dec. 2nd 7:30 am 8:30 am (Cookie Booth located in the Trophy Room)
- Volunteer to work in the Booth! Fun and easy shifts with students aged 10 & up are welcome!
   Sign-Up Genius link for ALL shifts is on the ICS Parents and Friends Page on Facebook!

\*No worries if you're not a Baker! Sisters Sweet's will bake/deliver cookies for you! \$30 per 3 dozen. Orders need to be to the ICS office by Wed, Nov, 22nd. Turn in payment, how many dozens, and student name(s) to the office in an envelope marked Cookie Orders.

Payments can be made via: Checks payable to Melissa Schaefer or Venmo @SistersSweets.

Thanks in advance!

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