



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve asked us if we believe in Jesus as strongly as the martyrs and also reminded us that we have to pass on to others what we know about Jesus. Fr. Eric reminded us that God is the bread that gives us life.

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

EARLY DISMISSAL: Wed, April 24 dismiss at 2:00, normal 3:00 bus

NO SCHOOL: Thu, April 25 and Fri, April 26. (Enjoy your little break.)

MAY CROWNING: May is the month of Mary! On **Monday, May 1st** we will celebrate the May Crowning to honor our patroness, Mary. The ceremony will take place at 9:00 at the Our Lady of Fatima statue between church and school (or in the gym depending on the weather). All are welcome to attend. As a part of this tradition, each child should bring fresh cut flowers from home or store bought to be presented to Mary.

CHESS TEAM: Congrats to the chess team on their 4th place finish in the Diocesan Chess Tournament. We had about 70 kids participate in chess this year. Special thanks to coaches Nathan Williamson and Keith Georger bringing chess back to ICS.



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SCHOLASTIC CHALLENGE: Congrats to Jack Williamson on his STATE CHAMPIONSHIP win in the Scholastic Challenge. Jack scored the highest over all contestants in the state of Illinois. Joey Stuart received the highest score in his class at ICS.

2ND GRADE TRIP: The 2nd graders had a great day at Grant's Farm on Thursday. Special thanks to our parent chaperones: Cheri Sturm, Liz Thackrey, Lori Deffenbaugh, Matt Hudzik, Katie House, Laura Rinella, Danielle Goedecke, Lindsey Kenner, Jill Thomas, Lindsey Hoefft, Laura Oberkfell, Lindy McGuire, Danielle Schoen and Amie Ford and ICS staff members: Mrs. Diewald and Mrs. Meyer..





DIOCESAN SPEECH MEET: Congrats to Maria Hake and Sophie Conrad on their 1st place finish in the duet category and to Lizzy Wittenauer on her 2nd place finish at the Diocesan Speech Meet last week.

PRINCIPAL OF THE DAY: Reagan Koppeis was our Principal of the Day today. She greeted her buddy, had treats with her class, and selected the World Wildlife Fund for the dress down donations. We collected \$986.



SCHOOL BOARD: It is that time of year again when we ask school parents to discern as to whether they are being called to serve on our School Board.

We are currently collecting names to be drawn on May 11, at the end of 5 p.m. Mass for new members of the School Board. Below is a brief synopsis of what is involved in serving on the School Board.

- Serve as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies.
- Meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-year term beginning in June.

Please consider placing your name in the discernment box (located in the gathering space at church)! If you have questions or want to submit your name by email, please contact Kyle Doerr at 618-604-7808, or boardpresident@icsmail.org.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 8th grade - May 14

Kindergarten - May 16

Preschool, PreK, Grades 1-7 - May 21 12:00 DISMISSAL **NO LATCHKEY**

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The Zac Epplin Golf Tournament is on Friday 4/26 at the Annbriar golf course. There will be a 12:00 shotgun start (registration and lunch start at 11:00).

[We still have one spot open for a team!!!](#)

Use the QR code to register your team.



DONATIONS NEEDED: The Fathers Club needs donations for our Barrel of Booze raffle for the Zac Epplin Golf Tournament. If you can donate a bottle (or two or three!!!) of liquor or wine or a pack of beer, please drop it off at the school office. Or you can also contact Bob Wachtel at 618-531-9169 and he'll come pick it up. We'll be collecting donations through Wednesday, April 24. Thank you!!!!

END HUNGER FOOD DRIVE: April 26-May 10

HUB Foods, a division of Catholic Urban Programs, has partnered with Immaculate Conception and other locations to participate in the Metro East Food Pantry Coalition Presents: "Drop in Basket to End Hunger" April 26th - May 10th.

From HUB Foods: "We have entered a season when donations tend to drop off and our shelves are more empty than normal, but our need will begin to increase as we prepare for the summer months when children are out of school and won't receive two meals a day at school. Your support of this drive would be most meaningful to the clients HUB Foods serves!"

All non-perishable items are welcome, especially if they would be part of a nourishing meal! Bring the items to the barrel provided in our church Gathering Space between April 26 and May 10. THANK YOU!

ATTENTION BOURBON LOVERS: ICS Class of 2025 is offering a Bourbon Raffle to benefit next year's Washington D.C. trip.

\$25 each or 5/\$100 . . . for a chance at \$750 worth of quality bourbon!

Choose a participating student from the drop list when you purchase - they will appreciate your support! https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/UPnG_w?vid=14x39g

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.

We are currently at \$303.70 earned for the current school year. It would be amazing if we could get \$500.

Think Costco, Sam's Club, Aldi, Schnucks, Walmart, Target, Amazon - both digital and paper receipts work!



When you buy participating products at Walmart you longer have to scan your receipt for ICS to earn Box Top points. Just link your Walmart account to Box Tops for hassle free donations to our school. Check this link for details.

https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn/walmart-connected-accounts?utm_source=Email_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BTFE_04_04_2024&vcode=AQAAAAEB AQEBAQEBAQEBAQEBAQEBWMD1MVpoP7KnA5Kt30qZ7HfB6lockobN2YeD2u8FwwWY--Clv3rzUgAgVWod8s78vDjCbzuVvW1Unrf1ar9QgQ%3D%3D

DOWNLOAD THE APP, SCAN YOUR 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!!!**

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:

April

April 24: 2:00 Dismissal

April 25: NO SCHOOL

April 26: NO SCHOOL

May

May 1: May Crowning 9:00 am

May 1: Confirmation 7:00 pm

May 9: Spring Band Concert/Art Show 7:00 pm

May 10: Awards Night/Dance(Grades 5-8) 7:00 pm

May 14: 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass 10:30 am

May 16: Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 am

May 17: No Bus at 3:00 pm

8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm

May 21: Last Day of School 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00 **NO LATCHKEY**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS: Nominations are OPEN for June 2024 - May 2026 Executive Board Positions of President, Treasurer & Public Relations Representative and can be made on the pinned Facebook post or to any current Executive Board member. Elections will be held at the May 13th Meeting.

ICS SOCCER CAMP: Check out the flier at the end of the newsletter. This is the same awesome camp that we have put on for many years. We partner with Elite FT to put it on. Last summer we had 92 ICS boys and girls participate. For the month of April, you can save \$15 on registration by using the code “early15”. New this year: the camp will be at the CHS Athletic Field. This will allow for less chance to cancel due to rain, and much better viewing for parents. Any questions, please reach out to Brian Boyd at bmboyd02@yahoo.com

GIBAULT INFO:

Visit Gibault!

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. Your 7th or 8th 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

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

Summer Classic Golf Tournament:

Tee up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibalthawks.com or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: There is a 3 yr old boy in Mrs. Whitworth's class who has never said a word to me all year. He came to school on Tuesday and very excitedly told me, “**I went to Target.**” I asked him what he got at Target and he replied, “**I don't remember, I have never been there before.**”

I overheard a teacher telling her little ones as they were walking in the hallway, “**We are walking, not running, jumping, skipping, singing, touching.**” (Then she was out of my hearing range but I am sure there were more instructions>

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

ETERNAL REST: Please keep Azalea and Clifford Hammel and family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their grandfather, John Hammel.

“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 Art Camp

with Mrs. Fetcho

Come create and express yourself this summer at the IC art room. You will get messy and have a lot of fun! Learn new ways of seeing things and new ways of using everyday items to create something new.

Have students wear old clothes because we will make a mess!

Lower Level - Playground entrance to the Art Room.

9:00am - 12:00pm bring a snack and a water bottle. Project materials included.

\$175.00

Sign up by emailing cfetcho@icsmail.org. Checks should be made out to Carol Fetcho and due on the first day of camp.

June 10 - June 13 Grades 1st - 6th Paint and Splatter

This camp will focus on creating art pieces that relate to water. Creating some multimedia pieces using paint, glue, clay newsprint, foam plates, shaving cream, string, cardboard.. Let's explore and create outside the box.

June 17 - 20 Grades 1st - 6th Sculpt and Weave

Explore cardboard, plaster, canvas board, cardboard shapes, plastic cups, clay and all kinds of fun things in this class. What kinds of three dimensions can we make?

We will weave, sculpt and assemble some 2 and 3 dimensional pieces

July 15 - June 18 Grades 1st - 6th Fun with Pop Art

This camp will focus on creating art pieces that relate to popular culture old and new.

Creating some two and three dimensional pieces using everyday subjects.

Let's explore and create outside the box.

July 22 - July 25 Grades 1st - 6th From the Garden

What can we find in our garden? Bugs, fruits and vegetables and some pollinators too.

This class will focus on creating landscapes, still lifes and sculptures of the things we find in nature.



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Blood Drive Columbia High School

Gym
77 Veterans Parkway
Columbia, IL 62236

Wednesday, April 24, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: columbiahs
to schedule an appointment.

**Come to donate and receive a free T-shirt (while
supplies last).**



Scan to schedule
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JEFF KIENZLE

FORMER ACTS RETREATANT &
ICC PARISHONER

Sign Up Today for the next Men's Retreat - April 25 - 28

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER -

<https://icc-columbia-il.us/acts-retreats/acts-retreat-registration/>



Before I attended my first ACTS retreat, the minute church ended, I was out of there.

I had my family, my friends, I went to church, I was good.

Though as the years went by,

I felt like I wanted to connect more with my faith and my church community.

I began to want to meet more of those faces I saw at church.

Like many, I was asked by friends to attend the retreat. I saw the excitement in their eyes,
though I still turned down the initial offers, it had to be my time.

I also often joke that while many have FOMO (Fear of Missing Out),
I have FOBI (Fear of Being Invited). As an introvert, it's hard to take that first step towards social gatherings.

Don't get me wrong, once I take that step, I tend to have a good time.

But that step is hard. A retreat or two later, I decided it was my time.

There was no pressure from my friends, I just wanted to connect with others and connect
with church and God. I made that first step. And I'm glad that I did!

While I had no idea what I was getting into or what to expect,

I had a sense of calm, I let go and let it go to God.

While on my retreat, I did get to know many in my community, many I call close friends today.

Though what I received on my retreat was much more.

I found a greater understanding of my faith and why it is I go to church, why I pray, why I have values,
why I and we need God in our lives. I came back a better husband, father, and friend.

I was less judgmental, I looked to God for direction. I set my values and took an approach
on life that has helped me stay grounded. Now don't get me wrong,

I still stumble in my journey, I'm not perfect. No one is, only God. Though
when I do stumble, I look back to my past retreats or I go on an upcoming one to help remind me what I
learned on that first one.

If you are thinking about taking that first step towards an ACTS retreat, take that step!

Hilltoppers Swim Club

Membership Drive & Swim Team Sign-up



swim with the gators!

Tuesday, April 16th • 4 to 6pm

Main Street Abbey-Outdoor Terrace, 340 South Main St., Columbia, IL
EVERYONE INVITED!

2024 SEASON RATES

- FAMILY membership \$400 • SINGLE membership \$200
- SWIM TEAM ONLY membership \$150
- SENIOR single membership \$185

Sign up and pay in full this day and you will receive
5 FREE PASSES for the 2024 swim season.

Opening Day ~ May 27, 2024!

Sign up for the Gators Swim Team at the event. Practice starts May 28th.
Team practice & meet schedules will be posted online. Team swimsuits will be ordered during sign ups.
PREFER CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PAYMENT. Application and fee can be mailed to:
Hilltoppers, PO Box 343, Dupu, IL 62239
Credit card may be available but subject to additional fees.

For more information visit Hilltoppersswimclub.com
or email hilltoppersswim@gmail.com or call Salle @ 618-799-8001



Join us for the fourth annual
**Gibault Catholic High School
Women's Club Poker Run
Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Take a scenic Sunday afternoon drive!

Stop by each bar and pull a poker card. Best hand wins. No skill necessary!

Jeeps, motorcycles, and cars are welcome!

Registration opens at 11:30 am at Hopskeller; ride starts at noon:

- Hopskeller Brewing Company, 116 East Third Street, Waterloo
- Ott's Tavern, 20 E. Washington, Millstadt
- Pete's Hard Stop, 2 South Main Street, Smithton
- Insider, 116 North Main Street, Marissa
- Karban's Knotty Pines, 4569 Buss Branch Road, Paderborn

Turn in hands by 5:30 at Karban's Knotty Pines

Designated Drivers get free soft drinks at each bar and entered in a special drawing!

Two hands for \$25, each additional hand \$5

Five hands for \$40, get 6th free!

50/50, cooler of booze raffle, silent auction!

Food available at every stop

Prizes for three best hands!

For more info, call Claudia at (618) 660-6703 or email
bcpapenberg@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit GCHS Women's Club



Card swaps \$5 each!



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This year's all-new program sparks curiosity and builds confidence as campers collaborate in fun, hands-on STEM challenges led by qualified local educators to help their creativity shine.



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SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Register at 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@icsmail.org

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

REGISTER HERE!

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Pre-K Age 3 - 5:45-6:15pm
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Grades K through 8th - 6:00-8:00pm
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2024

DISCOVER YOUR SKILLS

JULY 15-18

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GRADES K-8TH - 6:00PM-8:00PM

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Columbia Eagles Baseball Camps 2024



**Eagles Complete Skills Camp:
June 17-19**

2024-2025 Grade: Time:
 3rd-5th 8AM - 10AM
 6th-8th 10AM - 12PM

*To register online, please go to:

Columbia Eagles Baseball Camps

Camp Site
 Columbia Eagles Baseball Field at Eagleview Elementary

Eagles Complete Skills Camp Instruction
 The baseball camp is designed for all skill and ability levels. Camp will feature instruction and drill work in the fundamentals of fielding, throwing, hitting, bunting, baserunning, and general baseball knowledge and strategies. **All campers who pre-register prior to May 31 will receive a Columbia Eagles Baseball Camp T-Shirt.**

What to bring?
 Glove, hat, spikes, pants, and an appropriate shirt (No sleeveless shirts please.) Please label all equipment.

THEME DAYS FOR COMPLETE SKILLS CAMP
 Day 1 - Summer Team Jersey/Hat day
 Day 2 - Wear your favorite jersey/favorite sports team to camp.
 Day 3 - Wear your camp t-shirt to camp.

Rain Plan
 If weather forces any change please call your respective school office or follow us on Facebook @CHSEagleBaseball or on Twitter @CHSEagleBasebal

Camp Scholarships and Multiple Child Discount
 Our goal is to include every child who wants to learn more about the game of baseball. Please contact Coach O'Donnell for more information. Families with more than one participant may deduct \$10 for each additional child for the complete skills camp.

Neal O'Donnell, Head Baseball Coach at CHS and CMS, will serve as the camp director. The camp staff will also include members of the CHS and CMS coaching staff and current/former players.

Columbia Eagles Baseball Camp Form (Please Print Clearly)

Complete Skills Camp:	Time	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Grades 3-5	8:00 - 10:00	\$60
<input type="checkbox"/> Grades 6-8	10:00-12:00	\$60

Camper's Name _____ 2024-2025 Grade _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

T-Shirt Size: YM YL S M L XL
Waiver

My child, _____, has my permission to participate in the aforementioned camp. I understand that safety will be stressed, but, in case of injury, neither the staff nor CUSD #4 is responsible. I/we agree to pay the fee associated with my child's attendance. I understand the terms and conditions described.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
 CHS
 77 Veterans Parkway
 Columbia, IL 62236

Please return this form to Coach O'Donnell or mail to CHS by May 31 to be guaranteed a camp T-Shirt. Campers may register the week of camp.

For more information contact:
 Coach Neal O'Donnell
 618-719-1853
odonnell.neal@columbia4.org

GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JOIN OUR GIRLS

BASKETBALL CAMP 2024

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

MAY 28 - 30 / 9-11 AM

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Experienced basketball players
- Skill development
- Team building exercises
- Strategy sessions
- Fitness & conditioning drills
- Friendly Matches

GRADES **INCOMING**
5TH - 8TH



Registration Fee (Includes T-Shirt)

\$50

Work with Head Coach: *Dakota Street*



[REGISTER HERE](#)



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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JOIN OUR GIRLS

VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2024



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

JUNE 17 - 20 / 5 - 7 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Experienced volleyball players
- Skill development
- Team building exercises
- Strategy sessions
- Fitness & conditioning drills
- Friendly Matches

GRADES **INCOMING**
5TH - 8TH



Registration Fee (Includes T-Shirt)

\$60

Work with Head Coach: *Jordan Ben-Shlomo*



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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JOIN OUR BOYS

BASKETBALL CAMP 2024



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

JUNE 3 - 7 / 8:30 - 11:30 AM

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Experienced basketball coaches
- Skill development
- Work with Gibault players
- Strategy sessions
- Fitness & conditioning drills
- Friendly competition

GRADES
**INCOMING
4TH - 8TH**



Registration Fee (Includes T-Shirt)

\$75

Work with Head Coach: *Dennis Rueter*



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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JOIN OUR BOYS SOCCER CAMP 2024

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

JUNE 17 - 20 / 5 - 7 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Experienced soccer players
- Skill development
- Team building exercises
- Strategy sessions
- Fitness & conditioning drills
- Friendly competition

GRADES
**INCOMING
5TH - 8TH**



Registration Fee (Includes T-Shirt)

\$60

Work with Head Coach: **Ryan Nordike**



REGISTER HERE



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GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JOIN OUR BOYS

VOLLEYBALL CAMP 2024



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS AND HAVE FUN

JUNE 11 - 13 / 5 - 7 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Experienced volleyball players
- Skill development
- Team building exercises
- Strategy sessions
- Fitness & conditioning drills
- Friendly Matches

GRADES **INCOMING**
5TH - 8TH



Registration Fee (Includes T-Shirt)

\$50

Work with Head Coach: *Chris Koudelka*



REGISTER HERE



618-939-3883