



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr Steve reminded this week that we should never stop being good as God will never give up on us. Fr. Eric reminded us that God will always be our friend so we should always be a friend to God.

(Grades 1-8 celebrate the Eucharist two times a week and kindergarten celebrate the Eucharist once a week at ICS. Are they celebrating the Eucharist on the weekend with you?)

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September 3: Picnic Clean up, 8th Grade attendance only.

(Pre-S - 7th grade: NO SCHOOL)

YOUNG AUTHORS: The Fall Young Authors Contest due date will be September 23, 2024. Please see the flier attached for additional information. If you are interested in judging stories for the Young Authors Contest please email Susie Funk -- medic4837@gmail.com.

MUM NEWS: Mum sales started on Monday. If you haven't already done so, be sure to get your online site set up and sell, sell, sell. I'm confident we can make this our best year yet! To set up your online site, visit www.fundraiseit.org. If you need any help, don't hesitate to contact me. Mum sales run through Sunday, September 7. Please return to your child's teacher on Monday, September 8th. Checks can be made out to Parents and Friends. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emilee Dufford at 618.616.6878.



In addition to selling, it's time to start thinking about helping make this fundraiser a success. Please be sure to sign up. This QR code should be a quick way to get to the SignUp Genius site.

YARD SIGNS: If you have an ICS yard sign in your garage (or still in your yard) please return them to the office or simply give them to Mr. Gregson in the morning.

PARISH PICNIC: Do you have any Labor Day plans? Join us at the Immaculate Conception Parish at the annual Labor Day Picnic! The picnic has something for everyone, please see the flier included at the end of the newsletter. Booths and games of chance for the little ones. Sport/Skill games for the middle-school aged kids. Adults can spend some time trying their luck playing poker, the Big 6 Wheel and Blackjack. From the chicken dinner, to the fish and grill stands, there is something delicious to eat for everyone.

The IC Picnic is also a great opportunity to donate your time... this event helps raise necessary that keep the parish operating year-round. Please sign up and help make the picnic a success, we can't keep it going without your help and your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4FA8AB2AA6F85-50457467-immaculate>

Follow the IC Picnic Facebook Page for the latest on what is happening throughout the day on Monday, September 2! <https://www.facebook.com/immaculateconceptionparishpicnic>

Calling all gardeners: If you have a bountiful harvest you're willing to share, please consider our picnic's Homegrown & Homemade Market.

Bring your garden goodies, canned produce, and jelly, to the 'Picnic' table in the Gathering Space before or after Masses on Sunday, September 1, OR they may be dropped off between 8&11am the morning of the picnic at the 'Plant, Pie, Produce Dropoff' area at the intersection of Fr. Carl Drive and the lower level lot. Please do not bring anything that needs refrigeration. Thank you for sharing your harvest!

2023-2024 YEARBOOKS: We have extra yearbooks for sale. \$20 each. Please put in an envelope with your child name and Grade/teacher name and send it to the office.



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

JOE HOGUET GOLF TOURNAMENT: (SEE FLIERS BELOW)

SINGERS: Monroe County Singers Company is a non-competitive performing group for elementary-age girls (K-6). We sing AND we dance! Our goal is to provide a fun environment to inspire young girls with confidence through music and dance. You can also learn more about us by viewing a brief video at this link [Link to Singers Company Video](http://youtu.be/rmAHH7mr8fY) or on YouTube @ <http://youtu.be/rmAHH7mr8fY>. Our Facebook page also shows pictures and information about our groups: at www.Facebook.com/WaterlooSingersCompany.

September

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September 12: Grandparent Mass (K-8)

September 13: No 3:00 bus
7th Grade - Chicago Field Trip

September 18: 2:00 Dismissal

September 19-20: 5th grade-Camp Ondesonk

September 20: Joe Hoguet Golf Tournament
Kindergarten Field Trip: Eckerts

September 23: IOWA Testing Week

September 27: 8th Grade - Bi-County Field Trip

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: A kindergartener was all excited Wednesday morning as he told me, **“I am getting a baby today.”** (He became a brother for the second time.)

I have been teaching the Diocesan Safe and Sacred lessons this week to various classes. The lessons for the younger students focus on good touch, bad touch, and confusing touch. I was told by a parent who has a 3 year old that when her husband tried to give her daughter a big hug at night she told him, **“Mr. Gregson said you should not squeeze me.”** (At least someone was paying attention to me.)

PRAYER LIST:

Jill Dalke, Thomas Young, Colbey Voss, and 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.”



Thanks to all of you for bringing tents today to help keep Thanks to all the parents who gave of their time today to help make Field Day a great day for all of us!!!

FALL YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST

Guidelines and Judging:

The Young Authors program focuses on creativity.

A parent volunteer will judge your work based on the following:

- originality
- organization (beginning, middle, end)
- use of clear, descriptive words
- grammar
- punctuation

Stories are evaluated based 75% on creativity and 25% on grammar and punctuation.

You may also enter a poem. It will be judged based on its creativity, how well it flows, and on the strength and clarity of its message. For upper grade students, a poem or collection of poems should have at least 20 lines total.

Any submission may be written at home or as part of a classroom assignment. Please do not submit work that has been entered in the Young Authors competition in a previous year.

Please give your submissions to your teacher by

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

For judging purposes, do not write your name on your story.

Please attach your name on a separate piece of paper with a paper clip when submitting.

For more information contact Susie Funk at medic4837@gmail.com



Help your Child win free ice cream!!

Here's how:

- You've received your Phase 3 Capital Campaign overview packet.
- If you've already turned in your pledge card, no further action needed.
- If you haven't, return your pledge card to the Parish or School office ASAP.
- The class with the highest % of pledge cards returned receives a free ice cream treat on Friday, Sept. 13th.

All pledge cards must be received by **Friday, Sept. 6th** to be counted!

Note: extra pledge cards can be found in the parish office.



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Athletic Complex



Pavilion



Rosary/Stations of the Cross Walk

More Campaign information; including FAQs can be found on the parish website: <https://icc-columbia-il.us/>



TRICK OR TRIVIA

ICS TRIVIA NIGHT

OCTOBER 18TH 2024

Doors at 6 p.m., Trivia Starts at 7 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Garden Level

409 Palmer Rd., Columbia IL

\$200 PER TABLE OF 10

MULLIGANS, GAMES AND RAFFLES FOR PURCHASE

OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK WELCOME



Halloween Costume Contest!

Questions?
Contact Jackie Weaver at
schmidjk@gmail.com



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH

Labor Day Picnic



Quilt Bingo

11am-7pm

Play an hour or stay all day!

\$500 final game payout



Chicken Dinner

11am-4:30pm

Tickets on sale at the door. Dine-in or Carry-out. (Cash, Credit & Checks accepted)



Live Music

1pm-3pm:

Waterloo German Band

4pm-6:30pm:

Main Street Jazz

Booths, Stands & Games

11am-7pm

Bookstore - Homegrown & Homemade Market -

Dessert Stand - Raffle Stand - Plant Stand

Food & Drink Stands -

Adult Games - Children & Youth Games

409 Palmer Road | All parking will be onsite.

More information on Facebook

@ImmaculateConceptionParishPicnic



Sign up to volunteer after all masses on Aug. 10/11 & Aug. 24/25.

2024 ICS Golf Tournament Joe Hoguet Memorial

Friday September 20, 2024 - Acorns Golf Links - Waterloo, IL

Sponsorship Opportunities:

- **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 shared 4' X 8' banner near the clubhouse
- ***Please email your high-resolution logo or photo to icsfathers@gmail.com*****
- *Please return by September 1st. Questions? Email: icsfathers@gmail.com
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Please select your level of support and make your check payable to:

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

Or pay online or register your team at our Givesmart page: <https://igfn.us/form/e730dw>



_____ Platinum Hole Sponsor \$1000

_____ Gold Hole Sponsor \$500

_____ Silver Hole Sponsor \$250

_____ Family/Friends Sponsor \$100

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

ICS/Joe Hoguet Memorial Golf Tourney
As time moves on, we need to remember that everything started somewhere.

The ICS Golf Tournament began in 1995 as a way to support the Immaculate Conception School's Athletic Fund and Technology Program. It was founded by members of the School Board and Athletic Committee, and over \$250,000 has been raised to date. This crucial support has allowed both programs to thrive, and to dream a little bigger.

The ICS soccer program was started in 1974 after three 7th graders refused to give up on starting soccer at ICS. Though knowing nothing of the sport, principal Mike Kish gave in, and put a "plea for help" note in the parish bulletin. The next Saturday, while painting his garage, a new neighbor up the street came down and volunteered to start soccer at ICS. Joe Hoguet was new to Columbia and to ICS, and he came when we needed him. Soccer became, and still is, the "Great Commonizer" at ICS, and Joe was Mr. Soccer.

Almost every student will play at least one year of soccer, or some other sport at ICS, many parents volunteer time in coordinating and coaching, and scores of students have attended college on soccer scholarships! Many more students have been able, through sport, to learn some of life's lessons about hard work, teamwork, winning and losing, and respect.

Joe Hoguet embodied Stewardship. So many of you here today have similar stories of standing up, volunteering, making a difference in your family, your parish, and the community. The ICS Father's club endeavors to keep Joe's name alive because our school depends on that model of Stewardship that he represented.

Joe said YES to starting soccer, to coordinating, to refereeing, and to a stint as the Metro East Soccer League Commissioner. He said YES to being a Marine, YES to 6 years on the School Board, including 3 as President, YES to serving on our Parish Council, ushering regularly for Saturday evening Mass, and he said YES to the Knights of Columbus, Rotary, and the Turners too. Somehow, Joe still found time to leave a very impactful legacy as a parent and grand-parent. We could all be more like Joe!

Joe was a great all-around athlete and loved golf, rarely missing his 6:07 am Sunday tee time. Joe was a golf instructor at BAC, and even won a car on a hole-in-one once! Joe lost his battle with cancer at the young age of 56 in 1999, and shortly thereafter the ICS School Board voted to name this tournament in his honor.

In Joe's memory, by way of this golf tournament, we ask you to say YES in any way you can to helping the Immaculate Conception School's effort to continue to provide the opportunities of sport and technology to our youth. It is our hope that his legacy of selfless contribution will carry through to these next generations of students, and that they too will grow up to remind us all how we can make a difference. Rest in Peace Joe, as we enjoy this great day!

Please consider joining us for a round of golf and camaraderie at beautiful Acorns Golf Links on September 20, 2024. Family and corporate sponsorship opportunities are a great way to show the world you're proud of what we're doing, and to keep the name of your business in the public eye. In-kind donations are appreciated as well.

We're also proud to announce that this tournament is again a qualifying event for the State Bank of Waterloo's Tournament of Champions, to be held October 19, 2024 at Acorns Golf Links.



STATE BANK
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
QUALIFIER

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ROOM PARENT, COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

SCAN HERE:



Sign-up to help ICS's Parents and Friends Organization by becoming a Room Parent, joining a committee or volunteering! Scan the QR code above to fill out the google document!

Come Sing with us!

Singers Company is a non-competitive performing group for elementary-age girls. Our goal is to provide a fun environment to inspire young girls with confidence through music & dance.



Register Now!

waterloo.singerscompany.com

618-530-4208

jody@singerscompany.com



Singers
Company®



Come sing and dance with us!
Girls through elementary school are invited to join the fun!



22nd Annual Kiwanis Kids Fishing Derby

Sponsored By: *Columbia Kiwanis Club*



Saturday, September 21, 2024 – Rain date is Sunday, September 22
Columbia Sportsman Club – 202 AA Road across from Weber Chevrolet

Registration	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Fishing Times	9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Prizes and Trophies	12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**This event is entirely FREE, including lunch for the entire family.
Every child receives a T-Shirt and Attendance Prize.
Trophies awarded for three age groups.**

The rules are simple:

- Pre-K to 6th grade are eligible. (Pre-K = year before entering Kindergarten)
- A parent or guardian must accompany participating children.
- Child must provide his/her own rod, tackle, and bait. (No Minnows)
- Child should do as much of the fishing as possible.

REGISTRATION FORM – Deadline September 12 *(limited to first 150 kids)*

Child's Name _____ T-Shirt Size S M L Adult Small Adult Medium
Phone Number _____ Grade in School _____

E-mail above information to: fishingderby@htc.net

OR mail to: Lynda Hofstetter, 7051 Reichert Road, Columbia, Illinois 62236.

Registrations via e-mail will be confirmed as received within 48 hours. Those by mail will be confirmed by text if phone number provided receives text messages.

Questions may be directed by phone/text to (618) 660-6217, but please register via e-mail or mail.

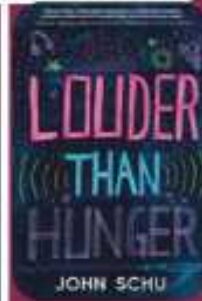
Photo Waiver and Release:

By registering for the fishing derby, you are giving us permission to take and publish photos of you, and any minor children that accompany you, for the express and limited purpose of sharing information about the event to the media and others.

Scan the QR code to visit our Facebook page!



**LEWIS & CLARK READING
COUNCIL**



Thursday, September 12

6-8 PM

Belleville Arena

2300 W. Main St.

Belleville, IL 62226

AN EVENING WITH JOHN SCHU

John Schu will share book talks on numerous must-read titles and what it means

to be a reader and a writer!

He will discuss how stories can change us, inspire us, connect us to others, answer our deepest questions, and help us heal.

Mr. Schu's infectious personality and passion for connecting books to children is not to be missed!

Entry Fee is \$10

Students are free.

**Drawings for John's books
throughout the night**

Register Here:



**Questions? Contact
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