



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Eric reminded us our gathering at church is a reminder of our gathering in heaven. Fr. Steve reminded us that we live in Jesus as we live with our brothers and sisters and we need to be ready because Jesus wants to talk to us.

**(Grades 2-8 celebrate the Eucharist two times a week and grade1 and kindergarten celebrate the Eucharist once a week at ICS. Are they celebrating the Eucharist on the weekend with you?)**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW WINNERS:**

Congrats to Sawyer Witges, Stella Hart, and Chase Matthews on advancing to the regional round in March.

**ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM:** Congrats to Dylan Stuckmeyer, Isaac Thieret, and Tyler LoPorto on being named to the All Tournament Team at the St. John's Volleyball Tournament.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:



**MONDAY:** We began with the Liturgy as we celebrated our 13th year in our current church building. We supplied a meal from Joe Boccardi's and desserts from Dear Diva's Desserts to the Columbia First Responders.



**TUESDAY:** Students competed in a spelling bee with William Sasser finishing 3rd, Gianna Mueth finishing 2nd, and Lorelei Lochart finding 1st.



**WEDNESDAY:** Students tested their knowledge with trivia questions.



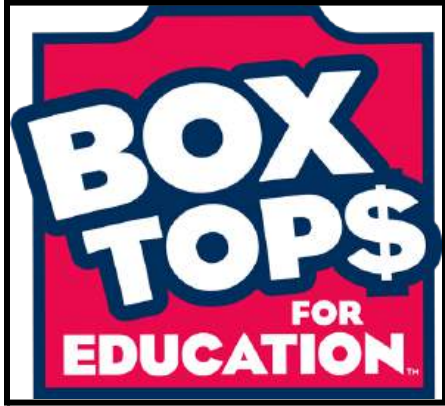


**THURSDAY:** We began with an illuminated rosary filled with family prayer intentions. The day ended with students showing off their many talents.



**FRIDAY:** The 8th graders taught a religion lesson to the lower grades in the morning. The afternoon brought out the competitiveness in the staff and students as the 8th graders took on the faculty and staff in a volleyball game and the 8th graders won a very close match.





ICS families have really kicked their box top scanning into gear! We're just over \$500 for the year now. Way to go ICS! Keep scanning those receipts as every item's earned amount truly adds up to benefit our school.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** Next blood drive is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in the Garden Level from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM&zipSponsor=62236>

**2025-2026 REGISTRATION: NEW** Student Registration will open March 3rd. The admissions Portal link will be available on the ICS website.

**CURRENT** Student Registration will open March 10th. You will be required to pay a \$200 deposit which will go towards your book fees.

## **February**

**February 17: NO SCHOOL (President's Day)**

February 19: 2:00 Dismissal

February 22: ICS Dinner Auction

February 28: No Bus at 3:00

## **March**

March 3: School in session-No Bus

March 5: All School Mass (Ash Wednesday)

March 12-14: 7th Grade - Space Camp

March 12: End of Qtr 3

March 16: New Student Registration

March 19: 2:00 Dismissal

March 21 - No Bus Service

March 24 - March 28: 8th Grade - Washington D.C.

March 28: **NO SCHOOL**

March 31: **NO SCHOOL**

**ICS DINNER AUCTION:** The ICS Dinner Auction is a month away, and we need your help!. We're seeking donations. Popular donations include:

- Gift cards to restaurants, stores, or local services
- Tickets to concerts, sports games, or theater events
- Items that showcase your business (products, gift baskets, services)
- Unique experiences (e.g., guided tours, lessons, or workshops)

Your generosity helps make this event a success—thank you for supporting our students!

Last Call... Table Add Ons (only 2 left) and Game Sponsors (Will your horse be the 1st to cross the finish line?) are only available until February 1st. Ticket prices also increase on February 1st. Don't be late!

**ICS PARENTS & FRIENDS PRESENTS:**  
**DERBY & DINNER**  
 HORSES, HATS & HIGH BIDS

SATURDAY, FEB 22, 2025  
 6:00 IN THE EVENING

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 400 PALMER ROAD, COLUMBIA, IL

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW**  
**\$75**  
 EARLY BIRD THRU DEC 31

**TICKETS REGULAR PRICE**  
**\$100**  
 JANUARY 1-31

**TICKETS LAST CALL**  
**\$125**  
 FEBRUARY 1-14

**DINNER & DERBY Raffles**  
**BURBERRY TOTE**  
 \$25 PER TICKET  
 OR 5 FOR \$100

**PAPPY VAN WINKLE 12 YEAR BOURBON**  
 \$100 PER TICKET  
 ONLY 100 SOLD

WINNERS TO BE DRAWN  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025  
 AT ICS DINNER AUCTION

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ICS STUDENTS**

- ◆ RAFFLES
- ◆ GAMES
- ◆ DINNER
- ◆ DRINKS
- ◆ SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

**RETURNING THIS YEAR**

TABLE ADD-ONS & AN AUCTION NIGHT DERBY GAME!

ALL AVAILABLE ON OUR AUCTION WEBSITE:  
[ICS.GIVEMART.COM](http://ICS.GIVEMART.COM)

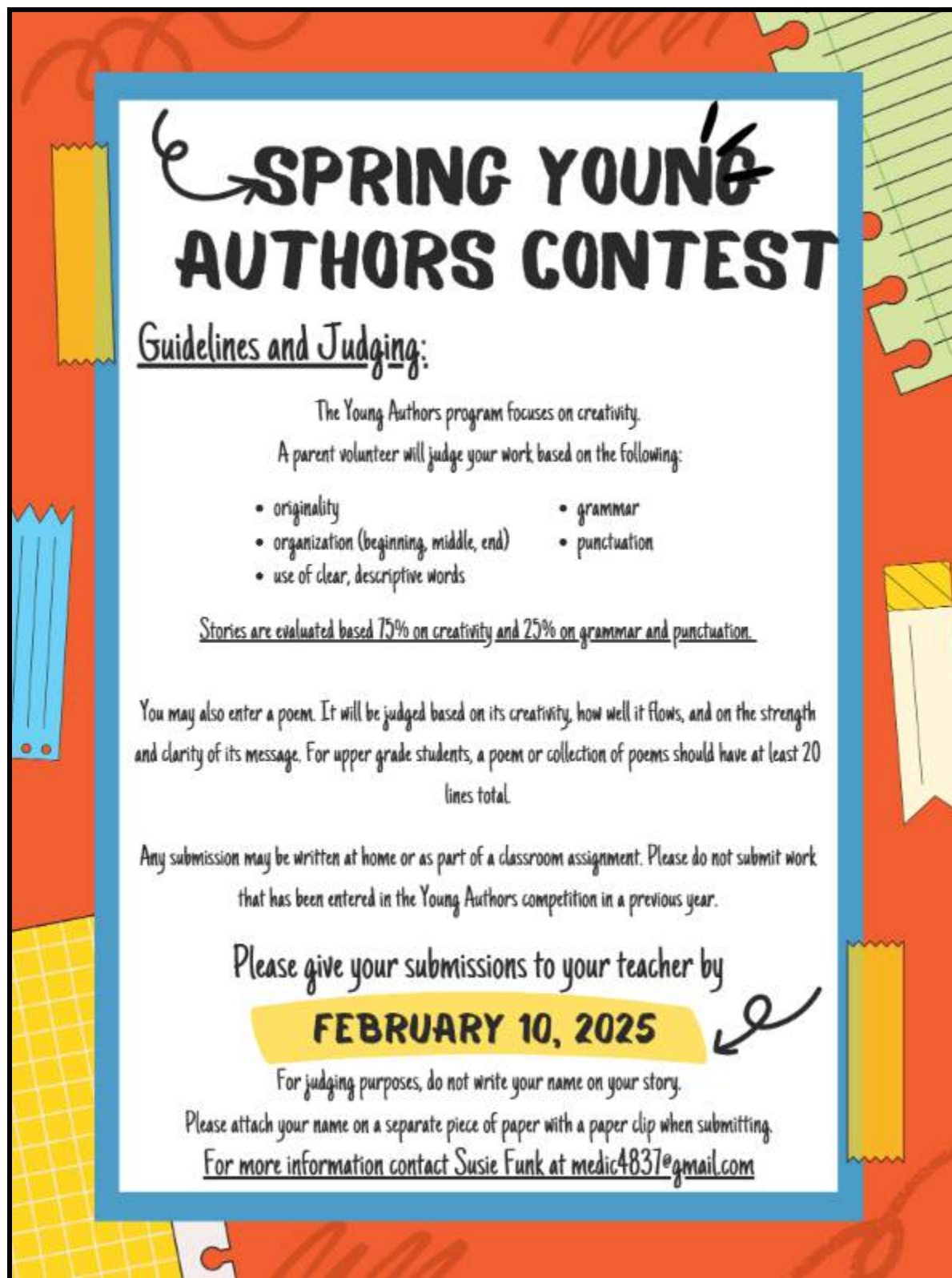
CONTACT [ICSAUCTION@ICSMAIL.ORG](mailto:ICSAUCTION@ICSMAIL.ORG)

**FATHERS CLUB:** Wings, Pizza and Toasted Ravs for the Super Bowl!!!!  
(SEE FLIER BELOW)

**RECESS HELP:** If you would like to help out with recess duty this year please click the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-51181340-recess>.

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE UPDATED WITH THE DIOCESAEN CHILD PROTECTION.**

**YOUNG AUTHORS:** The Spring Young Authors Contest due date will be February 10, 2025. Please see the flyer for additional information. If you are interested in judging stories for the Young Authors Contest please email Susie Funk -- [medic4837@gmail.com](mailto:medic4837@gmail.com).

A colorful flyer for the Spring Young Authors Contest. The background is orange with a blue border. The title 'SPRING YOUNG AUTHORS CONTEST' is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, the text 'Guidelines and Judging:' is underlined. The flyer lists judging criteria: originality, organization, use of clear words, grammar, and punctuation. It also states that stories are evaluated based on 75% creativity and 25% grammar and punctuation. A due date of February 10, 2025 is highlighted in a yellow box. The flyer includes contact information for Susie Funk and a note about not writing names on submissions.

# SPRING 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

**FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

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](mailto:medic4837@gmail.com)

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK: QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** I was helping in Mrs. Meyer's class as the 2nd graders were working on their cursive writing. When they finished their page they brought it to me to check. If it was good I would draw a star on their page. One of the stars that I drew was not very good so I told the student my star wasn't very good and he replied, **"That's ok, Mrs. Meyer messes up her stars all the time."**

As a kindergartener was walking into school we was really struggling carrying his heavy backpack. I asked him if he was having trouble and he replied, **"What;s in this thing, a bunch of rocks?"** (Knowing this student, there might have been rocks in it.)

**PRAYER LIST:** Maria Cecena, Terry Kroening, Jacob Nelson, David Burns, Adam Brandt, and all those serving in the military.

**ETERNAL REST:** Please keep Charlotte Smith (grade 2) and her family on the passing of her grandfather Dave Smith.

***"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."***





**FUNDRAISING**

FOR ICS 8TH GRADE  
WASHINGTON DC TRIP



**JAN 21 - FEB 3**

DELIVERY FEB 19





# ICS MUNCHKIN GAMES



DRIBBLE. PASS. SHOOT.  
EXHIBITION GAMES FOR ICS GRADES K-4  
GRADES 5-7 SUPERFANS,  
ORGANIZED AND LEAD BY GRADE 8

JANUARY 31, 2025  
4:30-9PM

SCAN THE CODE TO  
SIGN UP!



**COME FOR THE FREE FUN,  
& STAY FOR DINNER!**

**ALL PROCEEDS FROM FOOD SALES &  
50/50 GO TOWARDS 8TH GRADE'S  
WASHINGTON DC TRIP.**

**DONATIONS ARE GREATLY  
APPRECIATED!**

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- CANDY
- BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICHES
- NACHOS
- HOT DOGS
- CHIPS
- DRINKS

## Chicken Wing, Toasted Ravioli & Pizza Fundraiser Immaculate Conception School Fathers' Club



### Jumbo Cut Chicken Wings 20 pieces for just \$30

Deep Fried, light dash of seasoning salt.  
Your choice of sauce on the side:  
Syberg's & Hot



### Toasted Ravioli Local Made 20 pieces for just \$15

Deep Fried, light dash parmesan with  
Marinara



### Syberg's Signature Frozen 12" Pizzas \$12/each

Triple Cheese - Joe Mama Meat Lovers - Double Pepperoni - Signature Chicken

### Big Game "Square Board" available for just \$25/square

Drive Thru Pick up from Noon to 4 pm, Sunday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> ICS Lower Level North of ICS Gymnasium. Please use the same route as the KC fish fry.

To Order, scan the QR code or text **icswings** to 41444

Questions? Email: [icsfathers@gmail.com](mailto:icsfathers@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support!

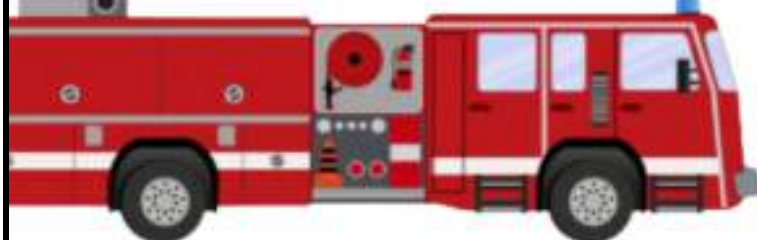


# 7th Grade Golf Ball Drop has been rescheduled. Ticket sales continue

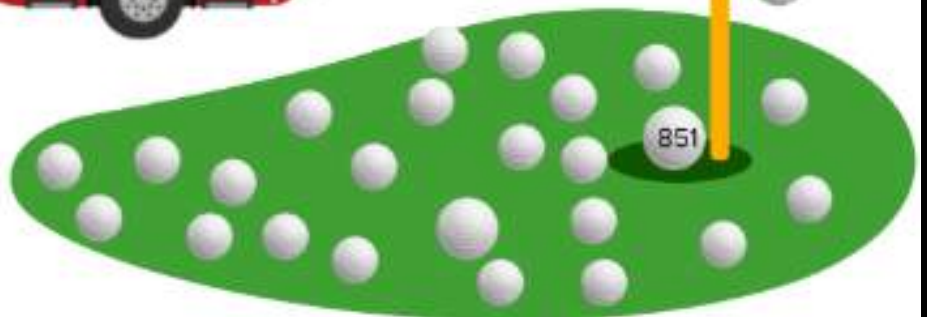


Ticket \$10  
50/50 raffle

Come watch!  
9:00 am  
on March 17th  
at ICS



Proceeds benefit  
ICS 7th Grade trip to Space  
Camp



Need not be present to win. In the event of inclement weather, the ball drop will be rescheduled.

# ILLINOIS PRO-LIFE MARCH



Join the Diocese of Belleville at the Illinois Pro-Life March in Springfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 25, 2025!

The day will include Mass with Bishop Michael McGovern as homilist, followed by the Rally and March around the Illinois State Capitol building.

Parishes, schools, & individuals are encouraged to attend!

Registration coming soon!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [MKING@DIOBELLE.ORG](mailto:MKING@DIOBELLE.ORG)



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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

**Dates:** June 2 - 6, 2025

**Time & Cost:** 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$275 (before discount)

*Payment Plans Available*

**Camp Director:** Tara Kennedy | [tkennedy@icsmail.org](mailto:tkennedy@icsmail.org)

*"Both of my children have loved attending Camp Invention the past two summers! Engaging educational activities that keep them interested and encourage creativity."*

- Amber F., Parent of Camper

**REGISTER HERE!**

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

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