



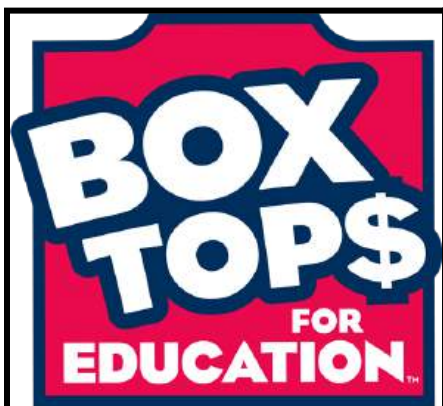
CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Carl reminded us that God created everyone therefore He is in everyone. Fr. Eric reminded us to do good for those who need good and stick with it.

(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?)

NO SCHOOL: Monday, February 17

EARLY DISMISSAL: 2:00 dismissal on Wed, Feb 19.

CHESS TEAM: Congrats to the ICS Chess team which tied for first at the Holy Trinity Chess Tournament! Everyone scored points in what was a total team effort!



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.

ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS: We will be hosting the diocesan volleyball tournament MARCH 13-16. We will be looking for volunteers to work the gate and concession stand. More info coming soon.

BLOOD DRIVE: Next blood drive is Friday, March 7th 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 just around the corner! Are you ready?? Find everything you need here <https://e.givesmart.com/events/F8y>

- **Tickets:** Last chance to get in on the fun is **Friday, February 14th**. Can't be there in person...Buy a virtual ticket, so you can bid from home.
- **Raffles:** Feeling lucky?? Be sure to grab your raffle tickets. There are 3 amazing raffles: Pappy's Van Winkle 12 year Bourbon, Burberry Purse, & Taake 3 Carat Diamond. (Do not need to be present to win.)
- **Game Bundle:** Don't want to wait in line to play all the games, buy a Game Bundle. Includes Bet on Bourbon, Derby Diva, Everyone's a Winner, & And They're Off! Horse Race.
- **Buy Ins:** Don't forget your favorite ICS student. Purchase a full dress down week, March 17th – 21st (one per child). We have another great Buy In coming as well...stay tuned for details. (Do not need to attend the auction to purchase buy ins.)
- **Donations:** We are still looking for donations for our silent auction including 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!
- **Volunteer Sign Up:** We are looking for volunteers to help with set up of the dinner auction & that night. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-55007391-de rby>

We greatly appreciate your support of our amazing school! The ICS Dinner Auction wouldn't exist without all our generous families, donors, sponsors, & businesses.

PAPPY VAN WINKLE 12 YEAR BOURBON Raffle

\$100 TICKET ONLY 100 SOLD

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BOURBON FULL

AND THEY'RE OFF!
LIVE AUCTION HORSE RACE

DERBY Dinner
KENDRA SCOTT JEWELRY FULL

SKIP THE LINES, PURCHASE A GAME BUNDLE!

DRESS DOWN WEEK MARCH 17TH - 21ST \$50/STUDENT

ICS STUDENT DRESS DOWN FOR A WEEK

\$50

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.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: QUOTES OF THE WEEK: A 2nd grade girl told Mr. Kirkpatrick, “I think I have frostbite on my fingers.” He told her, “I don’t think so.” She replied, “**Well maybe my fingers have a headache.**”

I always get on the students in the morning for not wearing coats on these really cold days. A 4th grade boy told me, “**The cold makes me strong.**”

As Mrs. Billmeyer’s class was walking past the office I hear Mrs. Billmeyer say, “**Remember (student’s name) what happened the last time you were walking backwards.**”

As two 4th graders were walking in today (Feb 14) I heard one of them say, “**Mrs. Epplin was born on Valentine’s Day. She was born with extra love.**”

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

“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 SCHOOL

409 Palmer Rd
Columbia, IL 62236

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a full-time Middle School Math teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Position may also include teaching 7th grade religion. We are a faith-filled PreK through 8th grade school committed to providing the highest standard of Catholic faith formation and academic excellence.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and deliver engaging and effective math lessons for 7th-grade students through Algebra 1.
- Implement strategies that ensure a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and build problem-solving skills.
- Collaborate with fellow staff members to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment.
- Engage with parents to keep them informed of their child's academic progress and development.
- Maintain accurate records of student performance and provide regular feedback.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Education, Math, or a related field.
- Must meet all Diocese of Belleville background check requirements.

Compensation and Benefits:

- Salary \$34,000-\$48,000 based on experience and qualifications
- Benefits: Medical, Life Insurance, Vision, Dental, 403B, Sick Days, Personal Days

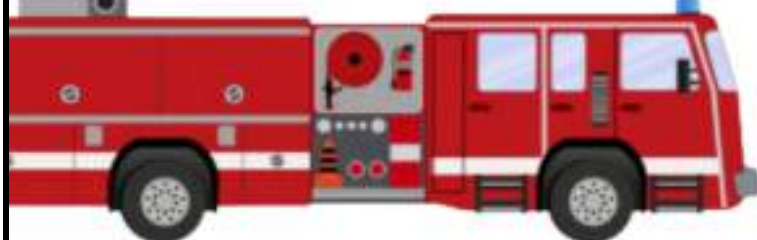
Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Principal Dave Gregson dgregson@icsmail.org.

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

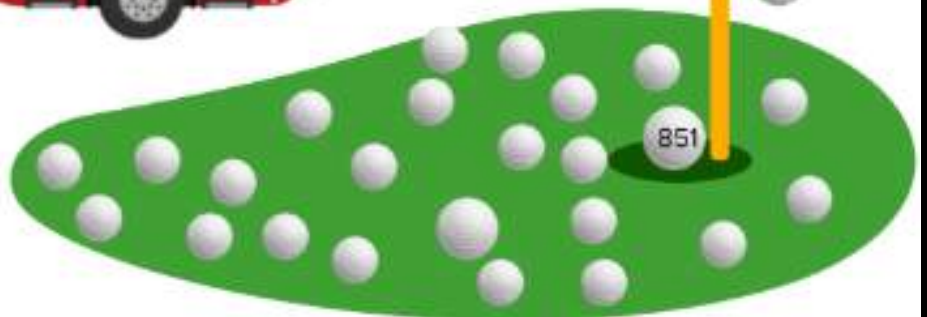


Ticket \$10
50/50 raffle

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



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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

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- Amber F., Parent of Camper

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