



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve reminded us that when we have fears Jesus will help us. Fr. Eric reminded us that celebrating the Eucharist is a perfect practice to be with God for all eternity.

(Grades 2-8 celebrate the Eucharist two times a week and grade 1 and kindergarten celebrate the Eucharist once a week at ICS. Are they celebrating the Eucharist on the weekend with you?)

CHESS TEAM: Congrats to the chess team on their 1st place finish at the St. Clare Tournament.

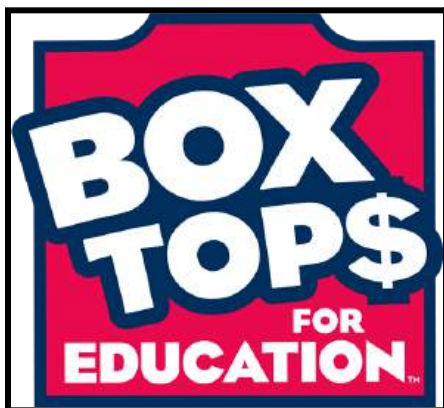


PENNY PINCH CONTEST: We raised \$1279.92 in the Penny Pinch Contest. Proceeds will be donated to The Life Network in Waterloo.

PICTURE THE MUSIC: Congratulations to our Picture the Music contestants. A competition hosted annually by St. Louis Symphony for grades K-6th.

Immaculate Conception has three students who are in the top 100 finalists. Isla Braun for "La Bailarna", Reagan Nelson for "Colors' Victory Song" and Parker Lyle for "The Odd Orchestra". This season students created artwork inspired by Arturo Marquez's Conga del Fuego Nuevo with more than 400 entries within the St. Louis region. They will attend the awards ceremony on April 12, 2pm at the Missouri Botanical Garden and their work will be displayed after the ceremony at the St. Louis Art Museum and the Magic House until May 11.

Hats off to all our fabulous artists competing this year, Graeme Saathoff - "Town Parade", Will Saathoff - "The Theatre", Delaney Dufford with "Dance of the Storm" and Vivie Goldschmidt with "Caught in the Faine of Fire".



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 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>

- **Ads:** Last chance to purchase is **Wednesday, February 12th**. Share your business with ICS families & support ICS at the same time!
- **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

BURBERRY TOTE Raffle

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- WINNER WILL RECEIVE A 3CT STONE
- PICK ANY SHAPE STONE AND HAVE IT SET IN A RING, NECKLACE OR SPLIT INTO EARRINGS
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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.

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.

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

February Parents & Friends Agenda

February 10, 2025 - 7:00 pm

I. Opening Prayer

II. President Report: Jackie Weaver

III. Vice-President Report: Laura Oberkfell

IV. Secretary Report: Danielle Schoen

V. Treasurer's Report: Julie Dohm

VI. Public Relations Representative: Jillian Holdener

VII. Principal Report: Mr. Gregson

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- Dinner Auction: Tiffany Taylor, Jolene Sasser, Jillian Holdener

- 5k Fun/Run: Ashley Veteto & Laura Oberkfell

- Give STL Day: Ellen Southerland

- Girls on the Run: Jillian Holdener

XII. New Ideas

XIII. Closing Prayer

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

Monday February 10, 2025

XV. Important P&F Event Dates

Saturday, February 22nd 2025: ICS Auction

Monday, March 10: March Meeting

Virtual Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83130759825?pwd=OXId3UdhrOP8DjUW2SvCekbdVQb4N3.1>

GOALS MET!
ICS BOOK FAIR WAS A SUCCESS!

In just 4 days the ics bookfair not only met their sales goal of \$7,000 but exceeded it by over \$1,300.

TOTAL SALES \$8,327.60

Scholastic Dollars Earned for ICS
\$3,853.24

Congratulations to the entire immaculate conception parish for your support of our school.

A special thank you to the following volunteers who so willingly gave of their time:

Steve Herbel	Jenny Wynn	Catie Tyler
Emma Tyler (ICS Grad)	Michelle Muckensturm	
Kara Dell-Hunt & Family		Andrew Pretto
Rhonda Daniels		Laura Peterson
Darlene Letcher		

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
TERESA DORSHORST - CHAIRPERSON

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: QUOTES OF THE WEEK: Two kindergarten boys came into the office and one said, “**xxx sat on my head and left a mark.**” (I had to make sure the boys didn’t hear my laugh when I heard this.)

As a kindergarten boy was walking into school he asked me, “**Do you have a wife?**” I told him I did, then his sister asked me, “**Do you have grandkids?**” I said, “No” and then asked, “Is your family talking about me?” and she replied, “**A little bit.**” (Probably not the only family talking about me these days.)

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.”

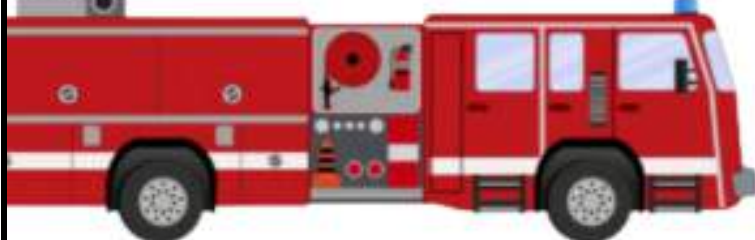


7th Grade Golf Ball Drop has been rescheduled. Ticket sales continue

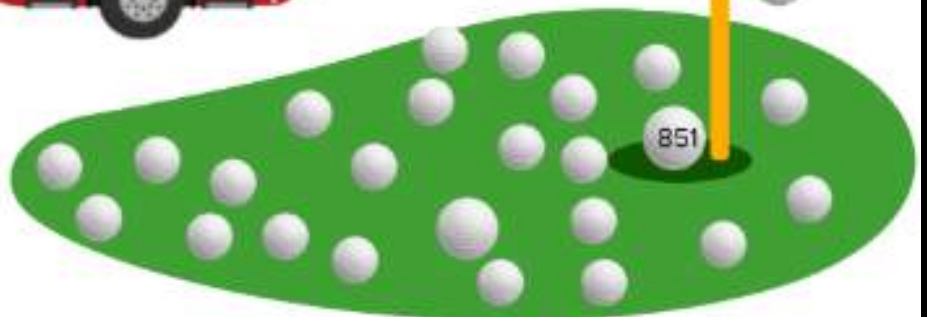


Ticket \$10
50/50 raffle

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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FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS

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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)

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Camp Director: Tara Kennedy | tkennedy@icsmail.org

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