

Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting

October 17, 2023 Garden Level, 7:00 pm

1. Opening Prayer

2. Welcome Barb Baum

3. **Roll:** Kyle Doerr , Jolene Sasser, Teresa Dorshorst, Lee Rinella, Jessica Wachtel, Andrea Bodinet, Brandy Dohle, Barb Baum, Bill Gregozeski, Marie Grasle, Jim Schuette, Mark Verticchio, Fr. Steve, Mr. Gregson, Kara Dell-Hunt

4. **Parents and Friends Report:** Wrapped up Bags & Bubbly - no numbers yet. Gearing up for teacher appreciation next week. Square One fundraiser will be coming up before the holidays. February 24th - ICS Auction. Preparing for Craft Fair Cookie Booth at the ICS Holiday event.

5. **Pastoral Council Report:** Several members of the parish have been asking the pastoral council members that they would like line item budgets showing where the money is spent specifically. Stewardship of Charity has begun their planning for the 2024 event.

6. **Faculty Report:** 8th Grade: Mrs. Hrabusicky and Mr. Kassebaum

Recent Events/Current Events

Builders Club - Club officers, Mr. Gregson, & club advisors cooked a meal for 40 residents at the Ronald McDonald House in August, West Pine St. Louis, location, members continue to provide service around the school by recycling, by becoming study buddies for younger students, and by taking a monthly collection at Mass for St. Raymond's. Members have decided to help the Ronald McDonald House by collecting items from the charities Wishlist. A flier will be shared with families soon.

Upcoming Events

Builders Club - Fall Hangout - Oct 14, 2023 for 7th and 8th grade students...

Classes

6th Grade History - Students will soon complete our first unit of study...The Meeting of the Three Worlds (Native Americans, Europeans, & Africans in the Americas) 7th

Grade History - Students are studying the United States Constitution 8th Grade

History - Students are studying the IL Constitution

7th Grade Science - Science Fair, introduction into Physics

8th Grade Science - Leaf Collection project, class content: taxonomy, viruses, bacteria

8th Grade Religion - Marian Apparition project

8K Reading - Just recently completed our class book, John Steinbeck's Tortilla Flat (1935).

8H Reading - We just recently completed reading the play, Our Town by Thornton Wilder.

Committee Reports:

- A. Teacher/Employee Committee: No report
- B. Community Engagement Committee: Bringing back mentor families in some capacity is under consideration.
- C. Curriculum Committee: Had a meeting a few weeks ago. Mrs. Taylor collected information from the teachers over what the students are covering. Meeting again November 9th.
- D. Student Activities Committee: Boys won state cross country meet. Girls won 3rd. November 6th City will honor both teams.
- E. Budget Committee: Net profit just about zero. Standard variances. Right on schedule with the budget outline for this year. The idea of moving all families that pay tuition to be put on auto-draft beginning next year was introduced. Will discuss with the finance council.
- F. Discernment Committee: No report
- G. Building/Grounds Committee: No report
- H. Strategic Planning Committee: Met this past week. Discussed assigning goals and members that would be in charge of those areas.

7. Principal's Report:

Faculty attended Diocesan Convocation at Althoff on Fri, Oct 13.

School rosary every Monday in October

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Tue, Oct 24 and Thu, Oct 26 (2:00-8:00)

Surprise fire drill with the Columbia Fire Dept on Wed, Oct 11

1st Place Vianney Academic Tournament of Champions
3rd place state: girls cross country
State Champions: boys cross country
Enrollment: lost 1 student for services needed elsewhere (399)

8. Pastor's Report: Camp Ondessonk on October 4th to have dinner with the 5th graders. Mrs. Young and Father Steve have been training 5th graders as Altar Servers. Father is looking for volunteers for the upcoming Capital Campaign.

9. Old Business:

Field Trips: Excerpt from Mrs. Cornish to parents after the Camp Ondessonk field trip for 5th grade:

"Every year we come back even more amazed and so grateful that you allowed your students to join our adventure. It is our hope that you are watching your tired and dirty child excitedly tell you how they braved the rain and the mud to climb in a canyon, how they learned new songs around a campfire, or found new friends. Mrs Scheibe and I watched your student grow as they tried new food, conquered fears and climbed to new heights. We saw the best parts of their personality shine that we would never see sitting in a classroom. "

Excerpt from letter Mr. Gregson sent to 7th grade parents for Space Camp: *"I understand the cost of this and the addition of the Chicago trip earlier this year may be a financial issue for some families. If this is an issue for you PLEASE reach out to me. I will keep everything confidential as we come up with a way to make this possible for your child to attend."*

10. New Business:

A. None.