



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve reminded us that it takes discipline to listen and have a relationship with God and that everything we need to live our life is in The Our Father prayer.

(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?)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 2:15. Living Stations will be Thu, April 17 at 8:15 in the gym.



DIOCESAN CHESS TOURNAMENT: The team had a great day at the Diocesan Chess Tournament at St. Joseph's. We scored 15.5/16 points, which put us in a tie for first with Blessed Sacrament. It took until the fourth tie break to separate us, but we ended up taking second place. A great total team effort! Special thanks to Coach Georger and Coach Williamson for all your time and dedication this year!



TERRIFIC KID: – March 2025 (3rd Quarter)

Mrs. Borgmeyer: **Olivia Strabley** is a terrific kid! She is a hard worker who doesn't give up even when things are challenging. She gives her best work and makes sure to put in the effort needed to improve. On top of these great qualities, she is also a kind friend who always treats everyone with respect. For these reasons and more, Olivia Strabley is a terrific kid!

Mrs. Neff: **Addy Unterseh** is a terrific kid! She is always ready to do her best work, sets a great example in and out of the classroom, and has such a positive attitude. Addy is a great friend and always ready to help others out. Keep being a great example, Addy!

Mrs. Diewald: **Callie Holdener** is a Terrific Kid! Callie had a rough start to her 2nd grade year that brought her many obstacles. She never hesitated to keep doing her very best and persevere. She has shown this demeanor throughout the year as she always strives to do her best on a daily basis. Callie is also a good friend to others and never hesitates to lend a helping hand. Keep up the hard work!

Mrs. Meyer: **Dakota Piesche** is a Terrific Kid because she shows enthusiasm for learning and is committed to doing her best. She is kind and respectful when interacting with peers and sets an example of excellence in behavior and cooperation. Great job, Dakota!



Ms. Doiron: The Terrific Kid for my class is **Olivia Deffenbaugh**. She cheers up her classmates if they are sad, and she is a problem solver. She also gets along with everyone in class, whether that is in the classroom or outside at recess. In the classroom, she follows the direction, and is a role model for her fellow classmates. She also works quietly at her desk to make sure her work is neat and complete. Way to go, Olivia!

Ms. Kennedy: **Zoe Blaies** is a Terrific Kid! She is a kind friend to all and respectful in the classroom. Zoe is a responsible student because she turns her homework in on time, participates in class, and listens attentively. She sets a great example for her peers both academically and socially! Keep up the great work Zoe!

Mr. Crean: **Finley Moore** is the Terrific Kid for quarter 3. Finley is a wonderful classmate. He is a diligent and focused worker, but is also willing to take time to help assist or teach classmates who need help. Finley has a positive attitude. He is conscientious and responsible and consistently puts forth the best version of himself.

Mrs. Ettling: **Danica Daigle** - Danica is a Terrific Kid because she is a model student from the time she walks into school until she leaves. She is kind to everyone and strives to give 110% effort on all her assignments. Keep up the good work, Danica!

7TH GRADE TRIP: We had quite the trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, AL this year. The students once again enjoyed the many activities and lessons of our space program. The journey home was an adventure. A fan belt on the bus broke causing a 3 hour repair time in TN. Once we got going we had to play “storm watchers” as we were traveling into the storm. We decided to take shelter at The Original Springs Hotel in Okawville, IL to keep everyone safe. The kids

enjoyed pizza while the chaperones searched for ghosts as we found out the hotel is notoriously filled with ghosts. After all this we arrived safely at ICS at 1:15 am on Saturday. It was a memorable trip for all. Special thanks to our parent chaperones who went ABOVE AND BEYOND: Priscilla Wilkerson, Katie Hart, Nicole Schuette, Ellen Southerland, Kelly Koppeis, Angela DeClue, Emily Randall, Tim Tharp, Dave Bodinet and ICS staff: Mrs. Tolan and Mrs. Weiler. It takes everyone to pull off trips like this!!!



2025 Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday May 2nd, 2025 - Annbriar Golf Course - Waterloo, IL

[REGISTRATION OPENS ON SUNDAY MARCH 16TH](#)

[Golf Tournament and Dinner Registration:](#)

4-Person Scramble Shotgun Start at 12:00 noon

Golf Package (\$800)

18 holes of golf with cart for your 4-person scramble team

Buffet lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. and Buffet dinner after golf

Skins game entry and Mulligans (1 mulligan for each member of the team)

A special commemorative gift and a goodie bag

Beer, wine, and soft drinks all inclusive

Dinner Package (\$50)

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Golf and dinner registration must be done online here:



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March

March 19: 2:00 Dismissal
End of Qtr 3

March 21 - No Bus Service

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

March 28: **NO SCHOOL**

March 31: **NO SCHOOL**

April

April 1: 12:30 Reconciliation Service

April 9: 2:00 Dismissal

April 15: Chrism Mass-8th Grade

April 17: School in Session (snow day make up)
Living Stations 8:15

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.

GIBAULT INFO: We are still taking applications and scheduling shadow visits – seventh graders are also encouraged to shadow for a day! Click [here](#) to sign up for a shadow visit. Registration for all New students for the 25-26 school year is scheduled for April 2nd and 3rd. Recommendations will be mailed this week, and the sign up will be sent out next week. All scholarship applications are due to Gibault by Monday, March 31st. Please address them to Pam Kueker. Here is the link for the Future Hawks Newsletter - check out some upcoming events! Click here: [Future Hawks Newsletter](#)

March Parents & Friends Agenda

March 17, 2025 - 7:00 pm

Sunset Overlook

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

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

XI. New Business

- Give STL Day: Ellen Southerland

- Girls on the Run: Jillian Holdener

- 8th Grade Parent Recognition: Jillian Holdener

- Teacher Appreciation: Laura Oberkfell

- Rosary: Jackie Weaver

- Back to School: Jackie Weaver

XII. New Ideas

XIII. Closing Prayer

XIV. Next Meeting Dates

Monday, April 14th @ 7 pm

Monday, May 12th @ 7 pm

XV. Important P&F Event Dates

May 8: Give STL Day

Feb 28, 2026: Dinner Auction

Virtual Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85078420183?pwd=QjQRbfa2ddzAahRsWNnwBkK5Wgk4mh.1>

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: A 1st grader came up to the office and told Mrs. Deffenbaugh, “I have a tummy ache because there was a lot of junk food in my lunch.”

Space Camp Quotes: “Sometimes a girl has to look ugly before they look pretty.” “I wish Space Camp was 5 days. I would miss my mom but I would rather be here.” “After being on a bus for 9 hours, when I get home I have to sit in the basement.” “Four minutes til day 4 of the trip.” (The time was 11:56 pm. We were scheduled to be home at 7:30 pm. We got home at 1:15am.)

PRAYER LIST: Steve Barton, 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.”



5TH GRADE TEACHER

Immaculate Conception School is seeking a full-time 5th grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Subjects to be taught are English, Reading, and Math. 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 lessons for 5th grade students in English, Reading, and Math.
- Implement strategies that ensure a deep understanding of subject 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
- 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.

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
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OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP:

ALL MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION ONLINE: ColumbiaBTPool.com

IN PERSON: April 12th and April 26th at The Bath & Tennis Club, 9-11am

PAYMENTS: 2 Checks Payable to Columbia Swim Team

CHECKS: Please mail to 112 Woodland Terrace Dr, Columbia, IL 62236 or bring to in person registration.

1. Registration, Suits (if purchasing, not required), and non-member fees (\$100 per family, if applicable)
2. Work Deposit - \$150 (Must work 3 meets - this will not be cashed unless the requirement isn't met)

SWIMMER FEES:

FIRST CHILD: \$75 SECOND & THIRD CHILD: \$65 FOURTH CHILD & MORE: Free
Lifeguards Swim for Free

PRACTICES:

STARTING: June 2nd (weather permitting)

WHERE: The Bath & Tennis Club

TENTATIVE TIMES: (Coaches may move swimmers based on skill level)

11 yr. Olds and up: 7:45am-8:45am M-F

7-10 yr. Olds: 8:45am-9:30am M-F

5-6 yr. Olds: 9:30am-10:00am M-F

