



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** We are reminded that Lent is about giving to God as Jesus gave His life for us.

**(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?)**

**NO SCHOOL:** Monday, March 31.

**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.



**THANKS:** Special thanks to Mrs. Schiebe for 5 years of educating the ICS students. We ask for God's blessing on her as she begins a new endeavour in her life.



**8TH GRADE TRIP:** The 8th grade class enjoyed another incredible trip to Washington D.C. this week. We visited and toured the many amazing sites of our nation's capital: Thomas Jefferson Memorial, The White House, Ford's Theater, Basilica of the Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington Cathedral, a drive down Embassy Row, Kennedy Center, Mount Vernon, US Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, US Marine Corps IWO Jima

Memorial, WW II Memorial, MLK Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial, National Archives, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, and the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.



Special thanks to our parent chaperones: Jen Loporto, Jodi Hentscher-Johnson, Megan Gilbreth, Crystal Chandler, Jolene Sasser, Brian Boyd, Bill Gregozeski, Michelle Juengling, Sarah Thieret, Jim Theiret, Dave Keys, Kelly Klingert, Mandy McGuire, Josh McGuire, Melissa Jansen, Erica Homeyer, Steve Patton, Andrea Tripp, Julie Wittenauer, Gene Jackson, Laurie Conrad, Danielle Doerr, Kristi Moore, Amanda Buhr, ICS chaperones Mr. Kassebaum and a huge thanks to Mrs. Hrabusicky for all the planning and student preparation to make this another inspiring learning experience for our students.

## VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS



Congrats to the 8th grade girls on winning the school's first Illinois State Regional. Special thanks to Coach McGuire and Coach Doerr for all your time given to the team.

Congrats to the 8th grade boys on winning the Belleville Diocesan Championship. Special thanks to Coach Hentscher-Johnson and Coach Boyd for all your time given to the team.



Congrats to the 6th grade boys on winning the Belleville Diocesan Championship. Special thanks to Coach Hentscher-Johnson, Coach Dell-Hunt, and Coach Witges for your time given to the team.

**ICS CHOIR:** The first Immaculate Conception School Choir is beginning in the fall! Any students in 5th-8th grade who like to sing are invited to join. We will rehearse before school on Fridays from 7:15-7:50am in the Garden Level, beginning on August 22nd. We will also sing as part of the school concerts, and possibly attend a choral festival in the spring! More information will come as the school year approaches. Please click the link below to sign up, and please contact Mrs. Theresa Flores with any questions: [tflores@iccmil.org](mailto:tflores@iccmil.org)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL25OO6z89mkiBWNmAxRJHwzoz8Q9Il1vCAe\\_nfBhZEApZSqQ/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL25OO6z89mkiBWNmAxRJHwzoz8Q9Il1vCAe_nfBhZEApZSqQ/viewform?usp=sharing)

**YOUNG AUTHORS:** Congratulations to our Spring Young Authors winners:

Grade 1: Winners: Vivian Heutel and Jane Cream

Runner-Up: James Duke, Bennett Nelson, Avery Tucker, Harper Tucker

Grade 2: Winners: Forest Doerr and Archie Williamson

Runner-Up: Riley Neff, Michael Schirmer, Savannah Crawford, Levi Schueler

Grade 3: Winners: Maria Kennedy

Runner-Up: Ravi Job and Casey Peterson

Grade 4: Winners: Mason White and Danica Daigle

Runner-Up: Savannah Braun, Hope Jansen, Rosalind Weseman, Gabby Dickman

Grade 5: Winner: Harper Gilbreth and Vivi Schilling

Runner-Up: Maddie Dickman, Gianna Mueth, Chase Mathews, Kaid Schilling

Grade 7: Winner: Audrey Schilling and Olivia Day

Runner-Up: Sienna Gianino, Cole Lewandowski, Evelyn Maddin, Henry Wachtel

Awards for Grade 1-4 will be presented after all-school mass on Thursday, April 3rd.

## **March**

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:** The Freshman Class of 2029 is coming together nicely, but we are still accepting applications! Click here to apply. Scholarship applications are due NO LATER than March 31, 2025. Please address to Pam Kueker. They can be mailed in or dropped off in the school office. Registration for the 25-26 New Students is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the Sign Up [here](#) to select a time to get registered. Save the DATE! The next Jr High Hangout is coming up on April 11<sup>th</sup>! Join us for a GLOW Game Night! Sign up [here](#) if interested. All 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. The AMPlify contest is coming up next week. Awards will be held, Tuesday, March 25, at 5:30pm. The Lady Hawks Softball Team is looking for some bat girls/boys for their home games. We would love for your daughter or son to join the softball team at home games! Please remember to bring a helmet for your child, as they will need to wear it while retrieving bats for the team. They are also welcome to join the team for warm-ups before the game. The team will be on the field for warm-ups no later than 3:30 PM. If your child is unable to make it by 3:30, please ensure they arrive by 4:15 PM at the latest so they can be introduced with the starting lineup.

We look forward to seeing you there! Thank you! Signup today at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CAAAD23A5FDCF8-55121680-hawk#/> Any questions, please reach out to Admissions Coordinator, Pam Kueker, at [pkueker@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibaulthawks.com).

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** As we were walking to a stable at Mount Vernon I heard a student say, **“It smells like fish.”** (We were walking by a stable of sheep.)

I heard an 8th grade girl on the trip say, **“Everyone knows girls are smarter than boys.”** (I am leaving this one alone.)

(This is actually a text I received from Mrs. Epplin while I was at D.C **“Where do we keep a plunger?”** (We really need a janitor.)

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

**ETERNAL REST:** Please keep in your prayers Alaina, Alyssa, and Nathan Georger and family as they mourn the passing of their great-grandfather, Stanley Baird.

***“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](mailto: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
- Benefits: Medical, Life Insurance, Vision, Dental, 403B, Sick Days, Personal Days

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**Grades:** K - 6th

**Location:** Immaculate Conception School  
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236

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

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*For more information email [ColumbiaHurricanesSwimTeam@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbiaHurricanesSwimTeam@gmail.com)*

### OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP:

**ALL MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION ONLINE:** [ColumbiaBTPool.com](http://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

