



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Steve reminded us that Jesus wants us to act as Christians even though we may not always get a “pat on the back” for doing so and Jesus is with people who do good things. Fr. Eric reminded us to thank God for who we are.

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

**TERRIFIC KIDS:** Special thanks to Kiwanis Club of Columbia for sponsoring this award.

Mrs. Borgmeyer: **Shepard Lane** is a terrific kid! He works so hard in class to become a better reader and writer. He focuses, participates and never gives up! He is a kind friend who is always willing to help when someone needs it. His smile lights up any room! Great job, Shep! Keep being terrific!

Mrs. Neff: **Skyler Runde** is a Terrific Kid! She is always challenging herself, participating, and doing her best in the classroom. When needed, she also helps other students and sets a positive example both in and out of the classroom. Skyler is trustworthy, honest, kind, and motivated. Keep up the great work, Skyler!

Mrs. Diewald: **Ingrid Lunk** is a Terrific Kid! I can count on Ingrid to always be prepared for class and to take her time to make sure her work is done to the best of her ability. She is always in control of herself and is a great rule follower. Ingrid never hesitates to lend a helping hand and is respectful to all of her classmates. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Meyer: **Benton Herrmann** is a Terrific Kid because he is a good friend to others. He always gives his best effort and participates well during class lessons. He has a great personality and gives respect to classmates and faculty. Way to go, Benton!

Ms. Doiron: **Tilly Dohle** is a Terrific Kid! She is a great role model for her classmates. She works hard, tries her best, and volunteers frequently to answer questions, even when she might not know the answer. She stops what she is doing to help out her classmates pick up things they have dropped. She shows kindness and respect towards her classmates, in the classroom and at recess. Way to go, Tilly!

Ms. Kennedy: **Ryan Thomas** is a Terrific Kid! Ryan participates in class, follows directions, and shows control of his voice and body. Not only is Ryan a great example in the classroom, but he treats his peers with kindness and respect! He works hard and tries his best! I can always count on Ryan to be setting a great example for his classmates. Keep up the great work!

Mr. Crean: **Noah Boyd** is the TK from Mr. Crean's class. Noah has developed into an inquisitive student over the first quarter and has improved tremendously. He asks really thoughtful questions. Noah is diligent and hardworking in the classroom.

Mrs. Ettlting: **Isla Braun** is a Terrific Kid because she consistently works hard in class, while helping others she sees could benefit from an extra hand. Isla is always helpful and in a very respectful manner. Keep up the hard work and exemplary behavior, Isla!



**CRUSADERS OF CHARACTER:** Congrats to Will Thomas and Lorelei Lockhart on being selected as Crusaders of Character for the 1st quarter. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Columbia for sponsoring this award.



**VETERAN'S DAY:** It was our privilege to honor our veterans on Monday. Thanks to all who donated as we raised \$1021.60 to be donated to Songs 4 Soldiers. It was an honor to have ICS graduate and Songs 4 Soldiers founder Dustin Row speak to our students about his military journey and how we can honor our veterans.



**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** The ICC Sanctity of Life Ministry will be selling Christmas cards this weekend after all masses to earn money for items that raise awareness for and promote the Sanctity of Life as well as to support our local crisis pregnancy care centers. The cards come in packages of 10 and are \$10 per package (cash or a check written to Immaculate Conception Church). Christmas cards will also be available for purchase at the ICS Holiday Craft Fair on Sat. Dec 7 and in the parish office while supplies last.  
Thank you for your support!



**BUILDERS CLUB:** The Builders Club welcomed the director of the Catholic Urban Program (CUP), Kristy Frawley, to their meeting this week. Kristy informed them of the services that CUP provides for those in need in the Belleville Diocese. She also told them how the gifts we donate each year make such a big difference to the families in need at Christmas. **The Builders Club will be collecting gifts for ages toddler-6 again this year. The deadline is DEC 11. If every family donated at least 1 gift we would have approx 180 gifts. It would be awesome if we could get 250 gifts!!! (More details to come.)**



CRAFT FAIR COOKIE BOOTH: Dress down for all who bring **HOMEMADE** cookies.

## *Dear Parishioners, Cookie Bakers, and Candy Makers of All Ages!!*



The ICS Craft Fair and Christmas Candy & Cookie Booth will be open for business December 7th. We typically make over \$3,000 for ICS Parents & Friends. Please help us exceed our goal!

- Donate your best homemade cookies, treats, or candies to be sold at the Cookie Booth during the ICS Craft Fair. **(Please, no store-bought cookies.)**

**BONUS:** Earn a dress down day! 1 child = 3 dozen, 2 or more children = 6 dozen

- Mark your treats “with nuts or “nut free”.
- Cookies can be packaged in ANY disposable container. Zip-loc bags do cause a lot of smashed cookies that we can’t use. We will display them on cookie sheets so no need to make a nice display on a nice plate.
- We’d love your unique holiday themed cookies and/or candies. It’s definitely why the cookie booth is so special! We typically get an overabundance of chocolate chip cookies so consider a variety if at all possible.

- Delivery of Cookies and Candies

### Drop-off Hours

- Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am – 8:00 am (Main school entrance)
- Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am – 9:00 am (Cookie Booth located in the Trophy Room)

- Volunteer to work in the Booth! Fun and easy shifts! Kids aged 10+ are welcome to join you!  
**Sign-Up Genius link for ALL shifts will be on the ICS Parents and Friends FaceBook page**

*\*No worries if you’re not a Baker! Sisters’ Sweets will bake/deliver cookies for you!  
\$30 per 3 dozen. Orders need to be turned in to the ICS office by **Tuesday, November 26th.**  
Turn in payment, how many dozens, and student name(s) to the office in an envelope marked **Cookie Orders.***

*Payments can be made via: Checks payable to Melissa Schaefer or Venmo @SistersSweets.*

Thanks in advance!  
Allie Sternau (618-560-6756)

**CAMP INVENTION:** June 2-6 (SEE FLIER BELOW)

**FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE:** This is open to all ICS and ICC fathers and daughters.  
(SEE FLIER BELOW)

**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.**

### **November**

November 26: All School Thanksgiving Mass, 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00 **NO**

**AFTERSCHOOL LATCHKEY**

**November 27: NO SCHOOL**

**November 28: NO SCHOOL**

**November 29: NO SCHOOL**

### **December**

December 3: Girls Basketball Buddy Night (see flier)

December 7: Craft Fair/Cookie Booth

December 9: All School Mass (Feast of Immaculate Conception Celebration)

December 10: 7:00 K-3 Christmas Concert

December 11: 2:00 Dismissal

December 12: 1:00 Reconciliation Service

7:00 Band Concert/Art Show

December 13: Boys Basketball Buddy Night (see flier)

December 16: 7:00 Parents and Friends Christmas Party

December 20: 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00

**December 21-January 5: NO SCHOOL Christmas Break**

**GIBAULT INFO:** We had a GREAT turnout at the Jr. High Bonfire Bash – 49 students! The Placement Test for Incoming Freshmen is coming up soon! The test will be on December 7, 2024 from 8:30-11:30am. All students looking to enroll as a Freshman at Gibault for the 2025-2026 school year should plan to attend. The test is free – just email Pam Kueker at [pkueker@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:pkueker@gibaulthawks.com), or use the signup genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AAAC28A5FEC16-52414519-freshman>.

We are currently taking applications for new students. Just go to [gibaulthawks.com](http://gibaulthawks.com) and click “Apply”.

**GIBAULT SOFTBALL CAMP:** The camp will be led by the new softball coach and ICS friend Maggie Ballone.

**SOFTBALL**  
*Winter Warm Up*  
**FOR 5-8 GRADERS**  
 December 26, 27 & 28  
 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
 Fr. Hustedde Gymnasium @ GCHS  
*Register Here!*  
 Scan the QR code, use the link  
 or text "gibaultsoftball" to 41444 to  
 register  
 Please register by December 8, 2024  
 to ensure your athlete's T-shirt order  
<https://igfn.us/form/SBiBWQ>  
 Text "gibaultsoftball" to 41444

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** I conducted an official observation of Mrs. Borgmeyer this week. She was teaching students the long u spelling patterns. One of the words was tune. She asked them, "What is a tune?" A student replied, "**A tuna fish.**" Another word was fume. Mrs. Borgmeyer asked, "What is a fume?" A student replied, "**Like perfume.**" Mrs. Borgmeyer told her students to practice their spelling as she said to them, "Practice makes..." and a student replied, "**Better.**" (You can hear all kinds of things in just 30 minutes in a 1st grade classroom.)

**PRAYER LIST:** Elli Kutz, Maria Cecena, Terry Kroening, Jacob Nelson, The Bryant Family, 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."***





◆◆ ICS  
**Buddy  
Night**



**GIRLS**

**TUES. DEC 3**

7th Grade @ 5:30 PM  
8th Grade @ 6:30 PM  
*ICS vs. Millstadt*

**BOYS**

**FRI. DEC 13**

7th Grade @ 6:30 PM  
8th Grade @ 7:30 PM  
*ICS vs. Maryville Christian*

***Kindergarteners and First Graders:***  
*come with your family to cheer for your  
buddy at ICS. Signs are welcome.*



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