



**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST:** Fr. Steve reminded us that we need to see who needs us and be there for them as Jesus is for us and we have to forgive others as Jesus forgives us. Fr. Eric reminded us that God invites us to reflect on how we can be better for others. (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?)

**REMINDER:** ICS is a nut free school. PLEASE keep this in mind as you are preparing lunch and snacks for your children.

**THE DINNER AUCTION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP:** Planning for the Dinner Auction is under way, and we are excited for another amazing event! We are looking to grow our committee. If you (**moms, dads, grandparents...**) are interested in being a part, email [icsauction@icsmail.org](mailto:icsauction@icsmail.org). We are looking for people (**moms, dads, grandparents...**) interested in helping with PR & Communications, Marketing, Solicitation, Food & Drink, Advertising, & more. Meetings will begin in the 2nd half of October. Thanks for helping to make ICS an amazing school for our kids!

**ATHLETES OF THE MONTH:** The Danny Schwartz Insurance Agency along with OH Sugar Ice & Cream would like to recognize Nora Hake and Owen Keefe as the athletes of the month at ICS in Columbia. These students were chosen for their outstanding leadership and performance in their sport and in the classroom. Congratulations and keep up the great work!



### LUNCH MENU CHANGES:

MONDAY, 9/23 - Chicken Patty

TUESDAY, 9/24: Soft Taco

WEDNESDAY, 9/25: Country Fried Steak



**5TH GRADE TRIP:** The 5th graders enjoyed two days at Camp Ondessonk. They prayed together and played together. Special thanks to our parent chaperones: Drew Armstrong, Joe Dickman, Jill Georger, Cassy Goldschmidt, Jill Holdener, Courtney Schilling, Nicole Schuette, Ashley Veteto, Jessica Wachtel, Nathan Williamson and ICS teachers: Mrs. Denton and Mrs. Scheibe.

**KINDERGARTEN TRIP:** The kindergarteners enjoyed a day of apple picking at Eckert's. Special thanks to the parent chaperones: Katie Kleinschmidt, Lauren Braun, Toni Kane, Jill Weier, Ali Hammel, Lindy McGuire, Aaron Toenjes, Danielle Schoen and ICS teachers: Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Billmeyer.



**IMMEDIATE OPENING:** Immaculate Conception Parish seeks a Director of Music & Liturgy who will answer God's call to lead worship music and coordinate liturgical celebrations. This full time position includes managing coverage for weekend and holy day Masses, up to three weekday Masses with school children, as well as funerals, weddings and special occasions (be present or delegate). The position calls for a love of God and Church, the ability to play and lead choirs and congregational music, a spirit of collaboration, independent judgment and initiative, and liturgical experience. The ideal candidate will be proficient on piano and organ, and a strong cantor. To request a complete job description, contact Kara Dell-Hunt, parish business manager, at 618-281-5105 or email [kdell-hunt@iccmil.org](mailto:kdell-hunt@iccmil.org).

**DRESS DOWN COLLECTION:** We collected \$1057.53 today for Pedal the Cause. This does not count any of the online donations you may have made. We all are amazing. There truly is Good in Everyone!!!

**YOUNG AUTHORS:** The Fall Young Authors Contest due date will be September 23, 2024. Please see the flier attached for additional information. If you are interested in judging stories for the Young Authors Contest please email Susie Funk -- [medic4837@gmail.com](mailto:medic4837@gmail.com).

**SPECIAL VISITOR:** On Monday we will have a special visitor all the way from Guatemala greeting the kids with me in the morning and attending the Spanish classes with Mrs. Evans. Padre Abdias the former pastor of our Sister Parish St. Raymond's will be with us.

**THE YEARBOOK NEEDS YOU:** (see flier below)

**A NOTE FROM THE ICS SCHOOL BOARD:**

We meet as a school board on the third Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Knights of Columbus room. These meetings are open to the public aside from executive sessions. As a School Board, we support our pastors, Fr. Steve Thoma & Fr. Eric Wagner, and our principal, Mr. Gregson, in carrying out the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students.

We also act as a liaison between parents and school administrators. This means that you can bring comments or concerns to any School Board member and we can work to address it or add your concerns to our next meeting's agenda.

We encourage all of our school parents to become involved as much as possible in the success of our school. Whether it be with the School Board, Parents & Friends, Fathers Club or one of our many other volunteer opportunities. We can only reach our full potential if everyone participates in stewardship for our students.

Jolene Sasser  
President, Immaculate Conception School Board  
[boardpresident@icsmail.org](mailto:boardpresident@icsmail.org)

**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.**

**ADORATION:** Ss. Peter & Paul Parish invites everyone to join them at their church (in Waterloo) for the next XLT Adoration, Wednesday, September 25, from 7 – 8 pm. This form of Adoration includes contemporary Christian music, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic procession in church, reflection/witness talk on the Eucharist, a brief period of quiet Adoration, and Benediction.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

#### **When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God**

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God*, beginning **October 7th, 2024**, from **7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.** and continuing every **Monday** for **seven** weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact **Joe Dent** at **618-210-2003** or by email at [joe@dentsoft.com](mailto:joe@dentsoft.com).

### **September**

September 23: IOWA Testing Week

September 27: 8th Grade - Bi-County Field Trip

### **October**

October 4: 8th Grade - Springfield

October 11: No bus

6th Grade - Memphis

**October 14: NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day)**

October 16: 2:00 Dismissal

October 18: End of Qtr 1, No Bus at 3:00

October 23: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:00 dismissal

October 24: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:00 dismissal

**October 25: NO SCHOOL**

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR  
**OPEN HOUSE** 2024  
 OCTOBER 6, 2024  
 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES      CURRENT FRIENDS OF GCHS

ALL FRIENDS, CURRENT AND PAST FAMILIES, AND ALUMNI ARE WELCOME

SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR NOW

- Guided Tours
- Student Wellness Presentation
- And MORE!

(618)-939-3883

**GIBAULT INFO:**

You are invited to attend Open House at Gibault Catholic High School on Sunday, October 6. Schedule a prospective family tour to get an up close look at all the great things happening at Gibault. Shadow Visits are underway too! All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to schedule a Shadow Day, where they will spend the day, from start to finish, with a student here at Gibault. We are looking forward to meeting your student! If you are interested in learning more about Gibault Catholic High School or scheduling a shadow visit, click the link below to fill out an inquiry form.

<https://gchs-il.client.renweb.com/oa/inquiry.cfm?memberid=15772>



Special thanks to the students from Gibault Catholic High School who came to ICS this week. Three alumni spoke to the 5th-8th graders on Tue about all the unique aspects of GHS. On Friday a group, including four other alumni attended mass and gave the church a major cleaning!





**CONGRATS TO MS. SHEA:** On Friday, September 13, Ms Shea, her husband, and daughter welcomed Amelia Sage to the world. She was born at 7:24 pm weighing 5 lbs 13 oz and 19  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches long. Everyone is doing well.

**QUOTES OF THE WEEK:** Mrs. Neff was telling her 1st graders how to quiet themselves when they pray and listen to the Holy Spirit. After they were done praying a boy came up to her and said, **“I felt the Holy Spirit tap me on the shoulder.”** (Maybe this is a good lesson for all of us.)

I was walking down the stairs to the cafeteria with Mrs. Velnosky’s class and the line leader passed me up. I told her she was a fast line leader and she replied, **“I am faster than slow Mr. Gregson.”**

**PRAYER LIST:**

Jacob Nelson, The Bryant Family, David Burns, Adam Brandt, Jill Dalke, Colbey Voss, 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.”***

*Respect Life  
Month*



I CAME SO THAT  
THEY MIGHT HAVE

**LIFE**

# MASS FOR LIFE

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP  
MICHAEL MCGOVERN

OCTOBER 16, 2024

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

COLUMBIA, IL

6 PM

ROSARY AND RECEPTION TO  
FOLLOW



Sponsored by the  
Catholic Diocese of Belleville

# THE ICS 24-25 YEARBOOK

## NEEDS MORE OF YOU

Sharing photos with the yearbook staff has never been easier.

 PHOTO SUBMISSION DEADLINE

School Life: Turn in within 3 weeks of the event

1

Open your phone's camera and scan this code.



Or visit

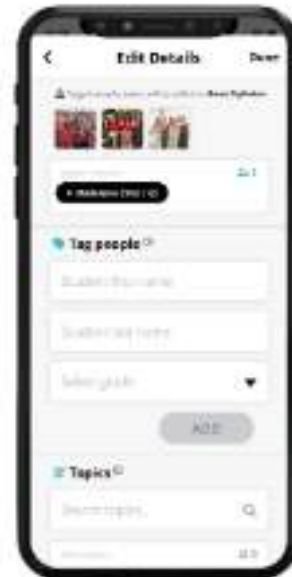
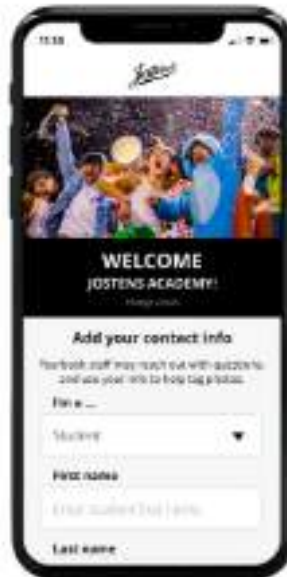
<<https://photos.jostens.com/ybk>>

2

Upload your favorite photos from the year.

3

Tag students for the yearbook staff.



### UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS TODAY

<Use Fast Tag to tag multiple photos with the same students and topics all at once. Then tell the story of your photos with captions and more.>



# FALL 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

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

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](mailto:medic4837@gmail.com)



TRICK OR TRIVIA

# ICS TRIVIA NIGHT

OCTOBER 18TH 2024

Doors at 6 p.m., Trivia Starts at 7 p.m.  
Immaculate Conception Garden Level  
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia IL

\$200 PER TABLE OF 10

MULLIGANS, GAMES AND RAFFLES FOR PURCHASE

OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK WELCOME



Halloween Costume Contest!

Questions?  
Contact Jackie Weaver at  
schmidjk@gmail.com



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Auto Show

GEORGE R. RUTTENBER COUNCIL #6165

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Immaculate Conception Church

411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236

Rain or Shine Show

Registration 8:00am-11:00am, Show 11:00am-3pm

Dash plaque & Attendance Prizes for all Registrants

\$15 Entry – Display

\$20 Entry – Judged – Judging by the "Give Back Pack"



50/50

Raffle

with all sales

&

A Raffle for a  
Certificate for 4 New Tires  
Of Choice from

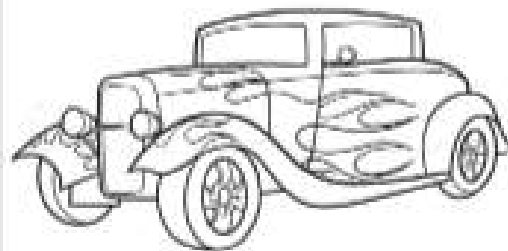


Music by Best Sounds Entertainment

Photographers on hand.

Pics will be posted on website.

[www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show](http://www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show)



Columbia Knights of Columbus Council #6165

annually benefit:

Immaculate Conception School, St. Vincent De Paul,

Monroe Council for the Handicapped,

Camp Ondessonk,

Life Network of Southern Illinois

and many other programs benefiting

church, community & youth.

Portion of judged entry fees to be donated to the Give Back Pack's charity of choice

Concessions available to purchase - No alcohol

Paved show area - No pop-up canopies in the Show Field.

Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Church & affiliates are not responsible for accident, injury, damage or loss.

For more information, please contact Steve at [K6165show@yahoo.com](mailto:K6165show@yahoo.com)

Previous year's pics & **Pre-Registration & Pay at Show available** at [www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show](http://www.kofc6165.org/kc-car-show)

Dash card and registration forms will be preprinted for all pre-registrants

#### Stock Classes

- 2 or less modifications

Pre 1980

1950-1959

1960-1969

1970-1989

1990-Present

Trucks/Jeeps All

Import All Years

1964-10/78 Mustang

1979-2004 Mustang

2005-Present Mustang

1953-70 Corvette

1971-2019 Corvette

1967-82 Camaro

1983-Present Camaro

Pre 1979 Mopar

1979-Present Mopar

#### Other Classes

Special Interest

All Tractors

All SUV

All Corvettes 2020-Present

Top 3 Club Participation

Awards

#### Modified Classes

Street Rods Pre 1980

1950-1959

1960-1969

1970-1989

1990-Present

Trucks/Jeeps All

Import All Years

1964-10/78 Mustang

1979-2004 Mustang

2005-Present Mustang

1953-70 Corvette

1971-2019 Corvette

1967-82 Camaro

1983-Present Camaro

Pre 1979 Mopar

1979-Present Mopar

#### Best of Show Awards

Best Engine Day

Best Paint

Best Interior

Best Display

Best of Show 1980-Present

Best of Show Pre-1980

Kids Choice Award

Keith Banner Memorial-

Best Modified Award

Bob Stadler Memorial Award-

for 1<sup>st</sup> Responder/Military



**COLUMBIA ROTARY CLUB**

presents

**MOUSE DERBY  
&  
SILENT AUCTION**



***Friday, September 27, 2024***

*Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Races begin at 7:00 p.m.*

*Drinks and Food Available for purchase*

***\$10 per ticket***

*Tickets will be available for purchase at the front door*

*Contact any Rotarian or Mitch Essert*

*@ 618-281-7181, cell 618-719-9980*

***Turner Hall  
211 East Cherry Street  
Columbia, IL 62236***



# FALL RUMMAGE SALE

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL GYM

519 Hazel St., Red Bud

NO ENTRANCE FEES!

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 1-9 PM EARLY OPENING!**

**SAT. SEPT. 28, 8 AM - 6 PM, \$5 BAG**

**SUN. SEPT. 29, 8 AM - 1 PM, \$4 BAG**

## DROP OFFS

SAT. SEPT. 21, 8 AM-3PM

SUN., SEPT. 22, 11-4

MON-THURS SEPT. 23-26, 8-7PM

BEFORE DROPPING OFF  
LARGE ITEMS, PLEASE CALL  
SCHOOL 618-282-3215

WE DO NOT ACCEPT: TVS, COMPUTERS, USED MATTRESSES, NON-WORKING, HAZARDOUS, OR HEAVILY SOILED ITEMS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



PRESENTS..

# Practice-n-Play



Practice-n-Play is an indoor instructional program for players looking to be a part of a team, learn new skills, and play with friends. Sign up your player or sign up with friends and we will place them on a team. Players will practice once a week and play one game per week. All practices and games will be coached by our Elite coaches.

- All programs meet for 1 practice and 1 game
- 14 sessions (7 practices plus 7 games)
- We provide coaches educated through "The Elite Way!"
- We provide each player with a training t-shirt
- Boys & girls, no experience necessary

Saturday Morning Ages 2-3 Program Option Available!



8719 Hanover Industrial Dr.  
Columbia, IL 62236

## Winter 2024 Schedule

### OPTIONS:

A weekly practice & game: \$196  
Saturday games only: \$119

### Tuesday Practice TIMES:

PreK/K/1st - 5:30-6:25pm  
2nd/3rd/4th - 6:30-7:25pm  
5th-8th - 7:30-8:25pm

### TUESDAY Practice Dates:

October 29; November 5, 12, 19;  
December 3, 10, 17  
(No Practice November 26)

### SATURDAY Game Dates:

November 2, 9, 16, 23;  
December 7, 14, 21  
(No Games November 30)

NOTE: Saturday game times will be between 8am and 2pm and will be posted and shared by the first practice.

Bosco's Buddies 2-3 w/parent OPTION- SATURDAYS 9:00-9:35am

**Deadline to Register is Tuesday, October 15**



QUESTIONS? (618) 972-1830 or info@eliteft.com

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