

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Eric reminded us the importance of prayer in our lives. Fr. Steve reminded us that Jesus is the light we should follow.

(The students get these reminders during the week. Hopefully they are getting another reminder each weekend during the Celebration of the Eucharist with you.)

MAY CROWNING: May is the month of Mary! On **Monday, May 1st** we will celebrate the May Crowning to honor our patroness, Mary. The ceremony will take place at 9:00 at the Our Lady of Fatima statue between church and school (or in the gym depending on the weather). All are welcome to attend. As a part of this tradition, each child should bring fresh cut flowers from home or store bought to be presented to Mary.



D.A.R.E: Congrats to our 5th graders on their completion of the D.A.R.E. program. Congrats to the essay winners: Ellie Deffenbaugh (runner-up), Aria Pretto (winner) , and Eleanor Rinella. Special thanks to the Columbia Resource Officer McWhorter for teaching the class.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: Our team competed in the state competition at the University of Illinois last weekend. The team is coached by Mr. Kassebaum. Congrats to our winners:

Meteorology: Nic Wahle, Emmett Gilbreth **(STATE CHAMPIONS)**

Air Trajectory: Joseph Wynn, Turner Haywood **(STATE CHAMPIONS)**

Wind Power: Lizzy Wittenauer, Jack Williamson (2nd Place)

Dynamic Planet:: Konnor Siegel, Jack Siegel (3rd Place)

Forestry: Brynn Moore, Emme Doerr (3rd Place)

Fast Facts: Lizzy Wittenauer, Jack Williamson (4th Place)

Tower: Turner Haywood, Joseph Wynn (4th Place)

KID'S HEART CHALLENGE: ***We raised \$11,722.55 for the American Heart Association***

Kid's Challenge. As a school we receive \$1350 in grant money to use for PE supplies. Those that raised over \$100 will get the opportunity to "splash" Mrs. Whelan and/or Mr. Gregson on May 7. **We are saving lives - that is pretty cool!!!**

SUMMER RUNNING CLUB: (SEE FLIERS BELOW)

SCHOOL BOARD: It is that time of year again when we ask school parents to discern as to whether they are being called to serve on our School Board.

We are currently collecting names to be drawn on May 11, at the end of 5 p.m. Mass for new members of the School Board. Below is a brief synopsis of what is involved in serving on the School Board.

- Serve as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies.
- Meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-year term beginning in June.

Please consider placing your name in the discernment box (located in the gathering space at church)! If you have questions or want to submit your name by email, please contact Kyle Doerr at 618-604-7808, or boardpresident@icsmail.org.

CAMP INVENTION: We still have openings for campers!!! Last year we were full and had a waiting list. Sign up now!!!

We are also looking for high school volunteers!!!



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This year's all-new program sparks curiosity and builds confidence as campers collaborate in fun, hands-on STEM challenges led by qualified local educators to help their creativity shine.

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SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://www.invent.org/camp) or 800-968-4332

Grades: K - 6th
Location: Immaculate Conception School
409 Palmer Rd., Columbia, IL 62236
Date: June 3 - 7, 2024
Time & Cost: 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM | \$270 (before discount)
Camp Director: Ashley Wright | awright@lcsmaill.org

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](https://www.invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

REGISTER HERE!

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 8th grade - May 14

Kindergarten - May 16

Preschool, PreK, Grades 1-7 - May 21 12:00 DISMISSAL **NO LATCHKEY**

END HUNGER FOOD DRIVE: April 26-May 10

HUB Foods, a division of Catholic Urban Programs, has partnered with Immaculate Conception and other locations to participate in the Metro East Food Pantry Coalition Presents: "Drop in Basket to End Hunger" April 26th - May 10th .

From HUB Foods: "We have entered a season when donations tend to drop off and our shelves are more empty than normal, but our need will begin to increase as we prepare for the summer months when children are out of school and won't receive two meals a day at school. Your support of this drive would be most meaningful to the clients HUB Foods serves!"

All non-perishable items are welcome, especially if they would be part of a nourishing meal! Bring the items to the barrel provided in our church Gathering Space between April 26 and May 10. THANK YOU!

ATTENTION BOURBON LOVERS: ICS Class of 2025 is offering a Bourbon Raffle to benefit next year's Washington D.C. trip.

\$25each or 5/\$100 . . . for a chance at \$750 worth of quality bourbon!

Choose a participating student from the drop list when you purchase - they will appreciate your support! https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/UPnG_w?vid=14x39g

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: **This is FREE \$\$\$ for ICS!!!** It's simple to scan a paper receipt or use

a digital receipt in the free app on your phone. We need more participation and receipts scanned to get closer to our annual fundraising goal of \$1000.

The updated total is \$333.20.

1st grade has the most participation.

2nd grade is in second.

Kindergarten is in third.



Think Costco, Sam's Club, Aldi, Schnucks, Walmart, Target, Amazon - both digital and paper receipts work!

When you buy participating products at Walmart you longer have to scan your receipt for ICS to earn Box Top points. Just link your Walmart account to Box Tops for hassle free donations to our school. Check this link for details.

https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/how-to-earn/walmart-connected-accounts?utm_source=Email_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=BTFE_04_04_2024&vcode=AQAAAAEB AQEBAQEBAQEBAQEBAQEBWMD1MVpoP7KnA5Kt30qZ7HfB6lockobN2YeD2u8FwwWY--Clv3rzUgAgVWod8s78vDjCbzuVvW1Unrf1ar9QgQ%3D%3D

DOWNLOAD THE APP, SCAN YOUR FOOD RECEIPTS - IT IS THAT SIMPLE!!! (If I can do it, anyone can.) or **SEND IN YOUR RECEIPTS AND I WILL DO IT FOR YOU!!!**

RECESSES SUPERVISION HELP: We are asking for volunteer help at recess time. All volunteers must be Child Protection compliant. Here is the link to sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4EA9A82FAAFBC52-icsrecess>

ICS EVENTS:

May

May 1: May Crowning 9:00 am

May 1: Confirmation 7:00 pm

May 9: Spring Band Concert/Art Show 7:00 pm

May 10: Awards Night/Dance(Grades 5-8) 7:00 pm

May 14: 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass 10:30 am

May 16: Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 am

May 17: No Bus at 3:00 pm

8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm

May 21: Last Day of School 12:00 Dismissal, No Bus at 12:00 **NO LATCHKEY**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS: Nominations are OPEN for June 2024 - May 2026 Executive Board Positions of President, Treasurer & Public Relations Representative and can be made on the pinned Facebook post or to any current Executive Board member. Elections will be held at the May 13th Meeting.

ICS SOCCER CAMP: Check out the flier at the end of the newsletter. This is the same awesome camp that we have put on for many years. We partner with Elite FT to put it on. Last summer we had 92 ICS boys and girls participate. For the month of April, you can save \$15 on registration by using the code “early15”. New this year: the camp will be at the CHS Athletic Field. This will allow for less chance to cancel due to rain, and much better viewing for parents. Any questions, please reach out to Brian Boyd at bmboyd02@yahoo.com

GIBAULT INFO:

Visit Gibault!

We are accepting Shadow Visitors for the second semester. Your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! We also offer Private Tours for the whole family. See our campus and get your questions answered by our Director of Enrollment. Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

Future Hawk Events

Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate – May 1 at 4:30 p.m.

Summer Classic Golf Tournament:

Tee up for the students of Gibault Catholic High School as part of our 27th Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email dfrasure@gibalthawks.com or visit our event website: <https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

GIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

ADULTS \$13
CHILD \$10
GIBAULT STUDENTS = FREE
UNDER 5 = FREE

FATHER HUSTEDDE GYMNASIUM
501 COLUMBIA AVE
WATERLOO, IL 62298

SeUSSICAL JR.
the Musical

THURSDAY, 4/25 7PM
FRIDAY 4/26 7PM
SATURDAY 4/27 7PM
SUNDAY 4/28 2PM

PICCOLLAGE

ICS students Grayson Ritson and Joey Stuart will be performing in this.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: A 1st grade boy showed me his loose tooth as he walked into school one morning. I said that I would pull it for him as I pinched my fingers together. He replied, **“Not with those big grabbers.”**

Mrs. Tolan's 8th graders put on a “World's Fair” as part of their geography class. One of the exhibits was Australia. When Mrs. Ettling's 4th graders got back in the classroom she heard one of the boys say, **“I kept a straight face, but I did not like it!”**

PRAYER LIST: Valerie Weier, Mike Juengling, Sandy Kirkpatrick, Bryan Kennedy, Greg Thebeau, Nan Chapman, Stella Schultz, John Belpedio, Donna Ritson, Geri Griffin, Whitney Embick, Mike Neal, Jill Dalke, all those serving in the military. (If you would like a loved one added to this list please email me.)

ETERNAL REST: Please keep Quincy Bradshaw (Grade 3) and her family as she mourns the passing of her grandmother, Bonnie Hitzemann.

ETERNAL REST: Please keep Morgan (Grade 7) and Sophie Conrad (Grade 8) and their family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of their dad, Mike.

“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.”

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRESENTS

QUEEN
OF
HEARTS
& 50/50 RAFFLE

DRAWING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY EVENINGS
6:30PM - TICKET SALES END
7:00PM - QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING
7:15PM - 50/50 DRAWING

LOCATION:
SUNSET OVERLOOK
11604 BLUFF ROAD
COLUMBIA, IL

TO BENEFIT:
ICS
COLUMBIA, IL

2024 Columbia Summer Running Club

When: From 7:30am till 8:45am on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from May 23rd till July 30th

- Mondays and Thursdays - all runners.
- Tuesday sessions will be for experienced runners - runners invited to participate.
- Optional Weekend runs.

Where: Mondays at Metter Park
Tuesday & Thursday at City Park (Bolm-Schuhkraft - main pavilion)

Who: Students entering 5th-12th grade with an interest in running. Those entering grades 4 and below are welcome to join but will require supervision stay during the camp.

What: A summer running program whose mission is to develop fitness and foster a passion for running. We will spend the summer developing the aerobic energy system. This program will help prepare athletes for cross country, soccer, basketball, track, hockey, and more. We will be running, playing games, and consuming lots of popsicles.

Cost: \$50 covers participation for the entire summer. All participants will have the opportunity to earn "50, 100, & 150 Mile Summer" awards.

Expectations:

1. Participants have a desire to run and seek improvement.
2. Runners are capable of safely and respectfully navigating public sidewalks, trails, and neighborhood streets.

New this Year: High school age kids will have unique opportunities to prepare for high school cross country.

What to bring:

1. Please bring a **water bottle**.
2. Quality **running shoes**. To get the most life out of running shoes, I use my running shoes just for running. Then they become my everyday shoes.
3. A **simple wristwatch** with a stopwatch function is strongly suggested. A lot of runs will be to run for a certain period of time and it is difficult to keep time for everyone once they spread out.

Other items to note:

1. Parents are strongly encouraged to come out to run or walk with us.
2. Runners are not obligated to come to every session. I want the kids to go to camp, go on vacation, visit family, and enjoy all their events during the summer. Running rewards those who train consistently so try to get out for a run when you miss a running club session.
3. An optional activity will be traveling to participate in "Detweiller at Dark" an evening cross country race held at Detweiller Park near Peoria, IL on Friday, July 26th. This is the same park that hosts the IHSAA State Cross Country Meet. More details at a later date.
4. Not sure if running is your thing? Come out and try it before you commit to the entire summer.
5. Questions? Please contact Michael Braun at 618.530.5473 or Michael.braun.stl@gmail.com

If you want to get involved please contact Mike as more help is always welcome!

**Columbia Summer Running Club
Registration Form (one Form per family)**

Runner 1: _____ Age _____ Entering Grade _____

T-shirt Size: Y-S Y-M Y-L A-S A-M A-L A-XL

Runner 2 _____ Age _____ Entering Grade _____

T-shirt Size: Y-S Y-M Y-L A-S A-M A-L A-XL

Runner 3: _____ Age _____ Entering Grade _____

T-shirt Size: Y-S Y-M Y-L A-S A-M A-L A-XL

Father's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Babysitter/Grandparent/Other person who will pick up runners

Name: _____ Phone: _____

By signing below, I recognize that running is a dangerous activity that could result in injury or death and will not hold Michael Braun or any person assisting with the run club responsible for any accidents or injuries that might occur while participating in this event. This activity is separate from and not connected with Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Immaculate Conception School. If a runner's behavior, actions, or words are unsafe, disrespectful, or harmful in any way they may not be allowed to return to running club. By signing below, you attest that all runners are physically able to participate in this activity. Furthermore, I give Michael Braun or other delegated adult the authority to seek emergency medical assistance for my child if necessary.

Runners Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include any medical conditions that we should be aware of to help ensure the safety of your child. (ex. asthma, breathing difficulties, irregular heartbeat, allergies to bee stings, food allergies, etc.)

Please complete and return via email to Michael.braun.stl@gmail.com or to 503 N Metter Ave, Columbia, IL 62236. Checks payable to Columbia Summer Run Club or venmo @Michael-Braun-74



UPDATED 4/24

ICS Art Camp

with Mrs. Fetcho

Come create and express yourself this summer at the IC art room. You will get messy and have a lot of fun! Learn new ways of seeing things and new ways of using everyday items to create something new.

Have students wear old clothes because we will make a mess!

Lower Level - Playground entrance to the Art Room.

9:00am - 12:00pm bring a snack and a water bottle. Project materials included. \$175.00

Sign up by emailing cfetcho@icsmail.org or send a text 314-565-7354. Checks should be made out to Carol Fetcho and due on the first day of camp.

June 10 - June 14 Grades 1st-7th

This camp will focus on creating art pieces that relate to popular culture old and new. Creating some two and three dimensional pieces using everyday subjects.

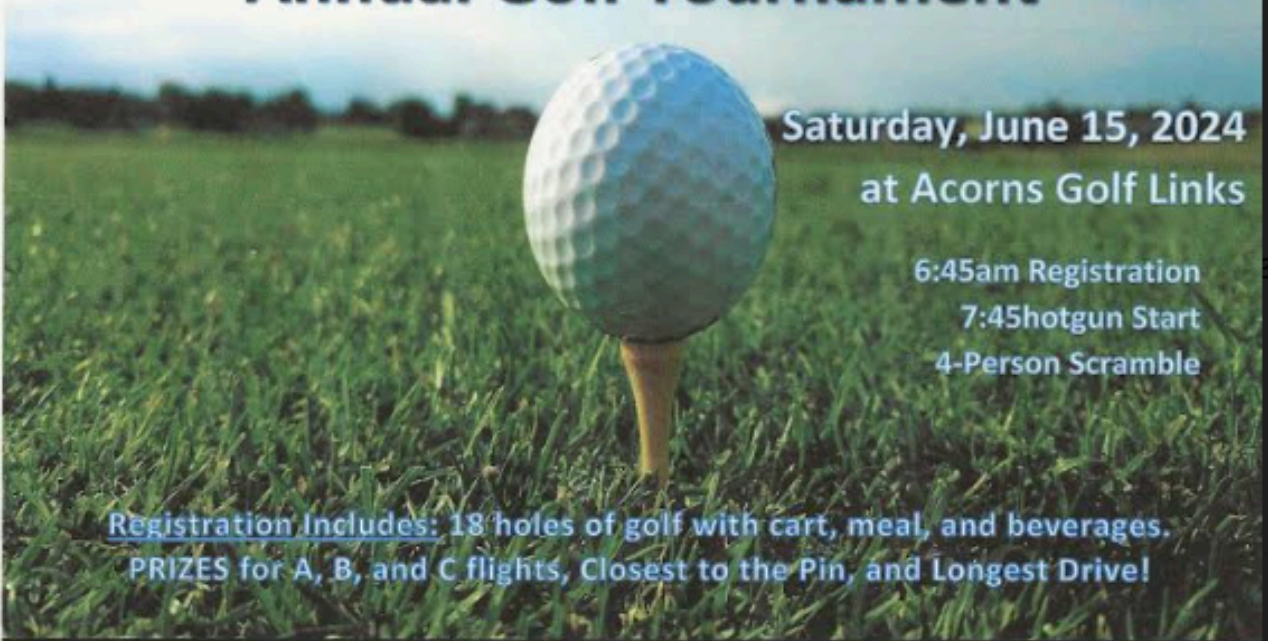
Let's explore and create outside the box.

June 17 - 21 Grades 1st - 7th Sculpt and Weave

Explore cardboard, plaster, canvas board, cardboard shapes, plastic cups, clay and all kinds of fun things in this class. What kinds of three dimensions can we make?

We will weave, sculpt and assemble some 2 and 3 dimensional pieces

Kiwanis Club of Columbia Annual Golf Tournament



Saturday, June 15, 2024
at Acorns Golf Links

6:45am Registration
7:45hotgun Start
4-Person Scramble

Registration Includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, meal, and beverages.
PRIZES for A, B, and C flights, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Drive!

Team Registration

\$120/person or \$480/team

To Register Online, scan QR code:



To Pay Via PayPal, scan QR Code:



PayPal may be used for Team and/or Sponsorships.
Please include Team Captain and Business name in memo.

Checks are also able to be made out to:

KIWANIS CLUB OF COLUMBIA

P.O. Box 923

Columbia, IL 62236

Captain: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Captain Email & Phone: _____

Questions? Call Alicia at (618) 709-8373

Register Early- 1st Come, 1st Serve

Limited to 36 teams!!!

5K RUN & WALK

11th Annual

Captain Joe Callis Sr 5K Run/Walk and Fun Run

Hosted by Monroe County Fraternal Order of Police



SATURDAY, JUNE 15 - 9AM

BORSCH PARK, VALMEYER, IL

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGH
THE MONROE COUNTY FOP SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

EARLY REGISTRATION: \$ 25

LATER REGISTRATION: \$ 30

RACE STARTS: 9 AM

CHECK IN STARTS: 8 AM

MEDALS FOR FINISHERS

ATTENDENCE PRIZES

T-SHIRTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

FREE REFRESHMENTS

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Registration forms available at Columbia Police Department, Valmeyer Police Department,
Waterloo Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Department

Email: monroecountyfop145@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/monroecountyfop145>



Scan the QR Code for
online registration.



11th Annual Captain Joe Callis Sr 5K Run/Walk & 1/2-Mile Fun Run

Saturday, June 15th, 2024 at Borsch Park, 409 MAR Graphics Drive, Valmeyer, IL at 9:00 AM– 5K Run/Walk. The 1/2-Mile Kids Fun Run will immediately follow the completion of the 5K. Free refreshments, attendance prizes and food at the event. DJ services provided by "Best Man DJ Service."

COURSE: Course will be an out-&-back, starting & finishing at Borsch Park. The run will consist partially of The Johnson Trail. The trail is solid and flat but could be muddy if the weather is wet. Dress appropriately. Professional timing provided by "Toolen's Running Start."

VIRTUAL RUNNER: *For those that are unable to participate but want to join in the fun.* Virtual runners get a t-shirt and a raffle ticket for attendance prizes and raffle items.

AWARDS: The top 3 overall winners will receive plaques. The top 3 finishers, male and female in each age division (Under 13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, over 70) will receive medals. The awards presentation will take place after the Fun Run.

PACKET PICK-UP: Packets and T-shirts will be available at the Columbia Police Department on June 14th or at Borsch Park on race day. **Payment must be received before packets are issued.**

ENTRY FEES: Entry fees postmarked by Friday, May 17, 2024, are \$25 and guarantees the correct sized shirt for the runner. Entries after May 17th are \$30. Children under 10 years old are \$10. Virtual Runners \$20. Make checks payable to: **Monroe County FOP #145**. Entry fees are NONREFUNDABLE. Race will be held rain or shine.

REGISTRATION: Form can be found on the **Monroe County FOP # 145** Facebook page, e-mailed, or picked up at any Monroe County Law Enforcement Agency. Scan the QR code below to sign up online.



Online registration must be followed by a VENMO transaction or mailed check.

ONLINE PAYMENT: Online payment is available through VENMO by scanning the QR code or @Monroe-CountyFOP



ADDITIONAL INFO: Questions, Comments, Concerns? Please contact Jim Vogt by e-mail at monroecountyfop145@gmail.com

All Donations Benefit the Monroe County FOP Scholarship Fund

REGISTRATION FORM

**11th Annual Captain Joe Callis Sr
5K Run/Walk & 1/2-Mile Fun Run**

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____ GENDER: M / F AGE AS OF 6/15/24: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RACE (circle only one): 5K Run/Walk \$25 Fun Run/Walk \$10 Virtual Runner \$20

SHIRT SIZE (circle only one): ADULT: S M L XL XXL Youth: S M L XL

Waiver of Liability: In consideration of this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby to myself, heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Monroe County Fraternal Order of Police, the City of Valmeyer, Illinois, Monroe County and the representatives, successors, assignees and all sponsors for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please scan the QR code to pay via Venmo:



Or mail with payment to:

Monroe County FOP #145
119 Hill Castle Ct
Columbia, IL 62236

Hilltoppers Swim Club

Membership Drive & Swim Team Sign-up



swim with the gators!

Tuesday, April 16th • 4 to 6pm

Main Street Abbey-Outdoor Terrace, 340 South Main St., Columbia, IL
EVERYONE INVITED!

2024 SEASON RATES

- FAMILY membership \$400 • SINGLE membership \$200
- SWIM TEAM ONLY membership \$150
- SENIOR single membership \$185

Sign up and pay in full this day and you will receive
5 FREE PASSES for the 2024 swim season.

Opening Day ~ May 27, 2024!

Sign up for the Gators Swim Team at the event. Practice starts May 28th.
Team practice & meet schedules will be posted online. Team swimsuits will be ordered during sign ups.
PREFER CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PAYMENT. Application and fee can be mailed to:
Hilltoppers, PO Box 343, Dupu, IL 62239
Credit card may be available but subject to additional fees.

For more information visit Hilltoppersswimclub.com
or email hilltoppersswim@gmail.com or call Salle @ 618-799-8001



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Dates: July 15-18

Pre-K Age 3 - 5:45-6:15pm
 Pre-K Ages 4 - 6:15-6:55pm
 Grades K through 8th - 6:00-8:00pm
 Columbia High School Stadium Turf
 77 Veterans Pkwy, Columbia IL, 62236

Spring Break Sale!
 \$20 off March 1-31
 Coupon code:
springbreak20



PreK Camps: \$85
 K-8th Grade Camps: \$135
 Questions:
 info@eliteft.com

Score BIG this summer with our youth soccer camp!



Columbia



2024

DISCOVER YOUR SKILLS

JULY 15-18

PRE-K AGE 3 - 5:45PM-6:15PM
 PRE-K AGE 4 - 6:15PM-6:55PM
 GRADES K-8TH - 6:00PM-8:00PM

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM TURF FIELD
 77 VETERANS PKWY, COLUMBIA, IL 62236

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 Save \$20 March 1-31
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