



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Fr. Steve reminded us that God created us to love others and we are one as we love others. Fr. Eric reminded us that we are blessed.

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



FIELD TRIP: The kindergartners enjoyed the day at Suson Park this week. Special thanks to parent chaperones: Amy Fulton, Leslie Heutel, Danielle Nelson, Ashley Mattingly, Michelle Brown, Ashley Veteto, Allie Sternau, Katie Hart, Joanne Newcom, Amy Tucker, Jessica Billmeyer, Amanda Buhr, Stephanie and Drew Armstrong, Erica Crannage, Lori Deffenbaugh, Christina Klunk, Megan Lane, Bri Lynch, Ashley Runde, Bob Schirmer, Daniel Strabley, Tiffany Taylor, Phil Weaver, Amanda Zajicek and ICS teachers: Mrs. Billmeyer and Mrs. Murphy.

UNIFORMS: If you have any ICS uniforms that your child has outgrown please consider donating them back to us. You can drop them off at the school anytime. Parents and Friends will add them to their uniform resale on **JUNE 23, 10:00-1:00 in the ICS cafeteria.**

CLASS OF 2020: Congrats to ICS class of 2020 members Krona Newton and Gavin Kessler on being named Co-Valedictorian at Gibault Catholic High School and Constance Barnett on being named Salutatorian at Notre Dame High School.

CLASS OF 2020: Members of the class joined us today as they prepare to graduate from high school. Their 8th grade year was cut short as a pandemic closed the schools. It was great to have them back!!!





BUILDERS CLUB OFFICERS: Congrats to our officers for 24-25: Tyler Johnson (Treasurer), Emme Doerr (Vice President), Faith Jansen (President, and Morgan Conrad (Secretary)

SUMMER HELP: Does your family need summer help? - Are you looking for a reliable, responsible, and energetic student to help with pet sitting, running errands, or driving your children to activities or camps this summer? Kate Adams, a 2021 ICS graduate would love to help you and your family. She is currently a junior at CHS and a member of the volleyball and soccer teams and involved in various clubs and activities. She works at ICS latch key during her off season from school sports.

Questions: Please contact Kate directly at 314-873-5492 or email tadams3182@gmail.com. Thanks!

BABYSITTER: Hi my name is Naomi Langhans ICS class of 2023. I am 15 and going to be a sophomore at Columbia highschool. I am looking for babysitting jobs for the summer. If you have questions text me 314-755-8018



FAREWELL: Mr. Billy is retiring from ICS. He has worked in the kitchen serving food and running the dishwasher. He was such a joy to the kids and staff. We wish him the best on his “second” retirement.

SPECIAL THANKS: We are so blessed to have such an awesome group working in the cafeteria. The love they have for the kids shows with every meal they make.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

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

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!!!

Camp Invention
WHERE BRIGHT IDEAS COME TO LIFE

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.

SAVE \$35 WITH CODE GIFT35 <small>EXPIRES DEC 31, 2024</small>	SAVE \$25 WITH CODE FUN25 <small>EXPIRES NOVEMBER 2, 2024</small>	SAVE \$15 WITH CODE FUN15 <small>EXPIRES MAY 10, 2024</small>	SAVE \$30 WITH CODE SIBLOVE30 <small>FOR 2 SIBLINGS</small>	SAVE \$40 WITH CODE SIBLOVE40 <small>FOR 3 OR MORE SIBLINGS</small>
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SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
 Register at [INVENT.ORG/CAMP](https://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@icsmail.org

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

REGISTER HERE!

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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 no 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.

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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!!!**

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!

Summer is a great time to bring the entire family for a private tour of Gibault Catholic! See the school and get all your questions answered by our admissions staff. Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Enrolling for Fall 2024 There is still time to be a Gibault Hawk this fall! We are accepting incoming freshmen and transfer students at all other grade levels. To learn how you can be part of the Gibault family, visit <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>.

Summer Camps: Registration for our summer camps is now open! Choose from art, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' volleyball, and boy's soccer.

<https://gibalthawks.com/2024-summer-camps/>

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: A 1st grade boy came to see Mrs. Epplin in the office. His blue uniform shirt was very dirty on both sides of his shirt. I told Mrs. Epplin that it is no big deal since he will be running a farm some day and he replied, **“Yeah, and farms are the dirtiest.”** On Tuesday we had the baccalaureate mass, potluck, and “parade through the halls” for the 8th graders. As they were leaving the school I asked a boy if he had fun today and he replied, **“It was one of the best days of my life. I am still smiling.”** (ICS is so awesome.)

PRAYER LIST: Joe Spagna, Mary Roccasalva, 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: Bless keep Audrey (Grade 2) and Mason (4) Knobloch and their family as the mourn the passing of their grandfather Manlee Knobloch.

“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



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 Fun with Pop Art

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

Diocese of Belleville

CATHOLIC SINGLE MOMS

MEET AND GREET

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2024

Bicentennial Park Pavilion Splashpad

4811 Belleville Crossing, Belleville, IL

4-8 pm Drinks and Snacks Provided

FIND SUPPORT



GROW IN FAITH



Come hear about a new program to bring single Catholic moms together for faith and fun!

Come with or without your kids ... all mom ages and stages welcome!

For more information or to RSVP: mking@diobelle.org



We have a small but mighty team of volunteers who read at daily Mass during the summer months, Monday - Friday, but we can always use more.

Reading at Mass during the summer is a great way to:

- Proclaim at Mass without "weekend crowd" pressure
- Get to know more about the Bible and how our scriptures fit into the liturgical year.
- Spend more time with Jesus in Word and Eucharist during your summer.
- Stretch your wings and earn service hours if you are (or have) a rising high school student.

Summer Lectors are assigned to a particular day of the week, and when we have enough, the Summer Lectors of that day work with each other to make sure all the Masses are covered.

Training needed is minimal and during most Ordinary Time dates, the lector is only responsible for the 1st reading and leading the recited Responsorial Psalm.

If you would like to join this team, please respond with your name, contact info (email and phone) and which day(s) you are most available.

It is our parish privilege to bring Mass to our community every day of the week. Consider helping, or asking a friend!

Peace to you today and every day.

Lizanne Young | Director of Faith Formation

[Immaculate Conception Catholic Church](#)

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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

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: _____

Questions? Call Alicia at (618) 709-8373

Player 2: _____

Register Early- 1st Come, 1st Serve

Player 3: _____

Limited to 36 teams!!!

Player 4: _____

Captain Email & Phone: _____

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

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2024

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JULY 15-18

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

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77 VETERANS PKWY, COLUMBIA, IL 62236

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K-8: \$135
PRE-K: \$85

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