



Immaculate Conception School News

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January 15 - January 19	January 21 - January 26
Monday, January 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No School - Martin Luther King Day Tuesday, January 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS Boys Basketball @ Bushnell-Prairie City (6:00 p.m.) • ICS Volleyball Vs. Alwood (5:30 p.m.) Wednesday, January 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:40 a.m. / Mass 9a.m. • ICS Boys Basketball Vs. Williamsfield (8th grade Recognition Night)(6:00 p.m.) Thursday, January 18, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS Volleyball Vs. Bushnell-Prairie City (5:30 p.m.) Friday, January 19 Saturday, January 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th Boys Basketball Regionals @ Williamsfield (TBD) 	Sunday, January 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest @ ICS (1:00 p.m.) Monday, January 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS Volleyball @ Laharpe/Dallas City (5:30 p.m.) Tuesday, January 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS Volleyball @ United (5:30 p.m.) Wednesday, January 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosary 8:40 a.m. / Mass 9a.m. Thursday, January 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICS Volleyball Vs. ROWVA (5:30 p.m.) Friday, January 26 Saturday, January 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Boys Basketball Regionals @ Annawan (TBD)

***January Hot Lunch \$48.45 Per students**

New Scholarship Information

Through the "Invest in Kids Act," Illinois children enrolled in private schools will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover 50 to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year. Empower Illinois has been officially recognized by the Department of Revenue as a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) that is managing the scholarship process. **Interested families should visit their website <https://empowerillinois.org> for more information about the application process and what required documents will be needed in order to apply beginning January 24, 2018. Scholarships will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, so it is very important you apply early.**

Parent Teacher Conference Thursday January 18th

On **Thursday, January 18**, school will be dismissed at **11:30** for Parent-Teacher conferences. Parent-Teacher conferences are optional second semester. The parent/guardian or the teacher may initiate the conference. If you receive a request from your child's teacher, or you want a conference, please contact the school office to set an appointment. Conferences will be on January 18th. **Appointments are from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

Changes to the ICS Academic Calendar!

The ICS Academic Calendar will be seeing some changes this upcoming Spring. The first change will be the Teacher's Institute on Friday, March 9 is being moved to Monday, March 5. That will mean there will be **NO SCHOOL on Monday, March 5** and that we **will** have school on **Friday, March 9**. The Diocese is also requesting that all of the Catholic School's in our region add **Monday, April 9** as a Teacher's Institute Day for Professional Development with the Diocese of Peoria.

This means that there will be **NO SCHOOL on Monday, April 9**. Also as Mrs. Ramer announced at the evening performance of the Christmas program that the **Spring Play** will be moved to **Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th**. All changes have been made on the ICS Calendar on the school website for you to view. We apologize for any inconveniences.

Spalding Award Scholarship

Tuition assistance scholarship grant from the endowment fund of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign will be available for the 2018 - 2019 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten – 8th grades. Families must be members of a Catholic parish in the diocese to apply.

All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from the school office or the Diocese of Peoria website www.cdop.org - click on EDUCATION; then OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS; then the Select list and click on SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS. Consult the detailed Protocols and Procedures for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents are will need to also apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2018 - 2019 must reapply. **Deadline date for the completed application is April 15, 2018.** Notification will be in May.

Plan Now to Join Us During Catholic Schools' Week January 28 - February 3

We hope our students' parents/guardians; families and parishioners will join us as ICS celebrates Catholic Schools' Week. Please mark your calendar NOW so as not to miss out on the planned activities. On Sunday, January 28th, we will kick-off the week during 10 a.m. Mass with ICS students as the leaders, followed by a School Open House with coffee and donuts. We are asking as many of our students and parents to attend this Mass. Wednesday, January 31st, we invite you to the all-school Mass beginning at 9 a.m. Finally, on Friday, February 2nd, everyone is invited to the annual ICS Catholic Schools' Week Talent show in the school gym beginning at 1 p.m. We will have more information regarding dress themes for each day and events in next week's blue folder.

Talent Show Entry Forms

Any student looking to participate in the talent show on **Friday, February 2nd** needs to pick up their entry form in the front office. Both the student and a parent/guardian will need to sign the form. Talents that will be using the sound system need to turn in their entry forms no later than **Friday, January 26th** and **non music forms are due by Wednesday January 31st.**

Volleyball results ICS vs Cuba Saturday, January 8 2018

ICS Volleyball began with a sweep of Cuba on their home turf. 7th grade finished 25-8 and 25-4 respectively. Malia lead scoring with 16 points 7 of them aces, Ava with 11 points 5 aces, Carmyn 9 points 3 aces and Ariaunnah 10 points 2 aces total, Taylor added 2 points and Mattie 1. Mattie and Taylor lead at the net with two kills each and Malia with one. Ava assisted in the 5 kills. Our team was strong on defense and played well. A 10 minute game was played after with playing time gained by Alina, Emerson, and Cadence. Our score topped theirs during this time also.

8th grade matches finished 25-9 and 25-19. Jenna lead scoring with 14 total points 6 aces, Josie 9 points with 2 aces, Belle also 9 points 1 ace, Veronica served up 8 points 4 aces, Maddy also 8 points 3 aces and Brooke served 2 points. At the net Veronica, Brooke, and Josie each claimed 2 kills. Maddy assisted in four kills and Belle assisted with two. **The Volleyball teams first home game will be this Tuesday, January 16th vs. Alwood at 5:30p.m. Come out and support the team!**

Totus Tuus Co-Directors Needed

Immaculate Conception Church is looking for volunteer Totus Tuus Co-Directors. The Totus Tuus parish summer catechetical youth program is a week-long "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering grades 1st through 12th. Totus Tuus aims to assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing.

The Directors will be the main contacts for the parish with the diocesan office and with the Totus Tuus team leader and is responsible for promoting Totus Tuus at the parish and school, registering/scheduling Totus Tuus annually, and registration of participants, among other responsibilities. The Directors would need to be a practicing Catholics, have strong interpersonal and organizational skills, the ability to work with and motivate others, and be able to manage volunteers. Persons of interest should contact Monsignor Mack **really needs your help** and would love to discuss the role further at the parish office (309)

734-7533.

Enclosures: Report Cards, After School Bills, Lunch Bills, Spalding Scholarship Application information, YMCA flyer