



Immaculate Conception School News

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December 4 - December 8	December 11 - December 15
Monday, December 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7th ICS Boys Basketball @ A-town - 5:00 p.m.(SVC Tournament) 8th ICS Boys Basketball @ A-town - 6:15p.m. (SVC Tournament) Tuesday, December 5 Wednesday, December 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Group (3-4p.m.) 8th IESA Girls Basketball Sectional Championship @ ICS (6:30p.m.) Thursday , December 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd-5th Choir (3-3:45) Chess Club (3-4:30p.m.) Friday, December 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feast of Immaculate Conception Rosary 8:40/Mass 9a.m. 6th-8th Choir (3-4p.m.) 	Monday, December 11 Tuesday, December 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICS Boys Basketball @ Rockridge (5:30p.m.) Wednesday, December 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosary 8:40/Mass 9a.m. Youth Group 3-4p.m. Thursday , December 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd - 8th report to Dahl Chapel Christmas Program 2:00p.m. and 7p.m. Friday, December 15 <p style="text-align: center;">Looking Ahead:</p> Wednesday, December 20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom Christmas Parties 2:00 Dismissal for Christmas Break End of 2nd Quarter Thursday Dec 21 - Jan 2, 2018 - No School Christmas Break January 3, 2018 - No School, Teacher Inservice January 4, 2018- School Resumes

***December Hot Lunch \$35.70 Per students**

7th Girls Basketball Team State bound!

This Saturday, December 2 the ICS 7th grade girls basketball team will be competing in the IESA Class 1A State Tournament. The Trojans will be taking on Sigel St. Michael's at 11:00 a.m. This event will be taking place at Central A&M Middle School located at 404 E. Colegrove Rd. in Assumption, Il. If they win they will be competing at 5:00 p.m. that evening with a chance to move on the State Championship! We want to wish the girls the best this weekend and keep everyone in our prayers that will be traveling back and forth to cheer the girls on.

Christmas Program

We hope you are making plans now to attend one of two performances of ICS's Christmas program. Students will perform a matinee on **Thursday, December 14th** beginning at **2:00 p.m.** and one evening performance at **7 p.m.** All students in grades Pre K– 8th will perform at both shows. *Students will wear school uniforms during the day performance unless playing a part in the program. In the evening we ask that students wear dress clothes except for those playing a part in the program.*

Please remember that students in grades 3rd - 8th report to the Dahl Chapel at Monmouth College for school on December 14th. Children are to be dropped off around 7:40 a.m. on the corner of 7th Street & West Broadway. Grades Pre-K through 2nd report to ICS for the morning. ICS will be arranging transportation for those children to the chapel after their lunch. Lunch will be brought to the college for grades 3rd - 8th. If you have a child attending After School on Thursday the 14th – please complete the enclosed form and return it in your blue folder on Monday morning, December 4.

Permission Form for Christmas Program

A permission form for your child/children to attend Dahl Chapel for the practice and performance of the school's Christmas program was put in this week's Blue Folder. Families may place **all** their children on one form. Please be sure to complete all the information as the school uses the emergency information in case of an accident. These forms need to be returned as soon as possible.

MASS is on the move!!

Since Friday is the feast day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a holy day of obligation, school **Mass will be held on Friday, December 8. Dress down day will be Thursday, December 7th.**
Please dress accordingly.

Santa Breakfast This Sunday

We hope to see you this Sunday, December 3rd at our annual Santa Breakfast from 8am-12pm. A delicious breakfast of all you can eat breakfast casserole, pancakes with homemade maple syrup, sausage links, bacon, and fruit slush will be served. After your meal, visit with Santa and get your picture taken, shop at the vendor booths, enjoy a warm beverage from the hot cocoa station, or watch "The Polar Express." Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children (12 and under), or \$25 for a family of 4 and can be purchased at the door.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now and join us for the 2017 ICS Auction on Saturday, April 7th. More details to come.

Annual Appeal and Gift Matching

A few weeks ago, ICS sent our 2017 Annual Appeal mailing to over 500 of our Alumni. This Annual Appeal continues to be a major fundraiser for our school and we are so grateful to our generous Alumni and supporters. If you are interested in donating to our Annual Appeal, remittance envelopes are available in the school office. If you choose to give, please consider asking your employer if they participate in a matching gift program that will match your donation to ICS. Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to non-profit organizations and will match donations dollar for dollar, giving you the opportunity to double your donation to ICS! If you have any questions about the Annual Appeal or employer matching gift programs, please email bspaeth@immaculate-conception.net and thank you for being a supporter of ICS!

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 to discuss the role further at the parish office (309) 734-7533.

Jump Simulation launched STEM Saturdays

Jump Simulation launched STEM Saturdays earlier this year to get middle and high school aged children interested in the medical profession. The 2018 Winter STEM Events Series will focus on standard and emergency medicine, biomechanics and how it relates to the human body, and how electronics are used in medicine.

You can register now at jumpsimulation.org/STEM More information is also available by contacting the events team at events@jumpsimulation.org or by calling at 309-677-0810.

Enclosures: Santa Breakfast work/donation list, Lunch and After School bills, Christmas Program Permission Slip, After School program permission slips, Roseville Christmas Tour of Homes flyer, Legacy Estates Gingerbread House Competition flyer, Courtyard Estates Cookies with Santa flyer