

Immaculate Conception School News

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Sports Leader Virtue of the Week

CIRCUMSPECTION

The strength to carefully consider all circumstances and possible consequences.

Virtue=Strength

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Denotes 4.0* **High Honors (3.5 average and above): **Grade 6** – Ryder Caldwell, *Justin Haun, *Ada Kunkle, *Jenson Parkins, Sebastian Perez, *Madison Robbins, Lincoln Simmons **Grade 7** - *Vanessa Adkisson, *Wyatt Box, Mallory Corzatt, Alexandra Frakes, Steven Htoo, Kane Johnson, Ty Moore, *Lila Neubauer, *Jada Schisler, *Maggie Shows, Carmyn Way **Grade 8** - Sam Corsaro, *Joanna Frakes, Max Hawk, *Christ Htoo, *Hannah Neubauer, *Jazlin Pinedo, Alivia Price, *Charli Russell, *Alex Simmons, Cade Simmons, *Marc Simmons, *Alex Sostarecz, **Honors (3.0 - 3.49)** **Grade 6** - Brody Butler, Michael Price **Grade 7** - Cal Casteel, Emilee Denison, Isaias Godina, Max McVey, Sam McVey, Joseph Missavage, Emmanuel Palma **Grade 8** - Marisela Arteaga

No Youth Group on 1/18 and 1/25

There will be NO Youth Group on January 18th and January 25th. Please plan accordingly.

2023 Catholic Schools Week kicks off with Mass

Join us as we kick off Catholic Schools Week 2023 at 10:00am mass on January 29th, 2023. ICS students, including the choir, will lead the mass. The Knights of Columbus will provide a luncheon immediately following mass in the ICS gym. Free will donations will be collected to benefit Youth Group and Damascus Camp attendees.

PTO is Sweet on Valentine's Day

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is just around the corner and everyone loves the delicious caramels from Maude Specklebelly's! These delicious treats will arrive boxed and ready to give to that special someone. Order forms will be sent home with students today and **are due back on January 30th**. Orders will be available for pick up on February 10th. Order forms also attached below if they didn't make it home.

'22-'23 Yearbooks

'22-'23 ICS Yearbooks are available for preorder online by going to the following link

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/Order/SelectJob>

The ID code for ICS families is **14677423**. Ordering is open until 5/5/23.

If you have any questions please contact the office.

Knights Of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest

Save the date for the annual K of C Free Throw Shooting contest on Sunday, January 22nd, registration will begin at 1:00 and the contest will begin at 1:30pm.

The local Knights of Columbus will be hosting a free throw contest at Immaculate Conception School! Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group.

Winners from this event will move on to the district, regional, and state levels.

Registration is completed upon arrival.

K of C / ICS Blood Drive a success!!

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and Immaculate Conception School I would like to thank everyone that donated blood this past Thursday! **Overall we had 22 donations!** Due to the number of donors ICS earned a LifeSavings grant award of \$272. We hope to host more Blood Drives in the future to help those in need.

Thank you again for your support!!

The ICS 3 on 3 Tournament is BACK!

Get your team together! Mark your calendars for **March 4, 2023** and plan to be at the Huff Center! Open to girls and boys ages 3rd Grade to High School. Registration information coming soon.

ICS Uniform Resale Shop

Uniform pants too short? Need an extra uniform shirt? Let's help each other out!

Check your youngest child's backpack for an ICS Used Uniform Resale Shop form. Mark the size, color, and style needed and return it to school. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child. You only pay a free will donation after you have received your items.

Contact Meghan Schroeder at meghanschroeder@gmail.com with any questions.

ICS Auction

The 2023 ICS Auction Committee is looking for donations. The ICS 2023 Auction is right around the corner! Save the date for March 18, 2023. Do you have a vacation home, timeshare, or season tickets to collegiate or pro sports games? Would you be willing to donate an overnight package or game tickets to the 2023 Auction? You can even make a donation to the ICS Scholarship fund to help those families in need of financial assistance. If you are interested in making a donation please email ccmcvey@immaculate-conception.net with questions or donations. Thank you!!

SAVE the Date - ICS Auction - March 18, 2023

Tax Returns

Tax season is quickly approaching. If you need to get a Tuition and Fees statement that you paid to the school, please log in to your FACTS account. Below is the link for instructions on how to print.

[Tax Payment Summary Directions](#)

Empower Illinois Application Night coming soon!

As a reminder, reservations for a 2023-2024 Empower Illinois tax credit scholarship will open on **Wednesday, January 18, 2023**. Like last year, the application process will include two steps: a reservation and an application.

Families should visit [Empowerillinois.org](https://empowerillinois.org) to find the reservation page link. Families do **not** *make their tax credit scholarship reservations by logging into their EmpowerXChange portal. The reservation form will be available at 6:30pm to give families time to enter their information before submission at 7pm. More information about preparing for reservation night can be found on our website under, "How Do I Apply."*

Families who have previously completed a tax credit scholarship application through the EmpowerXChange portal should use the same email address when making their reservation.

****Please note: ICS will not be hosting this event; families will need to do this from their homes. If you need assistance please contact Mr. Frakes at rfrakes@immaculate-conception.net***

Spalding Scholarship

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2023-2024 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under **Catholic Education** and then under **Financial Assistance**. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must 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 the 2023-2024 school year must reapply.

*Deadline date for the completed application is **April 28, 2023**. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.*

Safe Environment for School Volunteers

We would like to thank all the parents and families who quickly completed their Safe Environment training. If you haven't completed this please take time to do so. Create an account [CMGConnect](#) to register, complete the "Safe Environment Training ", fill out a CANTS background check and criminal background check through [Selection](#). There is a \$6 processing charge plus fees for each selection background check that each participant will be responsible for. These are all requirements by the Diocese to be a volunteer on a field trip or class room parties. Also, from time to time, ICS might need a few drivers to transport children. If you think you will be available to do this you will also need to complete the safe environment Driving Course in CMG Connect.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mrs. Simmons at fsimmons@immaculate-conception.net. A volunteer requirement checklist and additional forms and information is available in the school office.

Attachments: Spanish newsletter

[January Lunch](#)

[School Academic Calendar](#)

[Church Bulletin](#)