

# Immaculate Conception School News

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## **Sports Leader Virtue of the Week**

This week we look at the virtue of Love for Neighbor, or Charity, a divinely infused virtue, that gives us the strength to love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. As Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

## **Brave Dads**

Join this 5-week training program with other ICS dads to help you live out your authority as a Catholic father. It will require 15 minutes a day of reflection, 1 meeting a week (<1 hour), and very short daily check-ins with an anchor. Can you give that much time to grow into the dad God made you to be?

We'll meet Thurs Feb 16 at 6am in Mary Twomey Hall. Sign up here:

<https://immaculateconceptionmonmouth.flocknote.com/BraveDads>

## **ICS Night at Monmouth College**

The Monmouth College Basketball teams host Knox College on Feb 8, 2023. The women's game begins at 5:30pm with the men's game to follow. Our beloved Dr. Ayers (Knox team doc) predicts a great night of basketball, as the Knox women are undefeated with the MC women giving them a scare a couple weeks ago. Our own Declan Flynn, ICS Class of 2017, wears #11 and is leading the MC men's team and having a great year. Admission is free! Wear your ICS blue and join us at the Glennie Gymnasium at the Huff Center on Wednesday, February 8, and cheer on the Scots!

## **February Lunch Menu**

A few changes have been made to the lunch menu. Please visit the link below for the updated menu.

## **Spelling Bee**

Mrs. Kelley hosted the school spelling bee last week! Out of 17 students, Christ Htoo, Jazlin Pinedo, Alex Simmons and Marc Simmons went on to the final round with Jazlin Pinedo coming out on top. Jazlin will participate in the online Regional Qualifier Online Test within the SNSB Illinois Regional Bee program next week. Good luck, Jazlin!

## **'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.*

### **The ICS 3 on 3 Tournament is BACK!**

Get your team together! Mark your calendars for **March 4** and plan to be at the Huff Center! This is the largest 3 on 3 basketball tournament in the area. Open to girls and boys ages 3rd Grade to High School. Each age group is limited to 12 teams. The registration links are live and filling up fast. Get your team registered!

*We will also need many volunteers (earn Fair Share points!) to help run this big event.*

*The link to sign up for court monitors, concession stand workers, and food donations will be out next week.*

[GIRLS 3 on 3 Registration](#)   [BOYS 3 on 3 Registration](#)

[MC Sport ICS 3 on 3 T-shirt Shop](#) open to all, not just 3 on 3 participants.

### **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](mailto:meghanschroeder@gmail.com) with any questions

### **ICS Auction**

*The 2023 ICS Auction Committee is looking for item donations or underwriters! Want to help but not sure what to donate? Email [ccmcvey@immaculate-conception.net](mailto:ccmcvey@immaculate-conception.net) for some ideas or to donate to some larger items.*

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? Do you own a business that would like to be an auction sponsor? 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](mailto:ccmcvey@immaculate-conception.net) with questions or donations. Thank you!!

### **SAVE the Date - ICS Auction**

**Shamrocks and Shenanigans - March 18, 2023**

### **Auction Raffle Tickets**

Look for Auction Raffle Tickets to be coming home next week with your youngest student. The tickets are \$20 each and come in a book of 5. Families earn Fair Share points for selling the tickets. The Grand Prize of \$2500 will be drawn at the ICS Auction on March 18. You do not need to be present to win. Thank you for your help with this ICS fundraiser.

### **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](#)

## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:fsimmons@immaculate-conception.net). A volunteer requirement checklist and additional forms and information is available in the school office.

Attachments:

[February Lunch](#)

[School Academic Calendar](#)

[Church Bulletin](#)