



August 16, 2016

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Excellent  
Academics  
and  
Discipline  
with  
Christian



### GRIT

**G** – Guts, moral fiber, showing courage

**R** – Resilience, keep trying, bounce back

**I** – Integrity – Doing what is right

**T** – Tenacity – never giving up

### *From the Desk of Michael Zientek*



On behalf of the teachers and staff, I want to personally thank you each of you for contributing to an extremely smooth start to the 2016-2017 school year!

There were a few watery eyes (mostly parents☺) but by 8:00 the first day, everyone was to in their classroom and ready to go. We have 339 gritty students

in our Preschool through eight grade poised to make a difference in the world.

**Uniforms...We have not** made many major changes to the uniform policy this year. Please check the 2016-17 Handbook for specifics. However, with PE in grades 5-8 students will wear the Poly Pants, Jacket, Shorts, T-shirt, Crew Socks and tennis shoes on the day they have PE. All uniforms are available through Parker Uniforms.

**Car Line (Elementary School)...**We use two car lines. If your child is in grades 2-8 you should be in the line closest to the school. If they are in PREK-4, Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade, you should be in the line furthest from the school. If you have a child in grades 2-8 and a child in PRE-K through First, you should use the line furthest from the school. Please have students exit toward the curb. Lastly, if you do use the line furthest from the school, please turn with caution around each of the corners.

**Our email has changed...**We have changed email providers. If you want to email anyone at school or the church their email address is [firstname.lastname@incarnationcollierville.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@incarnationcollierville.org).

**Volunteering...In order for ICS to be successful, we need volunteers.** We will have plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer your time and talents this year at school. **Presently, we need help in the Cafeteria Monday –Friday from 11:00—12:00.** Also, Home and School will be holding a number of fund raisers and your assistance will be needed. Each family is expected to volunteer 15 hours per semester. We also need helpers to assist in planning for Boo Bash on October 22, 2016.

**GRIT...**"We have to be Gritty about raising Gritty kids"...Angela Duckworth. GRIT entails working strenuously toward challenges, maintaining effort and interest over years despite failure, adversity, and plateaus in progress. The gritty individual approaches achievement as a marathon; his or her advantage is stamina. Whereas disappointment or boredom signals to others that it is time to change trajectory and cut losses, the gritty individual stays the course. Here is some food for thought on how to develop GRIT in your children.

#### Consider these Parental Actions

- ◆ Give children insight into people that are struggling with real life adversity, such as extreme health issues, poverty, or similar issue. With the Olympics on TV a number of stories have been shared where athletes have overcome major obstacles.
- ◆ Consider activities that promote discipline, such as martial arts, ballet and dance, and music.
- ◆ Assign your child a series of chores at home that are progressively matched to their ability. This will teach your child how to work.

## This and That

**Hair...**Students' hair should be neat and simply styled. Spiked and dyed/bleached hair is not acceptable. Girls are to keep hair out of the faces with approved headband or barrettes. **Boys' hair is expected to be above the eyebrows, the ears and the collar at all times**

**PARENT COOPERATION...**Parent cooperation and support in religious formation, financial obligations, academic and disciplinary matters are essential for the welfare of the students. The education of a student is a partnership between the parents and the school. Respect for the dignity of the person is essential to the philosophy of the school and to the Catholic values we strive to practice and instill. Parents are expected to support the policies of the school as a condition of enrollment.



**Uniforms...**Student attire is designed to promote human dignity, cleanliness, and good health. ICS has a standard of dress that promotes human dignity, cleanliness and good health. For this reason ICS has uniform requirements. It is our interest in maintaining uniformity as much as possible.

**Volunteers...**The Diocese HR department is asking us to be extra cautious in this area. A "volunteer" is anyone who chooses to perform continuing volunteer services in the Diocese without compensation or expectation of compensation, (beyond reimbursement for pre-approved expenses) and, who performs a task at the direction of and on behalf of the institution. A "volunteer" must be officially accepted and have completed a background check prior to beginning to volunteer.

**Volunteers who have frequent contact with children and young people must complete VIRTUS training.** The service of a volunteer is approved with the understanding that the Diocese (parish/institution) may at its sole discretion decide to end the volunteer relationship. As a result, we are going to have to ask each of you who volunteer and have frequent contact with children, to take the Virtus Class if you have not done so. **The next Virtus Class is August 30, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Once you complete the class, please drop a copy of your certificate at the Office.**



ICS is beginning its 5<sup>th</sup> year collecting pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities! RMH provides a free "home away from home" for families with children who are patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. They use the money they receive from aluminum recyclers for the pull tabs to help support operational costs and they really appreciate ICS' contributions.

Pull tabs will be collected on a semester basis this year, so please continue to send in your pull tabs through December. They will be collected on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for our 1<sup>st</sup> semester contest and the class with the most pull tabs by weight will win a pizza party the following week. Any questions? Please contact Michelle Mundy ([michelle.mundy1@incarnationcollierville.org](mailto:michelle.mundy1@incarnationcollierville.org)). Thanks for your support!



**Back to School Picnic** on August 7th was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was a great way to reconnect before we started school!



## Calendar

### August

Wednesday, August 17	ERW (early release Wednesday)— 2:00 Dismissal—Elementary School Only
Thursday, August 18	Meet the Teacher Night (1 <sup>st</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade) 6:30 - 8:00pm
Saturday, August 27	Road Rally & Movie Night - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 30	Virtus Class—6:30—8:30—Library

### SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 5	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, September 7	ERW (early release Wednesday)— 2:00 Dismissal—Elementary School Only
Friday, September 9	New Family Breakfast-8:00am Location: Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 21	ERW (early release Wednesday)— 2:00 Dismissal—Elementary School Only

## ICS Prayer Box

### **Please keep our ICS families in your prayers by praying the Rosary, Daily!**

For our Bishop Terry Steib, Fr. Ernie, as they guide us in our faith.

For those serving our country in the Armed Forces, Fire and Police Departments.

For those students struggling to learn may they be inspired to keep working hard.

Please pray for Heather Rout, mother of Grace and Wil Rout, as she recovers from surgery.

For any special intentions we hold in the silence of our heart.



**Group Keyboarding...Group Music Lessons after school on Tuesday. Please contact John Sanders at 901-853-9904 if you are interested. A Flyer will be sent home today with your child's Tuesday Folder.**

## Home and School

**GOAL—100% ENROLLMENT-** ICS Home and School Association sponsors many events each school year that are funded by the annual dues we collect. Your annual dues of \$40 (\$10/ quarter) help us to offset the expenses of many of these events, including: Student Appreciation Day Bowling, New Family Breakfast, Guardian Angel Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, and Grandparents' Day. Without our membership, we would not be able to provide these community-building events; we rely heavily on the income your annual dues provide us. Each and every child and teacher/staff member benefits from the Home and School Association and the services we provide ICS.

### **Please join us for Road Rally/ Movie Night**

We have an ICS Fundraising Event approaching and want to remind you that there is a **deadline** this year to sign up by **Wednesday August 17th**. Also this year, the Eighth Grade and their parents will be providing a Movie Night with FREE babysitting services for the parents who participate in the event. (Note, children must be potty trained.)

This is a very important fundraiser for us because ALL of the proceeds go towards **ICS TUITION FINANCIAL AID**. If you've never participated in a Road Rally before, it is a guaranteed night of fun, laughs, food and fellowship!

**WHEN: AUGUST 27th** : Drop off for Movie Night begins at 5:45 pm in the gym.

Teams will report to the ICS Fellowship Hall between 5:45 pm and 6:15 pm to obtain their password and login to their missions. All teams will promptly be dismissed at 6:15 pm to begin your missions. The Missions will end at 8pm

**COST:** The cost for Road Rally \$25 per person. Movie Night babysitting services are free but concessions will be offered for a fee.

**DINNER:** Road Rally teams will report back to the ICS Fellowship Hall at 8:15 pm for a dinner catered by Booya's. BYOB! If you would like to skip the Scavenger Hunt portion and just join us for dinner that is OK too. The Cost will remain the same.

**RSVP: if you are planning on attending and also need child care that evening. Sign-up via sign-up genius link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ea8ab2ea13-icsroa>**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!** Boo Bash is October 22, 2015!

Planning is well under way for ICS's 7th Annual Boo Bash. This event is ICS's largest fundraiser of the year and a fun event for the entire family. Our first meeting for the school year is scheduled for Friday, August 19th after morning drop-off in the Library. We would love to have you come hear about Boo Bash, find out how you can help out, and share your thoughts!

Have a wonderful week!

Sherrie Goodwin and Allison Waggoner

H&S Co-Presidents 2016/2017





Pizza	\$2 per slice
Popcorn	\$1
Candy	\$2
Soda	\$1
Water	\$1



# KID'S YOGA CLASSES



**Relax. Breathe. Connect. Focus. Move.**

**Open to All Students in Grades 2 – 5.**

**10 Week Session.**

**\$15/Class or \$125 for 10 Weeks.**

**Bring a Mat. Practice with a Friend.**

Yoga and mindfulness have been shown to improve overall physical and mental health in kids. Kids have an opportunity to increase self-confidence, compassion, resilience, and awareness. Ultimately, they will embrace their full potential and live their lives with joy.

**Mondays - 3-4 pm - Beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Incarnation Catholic School**

**To Register, Please Contact:**

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