

*From the Desk of Michael Zientek*



December 13, 2016

Combining  
Christian  
Virtues  
with  
Discipline  
and  
Excellent  
Academics



### GRIT

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

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

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

**T** – Tenacity – never giving up

# Merry Christmas!!

*On behalf of the staff, teachers and administration, we want to wish each of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!*



**Are you ready for Christmas...** On this day we Catholics place special focus on the Nativity. The day God presented himself as both human and divine. We need no special saint to lead us to Christ in the Manger, although his mother, Mary, and Joseph help round out the scene.

**So what can we do to ready ourselves for Christmas?** What do we, as followers of Christ, need to do to get our hearts

right and return to God? You see, no matter how good people may think they are, there are always some crooked ways and rough places in their lives. We have twelve days to get ready. Here is a list of actions to prepare your hearts for Christmas.

- ◆ **Smile...** Be joyful in your journey of growing closer to Christ.
- ◆ **Listen to Christmas Music...** Turn off the TV, computers, phones and tablets and listen to some traditional Christmas Music.
- ◆ **Let someone** in front of you in line at the department store.
- ◆ **Go for a walk and take your rosary...** It takes about 20–30 minutes to say the rosary. During Advent, the Joyful Mysteries are perfect for meditating on during your walk. Think Mary and Joseph and what they must have experienced on the first Christmas.
- ◆ **Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation...** Most parishes have a scheduled time when the priest is available to hear your confession.
- ◆ **Spend some time in Adoration...** Incarnation is blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament available 24 hours a day 7-days a week. Consider spending some time with Christ. You will leave feeling at peace.
- ◆ **Attend Daily Mass and receive Holy Communion...** The mass is the greatest prayer of our Catholic faith.
- ◆ **Send flowers to someone that needs cheering up.**
- ◆ If you are driving a long distance to see family, **say a rosary** on the way.
- ◆ If you go to a drive through, pay for the person behind you.
- ◆ As you drive over the holidays be extra courteous.
- ◆ **Volunteer** to help out at a Soup Kitchen or Room at the Inn.

If you think about it, preparing your heart for Christmas will create memories that will last a lifetime and bring a the true meaning of Christmas to you and your family.

# This and That—Elementary School

**Christmas Programs...**The Annual Christmas Program for the Elementary School is Friday, December 16, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Church Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served after the program in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we present “**Jesus, Our Immanuel.**”

**Dress Code for Christmas Program...**Parents on the day of the Christmas Programs, students historically have come to school in their “**Christmas Best**” dress. This day has always been a special occasion at ICS as we present a special gift to our families. Dress often affects performance and our goal is to present our very best Christmas Program. We dress up to present our gift to Christ the King.

**TUITION AND FEE PAYMENTS...**It is a diocese policy that all payment of Tuition be by check or credit card. Please do not send cash payments. We appreciate timely payment of all tuition before the Christmas break so we can continue to pay our bills.

**FIRST SEMESTER...**The last day of the first semester is Friday, December 16, 2016. We return from Christmas Break on Tuesday, January 3, 2017

**USED UNIFORM SALE IN JANUARY ...**Isn't it amazing how kids seem to grow over Christmas break! Make plans to shop at the Used Uniform Sale set for January, 11th from 1:00 until 4:00 in the science lab. Contact Stephanie Barlovic at [barlovic@bellsouth.net](mailto:barlovic@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

## HOME AND SCHOOL

**We are looking for donations of baked goods/breakfast for our parent Christmas Reception on December 16, 2016 after the Christmas Program. If you would like to send in cookies, coffee cake, donuts, fruit, mini muffins we will be collecting these items in car line on Thursday, December 15th (morning & afternoon). Our reception will be immediately following the Christmas Program in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for some holiday cheer before our Christmas break! If you have any questions please contact Lynn Bray at [lynnbray@me.com](mailto:lynnbray@me.com) or (901)605-2729.**

**Merry Christmas!**

**Allison Waggoner and Sherrie Goodwin  
ICS H&S Co-Presidents**



**Congratulation to Grace Mundy! Grace is in the 5th Grade. During Art class she design the cover for ICS's 2016 Christmas card. It was selected as the winner by the teachers during a silent ballot.**

# Calendar

## DECEMBER 2016

Friday, December 16

End of 2nd Quarter

Friday, December 16

Christmas Program @ 10:00 am  
Noon Dismissal – Christmas Break Begins

## JANUARY 2017

Tuesday, January 3

School Resumes

Wednesday, January 4

ERW

Thursday, January 12

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Mass

Monday, January 16

MLK Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 18

ERW

January 29 – February 3

Catholic Schools Week

## ICS Prayer Box

**PLEASE KEEP OUR ICS FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS BY PRAYING THE ROSARY, DAILY!**

For Bishop Martin Holley, 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.

For Caroline Regan who is being treated for a illness.

For Kathy Bingham grandmother of Joanne Huntsman who is recovering from surgery.

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



# This and That- Preschool



## Cookie Drop Off

Thank you for signing up to bring cookies for the Christmas Program reception. Please place your cookies on the cart in the Preschool Hallway at drop on Wednesday and **Thursday. It's not too late to sign up to bring cookies, sign-up sheets are on the table outside your child's classroom.**

## Preschool Christmas Program

Students ages Three and Four that attend Preschool on Monday/Wednesday/Friday will perform on Wednesday, December 14th. At 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Narthex.

Students ages Three and Four that attend school on Tuesday/Thursday and Five Year Old JR Kindergarten will perform on Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Narthex.

Students ages One and Two will have a cookie party in their room during the Christmas Program.

All Preschool students will dismiss at noon on December 14th & 15th.



## Calendar of Events-Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12	13 	14 Christmas Program Noon Dismissal  No Aftercare	15 Christmas Program Noon Dismissal  No Aftercare	16 No Preschool
19	20	21	22	23
<b>No School for Christmas Break</b>				
26	27	28	29	30
<b>No School for Christmas Break</b>				
Jan 2 No School	Jan 3 Classes resume	Jan 4	Jan 5 Fire Safety Lesson 	Jan 6 Fire Safety Lesson



Preschool

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December 5, 2016

Dear Preschool Parents,

We are excited to announce, starting January 2017 Preschool children can purchase a lunch from the cafeteria for \$3 a day. To order a lunch for your child, simply put a check mark by your child's name on the lunch sign-up sheet. Much like ordering milk each day! Based on the Department of Education Preschool Regulations, lunch will include a milk, entrée (protein), bread, and fruit/veggie. Lunch charges will appear on your account the following month.

### Sample Preschool Lunches



Ham and Cheese  
Sandwich, chips,  
orange slices, and milk



Chicken Tenders, tater  
tots, peaches, and milk

### Sample Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mac n' Cheese, Carrots, Apple Slices, and Milk	Cheese Quesadilla, Orange Slices, and Milk	Grill Cheese, Peaches, and Milk	Chicken Tenders, Potato Wedges, Applesauce, and Milk	Spaghetti with Meatball, Mixed Fruit, and Milk

Lunch calendars will be sent monthly in the Principal's Newsletter.

Sincerely,

Malerie Young  
Assistant Principal/Director of Preschool