



February 14, 2017

Combining
Christian
Virtues
with
Discipline
and
Excellent



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



Happy Valentines Day!!

Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14. and commonly associated with "courtly love."

In 1969, the Roman Catholic Church removed St. Valentine from the General Roman Calendar. The legends attributed to the mysterious saint are as inconsistent as the actual identification of the man. However, the church still recognizes him as a saint that was martyred.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

The judge was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. He proceed to brake all the idols in his house, he fasted for three days and was baptized, along with his family and entire household. The judge then freed all of the Christian inmates.

The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century ancient historians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia. Lupercalia was a very ancient, possibly pre-Roman pastoral festival, observed on February 15, to avert evil spirits and purify the city, releasing health and fertility.

Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people. He generally is represented in pictures with birds and roses and his feast day is celebrated on February 14. *Source - Catholic Online and Encyclopedia Britannica*



Book Fair .The Scholastic Book fair was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and others that assisted throughout the week!

Calendar - Elementary School

FEBRUARY 2017

Wednesday, February 15

ERW - 2:00 Dismissal Elementary School

Friday, February 17

Noon Dismissal—Professional Development

Monday, February 20

President's Day—No School

Friday, February 24

Jeans Day - Incarnation Food Pantry

MARCH 2017

Wednesday, March 1

Early Release

Friday, March 10

End of the Third Quarter

March 13 – 17

Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 23

3rd Quarter Awards Mass

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 Mrs. Ferrante who is recovering from Surgery.

For Jeffery Jackson, Grandfather of Drew and Emily Jackson, who passed away suddenly on February 9, 2017

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



This and That—Elementary School

REGISTRATION paperwork for the **2017-18** school year was due Monday, February 13, 2017.

APPLICATIONS for financial assistance for the 2017/2018 school year is available and will be due, with all supporting documentation, in the office by **Friday, March 10th**.

Ash Wednesday...Ash Wednesday is March 1, 2017, therefore that week the school Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday rather than on the First Friday, March 3, 2017.

Spring Break...As a reminder, Spring Break is the week of March 13 - 17, 2017.

It was so wonderful to see so many Moms are Muffins with Moms last Friday. We hope you enjoyed the fellowship!

Home and School

ICS TRIVIA NIGHT

- **Date:** Saturday, March 4th
- **Time:** Doors open for table decorating at 6pm, game starts at 7pm
- **Cost:** \$100 for a table (8 people max), \$30 for a couple, \$15 for a single
Bring your own food, drinks and decorations.
- Prizes for best table decorations and top teams
- Pay at the door. We will have mulligans available to purchase and will be doing a Split the Pot!
- To reserve your table, contact Jennifer Easton (901-238-6769 or jmeaston73@yahoo.com)

Incarnation Catholic School GYM
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TEACHER TREAT DAY

On Tuesday, February 28th, we will have our “Teacher Treat Day”. Treats can be sweet or savory, home-made or store bought. There's no need to make a special trip to school; treats can be sent in with your student the day before or the morning of the monthly scheduled date. We also need a couple of volunteers for setting out the treats in the morning. (Remember donations and time count towards your service credit hours.)

Please click on the signup genius link to sign up and participate.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F45ACAB2BA4FA7-February

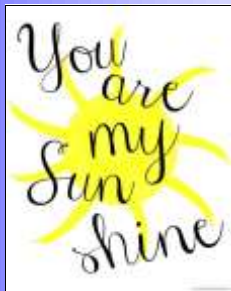
HOME & SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

See attachment being sent with today's newsletter.

This and That— Preschool

Muffins with Mom

Dear Mom, Grandma, Aunts,
Thank you for making Muffins with Mom
so sunny and bright with your presence.
Love, Incarnation Preschool Students



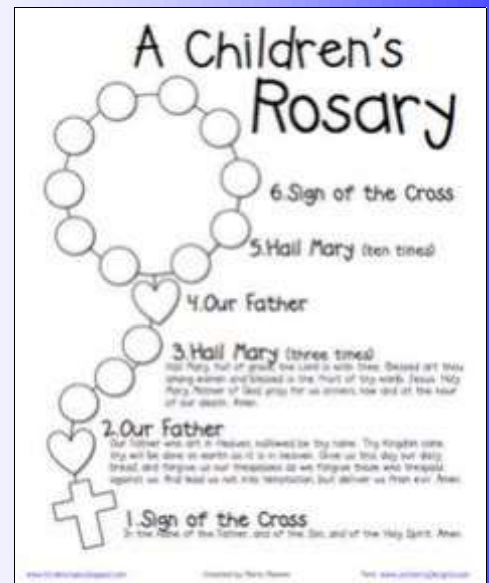
Catholic Schools Week-Student Appreciation

Thank you Home and School for helping us celebrate the many joys of a Catholic Education. Everyone loved our student appreciation movie and popcorn.



Catholic Schools Week— Faith Day

The children loved learning about the rosary and releasing the balloon rosary during Catholic Schools Week. The rosary is a traditional Catholic devotion that meditates on the Life, Death, Passion, and Glory of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother.



Calendar of Events-Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 13	Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day 	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17 No Preschool-Teacher In-service Day
Feb 20 No Preschool Presidents Day	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23 Chapel Lesson 	Feb 24 Chapel Lesson
Feb 27 Mardi Gras Celebration 	Feb 28 Mardi Gras Celebration 	March 1 Ash Wednesday 	March 2 Fire Safety 	March 3 Fire Safety
March 6 Spring Individual and Class Pictures Day	March 7 Spring Individual and Class Picture Day	March 8	March 9	March 10
March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17
<h1>Spring Break</h1>				

Spring Break



Preschool Lunch



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cheese Ravioli Roll Fruit	2 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit	3 Sandwich Chips Fruit	4
5	6 Baked Potato Fruit	7 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Rice	8 Spaghetti with Butter Roll	9 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit	10 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit	11
12	13 1/2 Hot Dog Rice Fruit	14 Chicken Tenders Macaroni & Cheese	15 1/2 Cheeseburg- er Tater Tots	16 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit	17 NO SCHOOL	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 Cheese Ravioli Vegetable Roll	22 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Rice	23 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit	24 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit	25
26	27 Orange Chicken Egg Roll Rice	28 Spaghetti with Butter Vegetable				

HOME & SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear ICS Families,

As we near the end of another school year it is time once again to let you know of Home and School's need for parents and guardians to make a commitment to fill the upcoming open H&S Board and Committee positions for the 2017/2018 school year.

Father Ernie, Mr. Zientek, our teachers and administration all count on H&S to be an integral part of helping meet our school's needs. By volunteering for a H&S board or committee position you can make a direct impact to fill those needs.

We have so many parents that have stepped up time and time again to make ICS a great place by volunteering in various H&S roles and positions. Thank you to all those many parents for filling these important roles and taking on these additional responsibilities. ***We are always in need of additional parents to make a commitment.***

As H&S board or committee members we work together as a team and you are never alone in your responsibilities. The past board and committee members are willing to mentor new members and have lots of notes/background info to share. ***We welcome any parent to participate! It is also possible to co-chair or share some committees such as "Teacher Appreciation" or "Spirit Shop" with another parent if you feel you would like to be a partnership! Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of our open positions.***

Attached is a listing of the positions to be voted on at our final H&S General Meeting of the year in April.

Description of Responsibilities:

- Board Members are asked to make every effort to attend the monthly Board Meeting and the General Meetings. The monthly Board Meetings are typically held during the school day and every effort will be made to schedule monthly meeting at a time that all Board Members can attend. Younger siblings are welcome to attend.
- We hold 4 General Meetings per year (Sept, Nov., Feb., and April) usually held on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. or Friday after morning drop off. These meetings are run by the co-presidents.
- All Board Members are asked to serve in various voluntary capacities through-out the school year at Home and School events.

Co-Presidents: Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate and run monthly Board Meetings and 4 General Meetings.
- Work in conjunction with V.P., Fundraising chair and Past President to establish annual H&S calendar.
- Coordinate Back to School Picnic
- Collaborate with all H&S Board Members and Committee Members in their roles.
- Act as liaison with school administration.
- Provide H&S communications for Principal's Tuesday newsletter.
- Commitment of two years as Co-President and one year as Past President.

Vice President with the intent to be President: Responsibilities include:

- Attend monthly Board Meetings and General Meetings providing input and ad-vice on agenda items discussed.
- This person intends to roll into Co-President position for two years after one year as Vice-President.
- Coordinate and plan Guardian Angel Day.

Some parents have already expressed an interest in filling positions that were slated to be open and others have made a recommitment to their volunteer term. The remaining open board positions are as a result of the current members fulfilling their volunteer commitment.

Executive Board: (Attend Board Meeting – once a month)

Co-Presidents: Allison Waggoner & **OPEN**

Past President: Sherrie Goodwin

Vice President with intent to be President – **OPEN**

Treasurer – Ayesha Crasta

Co-Treasurer with intent to be Treasurer - **OPEN**

Secretary – **OPEN**

Board: (Attend Board Meeting – once a month)

Public Relations – **OPEN**

Fundraising – **OPEN**

Co-Fundraising with intent to be Fundraising Chair – **OPEN**

Teacher Appreciation- **OPEN**

Room Parent Coordinator – **OPEN**

Hospitality – **OPEN**

Committee Heads: (Don't attend monthly Board Meeting)

Sunshine – Lindsay Thompson

Used Uniform Sales– Stephanie Barlovic

Spirit Shop – Jessica Balderson

Helping Hands –**OPEN**

Box Tops – Kay Herring

School Supplies – Mia Leoni

Kroger Card – Tara Williams

2017 ICS VARIETY SHOW!

Calling all talent!!

Do you like to have fun? Do you like to sing or lip sync, dance, tell jokes, do magic, play instruments or just have a great time performing? Then try out for the 2017 ICS Variety Show!

Mark your calendar!

Variety Show Tryouts: Wednesday, March 22

Location: To be announced

Participants: 4th-8th grade

***Be on the lookout: Further sign-up information will be given at a later date.**

Performance examples include but are not limited to: singing, lip sync, instrumentals, dance, joke telling, special skills, magic tricks

****Most performances can be solo, with a friend, or with a group! Start brainstorming now and join us on March 22nd for tryouts!****

WOMEN'S MORNING

of Spirituality



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Renee Dixon Hendrix



WITNESS SPEAKER

Kelli Burke Williams

Saturday, February 25, 2017

8:15 am - 1:30 pm

Catholic Church of the Incarnation

Located at 360 Bray Station Road, Collierville, TN 38017

LOVE OFFERINGS ACCEPTED

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT 7:15
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 7:40
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 8:15
ADORATION · ROSARY · RECONCILIATION

 **WMOS**

MASS WITH BISHOP MARTIN HOLLEY
MUSIC WITH BETHANY AND KEVIN PAIGE
REGISTER AT WOMENSMORNING.COM
MORE INFO: MARY BETH 901.853.1819
OR WMOSMEMPHIS@GMAIL.COM

*God has not given us the spirit of fear:
but of power and of love.*

2 Timothy 1:7



2017 MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAMS

Sunday, March 19
for 10* - 12 year old girls
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 26
for 13 - 16 year old girls
2:00 - 5:30 p.m.

(This program will fill up very quickly. Please register early.)

Saint Francis Hospital Auditorium
5959 Park Avenue

The Mother/Daughter Programs explore God's special gift of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming a woman. Topics include: the changes in a young woman's body as it prepares for motherhood; the onset of ovulation and subsequent menstrual periods; the functions of the female reproductive system; the sacredness of human life; the virtue of chastity; and a question and answer segment. Healthy dating ideas with a strong emphasis on chastity and reverence for our sexuality are also discussed with the older girls. It is good to come to both programs at the age appropriate time for each girl since the older girls' program is an extension of the first one.

The purpose of the programs is to provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss the important topic of growing up and to establish a foundation for continued communication between parent and child. The programs are presented by Natural Family Planning Teachers who will emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gifts.

*Girls younger than 10 who are already developing and showing signs of puberty are also welcome to attend.

Discount fee is \$25.00 per family (non-refundable) if **RECEIVED** 6 days PRIOR to selected program.
Within 6 days of each program, the fee is \$30.00 per family (non-refundable.)

Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required.

REGISTER ONLINE at www.cdom.org or complete the Registration Form below and mail it with your check to the NFP Center at least 6 days prior to the program.

NFP Center ♥ 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr. ♥ Memphis, TN 38134 ♥ (901) 373-1285 ♥ marypat.vanepps@cc.cdom.org



2017 Mother/Daughter Program Reservation Form

We want to attend the program for 10 - 12 year olds on: March 19
We want to attend the program for 13 - 16 year olds on: March 26 * **Please check one.***

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____

(Please PRINT and use names as you want them to appear on the name tags.)

Daughter's Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____ School _____

2nd Daughter's Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____ School _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Work or Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Please make \$25.00 check payable to NFP CENTER and mail with the reservation form to:
Diocese of Memphis NFP Center ♦ 5825 Shelby Oaks Dr. ♦ Memphis, TN 38134

Seating is limited. Reservations must be **RECEIVED** at least 6 days prior to your selected program for the discount fee.
Confirmation of your reservation will be sent by E-mail or post card. Please call (901) 373-1285 if you do not receive a confirmation.