



January 10, 2017

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

From the Desk of Michael Zientek

Congratulations to Mr. Cole! He and his wife Tina are the proud parents of a 8lb 5oz baby boy, Huey Gabriel, born on December 29, 2016. Both baby and mother are doing well!

Grade Cards Home Today...Grade cards for the 2nd quarter of the 2016-17 school year will be sent home today. Please review and talk about ways your child can improve during the next 9 week grading period between now and Spring Break.

What should I be looking for as a parent when my child brings home his or her grade card? With grade cards being sent home today, it is a good time for parents to sit down with their child and review it carefully with them. As a parent, it is important for you to set expectations with your child. “Expectations parents have for their children’s school attainment influence their children’s expectations and achievement, and early expectations tend to persist throughout the child’s school years. Research has shown that parental expectations for children’s academic achievement predict educational outcomes more than do other measures of parental involvement, such as attending school events.” Sources...

Entwisle, D. R., Alexander, K. L., and Olson, L.S. (2005). First grade and educational attainment by age 22: A new story. American Journal of Sociology, 110 (5), 1458-1502; Redd, Z., Guzman, L., Lippman, L., Scott, L., and Matthews, G. (2004). Parental expectations for children’s educational attainment: A review of the literature. Prepared by Child Trends for the National Center for Education Statistics.

Here are some strategies to use when you review the grade card with your child.

1. Take the child to a private place and review the entire grade card with him or her, including attendance.
2. Identify all the areas your child is doing well in and praise him or her for their efforts.
3. Identify all the areas your child is not doing so well and talk about ways to improve.
4. Set goals for the upcoming grading period. For example, if a child earned a 80 in Spelling this grading period, explain the difference between earning an 80 and 86. In other words if there are 20 words on the spelling list 80% is 16 words correct each week. To move up to a 90%, 18 words is the goal.
5. Write all you talked about down and post it on the refrigerator. Periodically, look back over your goals. At progress report time, track how your child is doing in relationship to the goals that were set. Don’t forget to celebrate once a goal has been reached.
6. Study skills and organization are another important key. Help your child get organized and manage their time wisely. Daily check school work and homework for completion.

Inclement Weather Notice...As a reminder, we use **IRIS** as our system for notifying you if school will be closed for inclement weather. The response system makes its calls from Texas and then sends out emails. Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date on Headmaster.

This and That—Elementary School

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.. We have video copies of the Christmas Program “Jesus, Our Immanuel” from December 16, 2016. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the program please contact John Durfee at joyfulnoisedjs@gmail.com. One DVD can be purchased for \$20 or provide an 8g flash drive for \$15. All the profits will be donated to the 8th Grade Class Trip Fund.

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 and fees so we can continue to pay our bills.

USED UNIFORM SALE IN JANUARY ...Make plans to shop at the Used Uniform Sale tomorrow January 11th. We will be set up in the Science Lab from 1:00 until 4:00 for your convenience. Cash and checks accepted for this sale. Contact Stephanie Barlovic at barlovic@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.

Home and School



WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE (WFC)

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser is set to begin with the delivery of chocolate THIS Friday! This is our final BIG fundraiser for the year and the proceeds are designated for ongoing technology needs of the school. We want to continue to improve and enhance our school facilities and your help is greatly appreciated!!! For all elementary, middle and prek (Ms. Jenny's class) students, your candy bars will be delivered this Friday, January 13, 2017 to your child in the afternoon pick-up line. If you have a student that attends the preschool on Tuesday/Thursday, your candy bars will go home with your child on Thursday. If you have a student that attends preschool on Monday/Wed/Friday, your candy bars will go home with your child on Friday. A sign up genius is being created for opportunities to sell your chocolate after designated masses and around Collierville. Be on the lookout for this later in the week.

Used Uniform Sale Home and School will be holding their mid-year Used Uniform sale on January 11, 2017 at 2:00-4:00 in the science lab.

January Teacher's Luncheon The teachers' luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 26th in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please bring any items to the Incarnation Elementary School Teachers' Lounge by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26th. Please use the following link to sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F45ACAB2BA4FA7-january

Save the Date!!! Trivia night will be on Saturday, March 4th following mass. More information on this event is soon to come.

Have a Great Week!

Sherrie Goodwin and Allison Waggoner
ICS Home and School Co-Presidents

Calendar - Elementary School

JANUARY 2017

Thursday, January 12

2nd Quarter Awards Mass

Monday, January 16

MLK Holiday - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 18

ERW

January 29 – February 3

Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday January 31

Geography Bee 1:30 pm

FEBRUARY 2017

Wednesday, February 1

ERW

Friday, February 3

First Friday Mass, Balloon Rosary; Noon Dismissal—Catholic Schools Week

Monday—Friday Feb. 6-10

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, Feb. 10

Muffins with Moms

Wednesday, February 15

ERW

Friday, February 17

Noon Dismissal—Professional Development

Monday, February 20

President's Day—No School

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.

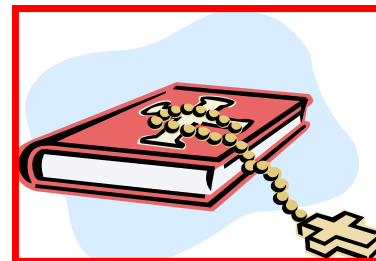
For those serving our country in the Armed Forces, Fire and Police Departments.

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

For Mrs. Ferrante who is recovering from Surgery.

For Mrs. Callender's mother Betty, who broke her tibia.

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





NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 – February 4, 2017

Details of our Catholic Schools Week celebration will be coming soon! However, there are many opportunities to help for our Service Day that we wanted to share now with our families.

A central aspect of Catholic education is learning the importance of service to others. When students take part in service activities-both local and beyond-they demonstrate the values and faith they gain through their Catholic education and learn how to make the world a better place!

Monday, January 30, 2017—SERVICE DAY!

Our school wide service projects will be to gather needed items for the Baptist Reynolds Hospice House in Collierville and The Page Robbins Adult Day Center.

- Friday, January 27th, is a Jeans Day and students are asked to send in money that will go towards the sponsorship of a week of snacks at the Page Robbins Center.
- The Page Robbins Center also has on their Wish List toilet tissue and paper towels for the Center. The **Second Grade** class has been asked to bring in toilet tissue and the **Sixth and Seventh Grade** classes have been asked to bring in paper towels. Please send in your items to the classroom the week of January 23rd.
- An additional initiative involves putting together Family Gift Bags for the Baptist Reynolds Hospice House. The 3, 4 and 5th grades will collate these bags with ribbon and pre-made cards on Monday, January 30th.

Below is a listing of the gift bag items and responsible class. Please send in your items to the classroom the week of January 23rd. We hope to make at least 50 Family Gift Bags for the Hospice House.

- Small Cellophane Gift Bags— 4th Grade/Bolton and 5th Grade/Brown
- Pre-packaged Peanut Butter & Crackers—PK/Warner
- Pre-packaged Cheese & Crackers—First Grade/Laramie
- 8 oz. Bottled Waters—Eighth Grade/Potts
- Mints (Roll, Tic Tacs, Small Altoids, Etc.)—Kindergarten/Clark and Third/Ferrante

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!

2016-2017 Yearbook Cover Contest



All students are invited to design a cover for the yearbook and then the faculty/staff will vote for the winning cover.

Contest Rules:

- Submit your cover design on an 8.5 x 11 unlined piece of paper.*
- Covers must be portrait orientation, not landscape.*
- The cover must include the words: Incarnation Catholic School 2016-2017 (Not ICS)*
- One entry per student.*
- Entries must not be folded.*
- Do not sign your drawing- you may place your name on the back. The winner will receive credit in the yearbook.*
- No use of commercial or licensed characters or logos.*
- You can use any medium to design the cover: colored pencils, crayons, watercolor, etc.*
- Try to think of a design that reflects Incarnation as a whole.*
- Entries must be submitted to the office by February 3rd.*

This and That- Preschool

Preschool Registration 2017-2018

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be January 18th in the Fellowship Hall. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. for parishioners and students currently in the program. New member registration begins at 9:00 a.m. For more information about the Preschool or to schedule a tour, please contact Malerie Young.










Cold & Flu Season is coming!

At Incarnation Catholic Preschool, we have a 24 -hour symptom free policy for returning to school. If your child has or has had any of the following symptoms, including but not limited to, they must remain home: fever, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, color nasal discharge. You can read the full policy on page 7 of your Parent Handbook.



We ask that parents notify the Preschool Office when you child is out sick.

Keep Me Home If...

 <p>I'm Vomiting</p>	 <p>I have a rash, lice or nits</p>	 <p>I have diarrhea</p>	 <p>I have an eye infection</p>	 <p>I have a sore throat</p>	 <p>I'm just not feeling very good.</p>	 <p>I have a fever</p>
Two or more times in 24 hours.	Body rash, especially with a fever or itching. Lice or nits.	3 or more watery stools in 24 hours.	Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye.	With fever or swollen glands.	Unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, confused or cranky.	Temperature of 100°(F) or more, (taken under the arm) AND sore throat, rash vomiting, diarrhea, earache or just not feeling good.

When Your Child is Sick:

1. Have plans for back up child care.
2. Tell your caregiver what is wrong with your child, even if your child stays home.

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Preschool Lunch January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1/2 Potato with Toppings Chili Peaches	1/2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Pineapple Corn	1/2 Hamburger with Cheese on Side Apple Slices Tater Tots	Chicken Tenders Mac and Cheese Green Beans	Cheese Pizza Apple Slices Corn	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	1/2 Potato with Toppings Chili Peaches	Cheese & Chicken Quesadilla Mexican Rice Corn	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Roll Green Beans	Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Pineapple 1/2 Egg Roll	Cheese Pizza Apple Slices Green Beans	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	No Preschool	Hot Dog Chili Apple Slices	1/2 Potato with Toppings Chicken Tenders Broccoli	Frito Pie Mexican Rice Corn	Cheese Pizza Apple Slices Buttered Noodles	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Cheese Ravioli with Red Sauce Roll Green Beans	1/2 Hamburger with Cheese on Side Tater Tots Peaches	Chicken Tenders Mac and Cheese Broccoli	Hot Dog Chili Apple Slices	Cheese Pizza Peaches Buttered Noodles	
29	30	31				
	1/2 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Pineapple	Turkey, Bacon and Cheese Slider Mac and Cheese Broccoli				

Calendar of Events-Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	10	11	12 Preschool PK & Kindergarten Kick -Off at ICS (see flyer attached) World's Finest Chocolate Delivered to Preschool	13 World's Finest Chocolate Delivered to Preschool
	<p>If you are looking for a way to sell your chocolate quickly, check the Home and School section of the Newsletter for a link to sign up to sell your chocolate at Walmart or after church.</p> 			
16	17	18 2017-2018 Preschool Registration	19 Chapel Lesson - God Gave Us Friends	20 Chapel Lesson - God Gave Us Friends
				



PK AND KINDERGARTEN KICK-OFF 2017

**Thursday, January 12th
9:00-10:00 am
Incarnation Library**



Join us to see what big school is all about!
Incentives available for current Preschool families!



GROUP KEYBOARD LESSONS AFTER SCHOOL!

Perhaps you have seen recent studies and research results that show how young people involved in music score higher on tests than those who are not. Some of the educational and psychological benefits of being involved in music include:

Creative Thinking

Self-Esteem

Self-Discipline

Logical Thinking

Personal Responsibility

Problem Solving

My name is John Sanders and I have been teaching young people how to play musical instruments for over twenty years. In addition to this experience, I have a Masters Degree in Music Composition from The University of Memphis.

Many of the young people I have taught are well on their way to becoming excellent adult musicians. What I hope to teach includes:

- * The joy that comes from playing music with others.
- * The sense of pride and self-satisfaction that playing your instrument can bring.
- * The self-discipline it takes to ready yourself for a concert.

The lessons are taught in groups of 2 to 4 children. Although the keyboard lessons are taught in groups, each child works individually and at their own pace by using electric keyboards with headphones. Keyboards for the class will be provided by the teacher, but the students should have their own keyboard or piano at home as well. The children will perform in two concerts during the school year. The keyboard class is recommended for first grade and up.

John Sanders 901 853 9904

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Incarnation Catholic School Music Program.

This tuition agreement will explain the cost of the program and other details.

The cost of each music lesson is \$10.00. Lessons will be paid for in groups of ten lessons for a total cost of \$100.00. This \$100.00 will be paid in advance. If a lesson is not taught because of school holiday, field trip, class party, school closed due to weather, or because the teacher missed the lesson, there will be no charge.

Parents will be charged for lessons the student misses. If the teacher is holding class, he should be compensated for his time, whether the student chooses to attend or not. If you need to suspend classes due to injury or serious illness, please contact me.

Parents may withdraw their child from the program at any time and all prepaid lessons will be refunded.

Children who show no interest in playing their instrument or who constantly disrupt other students will be asked to leave the program and all pre-paid lessons will be refunded.

The children work at their own pace and may join the program at any time during the year.

Incarnation Catholic School Music Program

Parent's Name	Home Phone #
Student's Name	Cell Phone #
Grade	Street Address
Homeroom Teacher	City, State, Zip

To enroll your child in this music program, please mail this form and check to:

John Sanders
2046 West Almadale Ct #102
Collierville, Tennessee 38017

or you may return this form and check to the office at Incarnation Catholic School.

The ½ classes will be held every Tuesday afternoon. The first class will begin at 3:00, and subsequent classes will be held every half hour. Please call 901 853 9904 if you want to reserve a certain time slot.

We Need YOU to help Incarnation make the Spring Festival a Success!



We are in search of volunteers to fill several Chair positions. Please contact Elizabeth at earomagni@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping or would like to learn more! This is such a FUN event to be a part of and to help make a success!



VOLUNTEER CHAIR

Work with the other chairmen to determine how many volunteers they need, and in what capacity, to help them fill spots

Work with chairmen To create volunteer descriptions

Create volunteer sign up (help is provided with creating the sign up) and advertise it (work with Social Media Chair and SF Coordinator to do so)

Host a table after at least one weekend of masses to have ppl sign up to volunteer

Man the volunteer table (with help) over SF weekend. Be available throughout SF to answer questions and direct volunteers

Sign off on volunteer hours for those receiving community service

KIDS GAMES CHAIR

Supervise the game tent during the Spring Festival

Work with Volunteer Chair to arrange enough volunteers to staff the children's games throughout the festival. Includes set up and clean up and distribution of prizes

Create a map (or reuse from last year) of where each game will be located in the tent. Oversee set up of tables, chairs, games, and other supplies

Communicate volunteer roles with volunteers prior to the Spring Festival (via email).

KIDS WORLD VOLUNTEER

Coordinate carnival rides by focusing on their location on the church grounds/create a map of where rides need to be located

Act as liaison between the carnival company and Spring Festival Coordinator

Ensure safety of children participating

This position should not take much time to fill. You'll be trained by the 2016 Chair