



March 30, 2016

Spiritual
Virtue
Meets
Academic
excellence



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



He is Risen!! **Happy Easter** and welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and spiritual time off. It gave me an opportunity to step back, pray and reflect about how the school year has progressed and potential changes for the coming year.

On my way to Mass on Palm Sunday, I was listening to the Catholic Channel on my radio and Cardinal Timothy Dolan was interviewing David Coleman. David is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the College Board. The College

Board administers the SAT, PSAT and a variety of AP tests. His views on the value of a Catholic Education explored by Cardinal Dolan. Coleman said “Catholic school students traditionally have outperformed public school students on the College Board Test.” During the interview/discussion Coleman describe five values he believes set Catholic schools apart from the public schools. The values are Productive Solitude, Reading Reverently, Restful Excellence, Gratitude and Grace, Dignity and Pricelessness. Below are some notes I took after listening to a recording of the broadcast.

- ◆ **Productive Solitude** is an essential component of a life of faith and crosses into the work of Catholic school education frequently. Coleman connected the Catholic educator’s training in solitude, which invites the relationship with the Spirit, is a great gift to the power of students in our care.
- ◆ Coleman stressed that one cannot read well, without **Reading Reverently**. “To read well is a kind of supplication, and the ability to see the crafted thing is so beautiful that you experience it with reverence.” Quoting C.S. Lewis, he continued, “In the face of the work of art, look and look again. See exactly what is there. Forget yourself. Get out of the way.”
- ◆ **Restful Excellence** is the conscious ability to balance education with life in order to not only cultivate knowledge but to experience resilience. The other extreme – frenzied excellence, when students fill their schedules doing many things but not cultivating passion on one or two things – is not the answer to success at the college level and beyond. Instead, Coleman encourages educators to ready them for college through sustained excellence which allows young people more time for family and faith and to enjoy life as an adolescent.
- ◆ **Gratitude and Grace**...Coleman claims that students who attend Catholic Schools learn first hand how to express gratitude and realize that God is the giver of grace. Cardinal Dolan chimed in and said all the good things the Church does flows from who we are, *the faith* we have which provides us our very identity. *We do good stuff precisely because of our faith.*
- ◆ **Dignity and Pricelessness**...Students at Catholic Schools learn all living things have dignity and every life is a priceless gift from God from conception to natural death.

We are often asked what distinguishes ICS from the public schools in the area; I believe if you spend enough time around the school you will find these values incorporated into our daily lessons here at ICS.

David Coleman is the keynote speaker at the 2016, National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Convention being held in San Diego, CA, March 29– March 31, 2016. <http://www.ncea.org/convention/general-session>

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I ran across an article in *Today's Catholic Teacher* that is directed toward families with regards to balancing technology with family time. Though technology has proven to do great things, it can also be harmful by making it more difficult for families to spend genuine time together without the interruptions of TV, cell phones and other devices.

Here are a few tips on how to help establish a healthy balance of technology and family time:

- **Make a point to have family dinner every weeknight:** Having dinner as a family is one of those traditions that can get lost in the hustle and bustle of modern-day life. Try to have dinner as a family every weeknight during which your family shares the same meal, shares their stories from the day, and puts away their cell phones.
- **Establish a family game night:** Having a regularly family game night is a great way to have genuine fun and tech-free interaction as a family. Keep your game nights fresh by letting a different family member pick the game each time. The games can be as formal as Monopoly, or as improvised and creative as 20 questions or make-your-own Pictionary.
- **Have a “tech-free” room in your house:** Designate an area in your home to be “tech-free,” meaning that there is no TV or computer in the room. This could be in the living room, or even the backyard, depending on your preference and space. Have this room be a place in which you don't use cell phones or other devices—a place for face-to-face conversation, reading, or board games.

Technology is a real part of our lives in this day and age, and can be a valuable source of information, entertainment, and communication. However, it is important that we do not let it replace genuine conversation and family time.

This and That

Summer Camps: We are planning to have STEM Camps in June and July. The dates we are looking at are listed below:

- June 20-23 (M-Th) Steamtastic Summer Fun (1-4 p.m.) Ages 3rd-6th grade
- June 27-30 (M-Th) D is for Dinosaur Dig (9-11 a.m.) Ages 3-5 years old
- July 25-28 (M-Th) Lego Master Builders (9-11 a.m.) Ages 6-8 years old



Spring Uniforms are now in effect. Please consult your Parent/Student Handbook for details. Grades 5-8, on PE Days, you will be expected to wear the poly jacket and pants with PE shorts under the pants and PE shirt tucked in to the pants. With this new policy, students in grades 5-8 will not be changing clothes on PE days.

Spring Festival is April 15, 2016. We need 100% participation from ICS families to help make the three day event a success!!

Calendar

APRIL

Wednesday, April 6

Friday, April 8

Tuesday, April 12

Friday, April 15

April 18-29

Wednesday, April 20

April 18-22

April 19

Friday, April 22

Saturday, April 23

Monday, April 25

Friday April 29

ERW

Student Talent/Variety Show

Volunteer Brunch—Please RSVP to office by April 8

NO SCHOOL - Spring Festival

Iowa Assessment

ERW

Scholastic Book Fair

Dinner at the Book Fair

Grandparents Day - Mass at 10:00

First Communion 10:30 am

Confirmation - 7:00 at the Cathedral

Field Day

MAY

May 4

May 6

May 18

May 20

May 20

May 26

ERW

First Friday Mass

ERW

End of 4th Quarter

8th Grade Graduation – 7:00 pm

Awards Mass & Moving Up Ceremony 8:15am
(New Sanctuary)



Parents, as we start to wind down the 2015/2016 School Year, please make sure your account is current, and all outstanding tuition, lunch, extended care, and fees have been paid. If you have any questions about the status of your account, please contact Tara Walter in the Parish Accounting Office. 901.853.7468

ICS Prayer Box

Please keep our ICS families in your prayers.

For the Christians in world who are suffering from the attacks by terrorists.

Pray for the repose of the soul of the Ms. Julia's husband Mark who passed away on Holy Thursday.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Jaxon DeWane's grandfather who passed away last week.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Riley Blaxton's grandmother who passed away last week.



HOME AND SCHOOL



LAST HOME AND SCHOOL GENERAL MEET-

ING Our last meeting for the year will be held Wednesday evening, April 6th at 6:30pm in the ICS Gym. We will vote in our incoming Board members (**SEE OPEN POSITIONS BELOW**) and have a Principal's update as well as discuss upcoming events. Immediately following the meeting, the 3rd and 4th grade classes will

perform a play, The "Three Little Pigs".

H&S Open Positions 2016-2017

We have 2 open positions available. We are so grateful for our Home and School membership support throughout the year, but we rely on a full Board to help coordinate all activities that result in many wonderful things for our students and teachers! In the last few years, the fruit of these activities has resulted in **playground upgrades, iPads, 1:1 technology, infrastructure upgrades, teacher appreciation events and teacher support, student appreciation events, hospitality events, software purchases, tuition assistance, ICS family events, etc....**



Please consider volunteering your time and talent! We always work as a TEAM!

The beauty of the 2 positions left to be filled is that there is a **shadow year**. Next year, the VP and Co-Fundraiser would attend a monthly board meeting, help their committee and learn the ropes before taking the lead the following year in 2017-2018. Please consider filling one of the remaining open positions!

Please contact Sherrie Goodwin at sgoodwin73@comcast.net, Michelle Mundy at mgmundy@bellsouth.net or any Board Member with any questions.

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

Vice President with intent to be President – OPEN

Board: (Attend Board Meeting – once a month)

Co-Fundraising with intent to be Fundraising Chair – OPEN

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 throughout the school year at Home and School events.

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

- Attend monthly Board Meetings and General Meetings providing input and advice 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.
- Act as a school liaison for our parish's annual Spring Festival

Home and School—CONT

Co-Fundraising: Responsibilities include:

- Attend monthly Board Meetings and General Meetings providing input and advice on agenda items discussed.
- Shadow the primary Fundraising chair and to provide assistance with Fundraising roll where needed.
- This person intends to roll into Fundraising Chair position for one year after one year as Co-Fundraising Chair.



There will be a Used Uniform Sale in the Gym at 5:30 before the Home and School Meeting. The sale will be **Spring uniforms only**. Cash and Checks accepted. Contact Stephanie Barlovic at barlovic@bellsouth.net if you have any question about the sale.



ICS NIGHT AT THE REDBIRDS GAME-JULY 9th at 6:35pm EXCITING NEWS! In yesterday's Tuesday folders there was a detailed flyer and order form for a great deal on a family fun night out at the Redbirds game! ICS Home and School has reserved a block of field box tickets for the evening game on July 9th! For \$10 per ticket each ICS student and immediate family member can enjoy admission, a hot dog, a soda and a free Redbirds hat! This is typically \$16 value but Home and School will pay the extra \$6 bucks to make it an UNBEATABLE deal! There will be food, fun and **FIREWORKS!** Order forms and payment made out

to ***Incarnation Catholic School*** will be due by Friday, May 6th. Tickets will be distributed in Tuesday folders prior to summer break. We hope to make this an annual event so please come join your ICS friends and family!

2016 MEMPHIS REDBIRDS
Triple-A Affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals

Name: _____
Number of Tickets at \$10 _____
Total Price: _____
Return to: Sherrie Goodwin

Incarnation Catholic School House & School Assoc.

SATURDAY, JULY 9 AT 6:35 PM
\$10 FIELD BOX TICKET

Includes hot dog & soda voucher
With postgame fireworks show!

CELEBRATE "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" AT AUTOZONE PARK! FIRST 1,000 FANS WILL RECEIVE A HOLIDAY SCARF (QUANTITY LIMITED). PLEASE CONTACT SHERRIE AT sgoodwin73@comcast.net TO PURCHASE TICKETS BY 5/6/16.

HOME AND SCHOOL—CONT



SPRING FLOWER SALE (March 15th – April 8th) ICS Home and School is once again offering spring annuals for sale. This is a great way to make your yards beautiful this summer and support your school at the same time.

These flowers will be bought and supplied by MorGreen Nursery. MorGreen has been a generous donor to ICS in the past and their awesome support continues. They will be contributing all proceeds from the sale to ICS, which will be around \$5 per flat.

All of the order information is coming home with your children in their Tuesday folders. Here's a summary of the information:

- The plants are landscaper size with 18 four-inch plants to a flat
The plants are sold by entire flats only and the only sale options are those on the order form.
- The cost is \$15 per flat for standard items and \$24 per flat for Wave Petunias, Dragon Wing Begonia and Lantana. Please see your child's Tuesday Folder for an insert with all the flower pictures
- **All payments and orders are DUE by Friday, April 8th.** Please make checks payable to ***Incarnation Catholic School.***

The plants will be ready for you to pick up from MorGreen Nursery April 22nd-24th (subject to change). Please ask your friends and family to order something they already buy anyway, and thanks so much for supporting ICS and MorGreen Nursery!!

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Amber Vandersommen at ambervanders@yahoo.com or 901-275-1435.



THANK YOU FOR A FABULOUS TEACHER'S LUNCHEON Thank you to our H&S Teacher Appreciation Committee for coordinating the March Teacher's luncheon. And "Thank You" to all the parents who brought in items. It was awesome!!

THANKS YOU HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE! Thank you for a beautiful 3rd Quarter Awards Reception on March 17th!



SPRING FESTIVAL SIGN UP GENIUS The Spring Festival is just 2 weeks away! ICS and our Parish is requesting each preschool and school family sign up for one volunteer slot at one of the carnival games to help our parish and school. There are many different fun activities and times to choose. Go take a look and sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4caae2ba02-festival1>

Have a wonderful week!

Michelle Mundy and Sherrie Goodwin

H&S Co-Presidents 2015-2016

Theme Weeks!!!!

This year for Incarnation Spring Festival, we are going to help fill the auction baskets by having theme weeks for donations. We decided to do it this way so that the room parents don't have to oversee any certain basket. We will be doing this for 8 weeks leading up to the festival. Participate in as many as you can, we need your help to make this event a success! These baskets will be auctioned off at the spaghetti dinner on April 15th, which is the kick-off to the spring festival. All of the proceeds go to help fund the school, preschool, and church - so our kids will directly benefit from the profits!

Thanks for your help...and don't worry, we will be stalking you in car line to give you friendly reminders and accept your generous donations of (new) items, gift cards, and cash! If you have something that's not in a category, we will still take it! We will also take any items at any time; you don't have to wait for the designated week.

Week 1 (feb 8-12): Mexican Week, Ole!

Gift cards to Mexican restaurants, grocery stores, tequila, margarita mixes, margarita glasses, Mexican kitchen items, etc.

Week 2 (feb 15-19): Girly Girl Week!

Toys r Us gift cards, Target gift cards, all things girly (all ages), toys, disney things, board games, arts and crafts stuff, barbies, legos, sports stuff, star wars, movies, beach toys, swim stuff, etc

Week 3 (feb 22-26): Wine Week!

All the wine! Any color! Wine glasses, Wine store gift cards, wine themed accessories, we want beer too! etc.

Week 4 (feb 29-mar 4): Boys will be Boys Week!

Toys R Us gift cards, Target gift cards, all things boy (all ages), Sports Equipment, Disney things, cars, Star Wars, Legos, board games, beach toys, movies, swim stuff, action figures, etc.

Week 5 (mar 7-11): SEC Week!

University themed chairs, umbrellas, balls, games, books, glass ware, shirts, hats, cups, towels, etc.

Week 6 (mar 14-18): Italiano Week!

Pasta, wine, cook books, seasonings, Italian themed kitchen accessories, etc.

Spring Break

Week 7 (mar 28-apr 1): Liquor Week!

All the liquor! (God bless the Catholics) tequila, vodka, rum, gin, triple sec, tonic water, bar tools, glassware, you get the idea, (beer and wine too) etc.

Week 8 (apr 4-8): The Great Outdoors!

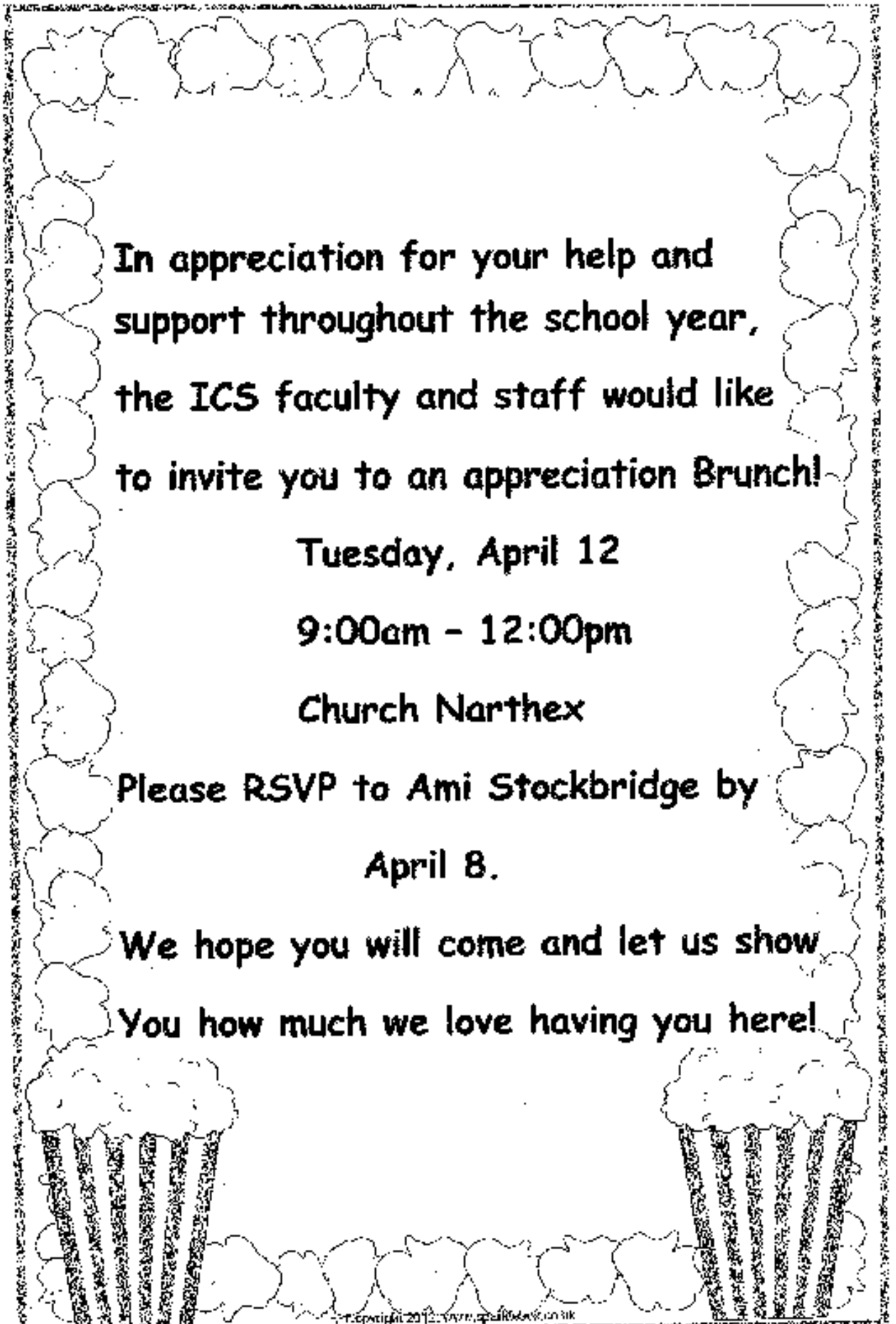
Camping supplies, grilling essentials, outdoor games, gardening tools, pool stuff, etc.

Spring Festival April 15-17!

For compliments, contact Tara Brady bradybase@aol.com

For questions, contact Lynn Bray lmbray8226@aol.com

For complaints, contact Amy Ryan amvervan@bellsouth.com



In appreciation for your help and support throughout the school year, the ICS faculty and staff would like to invite you to an appreciation Brunch!

Tuesday, April 12

9:00am - 12:00pm

Church Narthex

Please RSVP to Ami Stockbridge by April 8.

We hope you will come and let us show You how much we love having you here!

Would you like to buy a yearbook ad?

Yearbook ads lets your student know how proud you are in a lasting a memorable way. Select some of you favorite photos, chose one of these four layouts, add your personal message and you're in. If interested, please contact Jennifer Swanner by April 15th. All ads can be submitted to Jennifer.swanner@incarnationcollierville.org

Congratulations, Claire!!!!
You are truly an original. We
are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Lizzie, and Charlie

Ich werde immer stolz auf dich sein
"I will always be proud of you"
Love,
Mommy, Olivia, Rol
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Nd,
We are so proud of you! You
are growing into an amazing
young man. Good Luck next year!
Love
& Papa

Half Page ad: \$ 75.00

Quarter Page Ad with picture: \$40

Quarter page ad with no picture: \$25

Full page ad to design
however you like: \$150



St Benedict
AT AUBURNDALE

We're opening our doors
for YOU!



CAMPUS SHOWCASE

ACADEMICS

ARTS

ATHLETICS

APRIL 7

4:30 PM - UNTIL

For more information

or to register

sbaeagles.org/visitsba

COME TAKE A LOOK!