



November 22, 2016

Combining
Excellent
Academics
and
Discipline
with
Christian
Values



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, STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EACH OF YOU A BLESSED AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING! AS A REMINDER, WE WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON WEDNESDAY—FRIDAY THIS WEEK.



ICS SPELLING BEE... Congratulations to Malcom Easton! He placed first in the school Spelling Bee held Friday afternoon, November 18, 2016 in the gym. Malcom will represent the school in the Scripps National Spelling Bee local competition with the possibility of going on to the region and eventually compete at the national level in Washington, DC. The runner up was Emily Trejda. If Malcom is unable to participate, Emily will substitute for him and be the school's representative.

The week of November 6-12 was National Vocation Awareness Week. Throughout the week students learned about religious vocations. Our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students heard from a priest, a brother, and a deacon. Each presenter taught the students about their religious vocation, responding to God's call, and following God's plan.



Mrs. Brown's 5th grade has been studying about the first pilgrims that came to America. The students all fit into a simulated ship cargo hold created by placing tape on the floor. They quickly discovered the quarters were very tight and uncomfortable. They also learned about customs, traditions and practices of the early pilgrims.

This and That—Elementary School

Boys Hair Cuts...Parents we have a few of boys who need a hair cut! Above the eyebrows, off the collar and off the ears at all times.

WINTER UNIFORMS—Here is a link to the handbook if you are in need of specifics with regards to your child's uniform requirements. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xj498iu2tzaiazr/Student%20and%20Parent%20Handbook2016-17.pdf?dl=0> . If it is PE day, please send the poly jacket with your child. If the temperature is above 36 degrees, they may go outside.

Five Tips for Academic Achievement—By Dr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM—Parent & Student Support Tips

1. **Student Preparedness**—A good day begins with quality sleep the night before! Students then need to wake up to a calm routine. That includes eating a protein breakfast, taking possession of the day's materials (school bag, project, lunch, signed permission slips, PE clothes, musical instrument), and arriving at school on time. They need to organize learning tools (textbooks, notebooks, writing utensils), produce completed homework, copy assignments, and establish a system for filing and tracking paperwork, tests, and quizzes. They should eat a nourishing lunch, pack all necessary materials for home, preview the next day before going to bed, and, finally, pack what ever items they will be required for a successful day.
2. **Academic Performance**—Report card grades represent quizzes, tests, classwork, homework, projects, and participation in class. Regularly review and sign written work. Oversee the correction of errors. Make adjustments in study habits as needed. (Rule of thumb: 10 minutes per grade level.) Maintain a personal grade book so you can estimate the general average on any given day. At the first sight of a “red flag,” discuss your concerns with the child and then initiate communication with the teacher.
3. **Consistency**—Teachers measure the student prepares for class, class, cooperates with teacher obtains required parent sign-accurately, completes them neatly homework on time, and meets
4. **Cooperation**—Teachers evaluated conduct based upon the consistency with which the student cooperates with teachers, adults, and peers. Cooperative students include others, listen, practice patience, demonstrate a positive attitude, show respectfulness and enthusiasm in class, follow directions, keep on task, practice self-control, and make positive change in behavior if they are corrected.
5. **Attendance**—Attendance affects learning and socialization. Try to schedule routine medical visits for after-school hours and free days; if that is impossible, return your child to school as soon as you can. Hold your child responsible to obtain and make up whatever work was missed.

“Good, better, best! I will never rest. Until my good is better, and my better best.”

effort by patterns: the way stays on task, participates in instruction and explanations, tures, copies assignments accurately, submits deadlines.

Honor the published school calendar when planning vacations. If that is not possible, make arrangements to obtain and keep up with daily school work. A vacation on you part should not create responsibility on the teacher's part. Apply the sage rule that if a child is too sick to attend school, he or she is also too sick to leave the house for any activity, have friends over or use electronic forms of entertainment. Dr. McCormick specializes in whole-person formation. Feel free to contact her at DrPatMcCormack@aol.com.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

November 23 - 25

Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2016

Tuesday, December 6

Feast of St. Nick

Wednesday, December 7

ERW

Thursday, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – NO SCHOOL

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

2nd 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.

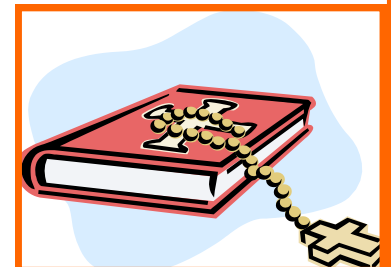
For the Beta Club members and their parents attending the Beta Club Convention.

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

For those families traveling over the Thanksgiving Holiday, that they return safely.

For Caroline Regan who is being treated for a illness.

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



Differentiated Learning at ICS



3rd—5th Grade learn about flowers from the Nectar Inspector a Botanist from the Botanical Garden in Memphis.



Beta Students all dressed up for the Beta Ball at the 2016 Jr. Beta State Convention held in Nashville, TN.



3rd Graders making totem poles, Indian necklaces and learning to write using Indian Symbols as part of their Social Studies unit.

This and That- Preschool

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble

During this season of Thanksgiving, we want to take a moment to thank you for sharing your children with all of us at Incarnation. We truly enjoy each moment we have with them, from the warm hugs to the sticky fingers we love it all.



Brrrr, It's Cold Outside

Cold temperatures have arrived! Please remember to send warm outer layers for outdoor play time. Fresh air does the body good. So when the sun is shining and the "Feels Like Temperature" is above 36°F / 2°C we will be outside daily. Labeling all jackets/coats, gloves, and hats will help your belongings go home with the right owner.



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




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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.

Calendar of Events-Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL 	25
28	29	30	Dec 1 Chapel Lesson 	2 Chapel Lesson
5 	6 Feast of St. Nicholas	7	8 No School Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9
12	13 	14 Christmas Program Noon Dismissal	15 Christmas Program Noon Dismissal	16 No Preschool

Home and School

The **November-December Teachers' Luncheon** will be on Thursday , December 1st in the Incarnation Fellowship Hall. Items should be dropped off in the Elementary School Teachers' Lounge by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1st . Thank you to all that have signed up to bring items. Please use the following link to sign up if you haven't had chance to do so:

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

A collection of smooth, dark-colored rocks of various sizes. Some rocks are decorated with colorful patterns and letters. The word 'CALLING' is spelled out in the top row, 'ALL' in the second row, and 'POT' in the third row. Below these, the word 'ROCKSTARS!' is written in large, bold, yellow, stylized letters with a black outline. The background is a dense field of similar rocks.

**CALLING
ALL
POT
ROCKSTARS!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
10:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

**ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE #901ROCKS FUN!
DROP BY AND DECORATE ROCKS TO HIDE IN THE
901 AREA CODE FOR OTHERS TO FIND.
MATERIALS, SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST AT THE COLLIERVILLE LIBRARY.**

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Too many times each year, this scene ends in tragedy.

Put Christmas tree safety at the top of your list:

- If you get a live tree, make sure it's fresh. Needles should be green and springy to the touch.
- Cut 1 to 2 inches off the bottom of the trunk before placing the tree in the stand. A fresh cut allows the tree to absorb water. Place the tree in water right away.
- **Fill the tree stand with water every day.**
- Make sure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like floor vents, fireplaces, radiators, candles or lamps.
- Make sure your tree is not blocking an exit.
- **Always turn the tree lights off or unplug them** before going to bed or leaving your home.
- Never use candles to decorate the tree. Use lights that are approved by a national testing organization like UL.
- Replace lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands you can safely connect. Make sure you are using the right lights for indoors or outdoors.
- **Remove your tree immediately after the holidays** even if you think it is not dry.
- Never place discarded trees against the exterior of the house.



Keeping a dry tree is like inviting a forest fire into your home.

- Christmas tree fires are likely to be serious and deadly.
- Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Remember to test your smoke alarms once a month and tell guests about your fire escape plan.
- Practice your home fire escape plan regularly.
- **9 out of 10 U.S. fire deaths happen in the home.** People are surprised to learn that the place they feel safest is where their risk of being in a fire is greatest.



Home fire sprinklers increase safety and provide time for escape. Think about installing a system in your home.



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