



November 8, 2016

Combining
Excellent
Academics
and
Discipline
with
Christian



GRIT

G – Guts, moral fiber, showing courage

R – Resilience, keep trying, bounce back

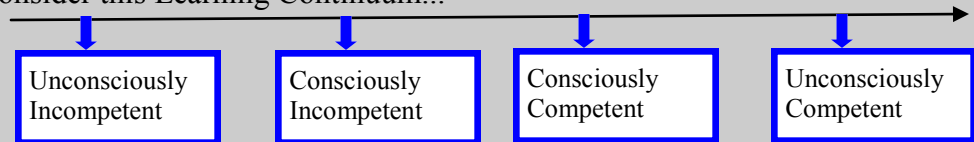
I – Integrity – Doing what is right

T – Tenacity – never giving up

From the Desk of Michael Zientek

LEARNING: MOVING FROM UNCONSCIOUSLY INCOMPETENT TO UNCONSCIOUSLY COMPETENT....From Kindergarten through 8th grade students will be in school approximately 1620 days. If they have perfect attendance, this equates to about 12,150 hours at school. During this time, students are engaged in numerous lessons designed to prepare them for high school, college and the “real world.” The skills they are developing during these nine years lay the **learning foundation** for the rest of their lives. Transitioning students who “don’t know what they don’t know” in kindergarten to being someone who can solve complex algebra problems or write a research paper on Catholic theology requires ongoing instruction, practice and feedback. Eventually, with enough practice and feedback, one is able to perform a skill without thinking about it much. Some skills will require more than just time in the classroom, practice outside the classroom is a necessity.

Consider this Learning Continuum...



Throughout ones years in school, students are continually encountering the stages in this continuum. They start off “not knowing what they don’t know,” **Unconsciously Incompetent**. We then begin to share the basics of what they need to learn. Schools are generally guided by standards and learning objectives following a planned curriculum. Students are informed of what they need to learn by their teachers and parents and then they “know what they don’t know” or they are **Consciously Incompetent**. Once they know what they don’t know, we teach them new skills. We provide instruction, practice and feedback with the hopes that each student acquires new skills and competencies. For example, by the end of the second grade, if we ask a student, “how much is $7 + 8$?”, they can usually tell us within 3 seconds that it is 15. If they can’t tell us within 3 seconds, we usually will say they need more practice. One might get out the flash cards or some activity to help them recall the answer more quickly. In the third grade, the same holds true for multiplication facts. With plenty of practice, they become **Consciously Competent**. In other words, if a student thinks about it for a period of time, they can usually arrive at the answer. However, the performance we really want students to achieve is the **Unconsciously Competent** stage. When you ask a student, “how much is 7 times 9?”, and they automatically say 63 as the nine is spoken. To reach this stage takes practice and feedback. Depending on the learner’s ability and willingness to practice will determine how much practice is necessary. Now, apply this line of thinking to the thousands of skills and competencies one needs to be successful in school and in life. Most of the time in order to reach the **Unconsciously Competent** stage it will take lots of practice along with the motivation to want to learn. The research tells us that to become extremely competent at very complex skills it will take well over 10,000 hours of training and practice not to mention the motivation to reach highly skilled state. If you question why students have homework, its because students need to practice the important skills needed for life in order to achieve mastery.

This and That—Elementary School

Tuition, Extended Care, Lunch... Tuition for November along with Lunch, Extended Care and credit card fee statements have been posted on Headmaster. We appreciate it when you make timely payments!

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.

SPELLING BEE...The school Spelling Bee will be held on November 18th, 2016. Students in grades 1 -8 will have an opportunity to participate in the contest.

SAVE THE DATE DONUTS WITH DADS—FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2016. SEE YOU FROM 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM

BARNES AND NOBLE BOOK FAIR—THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 - 16, 2016. STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-8 WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SING IN THE CHOIR AT 6:00PM ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016

WINTER UNIFORMS began on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Here is a link to the handbook if you are in need of specifics with regards to your child's grade in school. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xj498iu2tzaiazr/Student%20and%20Parent%20Handbook2016-17.pdf?dl=0> We continue to have some students attending in their spring/summer uniforms.

FAYETTE COUNTY OUTREACH is in need of gently used or new coats and jackets of all sizes and genders. Please drop your donation in the containers found in the Narthex.



Incarnation Catholic School will host a breakfast COP STOP on Wednesday, November 9th, 8:45—10:00 am on the back lawn of the school to serve those who serve us here in Collierville! The students will have an opportunity to come by and visit with our local protectors that morning. Please don't be alarmed if you see patrol cars on the school campus that day.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 9

Friday, November 11

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Wednesday, November 16

November 23 - 25

Home & School General Meeting 6:30 pm

Donuts with Dads

Barnes and Noble Book Fair—6:00 pm

ERW

Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2016

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, December 8

Friday, December 16

Friday, December 16

Feast of St. Nick

ERW

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

End of 2nd Quarter

Christmas Program @ 10:00 am

Noon Dismissal – Christmas Break Begins

ICS Prayer Box

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

For Bishop Martin Holley and 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.

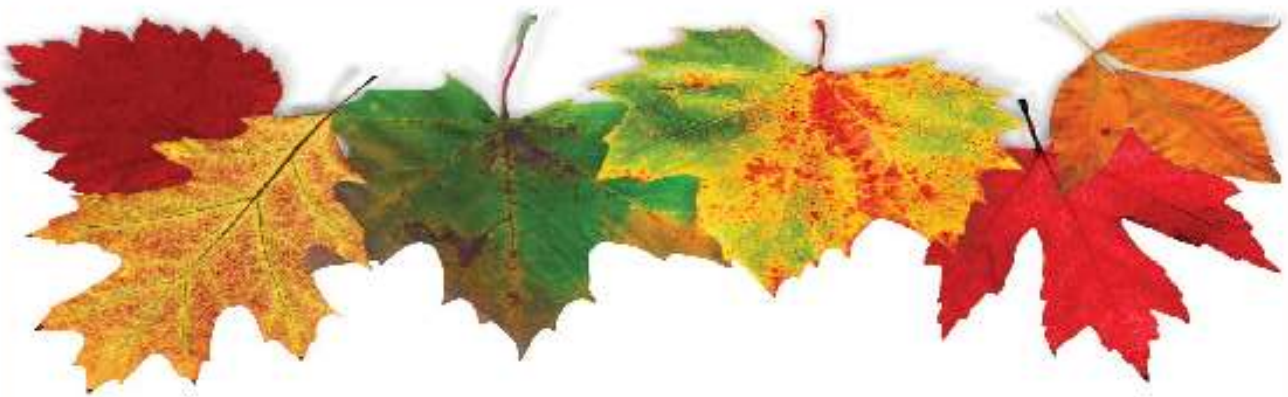
For Caroline Regan who is being treated for a illness.

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

For Alexandra McLaren's (6th grade)aunt who passed away this past Sunday.



Great News!! Teddy Owen and Michael Marie will be inducted into the Brother J. Stephen O'Malley National Honor Society chapter at CBHS. Congratulation Teddy and Michael!! Teddy and Michael Graduated from ICS in 2013, they are both Seniors at CBHS.



Save the Date

Donuts With Dad

7:30—8:00 AM

November 11, 2016

ICS Gym

Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers

Join your student(s) for a morning
treat of Donuts, Coffee, Milk or Juice

This and That– Preschool

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM OF– MRS. JENNIFER ARGIRO

Watch Mrs. Jennifer's Three Year Old Class use their Handwriting without Tears Wood Letter Pieces to tap out a happy rhythm. This activity is so much fun, it also allow young learners to become familiar with the big and little curves and lines that make up the Alphabet.

The class assistants are Mrs. Greta Pfeiffer and Ayesha Crasta.



DINNING WITH DADS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Mrs. Suzanne/Mrs. Kim 1 Year Old Class & Mrs. Shea/Mrs. Shea 2 Year Old Class– 2:00 p.m. in the Classroom (Small dessert provided.)

Mrs. Jennifer A./Mrs. Greta 3 Year Old Class, Mrs. Meghan /Mrs. Sandra 3 Year old Class, Mrs. Jina/ Mrs. Jennifer S. 4 Year Old Class & Mrs. Tara/ Mrs. Jennifer K. 4 Year Old Class– 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Don't forget to bring your lunch!)

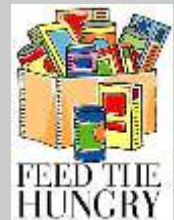
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Mrs. Becca/Mrs. Lori 1 Year Old Class, Mrs. Shea/Mrs. Shea 2 Year Old Class & Mrs. Tara /Mrs. Alicia 2 Year Old Class– 2:00 p.m. in the Classroom (Small dessert provided.)

Mrs. Jennifer A./Mrs. Ayesha 3 Year Old Class, Mrs. Maryfrances/Mrs. Mary Helen 3 Year Old Class, Mrs. Jina/Mrs. Nichole 4 Year Old Class, & Mrs. Renee/ Mrs. Donna 5 Year Old Class–12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (Don't forget to bring your lunch!)

INCARNATION FOOD PANTRY

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving, a holiday that is all about counting our blessings and sharing a meal with loved ones. It is a time to pause and reflect on all that is important in our lives and in what we can do to help those around us. Throughout the month of November, we are asking the children to bring in nonperishable food items to help restock the church's food pantry. The following items have been recommended: canned meats, canned fish, sugar, oil, coffee, tea, juices, soups, stews, dry milk, pasta, peanut butter, hot cereals, grits, prepackaged meals, and rice. Desserts such as Jell-O, pudding, etc. are all accepted. You may also donate \$10 Kroger cards for purchasing perishables such as milk. Boxes will be available in the Preschool hallway for you to drop off your donation. Thank you for helping!



Calendar of Events-Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 7	8	9 Dining with Dads	10 Dining with Dads	11
				
14	15	16	17 Chapel Lesson	18 Chapel Lesson
				
21	22	23	24	25
		Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL		
				
28	29	30	Dec 1 Chapel Lesson	2 Chapel Lesson
				

Home and School

November 9th at 6:30 will be our second Home and School General Meeting. Please join us in the Library to stay informed on what is going on in ICS.



World's Finest Chocolate It's that time again! Information regarding our next fundraiser will be going home this

week. Be looking for it in your child's folder. You do have the opportunity to "buy out" or to sell the chocolate. We are asking that you respond by November 18th.

Flower Sale Update. Thank you to everyone who participated in our fall flower sale. We made \$650 profit for our school!! Yay!!



HOME AND SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP Thank you to all of our families who have joined our Home and School Association for the 2015-2016 school year! Membership dues are a foundation to support several activities for our students and teachers each school year. **It's not too late to join!** Membership benefits every student! In addition to the revenue of the fundraising events, your membership dues go to purchase items

that are used in all classroom such as chrome books, IPads, projectors and whiteboards. Home and school also provides funds for each preschool, elementary, and middle school teacher to buy extra supplies for their classrooms. Please consider joining us!!!

SPIRIT SHOP will be open this Friday. Please remember to bring in your money if you want to buy a T-shirt or other items.

Have a great week!



Papa T's Bees

Mr. Tom Tompkins, grandfather of the McKinley' triplets in Kindergarten, made a presentation to the 3rd—5th grades on Bee keeping. Mr. Tompkins is retired from FedEx and shared the experience and knowledge he has gained as a bee keeper. Pictured is a 3rd grader trying on the equipment.



Advent Family Fun Day

Sat. Nov. 19, 2016
9:00am - 11:00am -Gym

Prepare your family for the season of Advent by attending Advent Family Fun Day!
Make the items below plus receive resource materials for your family to use during Advent!

For \$25 you can make the items below. For ordering purposes,
you must register by Fri. Nov. 11th.



Edible Christmas Tree



Christmas Place Mat



Advent Wreath



Service Project

Registration form for Advent Family Fun Day Nov. 19, 2016

Family Name _____

Number Attending _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____ Amount Paid _____

(Drop off registration form in the PRE office by Fri. Nov. 11th.)

Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.

Collierville Fire Department

Erin Daniels 457-2400



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