



February 2, 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

**National Catholic Schools Week** is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2016 is January 31 - February 6. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. While some Catholic schools are challenged by declining enrollments and school closures, the good news is that there is a strong demand and enthusiasm for Catholic schools.

We have a number of activities planned this week at ICS highlighting ICS’s involvement in this annual celebration.

**Sunday** - Students and families took part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Afterwards, families from the parish and the community were invited to an open-house.

**Monday - Classroom Appreciation Day** - Teachers were asked to make a wish list of classroom supplies, the lists were sent home and families donated these items.

**Tuesday - Vocations/Service Day** - Our 2nd - 4th grade are going to the Poor Claire Monastery in Frasier where they will meet the Poor Clare nuns and take part in a presentation on religious vocations. Last week the 4th grade raised \$300 from a bake sale during lunch, that they will give to the Poor Claire's when they make their visit.

**Wednesday - Community/Parish Appreciation Day** - Collierville Community and Parish leaders join the students for lunch and we express our appreciation for all they do to support our school.

**Thursday - Spirit/Service Day** - Students in Grades 5 - 8 will take part in Service Projects. The 5th grade will be making PB & J Sandwiches for St. Vincent DePaul and the Middle School will be performing service at Dorothy Day House and Memphis Food Bank. While at Dorothy Day House, the school will present Sr. Maureen with the over 100 items we have collected as part of the school wide service project. On Thursday afternoon, we will all participate in a Spirit filled basketball game between the 8th grade and the Faculty, Staff, Parents and Alumni.

**Friday - Student Appreciation Day** - We will attend First Friday Mass. After Mass, students will be involved in a number of activities planned by their teachers. Around 11:00, all the students will come to the gym and we will say a rosary together. There will be a Balloon Rosary assembled by Home and School. After the rosary, the students will walk the rosary outside and release the balloons sending our prayers and petitions into heaven. Dismissal at noon will be followed by a bowling party sponsored by Home and School.



## ***PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY—MR. JAXON DEWANE***



I am Jaxon DeWane and I am a fourth grader at ICS. I was principal of the day on Feb 1, 2016. I first went to my cubby and put away my backpack, then I went and greeted people at the front doors. It was nice and calm. Then I helped Mr. Zientek with assembly. I did the birthdays, there were two of them. Then we went to check all the places in the school. All but the art room, playground, and the big church. And then I wrote this article. Then I went to math class. Then I got to help putting “do your best” for Mr. Zientek on eleven soft balls. And we checked the lunchroom and science lab.

And then we had lunch. I think Mr. Zientek has a nice job and I think we all should appreciate him. He is a good pal because in principal the three last letters spell pal. So I had fun today and I hope Mr. Zientek did to! ~~~Jaxon DeWane

### ***This and That***

**The beta test on the PE uniform is complete. We plan to continue having students in grades 5-8 wear their winter PE uniforms during the winter months to school on PE Day. When we begin wearing the spring/summer uniform students in grades 5-8 will once again bring their PE clothes and change at school.**



**Mark Your Calendar - Spring Festival** - The Spring Festival is scheduled for the weekend of April 15, 2016. The proceeds from this year’s festival will go toward retiring the school debt. We as a school are being asked by the Finance Council to take an active role. After the World’s Finest Chocolate Sale is completed, we will be sending home 10 tickets for the Car Raffle for each family to sell. With the sale of 10 tickets turned in, you will receive **one free ticket** for your family.

**IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR! Registration Packets for the 2016/2017 School Year went home last Tuesday. The registration form and fee will be due in the office by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**Lego Club...Registration materials for our first Lego Club will be sent home to grades 1 - 5 next Tuesday.**

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- Time: 3:15 - 4:15.
- Cost: \$86.00.
- Location: ICS Science Lab
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***ICE CREAM will be sold in the Cafeteria on Thursday during lunch.***



## Calendar

### FEBRUARY

February 1 – February 6

Wednesday, February 3

Friday, February 5

February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, February 10

Friday, February 12

Monday, February 15

Wednesday, February 17

February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, February 20

February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Schools Week

ERW

12:00 Dismissal – Student Appreciation Day

Preschool Chapel Lesson

Preschool Mardi Gras Celebration

Ash Wednesday Mass—8:15

Muffins with Mom &

H & S Meeting

President's Day – NO SCHOOL

ERW

Preschool Fire Safety

Trivia Night

Preschool Dinning with Dads

### MARCH

Wednesday, March 2

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, March 17

Wednesday, March 16

March 21 – March 28

ERW

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Awards Mass

ERW

Spring Break, Easter Break– NO SCHOOL

Do you love ICS!? Do you believe your child is receiving a wonderful education in a loving, Christian environment!? Then share that with your friends! Open Enrollment you can earn a \$750 tuition credit if you refer a new family for the upcoming school year! A referral form must be signed by both families and submitted at the time of their application. The credit will be issued to the existing family in March & April of the 2016/2017 school year. Referral forms are included in new family information packets and can also be picked up in the school office.

## ICS Prayer Box

**Please keep our ICS families in your prayers.**

For the homeless in Memphis.

For Jennifer Easton who is home recovering from surgery.

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



## From the Desk of Mrs. Malerie Young



The Preschool students have taken over the ICS library and computer lab and man do they love it. The Jr. Kindergarten class goes to computer class weekly for lessons on basic computer skills and concepts. For example, they are learning to understand and use words like exit, save, drop down drop menu... All this learning is done while having fun on programs like ABCmouse.com, which also reinforces their letter and letter sound knowledge. Check out the picture below of the Jr. Kindergarten class in action in the computer lab!

The three year old, four year old, and Jr Kindergarten classes have been going to library too! During library time they are learning about library manners, taking care of books, and a few fun songs to help get all the wiggles out! See Mrs. Jennifer's and Mrs.

Greta's three year old class enjoying singing and dancing in library.

Don't forget open registration is going on in the Preschool office for the 2016-2017 school year.



Aftercare will be available for the 2016-2017 school year. Go to [www.goics.org/registration](http://www.goics.org/registration) for more information.



**PRESCHOOL**  
**OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
**2016/2017**  
**In the Preschool Office**

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for Preschool students for  
the 2016/2017 school year.  
*(provided we have a minimum of 5  
children enrolled)*



## HOME AND SCHOOL



**HOME AND SCHOOL GENERAL MEETING** We will hold the 3rd of our four yearly H&S General Meetings **next Friday morning, February 12th** immediately following Muffins With Moms in the ICS Library. Please mark your calendars!

**STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY** As part of Catholic Schools Week, Student Appreciation Day will be this Friday, February 5th and the Home and School Association will once again be hosting bowling at Fun-Quest that day from 1:00 - 3:15pm. It was a very big hit last year and we are looking forward to this great community building event for our school again. We hope you will join us!

Here's what you need to know:

**What:** Bowling!

**Where:** FunQuest located at 440 U.S. 72 in Collierville

**When:** Friday, February 5th from 1:00 to 3:15



Home and School is covering the cost of all bowlers! This includes shoes and bowling from 1:00 to 3:00. There will be pizza and drinks available for sale.

The bowling will be set up by grade with specific lanes per grade and the kids will bowl with their classes. Parents are needed to help out with the younger grades.

Hope you are as excited as we are about this year's Student Appreciation Event! Look forward to seeing you all there!

### **ICS TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th FROM 6 – 11PM**

This popular annual event is once again coming to Incarnation! Start forming your teams now for some friendly adult competition amongst our Incarnation community. Consider emailing the parents in your child's class to see who might want to join you at a table. A full table is 8, however, smaller tables are always welcome. We can also pull groups together the night of the event to complete tables. So do not hesitate to come on your own, as a couple or a girl's night out.

Doors open at 6PM to begin table decorating. Questions will begin at 7:00PM

Plan to bring your own food, drinks and table decorations. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated table and top teams!

Tables are \$100 or a single ticket for \$15 and couples for \$30. Mulligans will be available to purchase and we will have a Split the Pot. All proceeds benefit ICS. Contact Amber Vandersommen at [ambervanders@yahoo.com](mailto:ambervanders@yahoo.com) for further details or to reserve your table.



**THANK YOU!** Thanks to our fantastic Teacher Appreciation committee, headed by Kim Bello and Pati Hemker, and all of our families who helped with the Teacher's Luncheon last week. As always, it was a big hit and greatly appreciated by all of our teachers.

**Many thanks** to our Hospitality committee, headed by Lynn Bray, for providing a beautiful table of delicious treats at our ICS Open House this past weekend!



## HOME AND SCHOOL—CON'T

**WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE SALE (WFC)** World's Finest Chocolate sale is still going strong! Looking for an opportunity to sell your World's Finest Chocolate? There are still many slots available on the SignUpGenius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044da8a922a64-worlds2>.



Prizes for the most boxes sold are \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, and \$100 for 3rd. In addition, the class that sells the most will win a pizza party!

Just a reminder, money from WFC is due on February 8th. If you are selling 3 boxes, please submit \$180 in check, made payable to ICS, by this date. Please add \$60 for each additional box that you are selling. For those that chose the Buy-Out option your check for \$90 is due by no later than February 8th to the school office. Please write the check out to Incarnation Catholic School with WFC in the memo section.

Thanks again to everyone for their dedication and hard work in fundraising for our children's school!

**KROGER CARD RE-ENROLLMENT TIME** It's annual enrollment time for the Kroger Community Rewards program! Each year Kroger asks its customers to re-designate the organization



they want their rewards to benefit. So please take just a moment to sign onto your Kroger rewards account at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com> and designate Incarnation School (ID# 80285) as your organization of choice. Until you re-enroll, your purchases after Jan. 1st will not benefit ICS even if you have previously enrolled in the program.

If you're a newcomer to the program, it's simple to get started. Just visit the same website above to first create an account, and from there you can designate ICS as your school of choice. Once selected, ICS will benefit each time your Plus card is swiped while shopping at Kroger. A quick glance at your cash register receipt will show Incarnation School as your designated school of choice.

This is such an easy and free way to support ICS! Thanks to your generosity, ICS receives a quarterly rebate averaging \$750-\$800.

Have a great week!!

Michelle Mundy and Sherrie Goodwin





**Calling all Master Builders!!!**

We are happy to announce that we will be offering Lego Club at Incarnation on Tuesday afternoons for 4 weeks, starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration will start soon, so be watching for more info. Classes are taught by a certified teacher, highly trained to understand how children learn and think. In Lego Club, your child will build simple machines, computer-controlled robotic Legos, motorized cars and so much more!!! Each week we will bring new and exciting challenges for the Lego Lover in your life. Lego Club combines Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and lots of creativity. We can't wait to explore the world of Lego with your child.

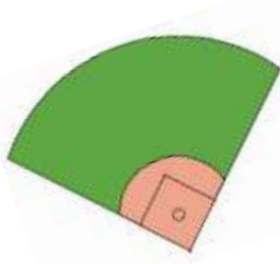
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## **BASEBALL / SOFTBALL REGISTRATION TIME!!!**



It is time to register for baseball and softball with Incarnation. The program is limited to boys and girls in grades 5-8 only. For players in grades 1-4, please contact Ted Bacon ([ted.bacon@comcast.net](mailto:ted.bacon@comcast.net) or (901) 246-7205) for options.

Teams will be playing in the PAA (Parochial Athletic Association) League. The games will begin in Mid-March and run thru Early-May. Games will be played in the Memphis Metro Area at participating league schools.

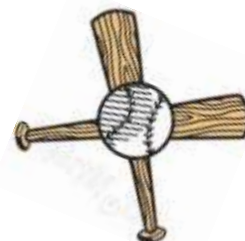
Baseball teams can be Coed. Softball teams are girls only. If a girl registers for softball and we are not able to fill a team, parents will be given the option to consider allowing their daughter to play on a baseball team. It is the intent of the program to allow all those interested a chance to participate.

Registration is now open. The deadline to register is 10 pm on Friday, February 12, 2016. Go to [www.bluesombrero.com/incarnation](http://www.bluesombrero.com/incarnation) to register.

Please email the Athletic Director, Ted Bacon, at [ted.bacon@comcast.net](mailto:ted.bacon@comcast.net) if you have questions regarding registration or programs in general.

Thank you.

Ted Bacon  
 Athletic Director  
 Phone: (901) 246-7205  
<http://incarnationchurch.com/athletics>



**Muffins with Mom**



**Friday, February 12**

**7:30am-8:00am**

**ICS GYM**



**See you  
next  
Friday!**

**Save  
the  
Date**