



February 23, 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



Our **Forensics Team** did a great job over the past two weekends at St. Mary's and St. Francis of Assisi. On the 13th at St. Mary's they earned: 1st Audition Monologue-**Angela Gardner**, 2nd in Duet Acting-**Callie Hollis and Angela Gardner**; 3rd in Poetry-**Jenna Houff**, and a 3rd in Audition Monologue-**Therese Daigre**. On the 20th at St. Francis of Assisi they earned: 1st in Duet acting -**Callie Hollis and Angela Gardner**,

2nd in Duet Acting-**Jenna Houff and Nicole Marable**, 6th in Poetry-**Jenna Houff**, and 6th in Audition Monologue-**Angela Gardner**. We are very proud of their hard work. Pictured from left to right is Callie Hollis, Angela Gardner, Lauren Igoni, Nicole Marable and Jenna Houff; not pictured is Therese Daigre. The adult advisors for the team are Patti Gardner, Lisa Marable and Sherry Houff.

EasyCBM...Recently, the students at ICS took the EasyCBM Winter Benchmark Assessment. It is designed to give teachers insight into which of their students may need additional instructional supports as well as to provide a means by which they can measure the effectiveness of their teaching. System reports provide information that supports evidence-based decision making.

The assessments on the system are what is known as curriculum-based measures (CBMs). CBMs are standardized measures that sample from a year's worth of curriculum to assess the degree to which students have mastered the skills and knowledge deemed critical at each grade level. The CBMs on the easyCBM® system are often referred to as 'next-generation CBMs' because they used an advanced form of statistics, Item Response Theory (IRT) during measurement development to increase the consistency of the alternate forms of each measure type and increase the sensitivity of the measures to monitor growth. At each grade level, alternate forms of each measure type are designed to be of equivalent difficulty, so as teachers monitor student progress over time, changes in scores reflect changes in student skill rather than changes in the test forms.

The **reading tests** include measures of Alphabetic Principle (Phoneme Segmenting, Letter Names), Phonics (Letter Sounds), Fluency (Word Reading Fluency, Passage Reading Fluency), Vocabulary, and Comprehension (Multiple Choice Reading Comprehension). These measures are based on the "Big Five" from the National Reading Panel.

The **math tests** are based on the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Focal Point Standards in Mathematics and include three test types per grade (aligned with the NCTM Curriculum Focal Points for each grade level).

From the Desk of Michael Zientek—Cont.



On Friday, March 19, 2016 twelve members of our 4th and 5th grade participated in the 2016 **West Tennessee Festival of Chorus** at Kirby Woods Baptist Church. Prior to participating, our students auditioned at school, those selected were invited to all day practice session with over 250 students from over 25 schools in the Memphis area. The chorus treated parents, grandparents and others to an awesome 40 minute program that included the songs: Antonio and Dona Nobis Pacem. The choir was conducted by Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White. The students from ICS that participated were **Jake Bello, Addie Brady, Lydia Bray, Hannah Brucks, Annmarie Durfee, Megan Herring, Bridget Kennedy, Alexandria McLaren, Carlie Raggianti, Danni Rogers, Thomas Trejda and Addy**

Warner. Mr. Shane Cole is our music teacher here at ICS.

This and That



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. 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. Ticket will be sent home soon.

2016-2017 School Year—Calendar Dates of Significance

- ⇒ First Day of School—August 10
- ⇒ Fall Break October 7-10
- ⇒ Thanksgiving Break—November 23-25
- ⇒ Christmas Break—December 17—January 2
- ⇒ Spring Break—March 13-17
- ⇒ Easter Break—April 14–17
- ⇒ Graduation - May 19
- ⇒ Last Day of School May 26



Morning Drop Off - Parents please be mindful of the other cars moving around the building we had another near miss this morning. Also, before care begins at 7:15 and ends at 7:45. Please adhere to these times.

Lego Club - We have over 20 students that have signed-up to take part in the Lego Club that begins today! This is very exciting!

Advanced Ed Survey: In an effort to improve system practices, the Diocese of Memphis conducts a Parent Survey each year. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey. In order to complete the survey go to: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/2752397> Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Calendar

February

February 25 & 26

February 26

Preschool Dinning with Dads

Jeans Day - Canned Goods for Parish Pantry

MARCH

February 29- March 4

March 2

March 2 & 3

March 8 & 9

March 10 & 11

Friday, March 11

Thursday, March 17

Wednesday, March 16

March 21 – March 28

Preschool Dr. Seuss Week

ERW

Preschool Green Eggs & Ham Day

Preschool Spring Pictures

Preschool Chapel Lesson

End of 3rd Quarter

3rd Quarter Awards Mass

ERW

Spring Break, Easter Break– NO SCHOOL



Incarnation Church & School promotes the choice of Catholic Education for our students and has funds available to support this academic choice! The deadline for turning in financial assistance paperwork and documentation is Tuesday, March 15, 2016. The applications can be found online at www.goICS.org or in the school foyer. A new application needs to be completed each school year and **everyone needs to have the paperwork filled out for reference...even if you have had a conversation with Fr. Ernie.** We must be able to track the amount of assistance being provided for those in need.

ICS Prayer Box

Please keep our ICS families in your prayers.

For the homeless in Memphis.

For Kevin Raghianti father of Carlie, who recently suffered a heart attack.

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

For Gabriel Holcomb, brother of Isabella and Gianna who is having surgery this week.



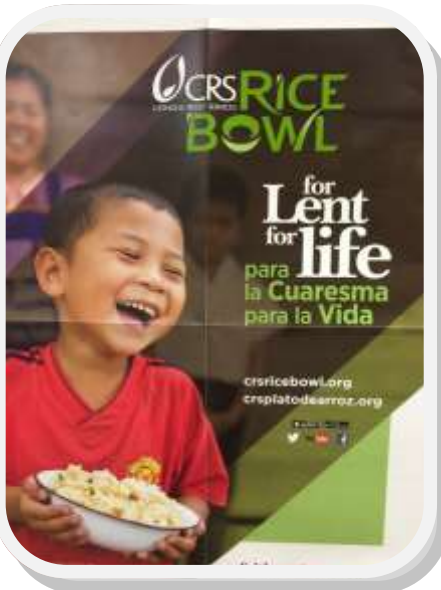
From the Desk of Mrs. Malerie Young



Learning at Incarnation Preschool is so much fun. Ms. Patti's and Ms. Jennifer S.'s four year olds had a wonderful Friday as they learned numbers are for counting. Norah, a student in the four year old class, told me she could find every number from one to six on her giant dice game. And man was she right! I also had the joy of watching Grayson show just how much he knows about numbers as he matched the sunny numbers one through nine to their matching rain cloud with drops. Of course, Friday was too beautiful not to spend time outside. Check out the pictures of all the fun we were having! Pre-school Dads, **We look forward**

to seeing you Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th for Dining with Dads.

From the Desk of Mrs. Angelillo



Before his ministry, Jesus went into the desert and prayed. He didn't eat or drink; he used this time to focus on his relationship with God. During Lent, we too are called to focus on our relationship with God. Catholics do three things to grow closer to God during Lent: **pray**, **fast** and **give** to those in need. **Prayer**, **fasting** and **giving** are the three pillars of Lenten spirituality.

Our students will have the opportunity to embrace the Lenten season through multiple opportunities at school and at home this year. The rice bowls were sent home two weeks ago with every child. I had the chance to talk again to the classes and explain the reason we participate in the rice bowl collection during Lent. The children watched a brief video showing how families in different parts of the world benefit from the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl collection. Last year our school collected over \$1500.00. My goal is for our students to broaden their understanding of community and put their faith into action through acts of kindness like giving to the rice bowl.

HOME AND SCHOOL



TRIVIA NIGHT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!! Thanks to all Incarnation family and friends who came to support ICS and test their IQ at our annual Trivia Night fundraiser! Thanks to you, we raised **\$4,200** for our school! That is one for the record books! This was our largest turn out to date. We had so many creatively themed tabletops this year which added to the fun! Thank you! And please spread the word among your friends and family for next year!!

We want to extend a warm thank you to ICS's own incredibly generous and talented duo, **Amy and Billy Ryan**, for **spending so much time writing and researching the questions, creating the visual and sound effects and leading the teams through each round!** Thanks to all our volunteers! And, last but certainly not least, we want to extend a well-deserved and heartfelt thank you to our fundraising committee, lead by Amber Vandersommen, for their hard work and organization of this much anticipated event. Our fundraising committee has outdone themselves this year!



WORLD'S FINEST CHOCOLATE WINNERS! Congratulations to the **Micheletti Family** for selling the most boxes of chocolate this year. They sold **28 boxes!!!** The **Blaxton**

Family placed 2nd, selling **12 boxes** and the **Herring Family** earned 3rd place, selling **10 boxes!!** Thank you so much for your time and dedication to ICS!



SUPER SOUPS—MONTHLY TEACHER'S LUNCHEON

Our next teacher's luncheon is tomorrow Wednesday, February 24th. There are still a few important slots that need to be filled. Please see the signup genius link for Super Soups below.

Please bring your items to the Teacher's lounge prior to 10:30 am marked "For Teacher's Luncheon", and we will do the rest. If you need an item returned to you, (bowl, spoon, etc.) just label it with your name and we will have it cleaned and left in the lounge on the table. Your efforts in this monthly luncheon are always appreciated. We always get terrific feedback from our teacher's. Thank you so much for your participation!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4caaae2bab9-super1>

Home and School—Cont.

SPIRIT SHOP OPEN THIS Friday Stop by the ICS Spirit Shop this Friday morning to purchase new spirit wear. Spring will be here soon and all short sleeved t-shirts are still only \$5!



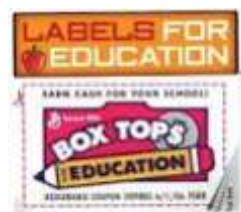
KROGER CARD RE-ENROLLMENT *LAST REMINDER* We hope everyone has re-enrolled their Kroger cards for the Kroger Community Rewards program! It's a simple act that helps our school. If you have not re-enrolled for the new year, your purchases are not adding up to help reward ICS. Each January, Kroger asks its customers to re-designate the organization they want their rewards to benefit. So if you haven't done so already, please take a moment to sign onto your Kroger rewards account at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com> and designate Incarnation School (ID# 80285) as your organization of choice.



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 for parents, grandparents and friends of our school to support ICS! Thanks to your generosity, ICS receives a quarterly rebate averaging \$750-\$800.

BOX TOPS, LABELS FOR EDUCATION AND PULL TABS The 3rd quarter will end soon! Please remember to send in your saved Box Tops, Labels for Education and your pull tabs!



Box Tops and Labels for Education earn money for ICS.

Pull tabs collected help benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

THANK YOU!



HOME & SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR

See attachment being sent with today's newsletter.

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



"I nominated you for class mother elections and you won."

Have a wonderful week!!

Michelle Mundy and Sherrie Goodwin

*Our journey in stewardship begins with Prayer.
We pray that God will change our hearts and minds to be one with Him
and to live our lives to glorify Him.*

Mark your calendar for this year's
Annual Journey in Prayer Lenten Talk
"Praying As A Family"
With Sister Rita Marie Kampa and
Sister Marie Monique Uppgaard

Thursday,
MARCH 3,
2016
6:30-7:45 PM
St. Theresa Of
Lisieux Chapel
(Small
Sanctuary)
Catholic
Church of the
Incarnation

Hosted by the Incarnation
Stewardship Commission

Catholic Church of
the Incarnation
360 Bray Station Rd
Collierville, TN 38017
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Sister Rita Kampa and Sister Marie Uppgaard will be joining us this year to talk about Praying as a Family! Their talk will be based on the new book by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia of Nashville, and the St. Benedict Press called "A Short Guide to Praying as a Family: Growing Together in Faith and Love Each Day".

"Family life is so busy these days, and many demands are made on our time, yet this is precisely what makes praying together so important. When your family prays together, you are not only putting God at the center of your family, but also showing your children how to enter into a personal relationship with Him so that He becomes a companion and friend throughout life."

When He is your friend how can you go wrong? He is the only one who will be at your side everyday through everything. It's never too late to begin that personal relationship with God.

Whether you are an experienced prayer warrior or a family not sure how to get started, please join us for this wonderful evening!

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

ICCS March Menu 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prito Pie Rice Veggie & Fruit	2 Chicken Quesadilla Veggie & Fruit Cookie	3 Hot Dog Chips Veggie & Fruit	4 Cheese Pizza Salad Veggie & Fruit	5
6	7 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots Veggie & Fruit	8 Beef & Cheese Nachos Spanish Rice Veggie & Fruit	9 Baked Potato & Toppings Chicken Noodle Soup Veggie & Fruit	10 Shepherd's Pie Salad Veggie & Fruit	11 Cheese Pizza Veggie & Fruit Fruit Smoothie	12
13	14 Cheese Burgers Tater Tots Veggie & Fruit	15 Chicken Quesadilla Veggie & Fruit Fruit Smoothie	16 Cheese Ravioli Garlic Bread Veggie & Fruit	17 Tamale Pie  Salad Veggie & Fruit	18 Baked Potato & Toppings Tomato Soup Veggie & Fruit	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SPRING & EASTER BREAK						
27	28	29	30	31		
 EASTER	Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Veggie & Fruit	Cheese Pizza Chicken Noodle Soup Veggie & Fruit	Mandarin Orange Chicken Rice Veggie & Fruit		