



March 1, 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



**Congratulations** to our 4th and 5th graders who participated in the Shelby County 4-H Demonstration Public Speaking Contest last week. In the 4th Grade, **Dani Rodgers** placed First, **Tyler Barlovic** placed Second and **Cecilia Izquierdo** placed Third. In the 5th Grade, **Alexandra McLaren** placed First, **Drew Petro** place Second and **Hannah Brucks** place Third. **Way to go 4th and 5th graders!!**



**READ BETWEEN THE LINES...** Learning to infer, or “read between the lines,” is one key to good reading comprehension. Consider these tips for helping your child make inferences when he or she reads.



- **DESCRIBE THE SETTING.** Pick a book, and read a few sentences to your child (without him looking). Leave out the words that name the setting. Example: “Sand stretched in all directions...cacti dotted the landscape.” Can he or she infer where the story is set? If she isn't sure, give her a hint) ”Where do you see lots of sand and cacti?”)
- **LOOK FOR LESSONS.** Fables are great for reading between the lines. Read one Aesop fable and help your child figure out the lesson. The Tortoise and the Hare teaches that even if you are slow, you can win if you keep going. Have him or her point out the part that he used to make his inference. (“The tortoise never stopped, and he took one good step after another.”)
- **USE PROMPTS.** Questions that start with “Why do you think...? Or “How do you know...?” can encourage your child to infer. You might ask why he thinks a character behaved the way he did or how he knows it's going to snow. Together, look for clues in the book than may help him answer the questions.

**Word play.** Use these activities to build your child's phonemic awareness—their ability to hear sounds in words.



- Choose a three-letter word such as cap. Have your child substitute different beginning sounds from the alphabet to make new words (lap, map, rap, sap, tap, zap). How many can she think of?
- Pick a long word, and tell him to clap once as he says each syllable. For mozzarella, he would clap four times. Moz-za-rel-la.
- Ask your child to say a word without the first sound. Example: “Can you say sit without the s?” (Answer: it)
- Think of a word, and give your youngster a “sound” clue to figure it out. For instance, “I'm thinking of a word for something that you chew. The word has a *uh* sound in the middle.” (Answer: Gum)

## *This and That*

**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 24 students that have signed-up to take part in the Lego Club that began last week. We are planning to have STEM Camps in June and July. We finalize the details we will pass them along.

**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.

Jump Rope for Heart -- This Friday, March 4th, is the last day to donate to the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart. Over the past two weeks, all P.E. classes have participated in Jump Rope for Heart, and the contributions have been pouring in -- thank you! As in previous years, our contribution to the American Heart Association will be made in memory of Bree Parker. If you'd still like to contribute, please visit [www.heart.org/jump](http://www.heart.org/jump). Contact Mrs. Kennedy if you need more information. [doris.kennedy@incarnationcollierville.org](mailto:doris.kennedy@incarnationcollierville.org)



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday at 2:00 AM



The first day of Spring is Sunday March 20

Spring Uniforms will begin after Spring Break on Tuesday March 29th.



Incarnation Catholic Church and School promotes the choice of Catholic Education for our students and supports 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](http://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.

## Calendar

### MARCH

March 1- March 4

March 2

March 2 & 3

March 8 & 9

March 8

March 10

March 10 & 11

Friday, March 11

March 14-18

Thursday, March 17

Wednesday, March 16

**March 21 – March 28**

Preschool Dr. Seuss Week

ERW

Preschool Green Eggs & Ham Day

Preschool Spring Pictures

Elementary School Spring Picture

Elementary School Reconciliation after Mass

Preschool Chapel Lesson

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

Easter Basket Collection - for Fayette County Outreach

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

ERW

**Spring Break, Easter Break– NO SCHOOL**

### APRIL

Wednesday, April 6

Friday, April 8

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

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

## ICS Prayer Box

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

For the homeless in Memphis.

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

Pray for the repose of the soul of Anna Markva, aunt of Mr. Zientek, who passed away on Monday morning.

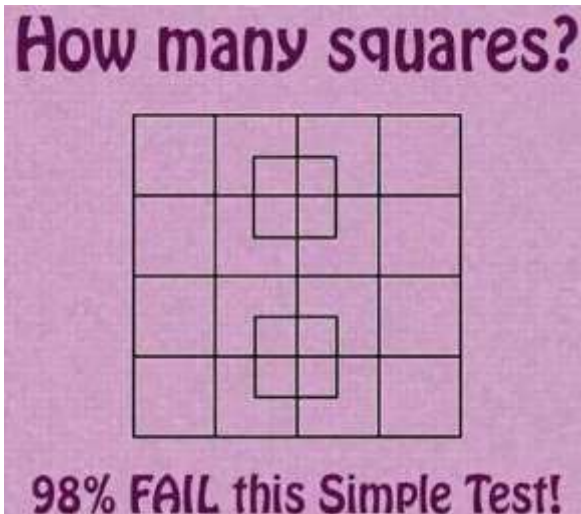
Pray for Mr. Cole's daughter who is being treated for an illness.



## From the Desk of Mrs. Malerie Young

Dining with Dad and Donuts with Dad was so much fun! It was heartwarming to see all the children's smiling faces as Dad, Grandfather, or Mom entered the building. Luciana, in Mrs. Jina's and Mrs. Nicole's 4 year old class, told me she LOVES her Papa for coming to have lunch with her. Lawson, in Mrs. Julies' and Mrs. Jennifer's 4 year old class, said his Dad is the best at tickling and making him laugh. The saying about raising children is true, the days are long but the years fly by. These cute pictures show Mrs. Shea's and Mrs. Shea's two year old class having a great time hosting their Dads to do-

nuts.



Go to the section on STEM to find the answer

## HOME AND SCHOOL

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



Dear ICS Families,

As we near the end of another school year it is time once again to let you know of Home and School's need for parents and guardians to make a commitment to fill the upcoming open H&S Board and Committee positions for the 2016/17 school year.

Father Ernie, Mr. Zientek, our teachers and administration all count on H&S to be an integral part of helping meet our school's needs. By volunteering for a H&S board or committee position you can make a direct impact to fill those needs.

We have so many parents that have stepped up time and time again to make ICS a great place by volunteering in various H&S roles and positions. Thank you to all those many parents for filling these important roles and taking on these additional responsibilities. *We are always in need of additional parents to make a commitment.*

As H&S board or committee members we work together as a team and you are never alone in your responsibilities. The past board and committee members are willing to mentor new members and have lots of notes/background info to share. *We welcome any parent to participate! It is also possible to co-chair or share some committees such as "Teacher Appreciation" or "Spirit Shop" with another parent if you feel you would like to be a partnership!*

*Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of our open positions.*

Attached is a listing of the positions to be voted on at our final H&S General Meeting of the year on April 6th.

Some parents have already expressed an interest in filling positions that were slated to be open and others have made a recommitment to their volunteer term. The remaining open board positions are as a result of the current members fulfilling their volunteer commitment.

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

**Co-Presidents: Sherrie Goodwin & Allison Waggoner**

**Past President: Michelle Mundy**

**Vice President with intent to be President – OPEN**

**Treasurer – Anju Dias**

**Co-Treasurer with intent to be Treasurer – Ayesha Crasta**

**Secretary – OPEN**

## Home and School

Board: (Attend Board Meeting – once a month)

Public Relations – Maria Gonzalez  
Fundraising – Anna Durante and Jennifer Easton  
Co-Fundraising with intent to be Fundraising Chair – OPEN  
Teacher Appreciation- OPEN, available to Co-Chair  
Room Parent Coordinator – Laurie Jackson  
Hospitality – Lynn Bray

Committee Heads: (Don't attend monthly Board Meeting)

Sunshine – Lindsay Thompson  
Used Uniform Sales– Stephanie Barlovic  
Spirit Shop – Jessica Balderson, possible Co-Chair OPEN  
Helping Hands – Terra Parker and Ashley McGaw  
Box Tops – Kay Herring  
School Supplies – Mia Leoni  
Kroger Card – Tara Williams

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Co-Presidents:** Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate and run monthly Board Meetings and 4 General Meetings.
- Work in conjunction with V.P., Fundraising chair and Past President to establish annual H&S calendar.
- Coordinate Back to School Picnic
- Collaborate with all H&S Board Members and Committee Members in their roles.
- Act as liaison with school administration.
- Provide H&S communications for Principal's Tuesday newsletter.
- Commitment of two years as Co-President and one year as Past President.

### **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

**Secretary:** Responsibilities include:

- Take and keep permanent record of all Board and General Meeting minutes.
- Distribute minutes to all board members who were unable to attend meeting(s).
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and General Meetings providing input and advice on agenda items discussed.

**Fundraising:** Responsibilities include:

- Coordination and planning of ICS Fundraising events which have historically included the following:
  - o Fall & Spring Flower Sales
  - o Boo Bash
  - o World's Finest Chocolate
  - o Trivia Night
  - o Road Rally
- Coordination and planning of these events includes the establishment of several Boo Bash sub-committees to aid you in this event.
- Coordinating with the Public Relations Board Member and Co-Presidents various advertising of fundraising events.
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and General Meetings providing input and advice on agenda items discussed.

**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.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Responsibilities include:

- Coordination of monthly teacher luncheons.
- Coordination of teacher and administration birthday gifts (gift card and card)
- Plan and coordinate Teacher Appreciation Week events.
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and General Meetings providing input and advice on agenda items discussed.

Please contact Sherrie Goodwin at [sgoodwin73@comcast.net](mailto:sgoodwin73@comcast.net), Michelle Mundy at [mgmundy@bellsouth.net](mailto:mgmundy@bellsouth.net) or any Board Member with any questions.



**FEBRUARY TEACHER'S LUNCHEON- THANK YOU** Last Wednesday's dreary wet weather made it the PERFECT day for soup! Thanks once again to all the parents who provided the delicious food for our February teacher's luncheon and to the Teacher Appreciation Team for coordinating it all! The teacher's raved about all of the wonderful and warm soups, sides and desserts!

## HOME AND SCHOOL –CONT

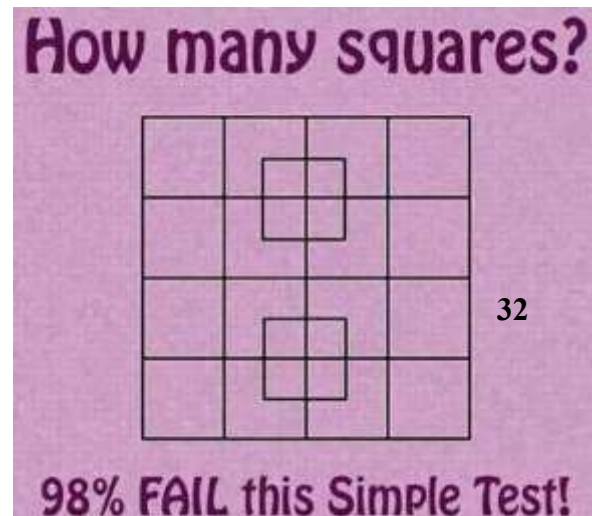
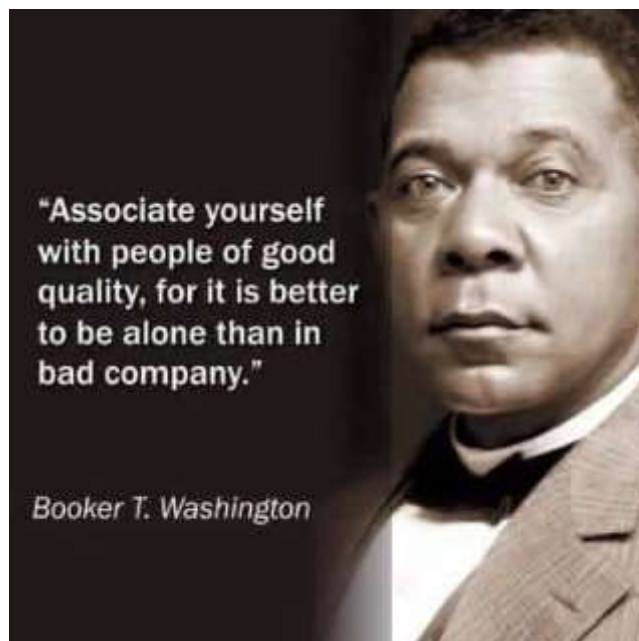
**PULL TABS** Please send in your pull tabs this week with your children if you'd like them to be included in the quarterly classroom contest.

As always, thanks for supporting our school!

Home and School Association co-presidents 2015-2016  
Michelle Mundy and Sherrie Goodwin



**If you hear your son or daughter talking about STEM, take notice. STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education.** We focus on these areas together not only because the skills and knowledge in each discipline are essential for student success, but also because these fields are deeply intertwined in the real world and in how students learn most effectively. Many of the jobs in the future will be had by those with STEM skills.





*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  
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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. Cecelia 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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