

April 1, 2026

We have ended a great month of celebrating reading at Immaculate Conception. On Tuesday, each class took turns standing on the bleachers (as Olympian risers) displaying their gold, silver and bronze medals. Our students worked hard completing tasks set before them by their teachers to reach the goals of the different medals. We are very proud of them and their accomplishments. Reading, truly, is fundamental to all education.

When they're reading—or listening to you read—kids' minds are at work, taking in all the language they hear and learning lessons from the characters' experiences. Reading to your child, at any age, will help boost their brain development, develop their language skills, and expose them to new vocabulary, new ways of using the language, and—above all—new experiences. Besides building their creativity and imagination, this will make it easier for them to understand the world and to learn about new subjects once they get to school.

*“Moreover, reading to them will open the door to fostering their interest in books in the future. If they don't see adults interacting and enjoying books, chances are high that they won't feel any interest in them in the future”.* – neighborhoodkids.com

#### Key Statistics on Reading to Children

- Daily Routine: About 37%–52% of parents read to their young children (0–5) daily.
- Frequency Decline: While 55% of families read to children 5–7 days a week before kindergarten, this practice declines rapidly as children grow older.
- Declining Trends: In 2025, only 41% of U.K. parents surveyed read frequently to children 4 and younger, down from 64% in 2012.
- Non-readers: About 1 in 5 parents report rarely or never read to their children aged 0–2.
- Gender Differences: 29% of parents with 0- to 2-year-old boys read to them daily, compared to 44% of parents with girls of the same age.

Track season has started. Welcome back coaches Szabelski, Mauro and Gordon. We are excited to see our returning athletes increase their speed, lower their times and lengthen their distance in long jump and shotput. Practices will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. We are awaiting confirmation of using Anchor Bay North Middle School's track for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Track meets have been confirmed. Held at Marine City High School, the meets will be on May 06, 13, 20, and 27 (rain date). Yes, the meet on the 20<sup>th</sup> will conflict with the musical dress rehearsal. Hopefully we can get an early release for the actors to make that meet. Practice before meet please.

It has been and will be a rainy week. I pray for great weather, travel (if you are), and relaxing for our families and staff. See everyone April 13 rested and fresh. The end of the year will fly by!

In Christ,

Mr. Lawrence Ricard – Principal

## Holy Week and the Passion of Christ

As we've entered Holy Week, I would like to offer some reflections. Holy Week is a contrast of two kinds of passion. On Palm Sunday, we witness the passion of Jesus as king as he rides humbly into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey. Later in the week we witness Jesus' own passion (suffering) as he walks resolutely into the final stages of God's plan for our redemption.

Holy Week is the week in which we as Christians give ourselves most fully and completely to worship. Every year at this time we have the opportunity to choose to deepen our friendship with Christ by staying with him and learning from him. As challenging as it is, walking with Christ during Holy Week is part of our discipleship. It is an act of love and friendship with Christ, a gift of staying present with him during the hardest and most unnerving part of his journey. We do this because he has asked us to remain near him, awake and alert. It is the gift of ourselves, which is the truest gift we have to give.

So let us pray together as we enter this Holy Week . . .

*Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



Third Grade Adventures!

Third Grade has been an absolutely great year so far. There are 21 bright, young, funny minds that fill our days with learning and prayer. I am truly blessed to be their teacher. We visited St. Clair Metro Park in the fall and went back in time on a Voyager Canoe. We also visited the Blessed Solanus Casey Center for a beautiful mass and tour. We continue to pray for Blessed Solanus to be named our very own Saint of Detroit. We have been studying Michigan history, animals and their behaviors, learning our multiplication facts, and how to measure to the nearest quarter inch in math. The students have been doing a lot of reading in March as they focus on more reading than ever. May God bless our 3rd graders as they inch their ways towards 4th grade. They are growing in leaps and bounds!

Mrs. Vandermeer



## Important Dates!!

April 2-12 Easter Break  
April 17 Mom Prom  
April 21 7<sup>th</sup> Gr. Confirmation Info Mtg 6:30  
April 23 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Practice 4:30&5:30  
April 24 Hearing Screening for K,2 & 4  
April 25 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 9:30 & 11:00  
April 29 Confirmation Rehearsal 5:30  
April 30 Confirmation 6:30  
May 13 Vision Screening Gr. 1-8  
May 18 Athletic Appreciation Ceremony 6 pm

\*\*June 3 Spring Concert K-6

### **Scrip Program that helps you and IC!**

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**\*\*\*\*\* DATE Change!! May 18 is the new date for the Athletic Appreciation Ceremony!**

**6:00 p.m. Parish Hall**

**Spring Concert June 3, 6:00 p.m. in IC Gymnasium**



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## K of C Hockey Challenge for Boys & Girls

The Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council is pleased to offer a new program, the K of C Hockey Challenge, for boys and girls ages 10-17. Participants will demonstrate the most important skill in hockey - shooting accuracy on goal. Youths will compete within their own gender and age to progress from the local level to district, regional and state competitions.

Our local competition will be held in the I.C. School gymnasium on **Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 PM (Registration at 12:00 PM)**. Entry forms will be available in the school office and on the day of the event.

For more information please contact Mark Kehoe at 810-289-8802 (call or text).



# Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge

*Boys and Girls, Ages 10-17*

Location: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL GYM

Date: SATURDAY, APRIL 18 Time: 1:00 PM

Sponsor: K OF C AU LAC COUNCIL 10724

Contact: MARK KEHOE 810-289-8802

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.



Faith in Action

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Community

GET CREATIVE AND JOIN  
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**T-SHIRT**

**Design Contest**

**FOR THIS YEARS 2026 FIELD DAY**

**OPEN TO GRADES K-7**

TO GET A CHANCE TO BE THE SELECTED DESIGN FOR THIS YEARS FIELD DAY

SHIRTS PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TO YOUR TEACHER BY **04/13**

**CONTEST RULES:**

1. Design must incorporate our school's name:  
**Immaculate Conception Catholic School or "IC "**  
As well as the text: **Field Day**
2. Sketch and color your design on a plain white 8.5x11" paper with your name and grade written on the back in pencil
3. Can only use **4 colors**
4. 2 selections will be made and combined together: one from K-3<sup>rd</sup> & one from 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>



**REGARDLESS OF DESIGN PARTICIPATION - Please fill in child's sizing in the bottom portion below**

**Cut & return to school by 04/13**

**\*\* RECOMMENDED TO SIZE UP FOR NEXT YEAR \*\***



CHILDS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDS GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_








SIZING (circle one): YOUTH: XSM SM MED LRG XLRG ADULT: SM MED LRG XLRG



April 2026

Immaculate Conception Catholic School

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<b>1</b> Main Entrees • Mini Confetti Pancakes Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Pork Sausage Patty • Seasoned Mixed Vegetables • Chilled Diced Pears Milk & Condiments	<b>2</b>  Break	<b>3</b>  Easter Good Friday
<b>6</b>  Break	<b>7</b>  Break Easter	<b>8</b>  Break Easter	<b>9</b>  Break Easter	<b>10</b>  Break Easter
<b>13</b> Main Entrees • Turkey Hot Dog Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • French Fries • Fresh Pear Milk & Condiments	<b>14</b> Main Entrees • Beef Taco Supreme Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Fiesta Brown Rice • Seasoned Black Beans • Fresh Orange Milk & Condiments	<b>15</b> Main Entrees • Mini Maple Waffles Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Turkey Sausage Patty • Tater Tots • Cinnamon Applesauce Milk & Condiments	<b>16</b> Main Entrees • Chicken Pasta Alfredo Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Breadstick • Sliced Carrots • Chilled Mixed Fruit Milk & Condiments	<b>17</b> Main Entrees • Domino's Cheese Pizza Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Fresh Chopped Romaine • Fresh Cherry Tomatoes • Fresh Red Seedless Grapes Milk & Condiments
<b>20</b> Main Entrees • Classic American Cheeseburger Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Tater Tots • Chilled Peaches Milk & Condiments	<b>21</b> Main Entrees • Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Mexican Style Refried Beans • Chilled Diced Pears Milk & Condiments	<b>22</b> Main Entrees • Whole Grain French Toast Sticks Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Turkey Bacon • Strawberry Yogurt • Seasoned Carrots • Mandarin Oranges Milk & Condiments	<b>23</b> Main Entrees • Chicken Nuggets Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Dinner Roll • Broccoli • Fresh Pear Milk & Condiments	<b>24</b> Main Entrees • Domino's Cheese Pizza Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Zucchini Sticks • Fresh Red Delicious Apple Milk & Condiments
<b>27</b> Main Entrees • Spaghetti with Chicken Meatballs Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Breadstick • Seasoned Broccoli • Pineapple Tidbits Milk & Condiments	<b>28</b> Main Entrees • Beef Walking Tacos Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Seasoned Black Beans • Applesauce Milk & Condiments	<b>29</b> Main Entrees • Mini Confetti Pancakes Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Turkey Sausage Patty • Seasoned Peas and Carrots • Chilled Mixed Fruit Milk & Condiments	<b>30</b> Main Entrees • Breaded Chicken Drumstick Alternate Entrees • Turkey & Cheese Sub Sides for All Meals • Dinner Roll • Mashed Potatoes • Chilled Peaches Milk & Condiments	

If you have a food allergy or intolerance, please notify us. Ask your cafeteria manager if changes were made to today's menu so we can help keep you safe!

Menus Subject to Change We try our best to serve our menus as posted; however, sometimes last minute changes occur. Please check with the cafe manager prior to the meal if you have any concerns.

## IC Cougars – Basketball Skills Program (Co-Ed)

**Serving:** Grades 1-8 & Faith Formation

**Mission Statement:** A program created to enhance and teach the necessary skills to students who have the passion to advance the competitive play and learn sportsmanship of the game to make Immaculate Conception's boys and girls basketball programs first class.

**Why me:** I find myself a good candidate for this program as I am a dedicated IC parishioner who will remain involved with the school and church activities, well after our children have moved on to higher education. I find myself willing to teach the kids basic basketball fundamentals. I was in a program much like this at the grade school I attended, St. Stanislaus Kostka in Wyandotte. I firmly believe a program much like this is the foundation for a successful basketball program.

### **Exercises & Drills:**

1. Basic Stretches.
2. Learn to dribble the basketball (BB) with heads up. First walking & dribbling eventually progressing to a sprint while dribbling the BB.
3. Passing the BB: Chest pass, bounce pass, overhead pass, baseball pass. This will develop STRONG necessary passing skills.
4. Dribble Obstacle: Dribble the BB, shifting hands as passing a defender. Use a chair or cone to simulate the defender.
5. Passing: Introduce The chest & bounce pass.
6. Shuffle: Learn to side shuffle, foot coordination.
7. Shuffle: Defensive posture "hands up" position.
8. Shuffle Pass: Pair with teammate, shuffle in unison, while chest or bounce passing the BB to teammate.
9. Layups: Run while dribbling the BB, heading toward the net to score.
10. Spyder Weave: Weave the BB between the legs while in a crouched position while walking. Eventually progress to trotting then sprinting.
11. Figure "8" Drill: 2 teammates run and pass the BB the length of the court to form "8". The closet to the net will then shoot the BB.
12. Defensive Posture.
13. Free throws.

Mark your calendars!

9:00am-10:30am

- March 21st, 28th
- April 18th
- May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 29th



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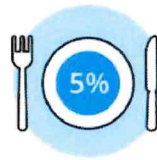
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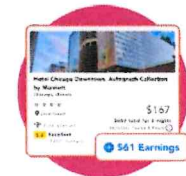
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