



The Immaculate News

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Catholic Schools Week

"First of all, on behalf of our school, we would like to thank all the volunteers that made our Catholic Schools Week extremely successful."

"We had many exciting activities go on throughout the week of January 23-30. In addition to hat&tie day, scooter basketball, book fair, and Spirit Day, there was also the student vs. teacher volleyball game. This event has been a long time tradition here at Immaculate. This year's game was especially intense. The 8th grade students were in the lead late in the game, but then the teachers made a few unbelievable plays to come back and win. The teachers then went on to win two more games, for a grand total of teachers: 3 games and students: 0. As always this ever-popular event was very enjoyable not only for those participating, but also for the fans in the stands."

Mary-Clare Couillard, 8th grade student

Upcoming Events

Tonight 6-9pm	Middle School Dance
Friday 2/13	No School
Monday 2/16	No School
<i>Enjoy your long weekend!</i>	
Tuesday 2/17 6:30pm*	School Parent Meeting
Friday 2/20	Marathon T-shirt Day
	Birthday Sundaes Jan/Feb
	8th Grade Bake Sale (during lunch)
	8th Grade History Fair 6-8pm

*Please note the start time

Open Lunch

Chef John would like to invite you to have lunch with your student "Louisiana Style" on Fat Tuesday, February 24th. To celebrate Mardi Gras, John is preparing Louisiana Creole, dirty rice, corn bread and dessert. The ever popular Chicken finger lunch will also be offered. Lunch will be served at 10:50am for grades K-4, and 11:50 for grades 5-8. Check today's communicator envelope for reservation details.



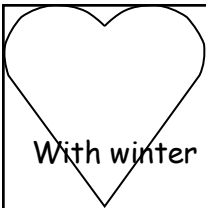
Mrs. Guzdikewicz's 5th grade class spent Wednesday, February 4th at the Wargo Nature Center. They learned about Native Americans and how they interacted with the environment. The kids got to play several Native American games, like Lacrosse. They learned about things in nature that the Native Americans used like birch bark, animal bones and skins, and they got to go snowshoeing!

"I learned about the Dakota and the Ojibway. The best part was snowshoeing. I tripped when I was on the lake. Lets go again."

-Brett

"I learned that flinch was a game that tested surprise and wits."

-Gavin



Winter Fun

With winter temperatures around for a few more weeks, here are some fun and easy ideas to do as a family while keeping warm this week.

1. Have a chili cook off. Make one basic pot of chili, set out bowls of each kid's favorite chili accompaniment such as shredded cheddar cheese, chopped onions, sour cream, gold fish crackers and tortilla chips. See who makes the most interesting combination!
2. Have a Dance off in your own living room. Have each kid pick their own song to dance to. Mom and Dad should choreograph their own too. After each performance, make sure to hold up judgment cards that say only positive comments like "Great energy" or "Awesome Moves".
3. Buy some inexpensive plant and vegetable seeds and fill some empty egg cartons with soil and have your kids grow a little indoor garden. It will get them excited for spring and give them a little bit of responsibility to boot. Remember, it may be February, but spring is just around the corner!



Box Tops



Our lunchroom looks great! Our walls are covered with "beads". Many classes have covered one wall, and are rounding the corner to the second wall. Which class will win extra Mardi Gras tickets?



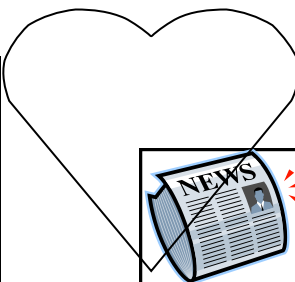
The 7th grade will be putting on a Valentine's dance in the school cafeteria for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade TONIGHT, Feb. 12th, 6-9pm. This will be a semiformal dance.

The "One for Books" Coin Collection Challenge was a great success! As a school we raised \$652.00. That means the school will be able to purchase \$652 worth of books for the classrooms. In addition Scholastic will donate 652 books to Toys for Tots. The 8th graders won the challenge and will receive a Popcorn & Movie afternoon. The 1st grade class took second place. Both classrooms brought in over \$100 each. **Thank you for your generosity!**



HISTORY FAIR! COMING SOON!

History Fair is coming to ICS on **Thursday, Feb 19, 2009 at 10:10 am in room 303**. Students in the eighth grade will be presenting their individual and group projects on this year's theme: The Individual: Actions and Legacies. Students have selected a person from history and studied one action that has created a lasting legacy in US or World History. This varies from Ernest Shackleton's failed exploration of the South Pole to Galileo's challenge that the universe is heliocentric. Please join us for a morning of judging, presentations, and lots of history! Questions? Email Ms. Hambrock at khambrock@immac-church.org



The Eighth Graders will be selling all kinds of yummy desserts to raise funds for their graduation celebration. The students will be selling after lunch on **February 20th**. Everything will be sold for 25¢ or 50¢.

Join us for some delicious treats and help support our 8th grade class! Thank You!

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