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"I live the spirit of Christmas when I Sing to God."



Blessings to your family this Christmas, and always!

December 18th



ICS will present it's annual Choral & Band Concert:

"Celebrate the Gift"

Band members, be ready and tuned by 6:30

Everyone else please meet at Church at 6:45

Please support our 8th Grade classes' fundraising efforts by joining us for Cookies & Cocoa after the Christmas program on December 18th. You will receive a cup of cocoa or coffee and two delicious cookies for only \$2. End your night of fabulous entertainment with a sweet treat and help out a worthy cause!

Christmas Gift Giving for the Teachers / Staff at ICS

Sponsored by Home & School Association

The last day to turn in a monetary Christmas gift for ICS teachers and staff through this program is

Tuesday, December 16th



On Friday, December 5th, ICS students received a visit from Saint Nicholas.

Upcoming Events

Monday 12/15	Quiz Bowl at St. Thomas (Good luck to the 8th grade team)
Tuesday 12/16	Afternoon Santa Band Concert
Thursday 12/18	Christmas & Band Concert 7:00pm in Church
Friday 12/19	Marathon T-shirt Day
Friday 12/19	Middle School Sledding
12/22-1/02	Christmas Vacation
Monday 1/05	School Resumes
12/16 & 12/19	Teacher In-service-No School
Friday 1/23	Spaghetti Dinner & Open House
1/26-1/30	National Catholic School Week



Parents, if your son or daughter has a birthday in **December or July**, they will receive a birthday Sundae this Friday, December 12th. Any parent wishing to help may come to the lunchroom at 2pm to help scoop ice cream. The kids would really love to see you!

Congratulations D.A.R.E. Graduates!!!

This year millions of school children around the world will benefit from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world.

D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.



Getting to the First Lego League tournament was very gratifying as we have come a long way as a team in only 3 months after starting from scratch. It was my aspiration to just get our feet wet this year. But Mr. Krainz and the students set their sights higher this year by insisting on competing. After a hard 3-week final push we arrived at the tournament on time and with every major element of the event addressed.

Our biggest gains this year were not reflected in points or ranking, but in demeanor, experience and exposure. The team members demonstrated marked improvements in focus and general behavior in the final weeks and especially at the tournament. Most interestingly, the students demonstrated courage in taking on the high-pressure roles of talking to the judges and starting the robot during the matches. Many of the students had very little understanding of machines, robots, and software going into this season but now could probably build and program a robot capable of performing several of the challenge tasks. In general the students' new understanding of mechanical and software systems will be an advantage in future technical endeavors. For some, these new skills will light their way to better jobs and promotions, and greater technical achievement."



Mike Bianchi-FLL Coordinator

Last weekend was the 27th annual Tip Off Tournament at ICS. This annual event, which is always played on the first weekend of December, was started to support the Athletic Department as well as to showcase our ICS athletes. School from all four Catholic leagues in the Twin Cities are always represented.

"The Tip-Off tournament has been going on for 27years. It has always been fun for everyone. and is a good experience."

- Kevin B. & Noah W.

Is your child's class doing something special? Do you want others to know about it? Additional ideas for articles featured in The Immaculate News are always welcome! Please email icschool@immac-church.org with your suggestions



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