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Incarnation School Mission Statement

"Incarnation Catholic School provides a spiritually and academically rich environment in which children, their families and the school staff are encouraged to grow in faith as they follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

Crusader Calendar

January 2012

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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Jan.27 All School Mass Gr. 7

Jan.27 Chess Club

Jan.29- Feb. 3 Catholic Schools Week

February 2012

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Feb. 1 **CASUAL DAY**

Feb. 3 All School Mass

Feb. 3 Special Guest Bingo

Feb. 3 Chess Club

Feb. 3 Trivia Night

Feb. 9 Science Fair

Feb. 10 All School Mass

Feb. 10 Chess Club

Feb. 10 Pizza with the Principal

[2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

Crusader Cafe'



[January Lunch Menu](#)

Check out the New Link for Incarnation Cafeteria information provided by our

What's happening during Catholic Schools Week? [Click here](#) for daily happenings!

Principal Reports:

How can I know if my children are growing spiritually and academically? This question is often on the minds of parents, teachers, and *anyone* who loves the children in their care. Hopefully, spiritual growth exposes itself as your children come to know and experience the beauty of Sunday Mass, and they learn to "walk in the footsteps of Jesus" in their daily lives. Read *Mass Matters* (below) for home-help in this area, and know that the teachers and staff have regular discussions about bringing the light of Christ to your children.

Academic growth can be measured objectively and communicated to you through many assessments, i.e., Iowa and Cognitive Aptitude Tests (results sent to gr. 2-8 two weeks ago) and multiple forms of classroom assessments. Universal Screenings are another tool that we use to achieve this goal, and they are administered three times during the school year (Nov., Jan., and April). These multiple data sources are tools designed to help teachers assess strengths and weaknesses of individual children and to guide curriculum.

January Universal Screening results were placed in the second quarter report cards last Friday. Report cards, Iowa Tests, and Universal Screenings are great forms of communication for a clearer understanding of the academic growth of your children. **For more information about Universal Screening, visit www.AIMSweb.com, and for information about ITBS standardized tests visit**

<http://www.riversidepublishing.com/products/itbs/index.html>.

God's blessings be with you as you continue to guide your children toward faith filled, academically enriched lives.

Cheryl Reichel

MASS MATTERS!

1-29-2012, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

And His fame spread . . .

Our weekly Mass is a celebration of who we are as Catholics. The Mass is one way to help families develop an understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. For a real "faith-lift," consider joining your children and other parishioners at our Friday All

cafeteria services at St. Albert.

[click Here](#)

Character Trait for January

Fairness

*Pizza with the Principal will
be held Feb. 10th.*

February Character Trait

Diligence

The Incarnation Proclamation, our all school news publication will be arriving in mailboxes next week. This has been sent to all parish and school families. Check it out!

Inclement Weather Policy
[Click here](#)

Emergency Notification System
[Click here](#)

Boxtops and Labels for Education

[Winter Campbells Labels
Flyer](#)

[Winter Boxtops Flyer](#)

Incarnation Nutrition Fair Coming Soon!

This year the Nutrition Fair will be held Monday, March 5th in the Parish Center for students in grades 5-8. The Nutrition Fair is headed up by Mrs. Debbie Raponi, Marketer of Nutrition for St. Albert the Great Nutrition

School Mass, which begins at 9:00 a.m.! The following web site will help bring the Mass to focus as you prepare your family **to come to the feast!** <http://www.catholicmatters.com/b087.htm>.

You may also want to visit the Catholic Moms' website at: <http://catholicmom.com>.

Counselor's Corner

By now the students have received their second quarter report cards. They have made it halfway through the year! If your child's second quarter grades were lower than the first, don't despair. Remember that often the first few weeks of school are review. By the second quarter, a lot of new material is being presented in the classrooms. This can be a challenge to some students.

If your child has seen a drop in grades, perhaps you can use some goal setting to get him/her back on track. The following information is from an activity that I use in my office with the students who need help to bring their grades back up to a previous level. Choose one or two subjects on which to focus. Then guide your child to examine the following issues:

Did I complete all of the required assignments (for this subject)?

Did I meet all of the deadlines?

Did I go to class prepared to learn?

Did I participate actively and cooperatively during class discussions?

Did I study effectively for tests?

Once the student has answered these questions, help him/her to set a grade goal and determine the steps needed to meet that goal. Help your child to understand that he/she is responsible for the grades received. The power to improve the grades comes from the student's motivation and decision to change and implement the necessary goals.

A Note from the Counselor..

During the next few months the students in grade 6 will participate in a program called Project ALERT. Project ALERT is an age-appropriate substance abuse prevention curriculum proven effective in reducing experimentation and drug use among teens and adolescents.

Project ALERT contains eleven lessons in its initial year that focus on alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and inhalants - those substances that are the first and most widely used by young people today. Project ALERT's focus is on motivating non-use, learning to recognize pressures to use, and on developing and practicing skills to resist these pressures.

Incarnation Student's Science Fair Project provides temporary home for a few young quail.

Dane Kuntz chose to show the effects of a cold laser on hatching quail eggs as part of his science fair project. The chicks are now residing in the Incarnation Science Lab awaiting their debut on **FEBRUARY 9, 2012** at the annual Incarnation Science Fair. Take some time to stop by the Parish Center gym and see this amazing

Services. We will need volunteers to assist with the various activities. The Nutrition Fair will begin at 9:00 A.M. and run through 1:45 P.M. with a break for lunch between 12:10 and 12:40. If you are interested or have questions, please contact [Mrs. DiGiorgio](mailto:Mrs.DiGiorgio) or you may contact Debbie Raponi at npsadraponi@mdeca.org

**First and Second Grade
Music/Physical
Education Program
Feb. 29th**

What can you make with an empty box? Use your imagination! First and second grade students will be showing us some creative ideas when they present their musical, *The Box*, on Wednesday, February 29th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the PC Gym.

The 1st and 2nd grade actors and actresses will be singing songs and doing choreography with physical education equipment. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this innovative program!

Trivia Night Update

If your table has decided on a Hawaiian theme, please leave the grass skirts and fire at home. The crew cleaning the PAC will be setting up for early basketball games, so let's work together to make it easier for them. Also, if you thought you'd have to miss out on Trivia Night this year because you wanted to see the Alter Lancerettes perform their Senior Dance, we've just learned that the performance has been re-scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4th!

If you have questions, please call Debe at 266-2331 or 439-0162.

**Attention 7th & 8th
Grade Volleyball
Players**

7th & 8th grade boys' and girls' volleyball team evaluations are scheduled for



project as well as the other amazing projects presented by over 200 of our seventh and eighth grade students. Good luck to all!

It's Bingo Time Again!



Mark your calendars for Friday, February 3rd in the Parish Center. We look forward to seeing you!

[Click here for the Bingo Registration Form](#)

And They're Off.....



It's that time of year again!! March 16th is the annual Incarnation Fish Fry and this year promises an even more exciting Horse Derby than last year. Purchase your \$50 Horse early this year with the chance to win \$100.00. Please send your completed form to

the school office! There are a limited number of horses! Call Molly Bishop 439-2655 or Todd Marchand 350-5228 with questions.

[Click Here to download the form to register your Derby Horse](#)



Recently, the PTO launched a group on Facebook as a way to keep families up to date on PTO activities. If you want to join this group, which is open to all school families, or know of families who want to be added to this group, it's easy. Just search on Facebook for Incarnation Catholic School PTO or cut and paste this link: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/224140917653697/> and you can easily be added. This group is open to all families who want to receive PTO updates.

6th Grade Key Awards for 2nd Quarter

Jan. 27th 6-8 PM
Parish Center Gym

8th Grade Important Dates to Remember

Payment #3 due: 2-10-12

Final payment due:
On or before 3-9-12

Class Trip April 23 - 27
Confirmation April 21
Awards Ceremony &
Graduation May 29, 2012

8th Grade Students interested in Centerville High School Read Below

The parent/student meeting for 8th graders from private schools will be held on February 8th at 7pm in the West unit commons. Registration for students will be on February 15th from 3:30 to 5:30 in the West commons. There will no longer be testing for any 8th graders. Teacher recommendations will be required. Recommendation forms will be in the registration packets that will be dropped off to the office the first week of February.

Dorothy Lane Market
Reward Information and
Contribution for Incarnation
School

[Click Here](#)

**Area High School
Quick Links...**

Alter High School

[Weekly Lance](#)

[The Knight Times](#)

Fenwick High

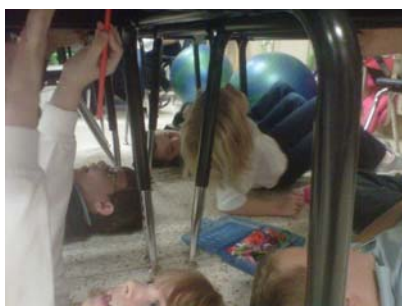
**Important Events
Calendar**



Congratulations to the following students for their success in the second quarter of 6th Grade.

Kindness - Noelle Parziale, Michael Duplain
Leadership - Alden Simms
Scholarship - Tanner Greenlee
Responsibility - Hallie Leftwich

Masterworks for Second Grade...



a candlewax material. They were also able to experience how difficult it is to color/paint upside down on their backs just like Michelangelo did when painting the Sistine Chapel. The volunteers taped coloring sheets to the bottoms of their desks and asked them to color it while lying on their backs. What a fun way to learn art history!!!

On Tuesday, January 17th, Masterworks volunteers, Mrs. Hayslip and Mrs. Greek presented the artist Michelangelo to the 2nd graders. In addition to learning about Michelangelo's background and viewing copies of his artwork, the children were able to participate in 2 "hands-on" activities. They used craft sticks to sculpt out a surprise cross in

Sixth Graders-Bacteria Hunters!



petri dishes (generously donated by Dr. Abboud), we will have our answer!

Of course the students also learned that there are many more helpful types of bacteria than harmful bacteria. We also discussed the wonderful job our maintenance staff does each day in keeping our school so clean, but that bacteria will still exist. Each of us has a

The sixth grade science classes went on a bacteria hunt this week. The students were given the challenge of contemplating where bacteria would grow the best after learning some of the characteristics of what constitutes a good breeding ground for bacteria. In the next few days as the colonies of bacteria begin to grow on the

**Chaminade Julienne
Announces the
Archdiocese Catholic
School Honor Band
Concert**

**February 5, 2012
3pm**

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, students from Alter, Carroll, CJ and Cincinnati area Catholic High School Bands will come together for an exciting performance.

Quick Links...

[Incarnation School Edline](#)
[Incarnation Parish After School Care Info](#)

[Morning School Care Info](#)

[FACTS Online Account Link](#)

[FACTS Enrollment Link](#)

[Library Book Club Form](#)

[Donation form for school beautification project](#)

[Centerville Temporary Transportation Form](#)

responsibility to wash our hands frequently and well, as well as take good care of our Immune System!

6th Grade Students Do Dragon Dance in General Music Class



Sixth grade music students enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year, singing a Chinese song, and donning dragon costumes for a dragon dance up and down the hallways of Incarnation. The "dragons" sang, "Gong Xi," to teachers and students as they pranced around the school. "Gong Xi" (GUNG-shee) means congratulations in

Chinese and is sung by adults and children around the world during Chinese New Year celebrations.

Attention: Electric Leapers is seeking Participants!



It's time again to get jumping! If your child would like to be part of the Incarnation jump rope team, The Electric Leapers, now is the time. The children have fun jumping while at the same time getting exercise and waking up

their brains. Practices are Monday and Thursday mornings before school. For more information you can contact Mrs. Bartoli at Claudia.Bartoli@incarnation.catholic.org

[click here to download the Information Letter and Sign Up Sheet](#)

The sign up sheet and information can also be found on Edline.

Jump For Your Heart



Jump For Your Heart will take place on February 15th & 16th. Information for grades 1-6 will be coming home this week. We need lots of volunteers to help turn ropes. Please consider coming in during your child's jump time!

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