

I-NEWS

Incarnation Catholic School Newsletter

"A National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence"

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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

October 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	F	Sa
	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Oct. 3-21 ITBS Standardized Testing
Oct. 7 All School Mass Gr. 4
Oct. 7 Pizza with the Principal
Oct. 7 Chess Club Mtg.
Oct. 13 Parent Book Study
Oct. 13 Picture Retakes
Oct. 14 All School Mass Gr. 3
Oct. 14 Chess Club Mtg.

[2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

Crusader Cafe'



[October Menu](#)

Check out the New Link for Incarnation Cafeteria information provided by our cafeteria services at St. Alberts.
[click Here](#)

Character Trait

Responsibility

**Pizza with the
Principal to be held
Oct. 7th.**

Principal's Report:

Mass Matters: An introduction!

Dear Parents,

The Ohio Catholic Conference (OCC) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) requires that all accredited schools set goals that fulfill the needs of each school's community over a five year period. I have mentioned this as a part of the OCSAA (Ohio Catholic Schools Accreditation Association) process, and the Incarnation School community received full accreditation this past year, as we have since the inception of the program, 35 years ago. The following goals will guide us over the next five years:

Catholic School Goal

Incarnation students will demonstrate growth in their understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how this affects their everyday life as Catholics.

Student Performance Goal

Incarnation students will improve their critical thinking skills in differentiated classrooms.

These goals emerged from an intensive two-year study, and while there are multiple strategies to achieve these goals, we will have five years to complete the tasks. [Click here](#) to access a full copy of each goal and its strategies.

Our weekly Mass is one way to help students develop an "understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus," and to help achieve this goal, information about the weekly Mass will be provided in each I-News. Watch for "Mass Matters" each week and find the web site that best fits the needs of your family. Discussing the focus of the readings before and after Mass will create a broader interest for your children, and it will help your family to understand the impact the readings can have in our daily lives. For a real "faith-lift," consider joining

Counselor's Corner

Incarnation School students modeled the character trait of respect during September. 12 students who were recognized as being respectful during the month were selected from a drawing to have pizza with the principal, Dr. Reichel, assistant principal, Mrs. DiGiorgio, and the counselor, Mrs. Pierce. The following students were treated to LaRosa's pizza today.

K - Josie Ouelette

1 - Jack Paulson and Caroline Doorley

2 - Vincent Arnold and Arlette Mershad

3 - CJ Delgado and Daniel Breitenstein

4 - Michelle Woeste and Luke Saunders

5 - Payton Herres and Mark Edsall

6 - George Abboud

*During October we are exhibiting Responsibility and students will be recognized for being responsible. We encourage and welcome your support at home.

Career Day

Coming soon to Incarnation
Junior High Students

The Incarnation Career Day is quickly approaching.

Attached below is the flyer that will be sent home with your junior high student. We are in need of career presenters. Click below to check out this great opportunity to be a part of the Incarnation Career Day.

[Career Fair Flyer](#)

*Playground & Cafeteria
Volunteer Information*

[Playground Volunteer
Schedule](#)

[Cafeteria Volunteer
Schedule](#)

Scrip Update

The spotlight \$CRIP for October is **PANERA**... purchase one of these **\$10** or **\$25** gift cards and you'll

your children and other parishioners at our Friday Mass, which begins at 9:00!

God's blessings be with each of you,

Cheryl Reichel

MASS MATTERS!

The web sites below will help bring the Mass to focus as you prepare your family ***to come to the feast!***

Visit the following web site for the readings of the week:

<http://www.catholicmatters.com/a350.htm>

Visit the Catholic Moms website for any ideas about the upcoming readings at:

http://catholicmom.com/lesson_plan.htm .

Suggestions for preparing your children for this week's Mass may be found at:

http://catholicmom.com/2008_lesson_plans/10_12_08.pdf
and

[http://www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve/gather.cfm?
page=faith&sp=discussion&id=251](http://www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve/gather.cfm?page=faith&sp=discussion&id=251)

A Message From the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Vision for Catholic Schools: For the past several months, an effort has been underway to establish a common vision for the future of Catholic school education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. During the 2010-2011 school year, large amounts of data were collected on the current state of our Catholic schools. This data has been compiled in an initial Assessment Report that will be released to the public in early October. All are invited to attend a presentation in October regarding the vision. At each presentation, Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Catholic schools, will provide a summary of the key data regarding Catholic identity, academic excellence, demographics, finances, and other areas from this Assessment Report. The presentations will take place on the following date:

Oct. 11: Lehman High School (6:00-7:30 PM)

be entered to win one for yourself!

Please remember that we do have some \$CRIP cards in stock and are available to be purchased in the office. Thanks for supporting the PTO!

Please make sure to place your order online (www.shopwithscrip.com using code EA59L5863158) or turn in your order forms ([scrip order form](#)) by Monday. Thanks for your orders and for supporting the \$CRIP program and PTO!

Box Tops for Education

Click here to download Halloween Handouts for Boxtops and labels.

[Halloween Box Top Forms](#)

[Halloween Labels Forms](#)



If your child has projects and papers due in the upcoming months, you might benefit from a little more in-depth knowledge of INFOhio resources. The INFOhio network is your tax dollars at work, providing quality electronic resources for school and home use. In this article, we'll look at the Britannica encyclopedias available. INFOhio brings you three levels of Britannica encyclopedias each with over 73,000 articles, a selection of current magazines and journal articles, video clips, animations, photos, illustrations, dictionary with audio presentations, over 20,000 editor-selected Web sites, and interactive learning activities for all students. *Encyclopaedia Britannica* is the standard high school/adult encyclopedia. *Compton's* is the version available for middle school students. *Britannica Elementary* is aimed at younger students. At home,

All are welcome to attend. Please visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/education/lighting_the_way for more details.

PARENTS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! ***CHILD CARE PROVIDED!***

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED

Mary Pierce, School Counselor, and Cheryl Reichel, Principal, will be facilitators for a six week parent discussion group that encompasses Catholic family ideals along with the logical guidance from Dr. Michelle Borba's book, Parents Do Make a Difference!

Come to one session - or come to all!

Where? Parish Center, Room 101

When? Thursday Mornings (9:00-10:30), 9/22 - 10/20

Weekly Topics?

Positive Self-Esteem	9/6	Click here for handouts
Cultivating Strengths	9/15	Click here for handouts
It's all about communication	9/22	Click here for handouts
Creative problem solving	9/29	Click here for handouts
Getting along & setting goals	10/6	Click here for handouts
Caring too much to give up	10/13	9-10:30 a.m.
Phone interview with author, Dr. Borba	10/20	9-10:30 a.m.

Books are available for purchase (\$15.00) at each session and in the school office.

Need more information? Contact the facilitators at 433-1051:

Mary Pierce x136 OR Cheryl Reichel x138

Fourth Grade Collects Coats!



Fourth graders in Mrs. Lamoureux's class will be collecting gently used coats and jackets for the "Carl's Coats for Kids" campaign. This is our fifteenth year and we have collected over 2,000 coats. Time period is October 10-21. Just send in coats with your Incarnation student and Goodwill

parents may want to provide practice that reinforces key concepts in science, math, language arts and social studies. Be sure to check out the interactive learning activities linked through a button called *Learning Materials* on any top menu bar of the Britannica products. The INFOhio user name is learn
The password is infohio
INFOhio @ Incarnation Library
www.infohio.org

Attention Coaches and CYO Fall Sports Participants

We need updates on your team sports. Please forward updates and photos to [Molly Hoffmann](mailto:Molly.Hoffmann). We love to highlight our children in the I-News and on our Website.

Attention CYO Basketball Participants

The practice schedule for all girls and boys teams has now been posted to the Incarnation School and Parish Websites. It is also available by clicking on the link below.

[CYO Practice Schedule](#)

Area High School Quick Links...

[Alter High School](#)

[Weekly Lance](#)

Archbishop Alter High School has designated Friday, **November 11th** as the day for Incarnation 8th graders to visit their school. Specific details about this visit will be sent from Alter to 8th grade families.

Bishop Fenwick Huddle

Bishop Fenwick High School parents and students invite Incarnation 6th, 7th & 8th

distributes them in November. We appreciate your help with this Mission Project.

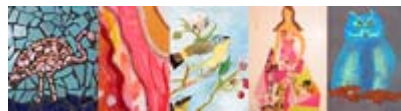
7th Grade German Class exchanges Schultüten



In Germany, Schultüten are cones filled with wonderful surprises for children at the start of school. Generally, the Schultüten are symbolic of young children in Kindergarten exchanging the carefree childhood of kindergarten for the serious side of life for first grade - "der Ernst des Lebens." The origins of this tradition are traced back to Dresden in the 1820's where children

starting school were presented with conical paper bags filled with pastries and candy. Once in the classroom the children are allowed to unpack the treasures given to them by their families and a photographer comes by to mark the event. Nostalgically, many German's have forgotten their first day of school, but they always will have pleasant and lifelong memories of carrying those Schultüten and the delight of unwrapping the contents within. The 7th Grade German class marked this transition by making and exchanging Schultüten in Deutsche Klasse to transition to their first week in German Class.

Masterworks Needs YOU!



Masterworks is an Art Appreciation class conducted by volunteers for children in Kindergarten through Eighth

Grade. Presentations are given each year to expose students to many different artists and artistic styles. We are need of volunteers at every grade level to do the presentations in the classroom. The research material is provided and you make a fun presentation for your child's grade. You can present individually or you can team up with another volunteer! Please complete the attached form if you are interested in volunteering. There will be a short informative meeting in the next few weeks to explain the program.

[Click here to download entire Infomation Flyer](#)

Sixth Grade Heads to the Renaissance Festival!



Last Thursday, the students had the opportunity to attend the Ohio Renaissance Festival! A fantastic time was had by all. Sixth graders will be studying this time period later in the year in social studies

graders to attend a "Bishop Fenwick Huddle" to learn about the Bishop Fenwick High School experience for your child. This event will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 7 - 8:30 pm at the Settlers Walk Club House, 520 Settlers Walk Blvd., Springboro, OH 45066. This evening is being hosted by Incarnation & Bishop Leibold families whose children attend Bishop Fenwick High School. Please RSVP by Monday, October 17 to Cathy Leesman at 937-748-3029 or email: dleesman@woh.rr.com

[Click here to download more information](#)

Fenwick High Important Events Calendar

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](#)

[PTO Volunteer Form](#)

[Alternate Transportation Form-Centerville](#)

[Beginning School Packet](#)

class, so this was a good sneak peak at all of the exciting things to come. The students enjoyed shows like the joust, a swordsmen performance, and much more. They sampled giant turkey legs and explored the festival that took them back to days of yore.

School Photo Retakes: October 13th.

Lifetouch photographers will be at school on Thursday, October 13th to do photo retakes of your child. If your child missed school photo day or you desire to have photos retaken, please send in your unwanted photo packet with your child or a completed order form (for those that were absent). Students will be pulled from class to get a school photo taken. Those that do not have the appropriate packet or order form will not be given the opportunity to have a photo retaken.

Octoberfest at Incarnation



with good food, dancing and a "Sing-Off" contest with a traditional German Oktoberfest song. Congratulations 6th graders for your "Sing-Off" win!!! Vielen, Vielen Dank (Many Thanks) to our volunteers for their hard work making this event such a success: Frau Plate, Fräulein Plate, Frau Poeppelman and Frau Carter!!!

[Click here for more photos and a recap of the afternoon](#)

Save the Date: Incarnation Annual Spaghetti Dinner



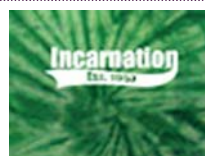
Incarnation Annual PTO Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, October 23, 2011
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Spaghetti from Mamma DiSalvo's in the same great place...the Parish Center Gym! More information to come home soon, all are welcome!

[Download the Spaghetti Dinner Volunteer and Information Form Here](#)

[Click Here to download the TICKET ORDER FORM](#)

Incarnation Yearbook Orders Now being Accepted



Yearbook Orders are now being accepted. This year the Incarnation Yearbook will be \$25. Orders are being accepted through October 21st. The yearbook was not included in your activity fee. This is a separate charge and checks can be made out to Incarnation School. Envelopes were sent home this week with your students. Please return the envelope

completed with payment. This will be the ONLY order for yearbooks. We cannot guarantee your child a yearbook if they do not order a yearbook. Yearbooks will be delivered at the end of the school year. If you have questions please feel free to email [Molly Hoffmann](mailto:Molly.Hoffmann).

Look what the 4th grade is doing with Leaves



The 4th grade students were assigned the task of using items found in nature to create animals. Using the book, [Look What I Did with a Leaf](#), the students brought in leaves, pine cones, twigs, berries, nuts, etc. They tried to create recognizable animals using only these materials and glue! It has been really fun

to watch the projects evolve - a leaf animal that was planned out as a turtle morphed into a bear! Look for the finished projects on display for parent-teacher conferences.

Boonshoft Museum Entertains the 4th Graders



4th Grade students participated in a hands on experience at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery last week. Students spent time doing experiments and meeting all the wonderful creatures of the museum.

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