

# 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**

December 2011						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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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

Dec. 16 Kindergarten Christmas Program

Dec. 16 All School Mass Gr. 4

Dec. 16 Chess Club

Dec. 19-20 Slimy Science Gr.5

Dec. 20- Christmas Parties

Dec. 21-Jan 2 **Christmas Break**

Jan. 3 **Classes Resume**

[2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

### **Crusader Cafe'**



[December Lunch Menu](#)



[January Lunch Menu](#)

Check out the New Link for Incarnation Cafeteria information provided by our cafeteria services at St. Alberts.

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### **Character Trait**

### **Principal Reports:**

#### ***Be still so that you can hear My voice. . .***

Pouring all of the worries of the world out of my mind and into the hands of God is not easy. My mind moves with such autonomy from one topic to another: what I have to do; what I am angry about; what I regret; what I'm going to eat for dinner! The times I have been able to empty my mind of thoughts and worries are during Mass, when the words and symbols in our Church become the focal points.

In the Chapel, I can study the stained glass windows, and see the symbols of bread and wine, trickling from the high ceiling. And the huge crucifix is such a dilemma for me. My heart aches for the sins of the world that caused such a death for our Savior, and yet, I'm drawn by the beauty of the immense sacrifice that came through that very act. In our Church on sunny days, I can watch the colorful band of light make a cross as it moves down the old speaker system (the wood and fabric column above the priest and crucifix), and think about how God is with us.

During Advent, take time to be still, and empty your minds so that you can hear God's voice. He speaks the language of love and brings peace and joy to our hearts.

### **Cheryl Reichel**

#### **MASS MATTERS!**

12-18-2011 The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord . . .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/b024.htm>. You may also want to visit the Catholic Moms' website at: <http://catholicmom.com>.

#### **Holiday Happenings at Incarnation**

**Students will be permitted to wear their holiday colors and uniform pants on Tuesday, Dec. 20th in celebration of Christmas.** Children in Grades K-4 will have holiday parties. Please contact the homeroom parents for more information. Students in Grades 5-8 will have special holiday treats handed out during lunch. Thanks to the many volunteer parents that make our Christmas Celebrations memorable.

## ***Honesty***

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Labels for Education***

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## ***Incarnation Hoodies Have Arrived***

Hoodies will be delivered to students on Friday. For those that ordered the hoodie as a Christmas gift, they can pick them up in the office starting at Noon on Friday, December 16th. All hoodies must be picked up by noon on Tuesday, December 20th.

## ***Parent Reminder***

Please remember to call changes in transportation BEFORE NOON to the office! Also, if your child is a parent pick up for the day, please be sure your child understands which front door they are being picked up at. The car line will run much smoother if children are ready and waiting at the correct door. Remember, car riders go to the north ( Jesus) lobby and parent pick ups to to the south ( Mary) lobby.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## ***Canned Food Drive for the Holidays***



The Incarnation Canned Food Drive is in full swing. Thanks so much to Mrs. Hurley's first grade class for helping out to collect and sort the canned and dry goods. Students in the past have collected over 1000 canned goods and this year will be another record breaking year. Thanks so much to everyone for their

generous donations!

## ***Incarnation Band Concert held Thursday for Parents and Students!***



Congratulations to the Incarnation Band Students for their phenomenal performance for the Holiday Season. A special Thanks to Mrs. Suhr for leading our band students and for all the time and effort put forth in a great concert.

## ***Million Penny Project***

Pennies are invading the Incarnation Lobby. This week has been a huge leap in the progression of the Penny Project. Classes are collecting pennies and filling milk jugs at an amazing rate. Congratulations to all our wonderful children for spreading the excitement of the Million Penny Project. To date our collection has reached 342,000.

## ***Incarnation Scrip Sale***

We have lots of \$CRIP cards available for purchase if you need some last minute gift items. Although we will not be placing another order before the holidays, there are plenty of options in inventory to choose from!

You can stop by the office any time to check out our inventory and purchase cards. We will have a table set up this afternoon from 2-3, and again on Tues, 12/20 from 1:30 - 3 for your convenience. Thanks again for supporting the \$CRIP program and the PTO. Merry Christmas!

## ***Santa Visits Incarnation***

Santa stopped in to visit with the Incarnation First Grade Students this past week. He checked his list and even handed out letters to each student. Visiting with the children seemed to brighten the day for Santa and the students.

### *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**

Jump For Your Heart  
Information

In February we will be having Jump For Your Heart for 1st-6th grades. This is a great mission project where we can raise money for a great cause and the students are able to be active, learn to jump rope, and have fun! We will also need volunteers for this event so please look for more information to come home after Christmas break. Have a safe, active, and healthy Christmas!!!

Dorothy Lane Market  
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School

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### *Masterworks in First Grade*



The first graders were introduced to Henri Rousseau and his famous "dream like" paintings about far off jungles. Mrs. Molly Reichel discussed how fun it is to use your imagination to draw and that art doesn't have to be realistic. They used samples of Rousseau's paintings and fun holiday images to create their own Rousseau inspired Christmas ornaments. We hope you are enjoying your child's work of art on your Christmas trees!

### *4th Grade recreates works of Diego Rivera*



then assembled all of the pieces together to create the final masterpiece. They are displayed in their classrooms and hallways.

This month, Mrs. Mindy Bernecker introduced the 4th grade classes to Diego Rivera, a Mexican painter well known for his large murals. After learning about Rivera and discussing some of his work, each class worked on creating their own scaled-down 60" x 40" mural. Each student worked on part of the mural and

### *Merry Christmas from Muse Club!*



The Incarnation Muse Club celebrated the Christmas season with a breakfast meeting on Thursday, December 15. Club members sang along to holiday videos, painted and glittered wooden Christmas ornaments, and feasted on Bill's Donut holes and candy canes, all

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washed down with some fruity Capri Sun, for a little nutritional benefit!

### **Mandarin Chinese Offered at Incarnation**



Interested in learning Mandarin Chinese? Incarnation School will be offering the opportunity for your child (Kindergarten thru 6th grade) to take classes.

[Click here to read more](#)

### **Incarnation 7th Annual New Life Retreat**

The New Life Retreat is led by a team of trained Incarnation parishioners. All sessions are held in the Parish Center, and meals are included. Child care is provided on Saturdays and Sunday for \$30 per family, but registrations must be received by Friday, January 6, 2012.

[New Life Retreat Information Packet](#)

### **Junior High Optimist bring Christmas to local children**



The Junior High Optimist Club made Christmas wishes come true for 40 local children. The club used money collected during the Halloween Mission dance to purchase toys and candy canes for local children in need. They had a wrapping party after school on Thursday, December 15 to get the gifts ready for

delivery. We hope that the children enjoy their Christmas surprises! Merry Christmas!

### **Girls Scouts Provide Dinners**



On December 5<sup>th</sup>, the 8 members of Girl Scout Troop #30407, led by Angela Carruth and Judy Dix, visited Dream Dinners in Cross Pointe Center. The girls were able to make two entrees, one they took home to feed their own families and the other they donated to St. Vincent DePaul-Mothers and Children, to provide

a meal to a local family in need.

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