

# 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. 2 All School Mass Gr. 6  
Dec. 2 Pizza with the Principal  
Dec. 3-4 Christmas Festival  
Secret Santa Shoppe  
Dec. 3 JH Dance St. Charles  
Dec. 3 Orchestra Concert  
Dec. 5 St. Nicholas Day  
Celebration  
Dec. 6 Career Fair  
Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Day  
Dec. 7 **CASUAL DAY**  
Dec. 8 Christmas Program Gr. 3&4  
  
Dec. 9 All School Mass Gr. 5  
Dec. 9

[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.  
[click Here](#)

### **Principal Reports: *God-Checks!***

"Are you doing *God-Checks* again?" This second grade question caused me to pause for a moment, and the child (noticing my puzzled expression) went on to explain, "**You** know - the *God-Checks* we get so we have a chance to have Pizza with the Principal!"

Wow! A faith-filled environment can impact the vocabulary! We have a *Gotcha* Character Education program that was developed by our School Counselor, Mary Pierce, and this second grade child's translation (interpretation?) of the *Gotcha* certificates was delightful! The certificates are distributed to students who are caught in the act of a specific characteristic highlighted for the month. Last month was *citizenship*, and this month is we are watching for *honesty*.

Today (Friday), I will have pizza with 14 Kindergarten through eighth grade students who were randomly drawn from over 100 certificates awarded to children who were *caught* being good citizens. Of course, we're starting to agree that these acts of kindness and good character really are *God-Checks*. Maybe we should be changing the name!

*Cheryl Reichel*

***P.S. See you at the PTO Christmas Festival, Sat., and the Secret Santa Shoppe on Sat. & Sun.!***

### **MASS MATTERS!**

**12-4-2011 The Second Sunday of Advent *Prepare the Way!***

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/b008.htm>

**11-27-2011 The First Sunday of Advent *Watch and Listen!***

We did not send out an *I News* during our Thanksgiving holiday, and the First Sunday of Advent is very important. Check out the web information about the readings from last week if you did not

## Character Trait

### Honesty

The following students recognized for being good citizens, were randomly chosen to have pizza with the principal on Friday, December 3rd.

Annie Gayonski - K  
Aiden Crowley - 1  
Kara Senkiw - 1  
James Darnieder - 2  
Ava Lockhart - 2  
Emily Pojman - 3  
Evan Foster - 3  
Kofi Darkwa - 4  
Abby Carruth - 5  
Sarah Wissel - 5  
Dominic Ruffolo - 5  
Michael Krug - 7  
Grant Grunder (chosen last month for responsibility)

This month we are promoting honesty. Please help your child to understand the value of being honest in all things; large and small. Thank you for being such wonderful models for us.

Inclement Weather  
Policy  
[Click here](#)

**Box Tops and Campbells  
Labels for Education**  
Click below to download

[Christmas Box Tops](#)  
[Christmas Labels](#)

### 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.

have a chance to do so during the flurry of activities with family and friends! <http://www.catholicmatters.com/b001.htm>

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



[Click Here to download the Christmas Festival Flyer](#)

## Pennies Invade the Science Lab

Jr. High students were recently given the challenge of calculating the weight of a full gallon of pennies. The measurement had to be in newtons, the metric unit of measuring weight.

Student groups were given some assorted items such as a spring scale, triple beam balance, and measuring cup but they were not given a full gallon of pennies. Using math and science skills, the students measured, argued, researched, talked, estimated, planned and eventually came up with the predicted weight. Various prizes were awarded for the answers nearest to the actual weight.

What is your guess for the weight of a gallon of pennies? A full jug, which was used as the official reference, weighed 32.125 pounds, or approximately 142.899 newtons. The Grand Prize was awarded to the team of Tony Petrosino and Claire Nikolai who estimated the weight to be 140.681 newtons! Congratulations to all of the students for applying their math and science knowledge to a real life situation.

## Emergency Notification System: Please Sign UP!

Incarnation now has an emergency notification system through Edline. Parents, please log on to your Edline account and you will be prompted to enter a phone number to receive voice messages and

### **CYO Volleyball Registration**

The registration packet for the boys & girls CYO Volleyball program at Incarnation for the 2012 season is now available.

All Incarnation Parish boys & girls (school & PREP) in grades 4-8 are invited to sign up. Non-Incarnation participants are also eligible to play if your registered parish does not field volleyball teams.

click here for the [Volleyball Registration Packet](#)

### **Peer Tutoring Now Accepting Registrations**

*After School Tutoring offered by our Incarnation Junior High Merit Society Members. Click the link below to learn about the program and sign up. Peer Tutoring Parent Letter: [Click Here](#)*

### **8th Grade Important Dates to Remember**

Payment #2 due: 12-2-11

Payment #3 due: 2-10-12

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

WSU Chemistry Dec, 5th  
Career Fair Dec. 6th  
Class Trip April 23 - 27  
Confirmation April 21

Awards Ceremony &  
Graduation **May 29, 2012**

### **Mission News Update**

one to receive text messages from Dr. Reichel or another administrator about school closings for inclement weather, other emergencies, or any other information we need to communicate to you. Teachers will also be able to send voice or text messages, besides emailing parents about information. Please log on and set up your emails and phone numbers ASAP so we have the system set up for inclement weather. Attached are detailed directions for setting up your contact information. Thank you in advance for setting up your information in Edline!

[Click here for Directions](#)

### **Cafeteria and Playground Volunteer Update**

**Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to keep our children safe while eating in the cafeteria and during indoor/outdoor recess. As the holidays approach and your schedules begin to fill up **please don't forget your volunteer duty.** We truly rely on you as we often have just one volunteer show up on a given day! Check the list of volunteers below for your schedule and if you haven't volunteered and can spare some time please contact Mrs. DiGiorgio at [Susan.DiGiorgio@Incarnation.Catholic.org](mailto:Susan.DiGiorgio@Incarnation.Catholic.org). You will also find a list of substitutes who may be able to take your place should you be unable to fulfill your duty. During this time of thanks, we are truly thankful for so many involved parents at Incarnation School**

[Cafeteria Volunteer Schedule](#)  
[Playground Volunteer Schedule](#)

[Cafeteria substitute list](#)  
[Playground substitute list](#)

### **Fifth Grade Science Lab Builds Boats**



The fifth grade science classes have been spending their days exploring different properties of matter. The latest investigation involved an exploration of density by designing and building boats. This was followed by a test of their ability to float as mass was added.

After comparing their group results, the lab will conclude with the students, as a class, designing a boat that can hold the most mass. We definitely have some future engineers in this class!

### **St. Nicholas Celebration**

We are honored to be able to offer the Saint Nicholas Intergenerational Celebration again this year....

Bring mom, dad, grandparents, and friends; learn about St. Nick, meet St. Nick, pray and eat!

### **Shoe Drive Success**

Thank you for donating shoes, socks, underwear, and cash to the people of Grahn, Kentucky. We collected 152 pairs of shoes and we received a huge donation of 185 pairs of shoes from Roderer's Shoe Store in North Dayton. That makes a grand total of 337 pairs of shoes! Sr. Sara and Sr. Joanne (Mrs. Masline's aunt) will be coming to Incarnation on Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> to pack up the shoes and take them to Grahn, Kentucky. The people of Grahn will be truly grateful for your kindness. We appreciate your generosity!

Check out this week's Issue of

#### ***The Catholic Telegraph***

Fr. Bob McCahill, ( Mrs. Kathy Lammlein's brother) is highlighted in the article "The Catholic Moment." Each year Incarnation School provides assistance to his mission work. Fr. Bob has spoken many times to the Incarnation School community and his passion for Christ and his Mission work has guided our students.

[Click here for the link to the article.](#)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Performing Group members will be performing at the Incarnation Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:55 p.m. Students need to report to room 102 of the Parish Center at 12:30 for a quick rehearsal. The performance will be in the Parish Center Lobby from 12:55 - 1:25.

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

**Alter High School**

Weekly Lance

Our St. Nicholas Intergenerational Celebration will be held Monday, December 5 starting with a prayer service at 6:30 PM in the church. Afterward, we will share snacks and fellowship with St. Nicholas in the school. Please bring a sweet or salty snack to share. Bring a camera for pictures of your children with St. Nick. Questions or to help, call Paula Dunham, 885-5440 orpdunham@woh.rr.com

### **St. Nicholas**

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas. Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas was known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his love for children.

Widely celebrated in Europe, St. Nicholas' feast day, December 6<sup>th</sup>, kept alive the stories of his goodness and generosity. December 6<sup>th</sup> is still the main day for gift giving and merrymaking in much of Europe.

Simple gift-giving in early Advent helps preserve a Christmas Day focus on the Christ Child.

### **Upcoming Band Concerts**

The band students have been busy preparing for our December concerts! We are celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

#### **Saturday, Dec. 3 for the Christmas Festival**

Please refer to the concert letter for details. Students meet in the Parish Center room 101. [Click here for Concert Letter](#)

5<sup>th</sup> grade 11:00 arrival and 11:30 performance

6<sup>th</sup> grade 12:00 arrival and 12:30 performance

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1:00 arrival and 1:30 performance

#### **Thursday, Dec. 15**

Please refer to the Dec. 15 concert letter for details. The meeting rooms vary for this concert date. [Click here for Concert Letter](#)

All band students 2:00 p.m. performance

All band students 6:30 p.m. arrival and 7:00 p.m. performance.

All performances will take place in the Parish Center gym.

### **Million Penny Project**

The PTO challenges all Incarnation students to seek out our latest addition to the Million Penny Project. The Spiral Wishing Well will make it's debut at the Christmas Festival this Saturday. Bring your change to the Christmas Festival, and drop it down the Spiral Wishing Well. Watch it go round and round! All monies collect will go to the Million Penny Project! According to our penny counters, third grade is in the lead with the collection of 36000 pennies.



## Christmas Parents Night Out!!

Parents, do you need a night out and a safe, fun environment where you can leave your children for a few hours? Then we have the perfect solution!

**WHEN:** Sat. December 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 6:30-10 p.m.

**WHERE:** Alter High School  
(Drop off in the rear parking lot.)

**WHAT:** An evening of cookie decorating, games, a Christmas movie (rated G) and a snack lead by Alter H.S. seniors for children ages 3(Must be potty trained)-12.

**WHY:** A group of Alter seniors are going on a Mission Trip to New Orleans during their Spring Break to help Habitat for Humanity. This is a fundraiser for that trip.

**Cost:** \$25 for the first child, \$5 for each additional child.

[Click here to download the flyer and registration](#)

**Fenwick High Important Events Calendar**

Quick Links...

[Incarnation School Edline](#)

[Incarnation Parish After School Care Info](#)

[Morning School Care Info](#)



## Incarnation Holiday Scrip Sale in Full Swing!



**MAKING YOUR LISTS? CHECKING THEM TWICE? \$CRIP CARDS FOR GIFTS ARE ESPECIALLY NICE!**

Picking up Christmas Kindness tags? Teacher's gifts? Stocking stuffers? Corporate gifts? Let the PTO help you with your shopping. SCRIP gift cards are quick and easy presents for everyone on your Christmas list! Forms are coming home today. We're placing our last order before the holidays on **Monday, Dec. 5th**. We'll also be at the Christmas Festival this weekend, Saturday from 10-2 and in the Parish Center on Sunday, Dec. 4th, from 9-noon to take orders. You can always place an

order online ([www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)) using code EA59L5863158). Please call Stephanie Suriano (886-2926) or email [scrip@incarnation.catholic.org](mailto:scrip@incarnation.catholic.org). Thanks for supporting the PTO!

## New Roman Missal Bee



On Tuesday, November 22nd, Ms. Sullivan's 7th and 8th grade religion classes prepared for the New Roman Missal changes with a New Roman Missal Bee. Students studied for the bee by memorizing several revised prayers in the Mass, including the Gloria and the Nicene Creed. During the bee, students were asked to recite these revised prayers word for word. The first place winners in 7th grade

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[Library Book Club Form](#)

[Donation form for school beautification project](#)

[Centerville Temporary Transportation Form](#)

were: Joanie Griffin, Claire Pitrof, and Emily Willits. The first place winners in 8th grade were: Lily Grunder, Chandler Bullard, Marianna Kahmann, and Allie Godfrey.

### **Fifth Grade Participate in Opera**

Fifth Grade students had the opportunity to dramatize the Opera, *Carmen*, with Docents from the Dayton Opera Guild and a professional opera singer! Student actors, adorned with colorful costumes, pantomimed soldiers, ladies, smugglers, and a bull fighter, while a Docent narrated their lines. The professional soprano, who played the part of Carmen, excited students with her fabulous singing and acting. Everyone enjoyed the opera!

[Click here to view a video of our students](#)

### **3rd. & 4th. Grade Christmas Musical *Dec. 8, 2011***

Third and fourth grade students are busily preparing for the annual Christmas musical, which will be held in the PC Gym on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. This year's show, *The Night Before Christmas Caper*, will feature the 4<sup>th</sup> grade performing group members acting and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders singing and dancing. All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be expected to be in their homerooms at 6:45 p.m. the evening of the program. Good luck to everyone!



### **Girls on the Run**



GIRLS

ON THE RUN junior high visited the Washington Township Fire House. The girls trained for a three mile race so they thought it would be nice to run to the firehouse and bring them healthy snacks. Mrs. Lechleiter organized the food the students provided and met the team at the Fire House with the healthy goodies. Thanks to Ms. Stinson and Mrs. Borton for coaching the girls this season.

### **Frau Gudrun Ceipek visits German Class**



The feast of St. Nicholas marks the beginning of Christmas



(Weihnachten) in Austria (Österreich). St. Nikolaus accompanied by the Bad Santa called Krampus, asks children for a list of their good and bad deeds.

Later, on December 6th, Heiliger Nikolaus or St. Nicholas will make his decision and reward those good children with sweets, nuts and apples,

or turn the trouble makers over to Krampus. The 6th, 7th and 8th Grade German students had the opportunity to hear Frau Gudrun Ceipek tell of such stories in regards to St. Nikolaus Tag (day) as is customary and celebrated in her village just outside Vienna, Austria.

In addition, she told the students that on December 24th, the Christ Child (Christkind) brings presents and a Christmas tree for the children. Earlier in the evening, the children attend church with their parents and sing special Christmas songs until it is time to go home and enter to see where the Christmas tree is waiting all decorated with candles, homemade ornaments and candies. To demonstrate this tradition, Frau Ceipek made a traditional ornament with the students to hang on the German class Christmas tree, and while playing her guitar taught them an Austrian song and poem to celebrate the Christkind's arrival. Danke Schön Frau Ceipek for a wonderful lesson on Weihnachten in Österreich. FROHE WEIHNACHTEN!

### German Club Fondue Dinner

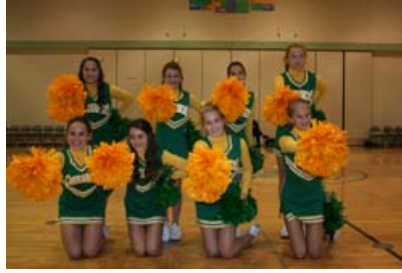


As Incarnation's German Club members discovered, Fondue is tons of fun and a great way to eat a meal. Fondue

is a dish of various melted cheese, chocolate or hot oil served in a communal pot over a small flame or heating element. It's eaten by dipping color coded long-stemmed forks with bread

into melted cheese; meat or veggi's into the oil; or fruits and dessert items into chocolate. German's will grate or cut-up cheese and melt it with wine and use the long forks speared with bread to dip in it. Although it is a very popular dish eaten by Germans, it originated in Switzerland and France. As a matter of fact, Fondue dates back to the 18th century when both cheese and wine were important industries in Switzerland (Switzerland has a large German speaking population as well); and, one of the earliest known recipes for cheese fondue comes from a Swiss cookbook with the name "Käss mit Wein zu kochen" 'to cook cheese with wine'. Last week the Incarnation German Club spent an evening in fellowship with the Alter High School German Club experiencing an authentic German fondue meal at the Melting Pot Restaurant. It was a perfect evening to learn the etiquette of eating fondue as German speakers in Switzerland and Germany would, while also listening to German dialog and the adventures of Alters' German class and their recent trip to Germany this summer; all from a high school level point of view. Danke Schön to Frau Morris at Alter High School for inviting our German Club and hosting a Wunderschöner Abend (wonderful evening)

### 7th Grade CYO Basketball in Full Swing!



The three 7th grade boys CYO basketball teams kicked off their season this past weekend. Each team had their own squad of cheerleaders who lent extra support from the sidelines. Great job to the boys' teams and all the cheerleaders.

### 4th Grade Authors!



The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are hard at work creating original Christmas Stories for their Kindergarten buddies. After hand-writing a rough draft, editing, and conferencing with their teachers about their stories, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders have begun typing the stories on the school's new

notebook computers! It is great to be able to type right in the classrooms! The next step will be illustrating the stories with clip art. Once the stories are printed and bound, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will make audio recordings of the stories on CD and the entire project will be presented to the Kindergartners for a Christmas gift! Merry Christmas - Happy reading!

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