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Mission Statement

"Incarnation School provides a spiritually and academically rich environment in which children, their parents, and the school staff are encouraged to follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

Crusader Calendar

February 2011						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	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					

Feb.11 All School Mass Gr. 6
Feb.11 Chess Club
Feb.11 Pizza with the Principal
Feb.14 Valentine's Day parties
Feb.14 Yearbook photos Gr.7 & 8
Feb.15 Young Authors Club
Feb.15 DARE
Feb.17 Book Buddies
Feb.17 Conferences
Feb.18 **NO SCHOOL**
Feb.21 **NO SCHOOL**

[2010-2011 School Calendar](#)

Crusader Cafe'



[February Lunch Menu](#)

Character Trait for February **Neat**

There were 122 students recognized for being Cooperative in January. 12

Principal Reports:

Dear Incarnation Community,

The web site below comes from Fr. Jim Manning, President of Alter High School, and friend of Catholic Schools. We can appreciate that there are many who know the benefits of our Catholic schools, and they appreciate the ministry of the Catholic school teachers and the families who have faith in them. Thank you for your support!

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/02/08/educating-children-catholic-schools-doing/>

Cheryl Reichel

[February School Report](#)

Compassion and Bullying

From Susan DiGiorgio, Assistant Principal

This is part 3 in a series to guide children toward development of positive relationships. As the Assistant Principal, I am often called upon when issues of bullying arise on the bus, the playground, or at school. Most often I meet individually with both the "victim" and the "bully" in order to get an accurate account of the events that have transpired. My goal is to assure the "victim" that I will work on their behalf to keep them safe and protected here at school. I encourage those students to come to Dr. Reichel, Mrs. Pierce, their teacher, or myself anytime they feel threatened.

As I dialogue with students, we brainstorm possible strategies that would thwart further incidents. Sometimes this is as easy as changing seats in the cafeteria or on the bus while other times it requires a more intense approach. Teachers and aides are notified of any potential or actual bullying situations so that they can monitor student interaction. Parents are also notified.

While bullying behavior cannot be tolerated, we often find that the bully has been trained by other - bullies! I meet with the student involved with bullying behavior in an effort to understand what prompted such unkind behavior. I strive to guide the student to an understanding of the deep hurt he/she has caused, but keep my heart open for positive growth in the future.

Discussion Scenarios for Families - [Click Here](#)

Attention: Monday, February 14, 2011 is Valentine's

were chosen to eat pizza with Mrs. Reichel, Mrs. DiGiorgio, and Mrs. Pierce on Friday, 2/10. The lucky students are: Nate Fussnecker, Mia Avera, Paul Mays, Mary Paulson, Luke Harper, Jack Hodgson, Joseph Corbett, Sean Koeller, Ana Kresin, Nikki Bidwell, Carolyn Engert, and Claire Shockey.

A Series on Bullying

I-news has been running for the past three weeks a series on Bullying. It has come to our attention that some families were unable to see the past few submissions. They will be linked here for your convenience and for reiteration of how important Incarnation School believes in taking on this current topic. The attachments below contain these past articles.

[Week 1- From the Principal Scenarios and Definitions](#)

[Week 2- From the Counselor](#)

[Stop Bullying Now Website](#)

Parent Volunteers WE NEED YOU!

The Incarnation Cafeteria and Playground are in need of a few more volunteers. This is a great opportunity to see your children interacting with their peers. The commitment isn't huge and the schedule is always posted. Please consider volunteering. Contact : Assistant Principal, [Susan DiGiorgio](#) with questions and to be added to the schedule.

[Cafeteria Volunteer Schedule](#)

[Playground Volunteer Schedule](#)

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook order forms have been distributed to students at Incarnation School. Forms are due March 4, 2011.

Yearbook Photo

Day.

Students are permitted to wear a Valentine's Day colored shirt with their UNIFORM pants.

8th grade students please also remember to bring your class shirt for the yearbook class photo.

Incarnation Junior High Students Participate in School Science Fair



The annual Incarnation Jr. High Science Fair was held on Thursday, February 10th. Exciting projects covering a wide range of topics filled the gym. Volunteer judges (82 in all) evaluated the work done by the students and ranked the students in categories of Knowledge Achieved, Use of the Scientific Method,

Clarity of Expression, and Creativity and Originality. "Science education among the students in the United States is in good shape" was a comment made by one judge after viewing the projects! What a wonderful testament to the hard work done by all of the students. The judging process resulted in eighty seven students receiving a Superior rating from their team of judges. Four students achieved the highest honor of all by earning perfect scores from each judge who reviewed their projects. Those students were: Gwen Zwirko, Sarah Imwalle, Rachel Woeste, and Zach Sapita. Congratulations to all!!

A special thanks to Junior High Science teacher, Linda Bruns, who guides the students through the scientific method process toward new discoveries. Also, a thank you to the parent and parishioner volunteers who judge the science fair projects.

COSI Volunteers Needed!

This year the PTO will be bring COSI's presentation of the *Incredible Human Machine* to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders on Thursday, February 24th. There will be a 45 minute assembly followed by opportunities to engage in hands-on learning activities that explore body systems, nutrition, and fitness. We are in need of volunteers to run the hands-on learning activities. Please click on the attachment below for details about signing up. If you have questions please contact Mrs.DiGiorgio at 433-1051 Ext. 137 or Susan.DiGiorgio@incarnation.catholic.org.

[COSI volunteers Incredible Human Machine](#)

6th Grade Music Students Celebrate the New Year



6th grade music students discovered world music

Rescheduled

**7th & 8th grade
yearbook group and
club photos have been
rescheduled for
Monday, February
14th.**

Mission News**The White Elephant**

is coming !

We are getting ready for our annual White Elephant sale to help the Missions that we support. This is a great time to clean your closets, your basement, and all cluttered places. We could use jewelry, board games, puzzles, unused craft kits, videos, CDs, books, and other things you no longer need or want. Please keep your items appropriate for ages 5-14. The big sale will be on Tuesday, March 29. All items should be sent into school and labeled "White Elephant." Thank you for helping with this fun and worthy Mission project.

**Incarnation Fish Fry:
Mark your calendars for
Friday, March 4th.**

Fish Fry information was sent home last week. Order forms were included in the information. Pre-ordered tickets are being sold now. Please turn your order forms into the school office or parish office.

[Ticket order Form](#)

**Archbishop Alter High
School****Announcements**

Click the links below to check them out.

[Alter Lance Newsletter](#)
[Alter Conservatory and
Scholars Program
announcement](#)

Surprise announcement for incoming freshman.

[Alter Goes 1:1](#)

Incarnation Spiritwear

used

to celebrate the New Year.

Music and New Year's traditions from cultures in Iran, Israel, China, Japan, and Africa were analyzed.

Many fascinating instruments were aurally and visually studied.

After performing rhythmic activities to Chinese music, students had the opportunity to wear a dragon costume and dance around the music room as if celebrating the Chinese New Year. Ambitious students even incorporated world music songs they listened to in music class into their podcasts for Social Studies.

**Incarnation Grandparent & Special Guest Bingo takes
Center Stage!**

The annual Catholic Schools Week Bingo wrap up was the buzz in the halls last Friday at Incarnation School. After another faith filled week, students took to the Parish Center to spend some special time with friends and family. Special guests came from near and far.

Mrs. DiGiorgio led the Bingo calling while numerous helpers scurried through the aisles to pass out the winning chance tickets to the players. Congratulations to all for making our guest Bingo day one to remember. Below are the links to two videos created from the numerous photos and video taken that day.

Enjoy !

[Special Guest Bingo - Morning Session](#)

[Special Guest Bingo Afternoon Session](#)

Incarnation Fish Fry : 2nd Request for Volunteers

Dear Parents,

I wanted to thank those in advance who have already volunteered for the upcoming 2011 Fish Fry on Friday, March 4th. The purpose of my email is to reach out to those who have not had an opportunity to volunteer. Attached is the sign up sheet with the time slots that we have available. It takes over 200 Volunteers to pull off the Fish Fry and make it a success. Last years Fish Fry raised over \$50,000 for our school and it could not have been done without the help of our Volunteers!



Check out the new tie-dye spirit wear t-shirt! This t-shirt can be worn on casual day at school or around town to show off your child's school pride. T-shirts are \$15 and are available for ordering through our PTO Web Store at: [Spiritwear T-shirt link](#)

Quick Links...

[Incarnation School Edline](#)

[Incarnation Parish After School Care Info](#)
[Donation form for school beautification project](#)

Please contact me via email at brodbeck4@woh.rr.com or call me at 937-901-7077, whichever is more convenient.

I thank you in advance.

*Jill Brodbeck
Volunteer Chair*

[2nd Request for Volunteers Form](#)

Incarnation Fish Fry : Headed to the Derby!



Incarnation is adding a fun event to our annual Fish Fry this year. Seven horse races will be shown on a huge screen in the Parish Center gym throughout the evening. Attendees that night will have the opportunity to place \$2 bets to pick the winning horse in each race. Payout will be based on computed odds for the

respective race. Each race will feature 10 horses that need a name. Please join with your fellow class parents and parishioners on a first come, first served basis to sponsor and name your own horse.

[Derby Horse Racing Sponsorship Information](#)

Muse Performing Group Students visit Walnut Creek



This picture shows Muse Performing Group students entertaining and interacting with residents at the Suites of Walnut Creek. The enthusiastic performers sang and danced to a varied repertoire of Broadway, Christmas and Patriotic songs. Residents eagerly participated by singing carols with the students.

Incarnation 4th Grade Boys go Undefeated to Capture the CYO Title



Incarnation defeated St. Helen on Sunday in the CYO basketball finals with a score of 22-9 to win the championship trophy. The 4th grade boys' basketball team ends the

CYO season with a 13-0 record.

The team was coached by Kevin Taylor, with assistance from Kevin Brodbeck and Rick Willits. Congratulations to the team and the coaches on a great season.

Pictured with their trophy is Cameron Ryan, Joe Beam, Matt Duplain, John Taylor, Cameron Brewer, Alec Brodbeck, Clay DeVilbiss, Drew Smith, Derek Willits, and Josh Mouse.

Incarnation 5th Grade Girls CYO Basketball team Captures Title



Congratulations to the Incarnation 5th grade girls' CYO basketball team who won the championship this past weekend. Team members include Lauren Conroy, Hailey Hardy, Brogan Zengel, Jessica Wetzal, Julia Oulette, Anna Imwalle, Anna Lechleiter, Alex Trame,

and Abby Bishop. Great job girls!

Incarnation 8th Grade Boys CYO Basketball team finishes season!



Congratulations to the 8th grade boys CYO basketball team for a successful season and finishing Runners-Up in the tournament. A huge thank you for the support of the 8th grade girl cheelearners, too.

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