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Incarnation School 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

April 2011

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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Apr. 8 All School Mass Gr. 7
Apr. 8 Teacher Luncheon
Apr. 8 Chess Club
Apr. 9 Jr. High Band OMEA
Apr. 12 Orchestra Performance
Apr. 12 Stations of the Cross
Apr. 12 PTO Skating Party
Apr. 12 DARE
Apr. 13 8th Grade Class Picture
Apr. 13 8th Grade Language Lunch
Apr. 15 Alter HS Band Performance
Apr. 15 All School Mass Gr.6
Apr. 15 Pizza with the Principal

[2010-2011 School Calendar](#)

[2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

Crusader Cafe'



[April Lunch Menu](#)

Character Trait for April

Principal Reports: "How is Incarnation Catholic School different from other schools?"

Incarnation Catholic School visitors frequently ask the above question, and my first response is to share the elements of our character education program - a 2,000 year old program that is based on the Gospel Message of Jesus. Our Catholic faith and the formation of spiritual wisdom nurture a focused mission that is a vocational gift for educators and a life-enriching gift for children.

A successful school is a business with a clear mission that is not just beautifully worded; it is beautifully *active*. As a non-profit business, our "product" is not found in material goods, but rather in the spiritual and academic growth of children.

Incarnation's mission statement is the focal point from which all programs, policies, and relationships emerge in its short but clear wording:

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.

Families are thankful for the opportunity to send their children to a school where they can practice their religion, and pray every day in every class. With the parish support we are able to offer such diverse programs as extensive mission programs, accelerated math and literacy programs, K-8 foreign languages, and enhanced music programs including choir, band, and orchestra. We continue to pray for our beautiful parish, and we thank you for your support!

Cheryl Reichel

[Principal's Monthly Commission Report](#)

**Attention Incarnation Families..
Construction on St.Rt. 48 will begin April 11, 2011**

Starting date April 11, 2011.

Responsible

Pizza with the Principal is Today

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](#)

Re- Enrollment Deadline TODAY

Today is the deadline for re-enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year. All families whose re-enrollment did not come through online were mailed a re-enrollment form on March 31. If you received a form by mail and have not yet responded, please contact Mrs. Shields today to reserve your child's place for the coming school year.

8th Grade Scholarship Opportunities

Please click the links below.

[PTO Scholarship Information](#)

[K of C Scholarship Information](#)

8th Grade Dates to Remember [Click Here](#)

Incarnation Beautification Committee offers engraved bricks
 Birthday, Anniversary,

The first phase of work will involve closing the northbound lanes of South Main from Dale Ridge Drive north to Peach Grove Avenue. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained on South Main Street through the work zone.

5th and 6th Grade Check out the Human Body



The Fifth and Sixth Grade students were treated to a wonderful experience on Wednesday, April 6th. The students entered a "dome" set up in the Parish Center Lobby. Inside, the dome became very much like a planetarium except we were able to take a look inside the human body.

We saw up close and personal the inside of the cell, and the inside of some of our organs. We also got a glimpse at how we use our immune system to engage in a war with viruses. The overall overheard statement of students exiting the dome was "That was so cool!"

"Letters About Literature" Award Recipients Announced!



Every year students participate in a contest created by the Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library in Mrs. Ellis' reading class. This year two 8th grade students won the "Letters About Literature Award." Anna Layman won second place for her letter to David Macinnis about *Soul Enchilada* and Rachel Woeste won third place for her letter to

Jane Austen about *Pride and Prejudice*. Each winner will receive a \$100.00 cash prize, a \$50.00 Target gift card, a selection of new age-appropriate books, Ohio Center for the Book keepsakes, and a certificate of award for a wonderful effort. Congratulations ladies!

Incarnation PTO Easter Egg Hunt

It's almost time for Incarnation School PTO's...



First Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

**Saturday, April 23, 2011
 10:00 AM**

Graduation, Confirmation, and First Communion are a few of the reasons people have chosen to donate a brick in honor of a family member or friend here at Incarnation. The Beautification Committee is currently taking orders for the 2010-2011 School year Brick Order. Submit orders by April 15th for engraving this School Year. Follow the link for donation forms. Thank you for helping to continue the Beautification of Incarnation School.

[Donation form for school beautification project](#)

Lands End Offers Discount for Uniforms and More!



April 7th - April 11th
30% Discount on all orders.
click below to go directly to
activate the discount and shop
[Lands End Discounts](#)

Euchre Night

Friday, May 6, 2011
6:30 - 11:00 pm
Incarnation Parish Center
[Registration Information](#)

Attention 8th Grade Girls Interested In Lancerette's

Please note that the date for try-outs for the Alter Lancerettes' Dance Team is **Thursday, May 19th**. There is no Lancerette obligation on Friday, May 20th as originally communicated on a prior flyer. Good luck to all who are trying out!

Archbishop Alter High School Announcements

Click the links below to check

Meet behind the school at the playground and look for signs designating each age group's egg hunt!
Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter bunny!

Age groups will be as follows: 0-3 year olds, 4-6 year olds, 7-10 year olds

We hope to see you there! All family and friends are welcome!

Thanks for the donations received from many Incarnation School families. Donations of individually wrapped candies and treats are still being accepted!

Mission Collection for Japan

Dear Parents and Students:

All of us are aware of the massive destruction left by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones, lost their homes, and to the many individuals who have gone to Japan to help. It is difficult to understand the magnitude of their pain, and yet, as children of God we yearn for a way to show our compassion.

Our school community will begin a collection of monetary donations to help the victims of the devastation in Japan. We will forward all donations to Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services is a national organization that provides direct assistance to those in need and focuses on long term recovery. For more information about Catholic Relief Services and the work they have done click on <http://crs.org/>.

Monetary donations may be sent to the school in an envelope labeled Japan Relief. Checks may be made out to Incarnation School or to Catholic Relief Services. We will be accepting checks through April 13th.

Our school community joins millions around the world in prayer as we pray for the victims of this disaster and for those who are helping in this massive relief effort.

Students Participate in Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival



The Catholic Schools Creative Spirit Fine Arts Festival on April 2 was a great success! Mrs. Boggs was able to take over one hundred pieces of student artwork from grades 1 through 8 for the Incarnation display. Despite volleyball, soccer, and track events

them out.

[Alter Lance Newsletter](#)

Alter Lancerette Information

**Incoming 7th, 8th and 9th
Grade Girls**

**Please note the following!
Click the links below for the
entire document**

[Morning with the Lancerettes](#)

**Saturday April 9, 2011
Registration due
3/19/11**

[Lancerette Dance Team Tryouts](#)

May 16th-20th, 2011

Alter Band Announcements

ALTER

MARCHING KNIGHT

2011 Auditions

New Color Guard member clinics and

auditions:

May 16-18, 5:30-7:30

Contact Color Guard

Director, Amanda

Nothstine for more details:

937-901-5045 or email

[Amanda Nothstine](#)

**Percussionists clinics and
auditions: May 16, 17 & 19
3:30-5:00**

[Alter Band Packet Information](#)

Washington Centerville Public Library Announcement

scheduled for that day, quite a few families were able to visit the show and see this colorful display of the talents of our students. Memorial Hall in Dayton proved to be a wonderful venue for the festival, which included both the visual and performing arts from twenty Dayton-area Catholic schools.



Pam Stenzel Presents: "Abstinence Advantage"

Please mark your calendar for a special PARENT presentation by internationally-known speaker, Pam Stenzel. Hear her compelling message on issues of teen sexuality, character development and the "Abstinence Advantage".

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Incarnation Parish Center

7:00pm

Free

Adults and Students 12 years and up *

Sponsored by St. Albert's and Incarnation

**Pam's presentation lasts only 90 minutes but her
message lasts a lifetime!**

***The 8th grade class will attend a special student
presentation on Thursday, April 28th at St. Alberts**

Knights of Columbus Present awards for Free Throw Contest



Mr. Griffin, representing the Knights of Columbus, awarded 10 Incarnation students basketballs and certificates for their participation and excellence in the K of C Free Throw Competition. Students receiving awards were Anna Imwalle, Samantha Nissen, Rachel Gatzulis, Rachel Holtgreive, Hannah Hecht, Ben Conroy, Alex

Firsdon, Jimmy Finke, Cole Heckman and Max Miller. Rachel Gatzulis, Ben Conroy, and Alex Firsdon were also awarded medals for their advancement to the district level.



The grand opening of Owlexander's Hoot Route is Saturday, April 16, from 10 am until noon, at Grant Park. Check out the link below for more information.

[Hoot Route Information](#)

Links to Previous Videos

[Special Guest Bingo - Morning Session](#)

[Special Guest Bingo Afternoon Session](#)

[Valentines Day Parties Videos](#)

[2011 COSI on Wheels Visits Incarnation](#)

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[Donation form for school beautification project](#)

Orchestra Intensive Concert and Meeting



The Orchestra Intensive will conclude with our concert on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Lobby. Students should arrive by 6:30 to tune and warm-up. I need two parents (one third grade and one fourth grade) to help with supervision as the students get out their instruments and come to me for tuning. Please let me know via email at Vicki.Wissel@incarnation.catholic.org if you can volunteer.

Immediately following the concert, there will be a Parent Meeting in room 104 for those wishing to continue with Orchestra in the fall or for those who need more information. McCutcheon Music will be available to answer questions about the instrument rental process and to receive returning instruments that were used during our Intensive. Families may also sign instrument rental agreements for fall classes at this meeting.

Parents and students currently in 3rd - 5th grades who are interested in Orchestra for fall 2011 are also invited to attend the concert and parent meeting.

Students Experience Realeyes Presentation



Students in 3rd and 4th grade were entertained with the presentation of "The Case of Vinny Vision" This free program was developed for Ohio schools and funded by the Ohio Optometric Association to teach students the importance of eye health and safety. Students used optical illusions to solve the case and learn eye and vision safety.

5th Grade Students work on Heat Energy Labs



Don't walk barefoot on the blacktop! This was the name of the science project the fifth grade students undertook to study heat energy. Over the last two weeks the students have explored how different materials gain and lose heat energy over time. Since the majority of the materials were solids, the challenge was how to acquire this measurement. Through an Innovative Teaching Grant, Ms. Kepler was able to obtain 4 infrared thermal laser guns for the students to

use. After obtaining their data, students were also given their first introduction to transferring data into graphs. The students were surprised with the results and are looking forward to taking the laser guns into the great outdoors for future testing.

Get ready for Vacation Bible Camp fun!



Registration will be Sunday, April 10th between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm in the Parish Center! Join us for PandaMania where we discover that God is Wild about You!

Camp dates are June 20-24 from 8:45 AM - noon. Incarnation invites children entering Early 5's/Kindergarten through entering

6th grade as of September 2011 to an exciting celebration of God's love. It will be a high-energy, fun-filled week of learning about God through music, Bible stories, games, crafts, and snacks. We need adults (Moms, Dads, Grandparents, College Students) to help decorate, help in the nursery or to be a crew leader to a group of five or six children. There is something for everyone! For more information or to volunteer, contact Julia Marino at mjckmarino@sbcglobal.net.

Incoming (Sept. 2011) 7th and 8th graders look for an email announcement from Paula Weckesser about opportunities to help. Click link below for registration documents.

[VBS Registration](#)

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