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## I-NEWS

Incarnation Catholic School Newsletter

**"A National Blue Ribbon  
School of Excellence"**

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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."*

## **Incarnation Catholic School Mid-Summer Report**

### **DATES, DEBATES, DOLLARS AND SENSE! July 12, 2011**

Dear Incarnation School and Parish Community,

So much is in the paper about what is happening to our taxes and to our schools, and I have received a number of calls and emails about how this is impacting Incarnation. The following *Rumor Control* responses should squelch any unwanted rumors (see DATES). Also listed is an update of our faith and academic curriculum (see DEBATE) and our carefully monitored expenses (see DOLLARS).

#### **DATES (and times!)**

1. While **Centerville and Kettering are starting school in mid August (2012)**, Incarnation's calendar *will not change!* We will start on August 23rd, Tuesday, (2011-2012) and as of right now, around that same week for the 2012-2013 school year. The current school calendar may be found on our web site at [www.incarnation-school.com](http://www.incarnation-school.com) and at the link to the left of this letter under Crusader Calendar (watch for the new website "grand opening" on August 15th!).
2. **We will be starting school at 8:40 a.m. on 8/23, opening day** (last year we began at 8:25). Over the past few years, we have considered developing a [Morning Care Program](#) that will accommodate the needs of parents who drive children to school and, because of work obligations, must drop them off as early as 7-8:00. Teachers who often use the morning time to tutor children, have been pulled away from classrooms to be monitors in the cafeteria. This has always been very early for us, and we believe we have a logical solution with our Morning Care Program. **Read below for more information and watch your email for registration paperwork.**

### **Crusader Calendar**

July 2011						
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July 25 Summer School  
Begins

August 2011						
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August 8 School Packets  
available  
August 8-17 Offices open  
August 18 Office closed  
Faculty-Staff In-Service  
Day  
August 19 New Student  
Orientation  
August 23 School starts  
August 25 Student Pictures  
taken  
August 26 No School-  
Teacher In-Service Day

[2011-2012 School Calendar](#)

*In alignment with our continuing mission for providing a safe environment for all children, we will begin our [Morning School Care Program](#) under the guidance of Mrs. Susan DiGiorgio, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Chris Von der Vellen, Morning Care Director, on 8/23 at 7:00 a.m. After studying the fees for local morning care programs, Fr. Stretch said to cut the fees in half to make this care affordable for our school families. **The \$25 weekly payment or \$7 per day drop-in payment is less than ½ the cost of area morning care programs.***

## Crusader Cafe'



### [August Menu](#)



### [September Menu](#)

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

### 2011 End of the school year packet

Attached is the file of paperwork that was sent home to each family at the end of the school year. This is the information you will need for next school year. If the packet has been misplaced, the link below is a copy of everything in the packet.

[Click Here and the papers can be downloaded.](#)

### Character Trait

**"To follow in the footsteps of Jesus this summer!"**

### ACE Announcement

Attention Parents: Now is the perfect time for you to sign your children up for the After-school Care Enrichment (ACE) program for next school year.

Families may now arrive at work on time, and children may arrive from 7 through 8:15 at the Parish Center entrance for a very reasonable fee as well as peace of mind. Busses will arrive from 8:15 through 8:30, and the Morning School Care children will be taken to homerooms at 8:15. Students who arrive by busses will go directly to homerooms, and those arriving by cars (who do not need the Morning School Care program) should arrive between 8:15-8:35. The late bell will ring at 8:40.

### DEBATES (over teacher evaluations)

- I read with interest the debate over "Differences in teacher evaluation systems," found in Sunday's Dayton Daily News (7/10/11, p. A1 & A10). At the center of the debate is the concept of "value-added" measures, where teachers are judged by student achievement. **Value-added assessments** are a way of analyzing test data to measure teaching as well as student learning. Researchers can predict individual student academic growth, based on a review of students' test score gains from the past. The long-term impact that a particular teacher or school has on student achievement can be analyzed using a variety of evaluative data (longitudinal, multiple assessment data).

Read number four (below) to find out how Incarnation uses assessment in a logical, progressive way to help monitor student achievement. The *value added dimension* at Incarnation may be found in the culture of a faith-filled people that focuses on the importance of each of our children.

- The DDN (7/10/11) also shared remedies for correcting problematic, poor academics occurring in classrooms in Ohio's schools, and their remedies involved professional development programs that *Incarnation has already studied and implemented over the past ten years:*

- On-going mentoring of new teachers
- Peer reviews and observations
- Data-driven curriculum
- Universal screening of every student (September, January and August)
- Professional learning teams led by teacher-leaders
- Carefully trained Guest Teachers (substitute teaching staff), with more encompassing and rigorous training of Long Term Guest Teachers (not listed in the DDN, but very important!).

Critics worry that the Ohio plan is "moving too fast," and they are correct if public educators try to implement all of the suggestions in one year for some schools that have not begun to do any of the above approaches. Incarnation will continue to work with the University of Dayton, parish stakeholders, and other respected research-based sources to bring the best educational practices into our school.

**DOLLARS (no debts in our Parish!)**

Registration fee (per family) is only \$35 before August 15, 2011 and \$45 after August 15. In order to better accommodate our parents, we are happy to announce that our fees, both full-time and drop-in rates, will remain the same next school year and are lower than most daycare centers. Attending the ACE program means that your children are receiving excellent supervision in a loving, Christian environment, while forming strong bonds with their classmates and they never have to leave the school grounds! Registration is simple, just download the registration form right here on I-News. If you have any other questions, please contact Cheryl Eichner, Ace Director at 433-1051 x 145

### Spiritwear Sale Information



### Incarnation School Spirit Challenge

#### Incarnation School Spirit Challenge

Send in photos of your students wearing their Incarnation Tye Dye Spirit shirt while you have fun this summer. School Pride can travel to far off lands or locations close by. Photos should be sent to Incarnation Catholic School, attn: Mrs. DiGiorgio. Photos will be displayed when you return to school in August.

5. Incarnation Parish, under the guidance and leadership of *Fr. Stretch and the Parish Council*, has worked very hard to pull Incarnation Parish out of debt and to keep us that way. We can thank God for these people and their ability to keep us debt-free. They have no concept of "raising an unapproachable debt ceiling." We'll leave that bit of latitude to our politicians.
6. Read our latest publication of the "Report to the Parish" (coming out in two weeks) and enjoy the new format, titled the *Proclamation* [sic] where you will find out how the school's revenues meet their expenses. Also, in this publication, you will discover *why Incarnation continues to be the best school in the Dayton/Cincinnati area - in spirituality as well as academics.*
7. *The tuition rate for Incarnation is still \$8,000 to \$10,000 less* than the cost per child for public schools (in Ohio). We are also \$10,000 to \$13,000 less than area private schools. How do we do it? We have the support of a parish that is committed to provide a Catholic education for our parish children, and they are just as committed to opening our doors to non-Catholics whenever space is available. Please keep our parish family in your prayers

### IN CLOSING . . . (the "sense" of cents)

When I went to grade school (a few years ago!), we spent a school year collecting a million pennies, so that the children could all understand how much it took to have one million of - **anything**. Now, we speak of one billion, or maybe one trillion, as though it is normal to think in numbers that are incomprehensible. I believe we might want to collect a jar of a million pennies again, and then **imagine** how much room a thousand jars of a million pennies would take, and then a thousand of each of those collections - what a fund raiser!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and know that the Incarnation Parish Faculty and Staff are spending much of the summer developing the best faith-based community and academics that are available - *for your children*. What a great investment for the future!

Yours in Christ,

*Cheryl Reichel*

Cheryl C. Reichel, Ph.D.  
Principal

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER!**

**INCARNATION PTO PRESENTS**  
(for the second year!)

### Girl Scouting for the 2011-2012 School Year

Girl Scout troops are now forming for Kindergarten girls at Incarnation. There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, August 30 from 6:30-7:00 in the Parish Center for interested girls and a parent. Incarnation Girl Scout troops typically meet once or twice a month in the Parish Center, after school or on Saturdays. Girl Scouts relies on adult volunteers, so please consider becoming a troop leader, assistant leader or volunteer so that we can ensure we have enough adults to form troops for all of the interested girls. There is also room for new girls in some older troops, especially First Grade, if your daughter is interested, please contact Kelly Kilbride at [kelly.kilbride@yahoo.com](mailto:kelly.kilbride@yahoo.com).

### Summer Reading Program Announced

Parents and students: Want to get a free book? The teachers are excited to share with you again The Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program to help you on your way, encouraging you to read books of your own choosing and earn a FREE book. Simply follow these three easy steps:

1. Read any eight books this summer and record them in this Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Imagination's Destination

### PARENT SUPPORT AND BOOK STUDY GROUP

Mary Pierce, School Counselor, and Cheryl Reichel, School Principal, will facilitate a book study over ten weekly sessions from September through November.

Details will be coming in August for meeting dates to discuss the book:

*Parents Do Make A Difference: How to Raise Kids with Solid Character Strong Minds, and Caring Hearts*

By Michele Borba, Ed.D.

***Dr. Borba will offer the opportunity for a discussion session with participants through an interactive phone conference in October!***

### Last Chance to Register for Summer School Incarnation Summer School Registration Being Taken



***Incarnation Summer School Session will be held this year from July 25th - August 5th***

***This is a two week session***

Registration information can be downloaded by clicking the link below or going to the school website. Registration forms are due on or before Friday, July

22, 2011. Class confirmation will be e-mailed. You will be notified if a class is filled, at which time you may choose to cancel your registration or sign up for another session or time. The cost will be \$100.00 for a two-week class and \$50 for a one-week class. All classes are two week classes unless indicated. *A \$5 discount will be given for each additional class a student is enrolled in.* Enrollment will be open to all students K - 8 in the south Dayton area. No refunds will be given for a student's absence from class. However, missed materials will be provided. Classes may be cancelled due to poor enrollment. Payment is expected at the time of registration. Return the registration form to the school office or mail to Incarnation School, 45 Williamsburg Lane, Centerville, Ohio 45459 Attention: Summer School.

Checks must be made payable to ***Incarnation Summer Fund***. For additional information, leave a voice mail message at 433-1051 extension 103 or email [julie.patch@incarnation.catholic.org](mailto:julie.patch@incarnation.catholic.org).

[Incarnation Summer School Registration](#)

### Morning Care Program Offered at Incarnation

As we continue to serve the needs of our families, Incarnation School will be offering a ***before school*** Morning Care Program for those who are in need of a safe, nurturing environment prior to the school day. Mrs. Susan DiGiorgio, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Chris

Journal. Be sure to let us know to whom you would recommend each book, and why.

2. Bring your completed journal to a Barnes & Noble store between May 24th and September 6th, 2011.

3. Choose your FREE reading adventure from the book list featured on the back of the journal.

[Click here to download information on the above program](#)

#### Quick Links...

[Incarnation School Edline](#)  
[Incarnation Parish After School Care Info](#)

[Morning School Care Info](#)

[Donation form for school beautification project](#)

Von der Vellen, Morning Care Program Director will lead the program. *Students who come to school by bus will go directly to homerooms, and students arriving by car before 8:15 a.m. will be sent to the Morning Care Program.*

Incarnation's Morning Care Program will open at 7:00 a.m. and at 8:15 a.m., students will be walked to their homerooms. The Morning Care Program will be located in the Parish Center, rooms 101 and 102. This will be a quiet time to study, to finish homework, and to interact socially with other students through playing board games, building Legos, working on puzzles, creating art projects, etc. Students will have the opportunity to purchase breakfast items such as breakfast bars, yogurt, milk, or fruit.

**WHAT? MORNING CARE PROGRAM**

**WHERE? PARISH CENTER**

**WHEN? 7-8:15 a.m.**

**WHO? Mrs. Susan DiGiorgio and Mrs. Chris Von der Vellen**

**FEES? Full Time (five mornings per week)**

One child	\$25 per week
Two children	\$40 per week
Three children	\$50 per week

**Part time and Drop-Ins**

One child	\$7 per day
Two children	\$12 per day
Three children	\$15 per day

**HOW? Registration and Fee Payment for the Morning Care Program is a two step process.**

A one time **Registration Fee** for all families of \$35 by August 1, 2011 and \$50 after August 1, 2011 will be collected.

**Fees need to be sent to  
 Incarnation School Morning Care Program  
 c/o Mrs. Susan DiGiorgio  
 45 Williamsburg Lane  
 Centerville, OH 45459**

**Please email the attached registration form to Susan DiGiorgio at [Susan.DiGiorgio@Incarnation.Catholic.org](mailto:Susan.DiGiorgio@Incarnation.Catholic.org) by August 1st.**

*Note: Incarnation's Morning Care Program has been designated to take the place of other morning day cares, or it will provide care for students who are driven to school earlier than 8:15. It will not be for students who arrive on busses.*

**[Morning Care Registration Packet](#)**

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