

INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL REPORT: April 9, 2018

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The FRY was an amazing success!

Thank you to Jon and Suzie Kreusch and their multiple teams of passionate volunteers! The FRY raised over \$100,000 (the final number is still being calculated) during the most highly attended FRY ever! The plan for the money is to update our classrooms with innovative, interactive technology as well as improved instructional desks and seating – all for our students. THANK YOU!

School Safety:

Safety is a top priority at Incarnation School. We are always striving to improve our security systems, and staying current on new technology is a major part of that effort. We are working closely with P&R Communications and COPP Integrated Systems to create the safest possible environment for our students, staff and visitors. Please see the [press release attached](#), which was composed and released by P&R Communications, for an update on our new and exciting security applications. The support of the Parish and School community is vital, and appreciated when implementing these updates. Special thanks to the PTO for helping fund safety efforts through events like The FRY.

Student Achievements:

Incarnation School students are wonderfully diverse in their interests and activities. Students regularly participate in local plays, ballets, sports teams and clubs, contests, and so much more. Thank you to the children's parents for being their support and guides and a special thanks to our teachers who prepare the children so well. The list of student achievements below includes just a few of the many highlights this year!

- ***Science Fair:*** Seventh and Eighth Grade students participated in the school's science fair in January. They began their preparation in October and worked steadily on their projects for the next four months. Of the 195 students who prepared for the fair, 50% qualified for the county science fair at the Dayton Convention Center. 10% students received a superior rating and were able to participate in the District Level Science Fair at Central State University. Eleven?? students received superior ratings, at the district level, and will compete at the State Science Fair at The Ohio State University in May.
- ***Chess Club:*** In February, six Incarnation School Chess Club members attended the 2018 Ohio Elementary Chess State Championships in Blue Ash, Ohio. While Incarnation did not have any individual wins, there were two team wins at the Championship. The two trophies are housed in the school trophy case. Thank you, Coach Patel and all volunteers, for all of your time and dedication to this club!
- ***Destination Imagination:*** The Destination Imagination program is a fun, hands-on system of learning that fosters students' creativity, courage and curiosity through open-ended academic challenges in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), fine arts and service learning. Participants learn patience, flexibility, persistence, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process. Teams showcase their solutions at a regional tournament located at Sinclair Community College. Teams qualify at the regional competition to further

compete at the State Competition and then at the Global Competition. Incarnation had two teams compete and both qualified for the state competition.

- The fifth grade team, coached by Mrs. Rebecca Lightner and Mrs. Neeta Montiero, participated in the challenge *Change of Tune*. Teammates Tristan Montiero, Anna Coogan, Sophie Rush, Mackenzie Lightner, Carter Seckt, and Kathryn Mershad flexed their acting and creative muscles as they experimented with different types of artistic media and theatre arts, wrote scripts, and designed props.
- The seventh grade team chose a challenge entitled *Treasure*. This improvisational challenge was all about spontaneity and storytelling where teams receive topics and produce skits right on the spot. The team was comprised of Amisha Saini, Hannah Hurst, and Alaina Birbal and was managed by Mr. Parminder Saini and Mrs. Tawnya Lee-Hurst.
- At the primary level, a team of kindergarten and first grade students tackled the topic *Friends Everywhere*. This group of youngsters created a play that compared and contrasted two different cultures while also designing and building a transformative prop, costumes and scenery to help tell the story. Team members Victoria Rodriguez, Alex Traylor, Aine Wilmes, Emily Grunkemeyer, Sam Grunkemeyer, Ahna Sandhu, and Jacqueline Meineke were supported by team managers Mrs. Amber Rodriguez and Mrs. Andrea Traylor. While the primary team was not eligible for state qualification, they did receive judges' feedback and medals of participation.
- **First Lego League:** Guided by adult coaches, League teams research a real-world problem such as food safety, recycling, energy, etc., and are challenged to develop a solution. They also must design, build, program a robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology, then compete on a table-top playing field. It all adds up to fun and teamwork while they learn to imaginatively apply science, technology, engineering, and math concepts (STEM) to solve a problem. Along their discovery journey, students develop critical thinking and team-building skills, basic STEM applications, and even presentation skills, as they must present their solutions to judges. Incarnation School had nine teams participate in Lego League this year. The students worked hard and presented to judges at various competitions around the Dayton area. Congratulations, students and thank you, coaches!
- **Optimist Oratorical Competition:** Junior high students recently participated in the Optimist International Speech Contest. The prompt they addressed was "*Where are My Roots of Optimism?*" Ten girls (Reagan Webb, Sarah Claiborne, Grace Muriithi, Elizabeth Collins, Anna Kate Mahoney, Alex Volk, Lily Bradley, Lena Blessing, Ashley Lucuk) and nine boys (Corey Flanders, Joe Lair, Grayson Martin, Eddie Kuper, Tyler Simpson, Ethan Paul, Ethan Willits, Anthony Ruffolo, Alex Smith) participated in area Optimist Club competitions sponsored by the Centerville Noon Optimists, Centerville Evening Optimists, South Metro Optimists, and Springboro Optimists. Incarnation fielded four winners at the Club Level: Corey Flanders, Alex Smith, Eddie Kuper, and Lily Bradley. These four students competed on March 12th, in the Zone Level competition held at the Centerville-Washington Township Library and were stellar in their presentations! Lily Bradley emerged as one of two winners that evening, and she will next compete at the Regional Level on April 11th at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Winners from the Regional Level will then continue on to the State Contest.

Congratulations to all of our representatives from Incarnation School, and best of luck to Lily in the next competition!

- **The Patriot Pen Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars:** Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. More than 120,000 students nationwide participated last year in this contest. Congratulations to Peri Rhoads and Katie Ling for their nominations when they penned essays explaining "*America's Gift to My Generation.*"
- **Spelling Bee:** Incarnation's annual school spelling bee took place on Thursday, January 11. We are proud of all our fourth through eighth graders who qualified to participate in this through a written test and accepted the challenge. They are: Ross Bales, Benjamin Barnett, Brody Bernecker, Kaylen Bernecker, Bella Bianchi, Sophie Bockrath, Audrey Brothers, Zach Brown, Carter Dittman, Matthew Fleisher, Jack George, Tommy Grawe, Samuel Haines, Carson Kien, Taehee Kim, Claire Letavec, Katie Ling, Danny Mahoney, Bella Markowski, Noah Marquez, Shawn Monteiro, Austin Montgomery, Emily Muriithi, Grace Muriithi, Sara Myers, Diya Percy, Andrew Rasey, Griffin Rhoads, Elizabeth Schlemmer, Tyler Simpson, Alex Smith, Rowan Spaulding, and Benjamin Wolff. Congratulation to Grace Muriithi, who became the school champion when she correctly spelled her final word, tuberculosis. In addition, congratulations are needed for fourth grader Claire Letavec, who achieved second place in our school bee.
- **Geography Bee:** The National Geographic Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Students in grades four through eight (4-8) from 10,000 schools across the United States will compete in the 2018 National Geographic Bee for a chance to win college scholarships. Incarnation School students competed in preliminary rounds and then the finals in December. Leo Ruthmeyer, Diya Percy, and Peter Glen finished as the top three finalists, and Leo Ruthmeyer was the school champion. He is competing at the Ohio State National Geographic Bee on April 6th. Congratulations to Leo and all of the fine competitors!
- **CYO Athletics:** Each year many young people from across the Dayton area participate in the many athletic programs offered through the CYO office. Competing hard while inspiring young people to know God, to love God, and to serve God is the goal. Thank you to our Incarnation CYO Commissioner, Mr. Tom Doorley, and his many coaches and volunteers for making Incarnation's CYO program successful.
- **Chaminade-Julienne Middle School Writing Contest:** Incarnation fifth and sixth grade students wrote stories, essays, or poems showing the theme of kindness, and submitted them to the Chaminade-Julienne Middle School Writing Contest. There were over 600 entries from Dayton area Catholic schools in this contest. We are proud of all our wonderful writers. Congratulations especially to the following students who were honored and received prizes at an awards ceremony: First Place, short-story: Diya Percy, Second Place, non-fiction essay: Christian Gongora, Second Place, flash fiction: Julia Orlando, Second Place, short-story: Griffin Rhoads, Third Place, non-fiction essay: Sophia Shenk, Fourth Place, honorable mention, poetry: Kate Linegang
- **Dottie Yeck Good Life Writing Contest:** Incarnation 7th and 8th graders wrote essays that were entered into the Dottie Yeck Good Life Award Writing Contest. This contest honors the life of Dottie Yeck, a champion of children, who believed that one is never too young to have an impact on the world. The contestants were asked to "*Describe a*

time in your life when helping others was fun, felt good, and made you happy. Be specific with your example. Do you think you give more when you're having fun? Are you fulfilled when others rely on you, and does having fun inspire you to become more involved? How do you think that affects those whom you help?" Seventh grader, Maddie Jecker, was the Good Life Award Winner and eighth grader, Audrey Brothers, took home the Award of Distinction. Honorable Mention awards were given to: Maddie Bates, Corey Flanders, Fiona Hoskins, Arlette Mershad, Spencer Mills, Mary Kate Ruff, Anthony Ruffolo, Lauren Schmitt, Nathan Snizik, and Zoe Suttman. Congratulations to our exceptional writers.

- **SumDog Math Competitions:** SumDog is an online learning service used by millions of children worldwide. It adapts to each individual, using engaging game-based learning to motivate and build confidence in the areas of math and reading. The learning engine reports progress to teachers and parents. Sumdog hosts county-wide contests twice yearly, and Incarnation School is an active participant. In September, 666 students from 32 classes in Montgomery County participated in answering over 162,621 questions. As this was our first contest of the school year, only students in Incarnation's second and third grades participated. Overall, Mrs. Gallagher's students finished in fourth place, Mrs. Sciarretti's class finished in fifth place, and Mrs. Reed's class finished in sixth place. Congratulations to those classes and to Montana Combs, Sophia Cruz, and Ben Rottmayer for their top-ten individual finishes. The most recent local contest was completed in January with 827 students from 38 classes in Montgomery County participating answering over 467,758 questions. Incarnation students in kindergarten through fourth grade participated. Incarnation classes filled the top-ten spots in the county:
 - 1st place- Mrs. Craft's class (average of 906 correct answers)
 - 2nd place- Mrs. Timpone's class (average of 871 correct answers)
 - 3rd place- Mrs. Scheimann's class (average of 860 correct answers)
 - 4th place- Mrs. Bauer's class (average of 842 correct answers)
 - 5th place- Mrs. D. Lekan's class (average of 838 correct answers)
 - 6th place- Mrs. L. Lekan's class (average of 804 correct answers)
 - 7th place- Mrs. Martin's class (average of 784 correct answers)
 - 8th place- Ms. Gerstle's class (average of 776 correct answers)
 - 9th place- Mrs. Sciarretti's class (average of 729 correct answers)
 - 10th place- Mrs. Reeds's class (average of 674 correct answers)

Incarnation School also had seven students individually place in the top-ten for this contest:

- 1st place- Isabella Markowski (993 correct answers)
- 4th place- Sadie Disher (979 correct answers)
- 5th place- Alex Glen (973 correct answers)
- 6th place- Ella Hawk (973 correct answers)
- 8th place- Jack Hutcheson (966 correct answers)
- 9th place- Noah Reed (966 correct answers)
- 10th place- Jacob Lekan (963 correct answers)

Incarnation students earned 44 of the top 50 places of the contest. Congratulations to all participants!