

INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL REPORT: May 7, 2018

Leah Coghlan, Assistant Principal

Heather Terbay, New Assistant Principal:

Mrs. Terbay is a member of our Incarnation family having taught fifth grade here in the early 2000's and returning to teach third grade this past year. In the interim, she taught in North Carolina and Michigan before returning to Ohio with her husband, Greg, and their children, Paige and Lucas. Mrs. Terbay is a Dayton native, graduating from Carroll High School and the University of Dayton. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Master's Degree of Educational Leadership from UD. In her spare time, Mrs. Terbay loves to travel with her family, spend time with friends, and bake. "I am so excited for this opportunity and look forward to meeting more of the wonderful students and families at Incarnation," Mrs. Terbay said. Mrs. Terbay will attend the May Education Commission Meeting to meet the members and answer questions.

NET Ministries:

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 175 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). Divided into teams, they travel across the U.S. for nine months to share the Gospel with young people and their families. Since 1981, NET teams have led over 32,000 retreats and ministered to more than 1.9 million young Catholics.

Mr. Danny Dunn, junior high religion teacher, researched and coordinated two NET Ministries retreats with the school's seventh and eighth grade students. On Monday, April 30th, eighth grade students spent the day growing closer to God; seventh grade students spent Friday, May 4th in retreat with the NET team members. The students participated in small group sessions, played games, and spent time in the chapel praying. Feedback from the students was excellent, and they voiced their appreciation for Mr. Dunn's hard work and efforts.

Enrollment:

School enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year was very strong with 918 students. Enrollment for 2018-2019 is preliminarily very strong and 900 students are currently enrolled. Quite a few families move into the area over the summer, and *Mrs. Kim Shields*, school registrar, has been talking with many interested families. Tours have been scheduled and will continue into the summer months. Tours are a very successful avenue for bringing new families into the school; 98% of families toured join the Incarnation School family. While several grades have waitlists, there are still a few openings in various grades.

Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.:

One of the highlights of the eighth grade year at Incarnation is the trip to DC. This has been an annual occurrence for many years, and students and parent-chaperones make memories for a lifetime. Our current tour company is K&K Tours, based out of Celina, Ohio. Founded by former educators, K&K's goal is to give every student a hands-on American history experience and to bring the country's true heritage to light. A strong emphasis is placed on the Declaration

of Independence, patriotism, and sacrifice. The current eighth grade students departed for DC on Monday, April 30 and returned to Centerville on Friday, May 4. Thank you to **Father Stretch**, who blessed the 146 students, chaperones, staff, guides, and drivers prior to departure. Highlights of the trip included: Mass and tour of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, tour of the Capitol Building, visit to Mount Vernon, and all of the monuments, and memorials. Thank you to the many chaperones and the Incarnation School staff who accompanied the students on the trip and contributed to its success.

Congratulations, Dr. Reichel!

Congratulations to Dr. Cheryl Reichel for receiving the Helen Lucille Habig, RSM Award from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This award is given to a principal who meets two criteria: long-term service and impact. Dr. Reichel was selected for this award because of her many years in the field of Catholic education and her “game changing” ideas that help redefine the field. The award is named for Sister Helen Lucille Habig who worked in Catholic education for 58 years before retiring in 2014.

Please gather in celebration to honor Dr. Cheryl Reichel for her many years of service to Catholic Education. We invite you to join the Incarnation students and faculty at the all school Mass on May 11th, beginning at 9:00am. A casual reception will follow Mass in the Parish Activity Center. We would love you to join us in wishing Dr. Reichel good luck on her new adventures.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, May 15th – Spring Concert – The band, orchestra, and choir will be presenting an evening of music for everyone’s enjoyment. Please join in the fun, beginning at 7:00pm.

Friday, May 18th – Volunteer Recognition and Celebration – Incarnation School is thankful for its many volunteers. Please celebrate with us as we thank our helpers with a reception following the all-school Mass.

Monday, May 21st – Eighth Grade Mass of Thanksgiving and Graduation – Our eighth grade students have grown in their faith and academics during their time at Incarnation. We celebrate their achievements during Mass, followed by a graduation ceremony.

Thursday, May 24th – Senior Reunion Luncheon – The eighth grade class of 2014 is now the senior class of 2018! The students who graduated in 2014 will gather for a luncheon, tour of the school, and trip down memory lane. This is a fun afternoon, and it is not surprising to see these college-bound alumni on the playground at the end!

Friday, May 25th – Last All-School Mass and Last Day of School – Please join us at the last Mass of the 2017-2018 school year which will be led by the first grade students. Students and teachers will then finish the day with a variety of activities before saying good-bye for the summer.