

## INCARNATION SCHOOL 10/1/18 COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORT/

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### SPAGHETTI AND BINGO

September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> saw the continuation of two beloved traditions, now commonly referred to as 'Spaghetti-Bingo'. Thank you to **Mrs. Ellen Miller, Mrs. Cynthia Jecker, Mrs. Helen Ellis-Jauch, and all of the amazing volunteers** who made these two events priceless experiences. The twofold event began on Sunday with the **PTO sponsored** Spaghetti Dinner. Over 900 people attended this event, catered by Mamma DiSalvo's. The Balloon Man, Mr. Snowie, and a Photo Booth were on hand to add to the fun and fellowship. On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Special Guest Bingo kicked off at 9:00am. The three sessions of Bingo were full of students, grandparents, neighbors, and other special guests. We estimate that over 2,500 people were on hand throughout the day to play! Special Guests and callers from Alter and The University of Dayton were also present. Rudy Flyer (UD's mascot) made an appearance and was a big hit with students and guests alike. This was a special day for everyone involved, and many new families raved about the event.

### ENROLLMENT

Incarnation School currently has 885 students, which makes it the second largest elementary in the Archdiocese (only St. Ignatius in Montfort Heights is larger). The preschool program and the fifth kindergarten classroom have created the opportunity for more students to attend Incarnation School. **Mrs. Kim Shields**, school registrar, is compiling data and will have detailed reports for the November Education Commission meeting. The State of Ohio requires an Average Daily Membership (ADM) be taken each fall, in all schools, during the month of October. A fall enrollment or fall attendance count is based on the count of students either enrolled or specifically in attendance during the first full week of October. Fall enrollment counts allow for rational annual budget planning and state and federal allocations. All of Incarnation School's enrollment and attendance numbers will be finalized by the November meetings and an accurate, comprehensive report will be available for commission members.

### SAFETY

Schools in the State of Ohio are required to complete safety drills each year. Traditionally, ten fire drills and three tornado drills are needed to fulfill the state mandated expectations. Additionally, the Montgomery County Sheriff requires four drills: an evacuation drill, an ALICE drill, a stay-put drill, and a theoretical drill. These drills serve different purposes and practice different skills. The evacuation drill was completed on September 13, 2018. This drill requires the school to empty and the faculty, staff, and students to practice walking to the Emergency Rally Point located in the southwest corner of Activity Center Park. Our school resource officer, **Deputy Gary Fulwiler**, was on hand to monitor the drill and provide advice. The **Washington-Township Parks District** also had representatives present so that in the case of a true emergency, they would be able to lend their assistance. The letter that was sent to all Incarnation families is attached. An ALICE drill is practiced in the event of an emergency when the building cannot be evacuated. During this drill, the classroom doors are locked and closed, the lights are turned off, and the teachers and students take shelter in a corner of the room as far from the door as possible. Stay-put drills occur when the hallways of the school need to remain cleared of students and personnel, but there is no immediate threat. This may happen if there is a medical situation and a student or adult needs to be moved to an ambulance. The last type of drill is a theoretical drill. These drills involve the school personnel only and ignite discussion about the proper way to handle an emergency situation. It is through the theoretical drills that the 'What ifs' are addressed and all of the possible choices are deliberated. Throughout all of the drills and scenarios, **Deputy Fulwiler and Mrs. Amy Eckenrode, Safety Coordinator**, are lending their expert advice to make our school as safe as possible.

## SAFETY SUMMIT

**Mrs. Heather Terbay**, Assistant Principal, **Mrs. Ellen Miller**, Director of Development, and **Mrs. Amy Eckenrode** attended a two-day safety conference in Canton. It was sponsored by Navigate Prepared, a software company focusing on school safety. Keynote speakers included Mr. Michael Dorn, internationally known expert on school safety, and Mrs. Michele Gay, the cofounder of Safe and Sound Schools and the mother of a child who was killed in the Sandy Hook shooting. The speakers and break-out sessions focused on best practice and reunification. Reunification is the process by which students are reunited with their families after a crisis situation. There has been much discussion of reunification procedure at the state level, and we are working locally to create safe and comprehensive protocol. Mrs. Terbay and I are working with the principals from Magsig and Tower Heights to coordinate a plan that supports each other's efforts.

## BUS EVACUATIONS

Incarnation School partnered with Centerville City Schools Transportation, Springboro City School Transportation, Kettering City School Transportation, Bellbrook-Sugarcreek City Schools Transportation, and Miamisburg City Schools Transportation to complete required bus evacuation drills. Students and drivers practiced exiting the bus through the front door and rear door in emergency situations. Many school staff members were on hand to assist and were amazed by the students' calm and respectful attitudes during these drills. Teachers in grades kindergarten through three are also required to review bus rules each year. The State of Ohio requires that school bus safety be taught each year to students in grades PreK-3. This is not a new law, but it is one that has recently become a focus for enforcement (OAC 3301-83-09). Rules and expectations were covered and several teachers additionally showed a [video](#) for their students to further explain bus safety.

## BOOK DONATION

The Centerville Noon Optimist Club generously donated \$300.00 to the school library for purchasing new books! This generous donation was presented to **Mrs. Heather Terbay** during the club's September meeting at Yankee Trace Golf Club. Thank you to the **Centerville Noon Optimist Club**; our students will certainly enjoy the new books purchased through your generous donation!

## ROCKETS - STEM IN ACTION

Blastoff! For the third year, fourth graders concluded their unit on simple machines with a rocket launch. They assembled the rockets in class and added B6-4 motors at the launch site. The rockets blasted off at speeds of up to 100 mph and launched 400-500 feet into the sky! Many teachers in other grades brought their students to observe the launches and the younger students are excited for their upcoming opportunity to launch rockets when they are in fourth grade. All fourth grade students wore special t-shirts, paid for by generous parent donations. Additionally, many parents took time to watch the launches. Thank you to everyone who made this display of science in action possible! The rocket launch is just one example of Incarnation School's comprehensive STEM program. Students in first grade create quality play-doh using data and problem-solving techniques. Second graders test the noise levels throughout the school using sound meters, and try to determine the best ways to reduce noisy areas. Third grade students test different types of rock for durability and erosion tendencies. Fifth grade students complete STEM-based projects studying heat and light energy. High performance knee braces are designed and built in sixth grade. Seventh and Eighth grade students elect to attend a STEM class, studying programming and robots. Eighth grade students will have the opportunity to program and fly drones this year in computer class and a new coding club will be an option for students in grades three through six.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5<sup>th</sup> - Pizza with the Principal; recognizing students who demonstrated Friendliness, the character trait for the month of September.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween Parties; Prek-4<sup>th</sup> grade will have homeroom parties while 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will have special treats at lunch.