

INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL 12/3/2018 COUNCIL/COMMISSION REPORT
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Professional Development

Incarnation receives several allocations of funding through the State of Ohio each year. The money is designated for various areas of school improvement including: Student Materials, STEM/Science Development, and Professional Development. Through the use of the Professional Development funds, teachers have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops, conferences, and activities. All information has been (or will be) brought back to the teachers' teams for information sharing and a wider learning base. Please see the sampling of opportunities below. Teachers are requesting

- **Mental Health Training: Mrs. Maureen Horwath and Mrs. Corrie Weckesser** attended *Youth Mental Health First Aid USA*. This was an 8-hour public education program which introduced participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents. The attendees built understanding of the importance of early intervention, and learned how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge.
- **Dayton Engineering & Science Symposium: Mrs. Cassie Garison** participated in this conference sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Dayton Section. The symposium was designed to facilitate communication between members of the regional technical community, as well as to provide a forum for students (K-12, undergraduate, and graduate), engineers, and researchers to present their work. The symposium program included seven parallel sessions in the morning and afternoon, a luncheon and keynote address, sponsor exhibits, and poster session.
- **Ocalicon 2018:** A team of ten Incarnation school teachers, administrators, and the school counselor attended this national Autism and Disabilities Conference in Columbus. The conference focused on concerns and shared solutions and strategies addressing individuals with spectrum and sensory disabilities.
- **Kindergarten Conference:** The kindergarten team of teachers will attend the Conference for Ohio Kindergarten Teachers in January. The teachers will attend workshops and presentations designed to explore developmentally appropriate practices that build pivotal foundational skills and take advantage of the flexibility of play-based learning.
- **Reading Comprehension Workshop:** First Grade teachers will attend a workshop to learn additional reading strategies for their students. Students at every level need explicit, ongoing instruction that builds their comprehension skills. This type of standards-driven teaching is intended to equip students with the ability to analyze and understand all types of texts.

Missions

Incarnation students and teachers participated in two meaningful missions during the month of November.

- One of the fourth grade Girl Scout troops led an initiative to collect supplies to be mailed to servicemen and servicewomen stationed in Qatar for Christmas. One of their troop members moved there with her family after her father was transferred there over the summer. The girls miss their friend and learned quite a bit about the sacrifices our military personnel make while working overseas. They asked to complete this mission to help the brave men and women currently serving in the Middle East. Collected items included: individually packaged candy, snacks and gum, K-cups, pens and notecards, magazines for men and women, Chapstick, small games, and much more. The many collected items will be mailed to Qatar in time for Christmas.
- The annual Shoe Drive collects shoes, new packages of socks and underwear, and monetary donations. These donations are sent to Grahn, Kentucky where they are distributed to children in need. Sr. Joanne and Sr. Betty visit from Grahn, Kentucky to collect the items during the first week of December and will speak to the school students. They always paint a vivid picture of the difference these donations make for the families of this poverty stricken Appalachian community.

Eighth Grade Play

Students in the eighth grade tackled William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* on Wednesday, November 14th. After several months of rehearsals, these talented students acted, danced, and played musical instruments through three shows of the play. Under the direction of **Mr. Charlie Cromer**, Human Race Theater Company, and **Mr. Thomas Razauskas**, eighth grade teacher, the students learned their lines and staging. Students also created scenery, costumes, and designed sound and lighting for the shows. This was a wonderful experience for not only the eighth grade students, but the entire Incarnation Community!

Upcoming Events

- Book Fair - November 26 through November 30.
- Advent Prayer Service - December 3
- Christmas Program (3rd and 4th Grade) - December 6
- Geography Bee - December 12
- Christmas Orchestra and Band Concert - December 18