

INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL REPORT: March 4, 2019

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Kindergarten Information Night:

Thank you to **Mrs. Lisa Grunder** (K Teacher & Early Childhood Coordinator) and **Mrs. Christine Trombley** (E5 Teacher) for attending the Centerville Library Kindergarten Information Night several weeks ago. They presented kindergarten readiness information along with Kindergarten teachers from Centerville, Miami Valley, and Spring Valley schools. As always, they were impressive representatives, showcasing the high-caliber teachers at Incarnation.

Early Childhood and First Grade Family Information Night:

This February 7th event was a change from the traditional presentation of past years. The school was opened up for these prospective families and they could tour the building at their leisure. There were activities throughout the classrooms and pizza and treats in the cafeteria. We even had a *Future Crusader* photo booth for these incoming little ones! There were two brief, informal presentations in the Media Center and this change allowed the families to spend time in the classrooms, talking with the teachers on a more personal level. There were so many involved in making this evening the huge success that it was and feedback was extremely positive. Over 60 registration packets were distributed; this is an increase from past years' interest!

Thank you, **Fr. Pat**, for spending two hours of your evening greeting these new families and making them feel so welcome! Thank you to our First Grade, Kindergarten, Early 5's, Preschool 4's, and Extended Day teachers, **Mrs. D. Lekan, Mrs. L. Lekan, Mrs. MacArthur, Mrs. Grunder, Mrs. Jauch, Mrs. Cavanaugh, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Doslak, Mrs. Trombley, and Mrs. Brown**. Thank you also to the following faculty and staff for spending their Thursday evening welcoming prospective new families to Incarnation; you truly showed them how special the school is and how incredibly dedicated the personnel are! **Mrs. Jenny Noward**, second grade teacher, **Miss Austin Borton**, Technology Teacher, **Mrs. Deanne McNeil**, Technology Director, **Mrs. Ellen Miller**, Director of Development, **Mrs. Suzie Kreusch**, Administrative Assistant, **Mrs. Ann Woeste**, School Nurse, **Mrs. Mary Pierce**, School Counselor, **Mrs. Julie Patch**, Reading Specialist, **Mrs. Kristi Erickson**, PE, **Mrs. Gretchen Parker**, PE, **Mrs. Kim Ferraro**, Spanish, **Mrs. Debbie Kroger**, Academic Support Coach. Thank you to **Mrs. Kim Shields**, who prepares all of the informational documents and packets to be distributed at all events and **Mrs. Joy Holdsworth**, who represented the Auxiliary Team in the media center presentations. Thank you to the PTO parent representatives who spent their evening chatting with new families and answering questions – your gifts of time and testimonials were invaluable.

Open House and Learning Fair:

Thank you to everyone for such a wonderful day of showcasing our extraordinary school! Sunday, February 24th was phenomenal for new families and for those currently attending our school. Teachers were available at the Open House/Learning Fair to showcase student work and to discuss their programs. A special thanks goes to the Learning Fair Committee, guided by its leader, **Mrs. Kristi Erickson**. Thanks also to **Mr. Rob Theewis, Mr. James Bond, and Mr. Daryl Norviel** for their efforts to make the school shine for this big event! Registration officially

kicked off on February 24th and will be presented at the March 4th Education Commission and Parish Council meetings.

Educational Field Trips:

Research has demonstrated that field trips can be designed to more effectively support student learning. Field trips work best when they provide support for students to explore in a personally meaningful way. A field trip is one of the best tools that we can use to provide students with real-world experiences. Whether that's a trip to the grocery store, library, museum, theater, community garden or restaurant, each experience that a student participates in contributes to their understanding of the world. Incarnation School students participate in a variety of field trips from Early Fives through Eighth Grade. Some of these field trips include:

- Early Fives: Hayride and Dorothy Lane Market
- Kindergarten: Pumpkin Patch, Library, Buddy Bowling (with 4th grade buddies)
- First Grade: Sunwatch Indian Village, Newport Aquarium, Caesar's Creek Fossil Bed
- Second Grade: Victoria Theater, Montgomery County Solid Waste, Cincinnati Zoo
- Third Grade: Victoria Theater and Centerville Walk
- Fourth Grade: United States Air Force Museum, Carillon Park, Buddy Bowling
- Fifth Grade: Camp Kern, Library, Boonshoft Planetarium Show, Freedom Center
- Sixth Grade: WPAFB Semeds, University of Dayton Nativity Collection, Cincinnati Zoo
- Seventh Grade: Carillon, University of Dayton RecPlex, Muse Machine
- Eighth Grade: Athenaeum, Washington, D.C., Muse Machine

Upcoming Events:

THE FRY: I will be bringing some complimentary tickets to our meeting from The Fry committee. The Incarnation "FRY" is the PTO Fundraiser. The Fry is chaired by **Mr. and Mrs. Jon and Suzie Kreuzsch** and is made possible by **many, many volunteers**. Carry out is available from 5:00-6:30pm and from 7:00pm-midnight join in the festivities! Warped Wing will be on tap, there is plenty of fish, a wine bar, a live band, and a tremendous silent auction!