

# Immaculate Conception Grade School

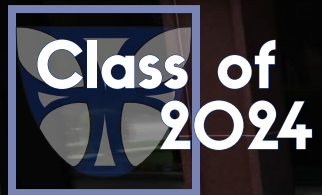
Year in Review 2023-2024



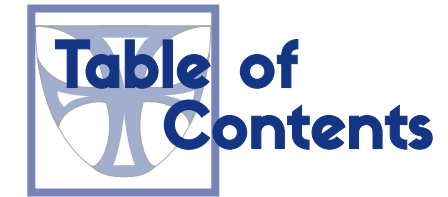




As an educational ministry of Immaculate Conception Parish, we partner with parents to prepare students for lives as Catholic leaders. As Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit, we focus on formation through prayer, message, concern, and service to community. We teach students to live a life that embodies these values, is centered in Christ, and strives for their greatest academic potential. They will experience a world around them rich in God's love.



Pictured above:  
 Mary Mosaic created by 6th Grade Art Student  
 8th Grade Rosary Making  
 Fenwick Math Competition  
 5th Grade Heritage Fair



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# A Message From Our Pastor

## Dear Immaculate Conception Grade School Families,

The year in review publication is an annual expression of the great year that has taken place at Immaculate Conception Grade School. As you read through these pages, I'm sure that you will join with me in celebrating another successful year. Once again, due to the countless efforts of our administration, faculty, staff, and parents, the children of ICGS have greatly benefited from a Catholic education. ICGS is much more than just a school. It is also composed of a community of caring and loving people that work together for the welfare of the children. There are not enough words to express the number of great things that take place on an annual basis. God has blessed our school abundantly. Let us never grow tired of giving thanks to God for all that we have received.

The school year that just ended marked 124 years of ICGS. Looking back over time, it was the dream of the early settlers in our community to provide a Catholic school for its members. The one-room school divided in half by a curtain allowed the two nuns a place for the school to take its roots. The dedicated Sisters of St. Agnes from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin spent 85 years guiding and teaching both our parish grade school and high school. A few of these nuns are still alive. These women still today recall the joy that they had while teaching in Elmhurst.

As the number of nuns declined, through the commitment of dedicated lay women and men, our schools continued. Many of the teachers who have worked in our grade school spent most of their teaching careers here. The legacy of the laity's commitment is seen to this very day. Our school continues to have both outstanding leadership as well as an excellent group of teachers. Our teachers continue to be great role models that care about not only the education of the children, but also their overall growth.

The graduation liturgy for our 8th graders was a beautiful celebration. That evening, we sent them forth to continue their education for the rest of their lives. Over the years, I've seen the tremendous changes that have taken place in their lives particularly due to their experiences here in our school. I've known some of them for all of their lives, as they were baptized here at IC since I've been here. I recall when they began school as 3-year-olds and continued on for the next eleven years. Throughout this time, they have experienced our supportive faith-filled school family that has helped to provide them a solid foundation for their futures. We always tell them that whatever they do and wherever they go that they will always be part of the IC family.

I'd like to also express my heartfelt gratitude for all the volunteer efforts that happen on a daily basis. Our parent's club has again served as the backbone for the school. I continue to remark to people of other parishes my gratitude for the dedication and commitment shown to our school by the parent's club.

Likewise, our school board has served in a key advisory role. The wisdom present in this group of men and women has had a very positive effect in the advice that they have given. We are very blessed to have a very strong athletic program particularly due to our coaches. These volunteers recognize that sports are a part of the lives of the children. The 1900 club unites parents in social activities as well through hours of hard work. Everyone in Elmhurst knows that the best Christmas trees come from the IC lot! Thank you to all of our volunteers, particularly including anyone not already mentioned. God knows the good that you have done. The children of IC have benefitted from your loving service.

As you read through the pages of this report, I hope that you enjoy the memories of this year. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless ICGS both now and always. In August, we will begin the celebration of our 125th year. We have much to be grateful for and even more to look forward to!

God bless you! May Mary, the Immaculate Conception, watch over us.

Very Rev. Thomas L. Paul, V.F.

Pictured on this page:  
Ash Wednesday  
Easter Prayer Service  
Black and Blue Ball



# A Message From Our Principal

## Dear Immaculate Conception Grade School Families,

As I reflect on the 2023-2024 school year at Immaculate Conception Grade School, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the accomplishments of our students, staff, and parents. From the beginning of the year with our theme "Seeds of Gratitude," we have emphasized that all our blessings come from God. We have reminded our students to use their gifts to show gratitude and be thankful for all they have received. I believe that recognizing our gifts and using them to make the world a better place, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is a fundamental lesson for life.

Throughout the year, our students have shown gratitude and strengthened the ICGS family in relationships, faith, and academics. During Faith Families, students shared the gifts they are thankful for and discussed how to use them at ICGS. These gatherings created memories of collaboration, faith-sharing, and learning to share their gifts with others. A particularly memorable moment was when students created bouquets of prayers for Father Jeremy's first anniversary as a priest. Their thoughtful prayers demonstrated their understanding of our mission to be there for others as Christ calls us to be.

I am proud to see God's goodness reflected in many aspects of our daily life at ICGS. Watching students work together on class projects, participate in service opportunities, engage in our many service clubs, and build connections outside their Faith Families is truly heartwarming. Our students walk their faith through their dedication to academics, strong character, participation in athletics, service, friendships, and acts of courage. These qualities are nurtured by

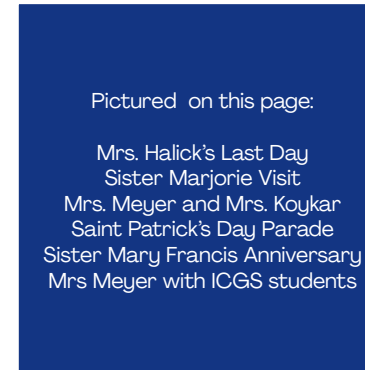
the examples set by their parents, staff, older students, friends, and their daily choices guided by faith. With the Holy Spirit's help, they achieve these challenging goals and contribute to our mission of making the world a better place.

I want to express my deep gratitude for our incredible staff. Every day, they come to school with smiles, dedicated to providing our students with the best possible learning environment. They believe in our mission to prepare students to live as Catholic leaders and focus their lessons on prayer and service to the ICGS community. Our staff tirelessly meets the needs of all students while striving to enhance our educational goals. Their unparalleled dedication stems from their faith-filled lives and commitment to bettering the world.

I also want to thank our parents for their tremendous efforts this year. The ICGS family has created numerous wonderful activities for our students, such as the school play, enrichment activities, athletic events, holiday parties, book fairs, Christmas fairs, and our field day. This support, creativity, compassion, and willingness to take on new challenges have exceeded expectations and fostered a Catholic Spirit and willingness to serve their children. May they be blessed for their generosity, time, talent, and treasure.

May God and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception continue to bless the work of Immaculate Conception Grade School.

Mrs. Sharon Meyer  
Principal



Pictured on this page:

Mrs. Halick's Last Day  
Sister Marjorie Visit  
Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Koykar  
Saint Patrick's Day Parade  
Sister Mary Francis Anniversary  
Mrs. Meyer with ICGS students





# School Board Highlights

## Dear Immaculate Conception Grade School Families,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve along with my fellow board members on the ICGS School Board these past four years. As President, I feel especially grateful for all the kindness that has been shown throughout our ICGS community. Together, with my husband Scott and our children, we are so proud of our amazing School and Church. ICGS feels like home to so many families because of all the support you, our families and students, pour into it.

I'd like to share some key areas in which the members of the School Board, in partnership with the ICGS administration, assisted with this school year.

- ★ Celebrated, as a community, the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet with special events throughout the year and reciting of the 75th Jubilee prayer at weekly Friday mass
- ★ Welcomed new families via social media spotlights, phone, email and in person visits.
- ★ Supported Mrs. Meyer in her first full year as Principal. She has been a teacher at IC for many years and brings her expertise in both education and administration, to lead our school. Thank you for all you do.
- ★ Welcomed Mrs. Koykar in her first year as Assistant Principal. She brings new insights and positive energy to the role and to our students and staff. We appreciate her calm leadership.
- ★ The School Board supports our teachers and staff through various initiatives, activities and communications during the year. We also appreciate and support our on-site security personnel.
- ★ Attended Parish Finance Committee, Faith Formation and Parents' Club meetings.
- ★ Created a special committee of board members and administration to prepare for next year's 125 Anniversary of ICGS, our Quasiquicentennial will be celebrated throughout the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Committee members met and started planning this year, for next.
- ★ Continued partnerships with the ICGS Parents' Club in best utilizing generous parent and business donations and sponsorships.
- ★ Supported the ICGS Development Office in marketing strategies and enrollment recruitment, including hosting Prospective Parents' Night, Open House Events, St. Patrick's Day Parade and serving as an ongoing resource for prospective and new families.

- ★ As we saw the "Empower Illinois" tuition tax credit program end we looked to other programs and ways of supporting our in-need students and families. The Tuition Assistance program remains a wonderful way to do so currently.
- ★ Our finance committee worked on a simplified visual and communication tool to guide families/sponsors with their donations to the Church and School. Further understanding and communicating fundraising expectations and 'where to give' initiatives.
- ★ Conducted the 2022-2023 Annual Appeal to raise funds for the enhancement of ICGS.
- ★ Utilized the profit distributions from the ICGS Education Endowment Fund as a special bonus that was paid to returning teachers in appreciation for their dedication to ICGS and some funds to support other special needs of the school.

I am very grateful for the leadership of Father Tom and Father Jeremy. We are blessed to have their guidance for the board and our beloved school. Their combined commitment to excellence in education, rooted in Catholic Faith, keeping tradition alive while at the same time, making ICGS a fun, welcoming and safe place for your children to learn and grow in God's love is a wonderful gift.

Thank you to our retiring board members John Duckworth and Kristen Spiering. You both brought many talents to our board serving on our finance and marketing committees. We appreciate your time and sacrifices made to serve. A special thank you to our Past President, Archie Leynes. Archie served the board faithfully and we are thankful for your ongoing support of the board, IC and I personally appreciate all your guidance as well. All three of you will be greatly missed.

Finally, on behalf of the entire ICGS School Board, thank you to all our priests, sister, deacons, administration, teachers, staff, volunteers and parents for a wonderful 2023-2024 school year. You make our school exemplary, in so many ways, giving your time, talent and treasure ensures today's students become tomorrow's leaders. Your support further solidifies our position in support of Catholic Education which will lead Immaculate Conception Grade School into the next 125 years and beyond. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful Catholic School and supportive community. May God continue to bless you all.

We are IC!  
Anna Nehs, School Board President



# School Board Members 2023-2024



## Farewell The Ahern Family is Graduating

**Favorite ICGS Memory:**  
For the past 21 years, ICGS has shaped our 4 kids' faith and education and made a profound impact on them. Our favorite memories include First Communion, graduations, and playing/cheering/coaching sports - especially basketball and football. We loved Parade of States, Poetry Tea, Heritage Fair, Faith Families, the Christmas pageant and so much more.

**What We Will Miss:**  
We will miss the strong ICGS community bond through Mass and prayer, and the strong friendships we made through sports, activities, school plays, volunteering, buy-in parties and Dinner Dances.

**Words of Advice to Younger Families:**  
Everyone in our family met the very best people at IC and have all created lifetime friendships. Encourage your kids to get involved in many IC activities. And parents, volunteer whenever you can! The 1900 Club and Parent's Club offer wonderful ways to contribute and make new friends! The parents we met on the playground 20 years ago are still our dear friends.

Having 3 kids experience college and high school, there is no place as special as IC. The teachers, administration and priests care deeply for our children. Our kids are successful today thanks to the foundation they received from IC. Being a part of ICGS was the best decision our family made.  
**Thank you IC! Once a Knight, Always a Knight!**

In a tumultuous world where priorities are often misordered, we feel very blessed to send our children to a safe place every day where Christian values are placed on level terms with academic excellence. Thank you to the entire IC Leadership team for another wonderful year.

## The Severs Family

## Farewell The Leischner Family is Graduating

**Favorite ICGS Memory:**  
There are so many memories we will cherish! Sweet little voices singing "Big Dreams" and "Thy Word," May Crowning and All Saints Day, First Communion, little faces turning around to watch for parents at Friday mass, Tree Lot shifts, Christmas Pageants, Attending buy-in parties when we were "young," Coaching and cheering on all the Knights!

**What We Will Miss:**  
We will miss being surrounded by so many amazing teachers and ICGS families who made this such a memorable time in our lives. We will miss the sense of community that makes ICGS so special. We are so grateful for our ICGS family!

**Words of Advice to Younger Families:**  
Embrace the tradition and structure that your children will experience at ICGS. This foundation will serve them well as they move on from here. Get involved and stay active in the community. You will receive so much in return including life long friends, pride in your school, and an endless support system.



# Parents' Club Highlights

## Dear Immaculate Conception Grade School Families,

As we turn the page on another enriching year at ICGS, we are reminded of the vibrant spirit and collective commitment that make our Catholic school community truly outstanding. Our exceptional leadership, dedicated faculty and staff, remarkable students, and supportive families have all contributed to creating a nurturing and vibrant school community. It is the collective effort and heartfelt dedication of everyone involved that truly make ICGS an extraordinary place to learn and grow.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the families, friends, and sponsors who have played a crucial role in bolstering the Parents' Club's fundraising endeavors for our beloved school. Your support has been invaluable. Through our various 2023-2024 initiatives, the Parents' Club raised approximately \$310,000 to benefit ICGS and directly impact our students' education and experience. These funds were allocated to the school's operating budget (\$140,000), teacher bonuses (\$105,000), Endowment Fund (\$21,000), 125th anniversary celebration (\$15,000), Annual Appeal (\$11,500), tuition assistance (\$10,000), and recess equipment (\$6,000).

Our initiatives are thoughtfully designed to not only raise funds but to build community, connections, and memories too. This year, our parents lent their time, talents, and treasure to the "It's Your Lucky Knight"

Dinner Dance and Raffle, 1900 Club Golf Outing, Back-to-School Bash, Halloween Trunk or Treat and Junior High

Party, Marcia May "Light the Knight" run/walk, Santa's Workshop, Trivia Knight, Walkathon, Teacher Appreciation, newcomer mentoring, prayer group, community meals, and special gatherings like Oktoberfest, grade-based swim parties, and the Daddy Daughter Dance and Mom Son Prom.

Additionally, we organized activities to enhance the students' learning and experience: Book Fair, Cardio Club, Destination Imagination, hot food days, junior high dance classes, classroom enrichment and fine arts, sacrament receptions and graduation activities, classroom parties, an end-of-year picnic, and the school play, 'Matilda Jr.'

We are blessed to raise our children in the community that is IC. We are IC!

Thank you to Father Tom, Father Jeremy, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Koykar, our faculty and staff, and school board for your leadership, support, and dedication.

Shauna Brueggen, ICGS Parents' Club President



**Volunteer as much as possible. You will get to know the teachers and staff and they will get to know you. You will get to know the kids and they will recognize you. Most importantly, no matter what your own kids tell you, they love when they get to see you during school.**

**The Graziano Family**



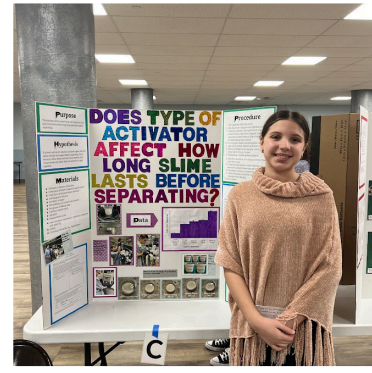
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- Ice Cream Social
- 1900 Club Golf Outing
- Marcia May Fun Run
- Trunk or Treat
- Daddy Daughter Dance
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Grandparents Day
- ICGS Dinner Dance
- Volunteer Mass
- Walk-a-Thon





# Academic Highlights





**Immaculate Conception Grade School**

**we have a reputation for setting high academic standards at every grade level.** We want our students prepared for their transition to high school, as such, our teachers incorporate time management, organization, self-discipline, memorization, public speaking, and group and individual study. Our curriculum is aligned with the learning standards of both the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois.

While our expectations are high, we understand that not everyone is on the same level, so we have created support programs to meet the needs of our students at every academic level in the core subjects of Math and Reading. Our administration constantly works with our Academic Support Teachers and Homeroom Teachers to assess students in each grade level as we consider the additional programs needed.

Throughout the year, we assess our students using different tools so improvement can be identified and needs can be addressed. The following standardized tests and benchmarks were utilized this year:

**Kindergarten - 3rd Grade**  
Reading and Math Easy Computer-based Measures (CBMs)

**1st Grade - 7th Grade**  
Cognitive Abilities Test (CoGat)

**3rd Grade - 7th Grade**  
Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)

**3rd Grade - 8th Grade**  
Northwest Evaluation Association for Math, Reading, and Language Arts (MAP)

**5th Grade and 8th Grade**  
Assessment of Children Religious Education (ACRE)

**7th Grade**  
U.S. Constitution Test

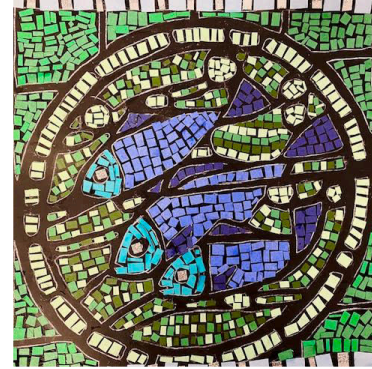
**8th Grade**  
Illinois Constitution Test

High School Placement Exam  
**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Several 8th Grade students were awarded high school scholarships including:

IC Catholic Prep Golden Knight Scholarship (2)

Fenwick St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship (2)



Pictured on this page:

- 2nd Grade Dioramas
- 7th Grade Science Fair
- 4th Grade Christmas Around the World
- 6th Grade Art Project- Mosaic
- 5th Grade Heritage Fair
- 6th Grade History Fair
- Kindergarten 100 Day Celebration

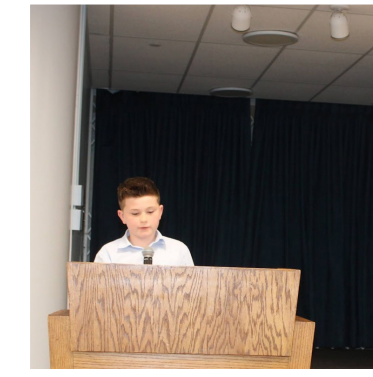
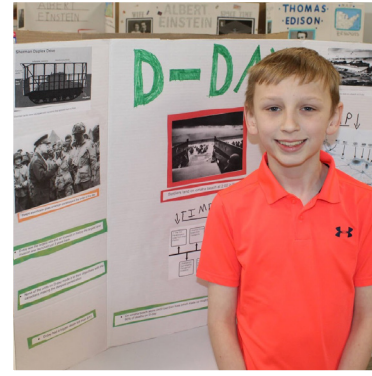
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- Pioneer Day
- Spelling Bee Winners
- 3rd Grade Wax Museum
- Battle of the Books
- Pep Rally
- Poetry Tea



We will be forever grateful to ICGS, for the strong academic foundation that they have provided my kids, and for all the spiritual guidance. Thank you for all the love and nurturing and for all the patience along the way! We will cherish all the wonderful memories.

**The Castillo Family**





# Catholic Faith In Action

## At Immaculate Conception Grade School

**We educate and nurture the faith formation of our students so that they not only learn our beliefs but put those beliefs into action.**

We believe that faith requires a response, for it permeates every aspect of our lives, every decision that we make, and every action that we take. From the curriculum to the community, to the classroom, to the athletics court, our Faith is the foundation from which we build.

Our students are reminded daily of the many blessings bestowed upon them by God. From that awareness flows a sense of responsibility and discipleship. Our students not only pray for those in need but they realize from the earliest stages of their education that they are called to action. Throughout the year, our school community initiates and takes part in a variety of outreach activities to serve those in need.

*The following are just some of the service projects are students our students participated in:*

- ★ Collected Food for the IC Food Pantry
- ★ Made cards for alumni, IC priests, deacons and local police, fire, and healthcare workers
- ★ Participated in the IC Parish Lenten outreach project to raise funds for St. Mary's Mission School, a school located on a now closed reservation of the Ojibwe Native American Tribe
- ★ Collected "Souper Bowl" canned soup in honor of the Super Bowl
- ★ Collected gift cards for Thanksgiving for the IC Parish outreach
- ★ Collected gift cards for Christmas for the IC Parish outreach
- ★ Collected Easter basket donations for IC Christian Ministry Outreach
- ★ Created items to make gift bags for the homeless

Pictured on this page:

All Saints Day  
First Holy Communion  
Living Nativity



**There is no place as special as IC. The teachers, administration and priests care deeply for our children. Our kids are successful today thanks to the foundation they received from IC.**

**The Ahern Family**



Pictured on this page:  
Thanksgiving Prayer Service  
8th Grade Service  
May Crowning  
Preschool Food Pantry Collection  
ICCP Students helping ICGS  
Easter Basket Collection  
Living Stations of the Cross  
Faith Family  
First Grade Christmas Tree at Wilder Park



**Taking a line from our favorite Friday mass hymn, "In This Place"**  
"Our hearts and our spirits are nurtured by grace. It is Jesus who fills us, He is here in this place".

**The Guistolise Family**





# Athletic Highlights



Mr. Brad Johnson  
Athletic Director  
Immaculate Conception Grade School

## At Immaculate Conception Grade School,

we are so proud of our ICGS athletes for the 2023-2024 year. Each athlete developed and grew as an individual and as part of a team. We want to thank the parents and students for their hard work and dedication and look forward to the 2024-2025 year.



Pictured on this page:  
Cross Country  
ICGS Varsity Football Team  
ICGS JV Football Team  
5th Grade Girls Volleyball  
8th Grade Boys Volleyball  
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Pictured on this page:  
5th Grade Boys Basketball  
6th Grade Girls Volleyball  
7th Grade Boys Volleyball  
8th Grade Girls Basketball  
Track and Field

# Go Knights!

## IC-VIS Cross Country

Girls SPL (Suburban Parochial League)

Boys SPL (Suburban Parochial League) Overall Champions

Boys 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Divisions, AAA Champions

Boys SPL 2nd Place State

## Football

JV League, Undefeated Season, 1st Place Conference Championship

Varsity League, Undefeated Season, 1st Place Conference Championship

## Volleyball

5 Girls SPL League

6 B Girls Volleyball Team- 1st Place in regular season  
1st Place in the SPL Volleyball Tournament

7 B Girls Volleyball Team-2nd Place in the SPL Volleyball Tournament

8 Girls SPL League

5 Boys SPL League

6 Boys SPL League 1st Place

7 Boys SPL League

8 Boys Blue Volleyball SPL League 2nd Place

8 Boys White Volleyball SPL League 3rd Place

## Basketball

5 Girls SPL League

6A Girls SPL League 2nd Place

7 Girls (A) SPL League  
7 Girls (B) SPL League

8 Girls SPL League

5 Boys (Blue) SPL League  
5 Boys (White) SPL league

6 Boys (A) SPL League 2nd Place  
6 Boys (B)

7 Boys (A) SPL League, 1st Place Conference Championship

7 Boys (B) SPL League, 2nd Place

8 Boys (A) SPL League  
8 Boys (B) SPL League  
8 Boys (White) SPL League

## Track & Field

SPL League



# Extracurricular Highlights



Pictured on this page:  
 Altar Serving  
 Choir  
 Chess Club  
 Safety Patrol  
 Student Council



## Our ICGS students are

encouraged to expand and explore their talents, creativity, and passions outside the classroom and off of the playing field. We offer our students an array of extracurricular activities that allow them to try something new or to grow their interests and talents.

Mentor relationships are formed with teachers who serve as moderators, as well as the older students who mentor the younger students who participate in the various activities.

*The following are a sampling of the extracurricular activities that were offered this past year.*

- ★ Altar Serving
- ★ Art Club
- ★ Band
- ★ Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts
- ★ Chess Club
- ★ Choir
- ★ Destination Imagination
- ★ Drama Club
- ★ Junior High Dance Class
- ★ High School Entrance Exam Prep
- ★ Math Minds
- ★ Safety Patrol
- ★ Science Club
- ★ Spring Musical
- ★ Student Ambassadors
- ★ Student Government
- ★ Talent Show
- ★ Yearbook

## Destination Imagination Highlights

3 Teams participated under the Fine Arts, Improv and Technical categories at the State Tournament in April. All 3 Teams qualified for Globals and did exceptionally well. Great Job!

### 4th/5th Grade

#### Starry Knights

1st place at State; 16th place at GLOBALS

### 6th Grade

#### Insert Cricket Noises Here

3rd place at State; 9th place at GLOBALS

### 8th Grade

#### Pirate Arggg

1st place at State; 16th place at GLOBALS



Pictured on this page:  
 Destination Imagination Teams  
 ICGS Band  
 Drama Club  
 Matilda Cast  
 Student Ambassadors  
 Talent Show Participants





# Alumni Highlights



**Our Alumni continue to make us proud, year after year and never cease to amaze us!**

The members of the ICGS Class of 2020 are no exception and will be heading off to a myriad of colleges and universities. Here are just a few of the colleges they will be attending:

- University of Alabama
- University of Colorado-Boulder
- University of Dayton
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri
- University of Notre Dame
- University of South Carolina
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Auburn University
- Boston College
- Cornell University
- Indiana University
- Louisiana State University
- Marquette University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University

**National Merit Semi-Finalist:**

**Marguerite DiMarco**

**National Merit Commended:**

**Declan Fahey  
Henry Sweley**

**ICGS Alumni recipients of the Monsignor Plunkett Distinguished Scholar Award:**

**Allison Geiger  
Enya Gildea  
Jonathan Petkus**

**Illinois State Scholars:**

**Jada Cannon,  
Katelyn Czarnowski,  
Isabel DeLuna, Jacob  
Gallagher, Allison Geiger,  
Enya Gildea, Grace Kapsch,  
Jonathan Petkus,  
Charles Phillips,  
Samantha Weitel**

Picture to the right:  
Class of 1983 Reunion



Picture to the Left:  
Catherine Guido, ICGS class of 2005, inducted into ICCP Athletic Hall of Fame



Picture to the Left:  
ICGS Alumni attend the ICGS School Mass on Friday morning

Picture to the right:  
Congratulations to Stefan and Shannon (Healy) Paul, (Class of 2007) on the birth of their daughter



## Alumni Updates

### Honors and Awards:

**National Honors Society:** Sydney Blondell, Mila Conneely, Elizabeth Cook, Liliana Cruz, Elise Dacre, Natalie Denekas, Jacob Gallagher, Allison Geiger, Enya Gildea, Andrew Hill, Caitlin Johnson, Matthew Karsten, Michael Karsten, Brynn Laluya, Benjamin Leischner, Nicholas Levy, Graziella Narcisi, Jonathan Petkus, Abigail Pikulik, Charles Rucker, Jacob Schierl, Sienna Skarda, Gabriella Simzyk, Lucas Talluto, Luke Wojcik

Lauren Wilson (Class of 2021), for earning academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Program

Erin Whiteside (Class of 2020), was honored at Trinity High School for her Outstanding Display of Compassion

Francesca Roelle (Class of 2011), named DAISY Foundation Honoree. \*\*The DAISY Award® is a special honor given to extraordinary nurses for the compassionate contributions they make every day going above and beyond expectations in science and sensitivity.

Grace Kapsch (Class of 2020), Fenwick Faculty Honor Award for French. Lawless Scholar-Athlete Award Winner

Charles Phillips (Class of 2020), Fr. George C. Conway, O.P. Award for Excellence in Debate, Faculty Honor Award for Campus Ministry service and truth in journalism

Lauren Wilson (Class of 2021), National African American Recognition Program Scholar

Kate Norgle (Class of 2017), selected to serve as the Director of Member Finances for Tri Delta's chapter at Florida State University.

### Engagements and Weddings:

Nicole Leonard (Class of 2007) and Quincy Van Eekren (Class of 2008)  
Alex Cmkovich (Class of 2012) and Elizabeth MacDonald  
Mary Berkemeyer (Class of 2007) and Brian Keenan  
John Shipman (Class of 2009) and Alyssa Dorning  
Tim Hipskind (Class of 2009) and Alyssa Menolascino  
Tara Hill (Class of 2007) and Jordan Loikits  
Moirra Hillsman (Class of 2012) and John Woodull married in December of 2023

### Future Knights:

Jack and Lauren (Shannon) Gerstner (Both ICGS Grads Class of 2002) on the birth of their daughter  
Nick (Class of 2005) and Marissa Dronen on the birth of their daughter  
Ali (Julian) Romano, (Class of 2009) and Michael Romano on the birth of their son



**My time as a student at ICGS gave me an educational and moral foundation that set me up for success in high school, college and beyond. I chose to enroll my own children at ICGS so that they receive a similar foundation, as I know first hand the positive impact it will have on their futures.**

**Jen Schufreider  
(2002)**

Pictured on this page:

2024 Distinguished Graduate  
Brittany Griganavicius  
Gelsomino (Class of 2000)  
Class of 2020 College T-shirt  
Mass  
ICGS 2024 Graduates return to school mass as Alumni  
ICGS students inducted into the ICCP National Honor Society





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