



Principal's Corner

An Old Assignment Get's A New Focus

Over the years, everyone probably remembers working on their first Social Studies project. Yes, possibly scurrying around to find some article or book that told you everything you could imagine about the topic you had chosen for your project. With this year's ICCS Social Studies Fair taking a new direction, our 7th grade students actually began their *Social Studies Research Projects* back in September. Our new approach focused on language skills such as choosing topics, writing a controlling purpose, evaluating resources, and note taking. Our 7th grade English teachers, Julie Hebert and Maria Harless, along with our Librarian Tenia Fuselier, and our Middle School Social Studies teacher Todd LeJune, all spent class time throughout these past 3 months readying our students for this very important project completion. Just this week, 7th graders proudly turned in their completed reports. Special praise goes to Julie Hebert for her excellent planning and teaching which was most instrumental in all of these highly successful *Research Projects*. Mark your calendars for mid February when these outstanding young scholars present their *Projects* at this year's ICCS Social Studies Fair.

2012 Jambalaya Dinner

The ICCS PTO is preparing for its annual Jambalaya Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, February 9th. If you need additional tickets to sell, please contact Ms. Wendi. The two students who sell the most dinners will receive a \$150 gift card! Two cards will be awarded, elementary and middle school.

This week's winner of the weekly Jambalaya drawing was **Natalie Reinauer**. She won a \$25 gift card!

We are still in need of volunteers. This is an easy way to earn your PTO points! Drivers for deliveries can contact Rita Odenheimer at 794-6958.



ICCS SKATE NIGHT

Monday, January 30th
6:00—8:00 pm

Skate City on Nelson Road

\$6 includes regular skate rental and \$3 for Jump City

The class with the highest percentage of students attending will receive a class party! Students should sign in with Mrs. Viau. Skate City shares the profit of the evening with our ICCS Religion Department.

School Calendar:

8th Grade ICCS Basketball Tournament	Monday, Jan. 16th—Saturday, Jan. 21st
Sectional Mass Middle School (6B) 8:30 am Gym	Friday, Jan. 20th
BETA District At SJ Welsh	Saturday, Jan. 21st
Slim Good Body Performs at ICCS	Tuesday, Jan. 24th
ICCS Science Fair	Thursday, Jan. 26th
Catholic School Week Masses @ Cathedral	Sunday, Jan. 29th
Student Appreciation Day, T-shirt Day	Monday, Jan. 30th
Skate Night 6—8 pm Skate City	
Catholic School Week Mass for 8th graders 9am Cathedral	Tuesday, Jan. 31st
Cafeteria Staff Appreciation	





Catholic Daughter of the Americas

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is one of the largest Catholic women's organizations in the world and has been in existence since 1903. They have become a large and vital organization in the church, helping with projects by reaching out to others. If you are interested in joining Court Lady of the Lake #695 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, please call Karen Fills at 625-8436 for more information. Join The Catholic Daughters and help make a difference.

Heartnotes

Heartnotes will go on sale in a few weeks. Profits benefit the Children's Miracle Network. 1st grade is in need of individually wrapped candy for this service project. Please send candy donations to Mrs. Koenig. Thank you for your support!

St. Louis High School Drama Production

The Little Mermaid
Saturday, January 21st
3:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Tickets costs \$5
And can be purchased at the door.
ICCS Alumni Wesley Guidry and Emily Lancon will star in the production.

South Lake Charles Little League

Registration is now open for the 2012 Season. Register on-line at www.slclittleleague.com or in person at Nelson Elementary School Cafeteria on January 21st or February 4th, 9am—4pm. Fee is \$80.

Prayer for Christian Unity

The Prayer for Christian Unity Service will be on Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 pm
At Immaculate Conception Cathedral.
There will be a reception in the Parish Building immediately following the service.

Book Donations

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepard in Lake Charles is seeking book donations for its Fifth Annual Book Sale. Donations of used or new books, DVD movies and audio books on CD are requested. Drop off boxes are available, located at the side entrance drive through of Good Shepard, 715 Kirkman Street. For more information 433-5244. All proceeds will again go to local charities.

Variety Show Sign- Up

Sign-up sheets for the Variety Show are now on the cafeteria windows
Thu., January 19 - Tue., January 31st.
Try-outs will be held on February 7th and 8th. Students interested in performing in the show must sign-up before the end of the month and attend try-outs.

The Variety Show will be the morning of Friday, February 17th!

Guitar Lessons

Former ICCS student, Taylor Lee, is offering Bass Lessons. Private Lessons are \$20 for 30 minutes and \$30 for one hour session.

Please contact Taylor at 337-513-5471 if you are interested.



2012 AUCTION HEADLINES!

The 2012 Auction will be Friday, April 27th. Each week I will give suggestions on how you can get involved. Within the next month, ICCS parents will begin solicitations from businesses in our community. Please consider helping.

2012 Panther Basketball Home Schedule

January 21st
9 am ICCS 5th Girls vs. SM
10 am ICCS 5th Boys R vs OLQH
11 am ICCS 6th Girls vs. SM

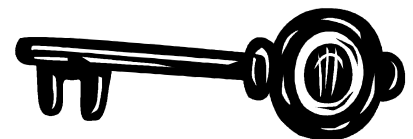
January 23rd
4:30pm ICCS 7th Girls vs. OLQH
5:30 pm ICCS 7th Boys vs. OLQH
7:30 pm ICCS 8th Boys vs. SH

Congratulations to the 6th Grade Girls Team and 6th Grade Boys Red Team for winning 1st place in the ICCS Basketball Tournament. The 6th Grade Boys Black team took 2nd! GO PANTHERS!

Character Education

Our character trait for January is "Say Thank You"

Consciously giving thanks each day for the abundance that exists in your life. At the end of the day, recall 5 situations, persons or things that you would like to thank God for and record them in a "Thank You" journal.



CLASSIFIEDS - WANTED:

Loyal ICCS parents that can secure two donations. Flexible hours, PTO points, and insures a great auction. Call Lisa at 802-2811