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The Crucible: an IC show-stopper

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By: Katie Fenton

Mark Dedowicz, commonly known as Mr. D, has been here since 2007, and certainly has made his mark. He's made numerous strides within the theater department at Immaculate Conception and has added many new features. In 2009, he added the first fall production of *Just Another High School Play*, and this year he has worked to develop a drama club as well. For the seventh drama production at IC, Mr. Dedowicz chose *The Crucible*.

This haunting tale about the Salem Witch trials was chosen in order to challenge the students. Another element of this production was doing this performing "in the round." This means that the audience sits on three or four sides of the stage, making it more enjoy-



Cast of the 2011 IC production of *The Crucible*

able for those watching, yet definitely more difficult for the actors. This not only challenged the students, but expanded their theatrical experience.

In order to bring this production to life, rehearsals began in October. The cast practiced for three hours, three times a week. The students worked closely with the director

to "block" the scenes or to develop when, and where the lines are said. A week before the production, the cast moved from the choir and band room beneath the Media Center to Plunkett Hall, the performance space. Tech Week began and the cast rehearsed every night, adding various aspects such as the stage, costumes, lighting and sound each night. The dress

NHS Induction honors special students

By: Allison Rutt

On November 2nd, the National Honor Society celebrated with current members, students, friends, and family the induction of new members. With all IC students in attendance, the ceremony began with a procession of new and current members. Twenty-one Juniors and Seniors were chosen by application to join the prestigious National Honor Society along with current Senior members.



Mr. Doyle, Mrs. Fenton, and Ms. Mallory Purdom enjoy the NHS breakfast reception.

As the procession concluded, guests were greeted and readings portraying charity and self-giving were expostulated. During the ceremony, National Honor Society members approached the podium and explained the four characteristics of a National Honor Society member: Service, Character, Leadership, and Scholarship. NHS members also wrote thank-you's to the Faculty, Administration, Parents, and Moderator, Mrs. Fenton, for their parts in each member's success.

Finally, the ceremony featured its guest speaker, Ms. Mallory Purdom, Class of '05. During her speech, Ms. Purdom emphasized leadership qualities: being kind, listening to teachers, building study habits, remembering the people you meet, taking opportunities, serving the community, developing faith, and always remaining proud of IC.

First and foremost, Ms. Purdom highlighted "being kind." She warned of the usually daily drama that students face during their days, weeks, and months at IC; however, she optimistically offered some advice to the students of IC saying to "picture your life five years from that moment. Ask yourself, will this issue be important?" Students should not be afraid to let drama go and show the value of kindness in all of us.

However many times students may try to ignore the advice, Purdom wisely reminded students to listen to teachers and develop good study habits. Purdom explained some of the everyday things that reminded her of (continued on page 2)



Aimee Gaspari shows intense emotion during a practice.

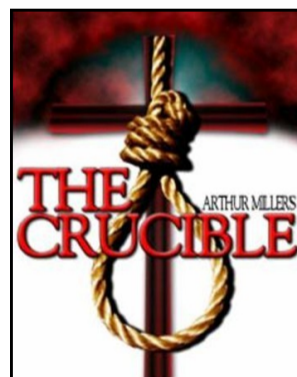
Rehearsal on Wednesday night brought all these elements together for the first time.

The next night, at 7:30 on November 17th, the production of *The Crucible* took the stage. It continued again at 7:30 on November 18th and 19th, and all three performances were incredible. The entire cast was clearly talented, but Devin Collins as John

Proctor and Colleen Maloney as Elizabeth Proctor,

and Hannah Hartnett as Abigail Williams were particularly outstanding. The set design by Mrs. Jazwiec made

the entire play very realistic, and the costumes by Mrs. Barnish elevated the production to something very special.



John Proctor (Devin Collins) and Abigail Williams (Hannah Hartnett) rehearse a vital scene.

The Crucible, written by Arthur Miller, is allegory for the famous McCarthy 1950's

communist witch hunt. This historical event parallels the consternation reflected in *The Crucible*. John Proctor, the protagonist, must decide what is most important in his life, and he bravely chooses the truth. The penalty his must pay for his courageous stand is his demise. Indeed he becomes a martyr for the truth and a symbol of courage.

Ultimately, the play was a success and the amount of work put in by the director, Mr. D, student director Brendan Daly, and the entire cast was clear. It will be exciting to see this talented cast again in the spring play.

National Honors Society (continued from page 1)

lessons taught at IC: for example, praying during the day as taught by Mrs. Connors, Physics seen when riding a roller coast thanks to Mrs. Fenton, and her professional writing and presentation skills honed by Mrs. Thomas.

Purdum stressed how remembering the people she met has impacted her life. While attending the University of Illinois, she sat in on a class for Accretive Health, her current career path, taught by none other than Mr. Rich Gillett, an IC parent. Unknowingly, Purdom attended the class taught by Gillett later to have her mother sit next to him during an IC basketball game. In the end, Mallory's future was formed by an IC connection demonstrating our motto "Once a Knight, Always a Knight" and the unity of the entire IC community.

Advisements to take every opportunity available at IC were also given, as well as to serve the community, one of the Nation Honor Society's values. For example, Purdom spent time volunteering at Elmhurst Hospital during her years at IC, which influenced her decision in her college major and career path at Accretive Health.

Finally, Purdom strongly emphasized taking pride in IC. She comically talked about a situation she was in where she was asked if she attended York High School since she lived in Elmhurst, and she would love to reply, "No, I went to IC. So, students of IC, take pride in your IC family and the teachers and school."

The ceremony concluded with each member being called forward to receive either a pin or guard. Each member then signed Librium Honorarium and all read the National Honor Society oath together. Finally, the members processed out of the church for a group photo of the 2011 National Honors Society. Following, all members and their families were invited to a continental breakfast furnished by the Parents Club and held in Msgr. Plunkett Hall. Even Mallory Purdom happily joined students at tables with her own family. Congratulations to all new inductees and members.

Calling All Poets!

Have a poem you have written? Why not contribute it to the IC *Knight Times*? If your poem is good, it could be featured in the next issue of the newspaper. Email any of your creative poems to Mrs. Collier at vcollier@ichsknights.org.

75 Years Ago Today

By: Robert Krajecki

Let's time-travel back 75 years. If possible, what might we see? For one, we could see where the roots of Immaculate Conception began in 1936. In the top floor of the I.C. Grade School, Msgr. Plunkett began, what is today, the oldest Catholic, coeducational high school in Dupage County. He envisioned a place that educated both mind and spirit. Today, our school still holds itself to these ideals. But, let us look back at history to see what else has happened in these past 75 years.

The 30's. President Roosevelt was re-elected the same year I.C.H.S. came into being. During this second term, Roosevelt was able to rebuild our entire economic system. For entertainment, children of this time listened to the radio. One of their favorite series being *Little Orphan Annie*. In 1937, Insulin was first used to control Diabetes; leading Albert Einstein to quote: "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." Amelia Earhart disappeared in 1938, while attempting to fly around the world.

The 40's. Aside from being the time of WWII, the 40's were filled with events. In the MLB, Jackie Robison became the first African-American professional baseball player; playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1946, the first computer was invented and given the name "ENIAC." However, this machine was not at all compact, but rather the size of an entire room. Also, in the late 40's many mysterious things began to be seen in the skies. This brought about the notion of flying saucers. Including one of the most famous stories in Roswell, NM.

The 50's. This was a decade of individuality and happiness. Television was huge during this time. If you had a television on your block, you were the coolest kid. Television was thought to be "groovy." One of the popular shows was American Bandstand, which highlighted up and coming talent. Also, in 1955, Disneyland first opened its doors to the public in Anaheim, CA.

The 60's. This decade is largely known for music. One such example was an unknown band, named The Beatles. They became very popular and began to sell out shows across the world. Another major music event during this time was called Woodstock. A three-day festival dedicated to rock, love, and peace. Then at the end
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Featured Poem: Destruction of Creation

By: Anthony Barone

Wake up world,
You became rust of metal and gears
You, like a vortex, just spiraled
It is tainted in fear.

Never a person in sight
They hid in a sanctuary
Darkness have covered the light
Innocence will burry

Until it came
up from a crack
A vine, a small vine of grey
Turned into green and petal have its lack.

The vine stretched out into more and more
Seeds fell from the ground and grew another vine

As doves and birds began to soar
As more vines grew thicker and more and more refined

The vines grew into a tree
A tree that will save us
As the rest and metal deasease
The tree began a new beginning of just

Can this tree stand for more than the earth lives?

Will we learn to make the same mistake?
Will we take what we give?
Peace comes to us, and it finally remakes

The world around us is precious,
Earth must not suffer
The same mistake relentless
We still look for an answer.

To Recycle, or not to Recycle

By: Allison Rutt

The Ecology Club has taken on a variety of projects this year including making new safety posters for each classroom, making enthusiastic posters to promote student recycling, and the especially difficult task of reducing the waste of IC. The Ecology Club has made a valiant effort this year to fight the lack of recycling here at IC; however, not enough effort has been made. We should all do more to recycle. *They* cannot do it all.

Here are some suggestions. Each student should make a more diligent effort to consciously become an active part of the Ecology Club or at least become more ecology-minded. For example, make the effort to take extra time during the lunch period to collect bottles from local tables and maybe even the entire lunch hall. Other suggestions include having an announcement over the P.A. in the lunchroom to aid in the Ecology Club's collection of plastic bottles. Why not move those garbage cans away from hiding the smaller recycling and collecting bins, so students can confidently choose to recycle over to dispose? We wish teachers, especially lunchroom prefects, would verbally encourage students not to recycle the plastic bottles and not discard them in the garbage cans. Lunchroom moderators, we encourage you to advise students and become models for the students to get them to recycle.

Everyone is aware of the damaging effects of not recycling and pollution, yet they do nothing. Here are some more interesting facts. The large amount of bottles sent to a landfill is directly correlated to

the amount of oil leaked by them in the landfill. In fact, some companies are able to refine used plastic bottles, which would otherwise take up space in a landfill, back into crude oil for meaningful use. Starting now, if everyone at IC recycled, that would be 380 fewer people polluting the Earth for up to five months. Actually, other things besides cans and bottles can be recycled. Potato chips bags, plastic bags, plastic silverware, and glass bottles can all be recycled yet so many are being thrown away three times a day during IC lunches. We encourage their recycling.



Finally, the Knight Times greatly supports the Ecology Club's dedicated efforts. IC is our home, and we must also respect this planet as our home, too. We are all together in support of this idea and support of ecology and the Ecology Club. Show your support and recycle that empty water bottle or pop can. We have to stand up to this together. "We are All Ecological Knights."

75 Years Ago Today (continued)

of the decade, in July 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first man to step on the moon.

The 70's. Disco was talk of the town. Bellbottoms, platform shoes, and white disco suits meant that you had "style." For you Star-Wars lovers, this was also the decade this series hit the big screen. Many thought it wouldn't last, however it was one of the highest grossing series in movie history.

The 80's. This was a time for the "super-star" to develop. One man was Michael Jackson. In 1984, he received a Grammy and while on stage, introduced the "moon walk" to the world. In the NBA, Michael Jordan was the scoring leader in '87 and '88.

The 90's. In April of 1990, the Hubble telescope was launched into space. Today this very sophisticated instrument continues to send images of our universe never seen before. Along with the introduction of the internet in this decade, many feared of the new millennium. They named this Y2K and said that all computers would fail and possibly bring about a world wide economic crash.

The 00's. Many catastrophic events happened in this decade. In 2001, 9/11 occurred and made the U.S. enter Iraq for war. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and brought a whole new meaning to "disaster relief." The U.S. came together as one and all pitched in to help these poor people that were affected. In 2008, nearly fifty years after the Civil Rights Movement, the U.S. elected their first African American president: Barack Obama.

Yet in spite of all this turmoil, and joy, in 2011, Immaculate Conception High School, with its firm foundations in Mary and her Son, began its celebratory 75th year. We can only imagine what the next 75 years will bring!

75th IC Feast Day Mass

On December 8th, 2011, at 9:45 A.M. in the Church, Father Tom Paul celebrated one of the most important Masses in ICHS history: the Mass of the Immaculate Conception, honoring our Patroness and proclaiming our 75th Anniversary.

Supported by the use of the new text, the Mass commenced with the most appropriate hymn, "Immaculate Mary." All of the readings dealt with women, Mary being the most lauded. The first reading dealt with Adam and Eve and the promise of a Redeemer, the son of a woman whose heel would crush the Serpent of Evil. The second reading was from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, in which he stressed that Christians should "be holy and without blemish," as was our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

The third (Gospel) reading showed Mary's acceptance of God's will and fulfillment as the vessel for bearing the Son of God when she replied to the announcing Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done according to thy word."

Father Tom Paul's sermon followed the history of the theological notion of the "Immaculate Conception" (Mary's begin conceived without Original Sin). He said, among other things, that German immigrants established "St. Mary's Church," and by 1876 they had a full-time priest to say Mass.

By 1900 St. Mary's was changed to the present Immaculate Conception. Father Tom Paul concluded by stating that Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is not only our Patroness, but also the Patroness of the United States of America. Father Tom finished with the uplifting words: "We, like Mary, have Jesus within our hearts. We are IC! The Immaculate Conception is something you *live*."

Father Tom Paul's pointed words were taken to heart. The Mass was a true celebration of who we are and to whom we are dedicated: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

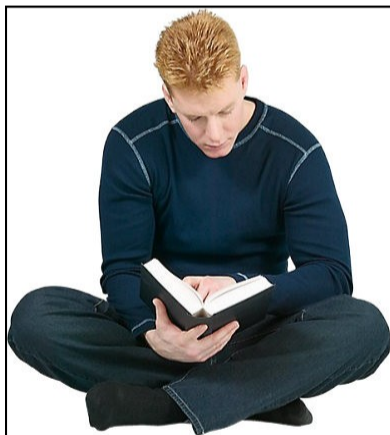
“Turn the Page”

By: Debra Barnish

Billy Graham once said, “My home is heaven. I’m just traveling through this world.” This is not the case in An Na’s *A Step From Heaven*. This book tells the story of a young Korean immigrant and the hardships she faces. It greatly exhibits the emotional stress of such a move on a young child and an entire family. The entire story is written almost poetically and becomes very poignant as times. An Na insightfully gives her audience a true picture of how immigrants really feel and what often happens to the families that are not strong enough to make the move to a new country. Many of these travelers expect a better life in America, a sort of heaven, but all they receive is hardship and heartache.

To Young Ju, the protagonist of the story, America definitely seems to be heaven, and after living in the poverty of Korea for five years, who can blame her for thinking that? This beautifully written novel tells the story of Young Ju, a five year old girl who travels to America with her mother and father. During the few weeks before the family’s move, talk about America becomes wonderful and nonstop. This wonderful place sounds like heaven to Young Ju, and she cannot not wait to arrive there and see her deceased grandfather.

When Young Ju finally arrives in America, she finds it is not heaven at all, but just another place to live. The child becomes distressed that her new home is not the paradise she was expecting so her relatives attempt to console her and tell her that the United States is “a step from heaven.” However as the years go on, Young Ju’s life becomes more like hell than heaven. First, she must adjust to a completely new place and culture. Second, she soon becomes an older sister and must face her father’s sexism as he glorifies her new little brother and seems to ignore her. Sadly the hardships do not stop there. As Young Ju grows from a little girl into a teenager, she realizes that more is wrong with her family than she ever noticed before. For one thing there is never enough money or food, and her father is having trouble finding and keeping work. Soon Young Ju’s father becomes angry and depressed and begins to turn to violence. Both Young Ju and her mother fall victim to his wrath, and in an ultimate climatic moment, Young Ju must make a decision that may save her small family and perhaps her own life, but at the same time will shatter the world, the “heaven,” she now calls home.

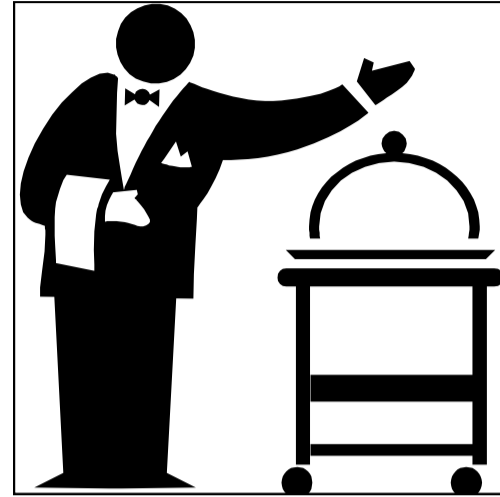


Books Once “Banned”

So many books have been banned over the years. The week of September 25th was “banned books week.” Here are some books— taught at IC over the years— that have been “banned” by others

1. Go Ask Alice
2. Fahrenheit 451
3. Of Mice and Men
4. The Bible
5. 1984
6. Brave New World

Restaurant Review



By: Lauren Roberto & Brenna Langan

Angelo’s Ristorante & Banquets is a close-knit, family-owned restaurant straight down York Road, a few blocks north of the high school. It was started by the Battaglia family, who still own and work there today.

The establishment consists of a dining area as well as a deli.

The dining room, consisting of two floors, offers delicious, Italian dinners as well as a lunch buffet on weekdays. The deli holds a more casual ambience, and sells fresh meats in addition to imported cheeses and olives. They also carry a variety of salads and desserts, including Italian cookies, cannolis and gelato. The deli prepares fresh subs and paninis as well all for a quite reasonable price. The atmosphere of this venue is relaxed, friendly and sociable, and there is always something on the menu for everyone. If you are not able to eat in, this restaurant also provides take out for its customers; in addition to the take home food sold at the deli.



Overall, dining was a very pleasant, and delicious experience at Angelo’s. Whether you want a sit down dinner or a quick meal, Angelo’s is an excellent choice. Lastly, Angelo’s offers a roomy, elegant banquet hall for any of your family parties. Angelo’s is a wonderful restaurant that offers superb Italian food in a pleasant, convivial ambience. If you want more information, their website is <http://www.angelosonyork.com/index.html>.

Top Ten Gifts of 2011

By: Taysia Hernandez

1. iPad 2 (or other Tablet)
2. Kindle (or any other electronic book)
3. iPhone 4s (or any other latest Smartphone)
4. LCD or Plasma flat screen television
5. Concert/ Sporting Event Tickets (i.e.: Chicago Bears v. Greenbay Packers Game)
6. Beats by Dre headphones
7. Laptop
8. Digital Camera
9. Just Dance 3
10. Latest Cd’s (i.e., *Take Care*, Drake or *Speak Now World Tour Live*, Taylor Swift)

Teen Mass

By: Allison Rutt

The Youth Ministry at IC has reinvented the idea of giving this season. During October, a group of teens from IC, Fenwick, and York gathered in Msgr Plunkett Hall to decorate and fill bags of candy for Veterans. IC students such as the McCann family, KC Morris and Conner Hendricks came for the chance to spend a Sunday nights with Mr. Butterly and other Elmhurst teens spread some Halloween cheer. Dozens of decorated bags were filled with candy donated by parish members and teens. Bags were delivered later in the week to the Veterans at Elmhurst Hospital.

During November, the Youth Ministry banded together to raked leaves for the elderly. One Elmhurst native gratefully welcomed the cheerful group of teens featuring IC students, Jade Lewis, Ariel Smith, Lauren Roberto, and Alexis Heit. The task was quickly finished with many hands as the leaf filled yard was cleared. Afterward, the group was treated to Gatorades for their charitable works. The group then returned to IC parish to celebrate the 5:15 youth mass together.

On December 11th, the IC Youth Ministry assembled again to assemble bag for the parish Giving Tree. 75 bags were successfully filled with a variety of essentials including toothpaste, paper towels, and laundry detergent, collected by IC high school students. The families receiving these bags are on food stamps; these items are not covered by the food stamps, and the families must pay for them out of their own pocket. Students from a variety of high schools feel thankful for being able to help these families during this holiday season.

“People You Should Meet” : Candi

By: Jade Lewis

Q: How long have you been a lunch lady at ICHS?
A: 14 years

Q: What do you like most about ICHS and what made you want to stay here for so long?
A: I like being around the kids and the family environment of the school is what I like the most.

Q: Has anyone/ does anyone in your family attend ICHS?
A: Yes, my daughter graduated from ICHS in 2001 and my two nephews, Sam and Nick Antes, attend ICHS now.

Q: What is your favorite meal out of all the lunches you serve?
A: The lemon chicken because I like the flavor of it and I really like chicken.

Q: What was your favorite subject when you were in high school?
A: Math because I'm good with numbers and it always interested me



Ms. Candi Michi supervises all the lunches.



Lauren Smidgall buys her lunch from Candi.

Q: Do you use need or use your math skills to do your job?
A: Yes, math is a very important when it comes to my job because it helps me know how much food I should order, how much seasoning I should use, and many other things as well.

Q: What's the most rewarding part of your job?
A: This one is hard because there are so many things I can say, but the most rewarding part

of my job is when the alumni come back to visit me and the other lunch ladies (even though I really think they come for the cookies). It's a real joy!

Top Tips for Studying for Finals

By: Anthony Barone

Eat right: Usually, the best way to study is to remember the lessons that were presented in class or remembered from notes. Support your studying by eating right, since the right foods will help boost your memory and energy levels. Foods like blueberries, strawberries, apples, cherries and grapes are fruits you can enjoy in a delicious smoothie. Foods that contain DHA are also an exquisite choice for increasing memory. Be careful! Foods that are high on fat like a greasy hamburger or oily fries with a lot of salt will be harmful to your memory and inhibit your remembering of facts.

Get a Good Night's Sleep: Receiving a good night's sleep (about eight hours) will help you keep you alert and awake. If you do not receive the hours recommended for sleep, then you could possibly doze off and not focus. Caffeinated beverages like coffee, Coke, and others of similar ilk, will not be sufficient substitutes for energy that is based on a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.

Study with Instrumental Music: Music can help you. Music is known to keep people tranquil and relaxed, but remember to keep the music instrumental because you might accidentally be paying more attention to the lyrics than the topics that you are studying. If know the lyrics by heart, you can sing along. Listen to whatever your heart desires, but probably the best music would be Mozart for inspiration.

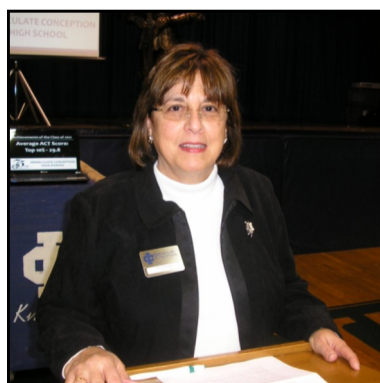
Light a Few Candles: Scented candles have a little science behind them. Mint would be the best choice to smell since mint scented candles improve mental clarity, so they will help you concentrate on what you are studying. Lighting vanilla candles helps too, but be careful with lavender, because that encourages sleep.

Always Study: You know the best reason to study before the big exam. Repetition is one of the best ways to can learn something. Best study methods are the usage of note cards, the reading back of your notes, and quizzing with a friend. Studying the night before should complement your all of your studying from the first day of the course.

Last Open House of the Year

By: Karla Ortiz

Immaculate Conception's Second Fall Open house was held on Sunday, November 20th and began at 1 p.m. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Ford, Director of Admissions, Mrs. Thomas, and IC students the first Open House was a great success. Because of their valiant efforts, there has been a flood of eighth graders from feeder grade schools that have taken the next step and experienced what it is like to be an IC Knight.



Ms. Levar welcomes everyone to the last open house of the year.

Through the Open House, prospective students get to visit IC and witness all that we have to offer from athletics, extracurricular activities, and academics. From the football field to the classroom, we are a united family cheering on the sidelines and helping each other out in a class, which makes IC a great environment to learn and grow as a person. It is only through the efforts of Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Thomas, and students that make these Open Houses possible. This last Open House was, indeed, quite a success.

Celebrating 800th Win

By: Lauren Roberto

For over thirty years, Mrs. Jean Field has been the head coach of the Knights Varsity Volleyball team. This is a majestic accomplishment in its own right, but in the 2011 season, Coach Field deservedly earned her 800th volleyball win. This incredible achievement has only been fulfilled by eight other coaches in Illinois high school volleyball history. We sat down with Coach Field and asked her the following questions...

Why did you decide to get into coaching volleyball?

When I was younger my two favorite sports were basketball and softball, but volleyball and track worked best. The places we practiced and the times scheduled worked best with me and my family.

When you started coaching, did you ever expect to go this far and accomplish so much?

No, I thought I'd be coaching for about five years and that would be it. I continued to coach because I like the competition and working with the players. I'm pretty competitive.

What do you like most about coaching?

I think its seeing where you start at the beginning and how you finish at the end of the year, watching players develop and what they accomplish throughout the season.

What was your most memorable win?

There's so many. I think the first state championship because I remember being on the bench thinking "We're going to win this!" Winning state is the best you can do in high school sports and only one team ends with a win and it's nice being that team. The "journey" with the kids is really special.

Why was this 800th win so important to you?

IC Wrestling: Pinned to the Mat

By: Genard Bell

Many great things are happening this year in Immaculate Conception's 75th year anniversary, including the start of IC's first Wrestling Team, which was started because people had peaked Coach Howard's (athletic director) interest a year ago. I had the chance to talk with Coach Jocelyn, the team's assistant coach.

The wrestling program consists of one team or level known as Junior Varsity (JV). There are two coaches: Coach Janowitz (head coach) and Coach Jocelyn (assistant coach). Although this is IC's first year of wrestling, both the coaches have had previous coaching experience in the sport.



There are fourteen classes between 106 and 285 pounds of which IC competes in 12. With the season underway, every athlete is new to the sport except for Sean Placey (sophomore) who has previous experience, but is also injured.

Because everyone is new to the sport, it's safe to say that there are no star players. "Nobody's a star yet, but there's potential across the board," replied Coach Jocelyn.

When asked what was expected of the team, Coach Jocelyn said, "Constant improvement, a lot of learning from mistakes, and setting a strong foundation for IC wrestling I expected out of the group." After talking with Coach Jocelyn, it seems as though IC wrestling is off to a great start. With that being said, good luck to the IC Wrestling Team with the rest of season.



Mrs. Field and the winning Volleyball

that.

You've coached many different teams; is there any team of yours who was especially significant?

There's not any *one* team. There are so many with different personalities. Each team has a different personality and chemistry, and they are all special in their own way. The state championship teams are remembered for winning, but the other teams kept a good attitude and picked themselves up. It's hard to pick one team.

We congratulate Mrs. Field on her remarkable accomplishment and look forward to seeing what she will achieve next!

When you look back on the 800 wins, it is not about the wins, it is about the players and coaches I've worked with. I work with so many people, assistant coaches, other coaches, and mainly the players. That's what it is all about. Also a lot of sacrifices on my family's part to let me coach, and I really appreciate

Men's Varsity Basketball: New Hoops

By: Dan Vatch

Highlighted by a stellar cast of returning players, the Knights are off to a flying start. They started by rolling every opponent by at least 20 points in the Westminster Christian Thanksgiving Tournament. Senior captains John Cheng and Brian Harvey were named to the all-tournament team, and Junior Demetrius Carr was named the tournament's most outstanding player.



John Cheng goes for a quick lay-up in a tight game.

The Knights opened their regular season play with a pair of wins coming both on the road against Timothy Christian and conference foe, St. Edward. Both were hard fought games with the better team prevailing. Leading scorers included Seniors John Cheng, Brian Harvey, Dan Ribando, and Junior Demetrius Carr.

Seniors Jason Dunn and Charlie Pulkownik have emerged as the team's top defenders, with Junior Adam Muellers and Senior Mike Lestina contributing at the post. As of December 6th, the Knights are 6-0, and 1-0 in the SCC Gold Division.

A Bite Away from Playoffs

By: Genard Bell

With the season over now the IC Knight's football team (5-3) competed on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Jack Lewis Stadium against the (4-4) Guerin College Prep Gators for a last shot at the Class 3A Illinois State Playoffs. Both teams competed for a spot in the playoffs due to the fact that you need five wins for a chance to get in and six to guarantee a spot in the playoffs.

The game ended in a shutout with the Knights winning 21-6. Demetrius Carr electrified the crowd with the Knights first touchdown from a quarterback keeper. Dan Vatch's elusiveness allowed him to see the end zone twice putting the Knights up to 21 points. The IC Knights advanced to the playoffs for the fifth time since 2002.

Lady Knights Basketball: A Demanding Season for a Solid Team

By: Ahlyshiah Mahan

The Lady Knights Varsity Basketball team has made a great influence on our school. The coaches of the Lady Knights are Aubree Lawrence, who is the head coach of the program, and her father Jeff Lawrence, who is the assistant head coach. Mr. and Ms. Lawrence have been coaching the Lady Knights Basketball team at Immaculate Conception for only two years now, but between the both of them they have had twenty-three years of coaching experience.

When asked how Ms. Lawrence obtained the job at Immaculate Conception, she replied, she conveniently applied for the job on IHSA website and went in for the interview with Mr. Howard and was immediately hired. She says one of the reasons why she decided to join the Immaculate conception family was because she admired the strong sense of tradition that IC portrays at the school. That aspect was very important to her because she did not find that strength at any other school.



Jen Clementi reacts to rebound.

The Lady Knights Basketball team is very serious about what they do and how they plan to come out on top by the end of their season. The team's practices are mostly immediately after school from three to five or later at night from eight to ten. To describe the practices, Coach Lawrence says that they are challenging and intense but fun at the same time. During the practices, she tries to build in a strong sense of basketball knowledge and technique. She says she tries to add something new everyday for the team that will have positive impact on them, but that she always goes over the basics because "technique is key."

The starters of the Lady Knights are Seniors: Jennifer Clementi, Megan Sutton, Kaleigh Dempsey, Kellyanne Remy, and Junior Brittney Reaber. Coach Lawrence says she has these five people starting because four out of the five are seniors, and they have had a sense of loyalty to the program and experience for over four years. These women have also worked hard and earned fitting positions on the team. Talents of the rest of the players on the team are exceptional, but these five players to her are the most prepared at any given time to play in the game and make an impact on the game's outcome.

The top two teams that the Lady Knights plan on defeating in their season are Timothy Christian and St. Edwards at the "Play for the Cure" game. Coach Lawrence says that what she envisions for her team is that her players be competitive and work hard on and off the court because it will affect how many things they will accomplish throughout their season.

Coach Lawrence says that the Lady Knights Basketball team is a family and that they will always be one no matter the different paths her players take.

Lady Knights Dance: From Field to Court

By: Taysia Hernandez



JV finishes their first football season.

The exciting football season for the girls has recently come to an end. Along with preparing for the upcoming basketball games, these dedicated dancers are perfecting their competition routine. The Lady Knights will attend their first competition of the season on November 20th. They will compete with a lyrical routine to Celine Dion's powerful ballad *All by Myself*, choreographed by Varsity's head coach, Elyse Van Camp. It is a very emotional and intense dance. The coaches have added practices to ensure perfection and the girls have worked very hard on this dance. The results will be successful.

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Super IC Dodge Ball Tournament

By: Lauren Roberto



Battling in the Dodge Ball Tournament.

On Saturday November 5th, IC High School hosted a Dodge ball Tournament for "prospective" grade school students. Specifically, The Knights of the Round Table hosted this event, and many student and teacher volunteers helped run these games.

Twenty-six teams participated in this event from such schools as ICGS, Visitation, Westchester Middle School, St. Pius X, Sandburg, St. Alexanders, Holy Ghost, and St. Monica. Teams' names varied from Mister Salty and Neon Monkeys to Last Ones Picked and CF Killas. Over a hundred excited students rushed in ready to play.

The teams played the best two out of three in their matches. If they lost a match they still had one more chance. However, after losing two matches, the team was out. Teams battled for over three hours, but finally the tournament's competitors were reduced to two teams: the St. A's Knights and the Geek Squad of IC grade school. The teams both played a defining match, but in the end the Knights came out victorious.



Ms. Levar congratulates the winners of the Tournament.

Some of the players said, "We didn't think we would win, we were here to have fun and raise money for charity." Altruistically, the winning Knights team decided to donate their winnings to St. Jude's Hospital.

The volunteers at the tournament voted for the team that they thought had the coolest t-shirts, and that award went to the runner up of the tournament, the Geek Squad. Overall, even though there was only one winner, all the teams that participated did their part to raise money for charity and had an enjoyable and exciting time.

Attention IC Students!

How well do you know your school? Below is a mind-boggling quiz that will question your knowledge about IC. Give it your best shot, and see how many you can get correct! Submit your results to Mrs. Collier by 3:30 p.m. on December 22, 2011. If you are the first student to get them all correct, you will receive a dress-down day, the date to be determined by the Administration. (In case of a tie, the judges' decision will be final.)

1. Before the Computer Room became the Computer Room, it had at least two uses. Name one.
2. One of IC's former secretary's son worked briefly for WLS TV (regular channel 7). What was his last name?
3. Who was the Pep Club president in 1966-67? (*Hint: It is somebody who is related to someone in the school).
4. Who was an All-State basketball player and Hall-of-Famer in basketball, who graduated from IC and went to Yale?
5. Name two faculty who were married at IC church?
6. Which teacher was the single season pass receiver for the most touchdowns while in college?
7. What was the Media Center before it became the Media Center?
8. Which faculty member in college held the all-time record for punt return yardage in a single season?
9. When did IC own St. Peters parking lot?
10. When did Msgr. Plunkett pass away?

Fun Quiz: How Smart Are You? (Winter Edition)

1. Feliz Navidad means?
 - a. Merry Christmas
 - b. Happy Halloween
 - c. Happy New Year
2. Which Gospel writer is the only one to mention the three wise men?
 - a. John
 - b. Matthew
 - c. Mark
3. Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas night and then won the battle of...?
 - a. Bunker Hill
 - b. Valley Forge
 - c. Trenton
4. Absolute Zero is
 - a. 270 ° Celsius
 - b. -20 ° Celsius
 - c. -132 ° Fahrenheit
5. What bird is associated with Christmas?
 - a. Sparrow
 - b. Cardinal
 - c. Eagle
6. What year did the modern Winter Olympics start?
 - a. 1924
 - b. 1877
 - c. 1896
7. The first Sherlock Holmes story was printed in the Christmas Edition of...?
 - a. Saturday Evening Post
 - b. Beeton's Christmas Annual
 - c. Dicken's Christmas Annual
8. Who painted famous winter scenes?
 - a. Monet
 - b. Renoir
 - c. Breughel

Word Jumble

Directions: Unscramble four words. Take circled letters and fill in answer.

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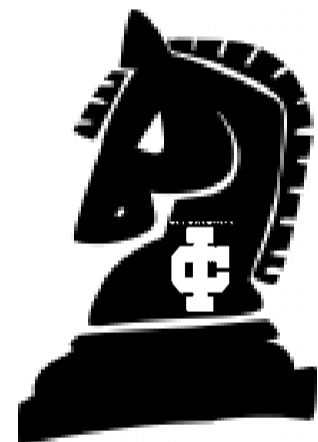
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What the IC Bowling Team hopes to go on.

Answer here:

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ENTRANCE EXAM - JANUARY 2012

Placement test for 8th graders held on January 15th. Students should arrive at ICHS at 8:00 A.M. with pencils ready.

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES - February – April 2012

ICHS is proud to host alumni speakers on various topics to enlighten students and the community alike. Dates, time and location TBD.

ELMHURST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE - March 2012

Join the rest of the Elmhurst community and cheer on the KNIGHTS as we stroll down the street promoting our sports and extra curricular programs in the parade. We might be on a bus or decide to build a float – keep your eyes peeled for our IC blue!

KNIGHT OF JEWELS—Saturday, April 21, 2012

Put your suit, tie or party dress on and get ready for the event of the season! To accommodate more guests for our growing event, our dinner dance and auction will be held at a new venue this year. Stay tuned for more details.

JUBILEE WEEKEND - Friday, June 8 – Sunday, June 10, 2012

Friday we will be hosting our annual scholarship golf outing, Saturday, a “Taste of IC” and Sunday a special closing ceremony. More details coming soon.

Answers for Fun Quiz

1:A; 2:B; 3:C; 4:A; 5:B; 6:A; 7:B; 8:C;

