



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

*School Newsletter*

March 2024 Parent Newsletter

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## *News from the Principal*

Dear Families,

This third quarter is full of activities with Lenten projects and Spring Break. Please pay close attention to your calendars for upcoming events! A March calendar will be in this week's Friday folder, along with many other inserts. Please review your child's Friday Folder carefully.

Lent began February 14 with Ash Wednesday Mass. During Lent, we are concentrating on **praying** more, **fasting**, and completing **almsgiving**. This year, we are supporting Cross Catholic Outreach, an organization that provides meals, homes, clothes, jobs and education to those in poverty across our country and the world. We sent home mite boxes for the Missionary Children's Association and collecting quarters for Heifer International. Students should collect small change in their mite boxes and return them 4/2-4/5. We will also be making crafts for residents of nursing homes. Please join us in these acts of almsgiving during the Lenten season.

I am also excited to welcome Spiritus Ministries to our school on March 22. They will be leading our school wide retreat this year. The topic is Loved. Students will engage in deep prayer to know that God loves them! We will also be praying Stations of the Cross March 1 & March 15 at 2:00 pm. Parents are welcome to join! The Lenten Reconciliation service for students is March 7 & 8.

Our teachers and I work very hard to ensure that each child is placed in the proper class each school year. We meet to balance gender, academic and social needs in each class. Our goal is to ensure that each child is in a class where they will be successful. We appreciate your trust in us to make this important determination. If you have a class request for next school year, please set up a meeting with me before **May 1st**.

We are also excited to welcome back Dr. Erik Hendrickson to engage our students in the power of physics. Our annual **STEAM expo** will be April 9th at 5:30 in the IC Gym. Save the date and see the enclosed entry form in your child's Friday folder.

Our only fundraiser for the year, **Walk for Virtues**, is scheduled for **Friday, May 3rd**. Our Walk for Virtues was a great success last year—and we need your help again this year! Our theme this year is "Noah's Ark". We look forward to a great event. We are excited to be holding our Walk for Virtues at the same time and location as St. James & St. Mary's Elementary Schools. This is a great Regis wide event! We will kick off Walk for Virtues at a special morning meeting on Monday, March 11 and will send home pledge information March 15th.



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. *Romans 12: 12*

Blessings to all,

Kayla Bahnub

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## STEAM EXPO

We are excited to welcome back the STEAM Expo this year! All scientists, engineers and artists are welcome to showcase their work. Art projects have already been collected. Science & Engineering projects can be prepared by students individually or in small groups. Information about the STEAM Expo is in this week's Friday folder.

A big thank you to Mrs. Angie Stombaugh and Mrs. Laura Hicks for organizing our event.



We are also excited to welcome Dr. Erik Hendrickson to demonstrate the wonderful things that can be done through scientific experimentation. Dr. Hendrickson will visit school on February 29.

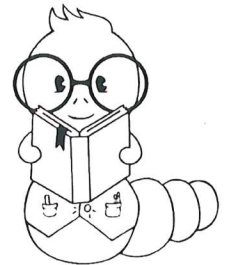
## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Free Throw Contest for all students ages 9-14 on Sunday, March 10 in the Immaculate Conception Elementary School Gym. Registration begins at 11:30am and the contest begins at 12pm. Registration forms are in the digital version of the newsletter. Forms may be turned in the day of the event.

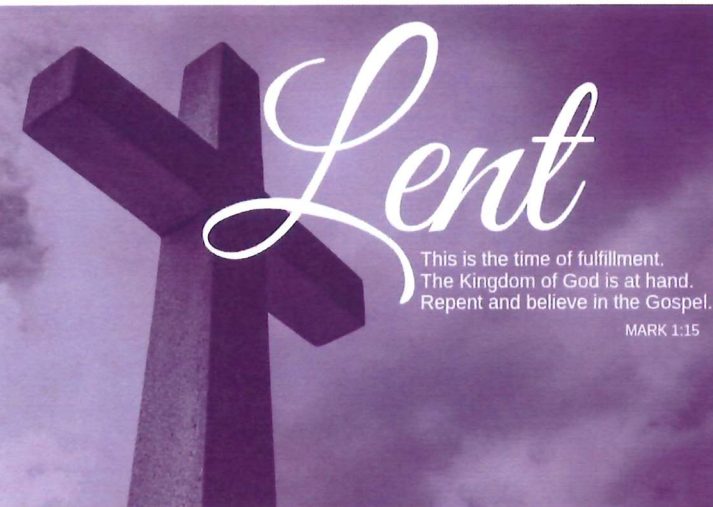


## Dr. Seuss Day March 1, 2024

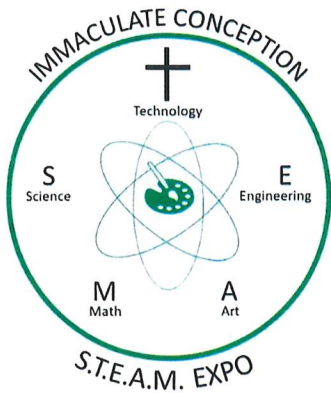
Let's celebrate reading! Friday, March 1st students and teachers are invited to bring their favorite book to school. We will read favorite Dr. Seuss books in class to highlight the importance and fun of reading!



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success! With our earnings from this year and will be able to purchase even more learning materials for the library and classrooms! Thank you to all who supported the fair. A very big thank you to co-chairs Nikki Balts and Olivia Johnson, as well as their many volunteers, for all of their time and talent. We are most grateful!



Mite Boxes & Information were sent home Feb. 16 in Friday folders. Please participate in this important Lenten sacrifice!



# 2024 IC STEAM Expo

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Set up at 5:00 pm; Expo 5:30-6:30 pm  
IC GYMNASIUM

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
Entry Form (Return this form to school)

Name of Experiment/Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Experiment/Project:

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*Students may work as individuals, as families, in pairs, or as small groups. Please submit one form per experiment/project and enter all participating students' names below. If two members of the same family are working on two separate experiments/projects, please submit a separate form for each experiment/project. Thank you!*

How many students are working on THIS project? \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Student #1:**

Student #1 Grade/Class:

Student #1 Parent Name:

Student #1 Parent Email:

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Name of Student #2: (if applicable)

Student #2 Grade/Class:

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Name of Student #3: (if applicable)

Student #3 Grade/Class:

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**Important Reminders:**

*Please DO NOT display dangerous chemicals, live or dead animals, or exposed electrical wiring. Seal all containers. No fire, explosives, or large projectile projects. No excessively loud projects or motorized entries that could damage the gym floor or tables. Please make sure your display stands by itself (e.g., tri-fold poster board to set on a table).*

Will you need a space bigger than 3 x 2 feet?

YES

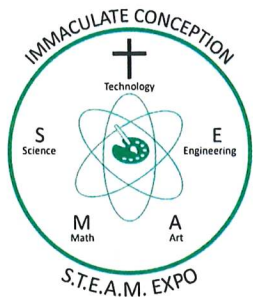
NO

Will you need an electrical outlet?

YES

NO

*(If yes, please bring an extension cord labeled with your name).*



Please join us on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, for the IC STEAM Expo. We celebrate our students' many gifts by exploring art and science. The Expo aims to get students excited about art and science and encourage a lifelong curiosity and love of learning. **All students will have several artistic creations on display.** You will experience the creativity of our students with their Art displayed along with science projects.

This event allows your family to explore together while encouraging students to think like young scientists. Students will develop writing, oral presentation, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills. All work, trials, and documentation should be done at home, with the final science project displayed at a station in the IC gymnasium on April 9th (set up at 5:00 pm; Expo from 5:30-6:30 pm). Displays may consist of working models, demonstrations, collections of scientific objects, reports, and inventions. There will be NO judging.

### Who can participate?

All IC students grades K-5. Individual students, families, or a small group may enter a project.

### What to explore?

Students may design a project around any scientific or mathematical topic. Projects can be in any of the following categories:

Life Science: This category deals with all plant and human body questions. It also includes studying behaviors, so it is a perfect category to try taste tests, opinion surveys, or observing behaviors.

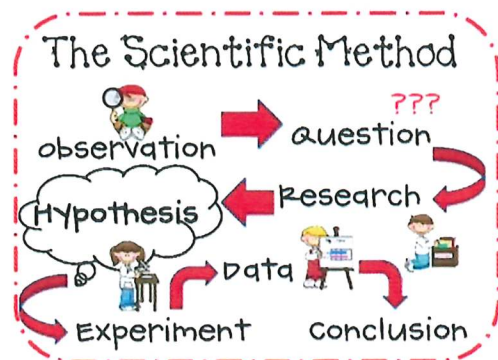
Physical Science: This category is trying to figure out how things work. It includes topics about matter and structure, electricity, magnetism, sound, light, the composition of matter, and how it reacts to each other or anything else you may question.

Earth and Space Sciences: This category includes all topics that deal with Earth or objects in space. This includes studying weather, geology (the study of everything that makes up the earth), and the study of space.

### Where to begin?

All research starts with exploration. Examine a material or object that interests you. While working with the material, many questions will come to your mind. If you find a question for which you can run a test to find an answer, you have the beginning of a science project! For example, while playing with a bubble solution, you notice that the colors of the bubble change just before it pops. You might ask yourself if the bubble always pops when the color changes in that way. Design your experiment so you can answer the question.

**Where do I find great ideas?** The IC school library, of course! Check out the **display of great books** and bring them home to work on your project. Also, take a look at the following websites for inspiration:



<http://www.sciencebuddies.org/>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

<http://kids.usa.gov/science/>

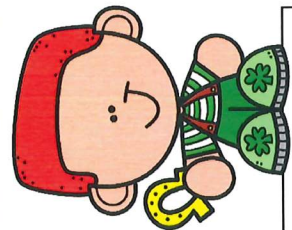
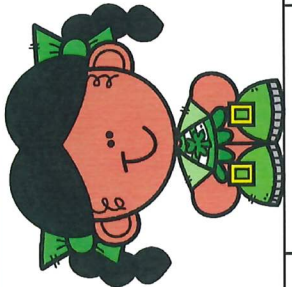
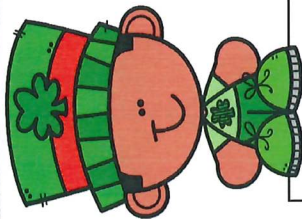
<http://easyscienceforkids.com/>

### Questions? Please contact:

Angie Stombaugh - angelareas@hotmail.com

Mrs. Hicks- lhicks@regiscatholicschools.com

# MARCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Stations of the Cross, 2pm Dr. Seuss Day (DEAR Time)	1st Communion Retreat- IC Parish
3	4	5	Children's Rosary Group	Mass (5S) Reconciliation Service Gr. 2-3, 1-3pm	Reconciliation Service Gr. 4-5, 1-3pm	9
10	WFV Kickoff @ 11 Morning Meeting	12	Children's Rosary Group	Mass (4J)	Stations of the Cross 9am	16
17	18	HSA Meeting, 6pm Oak Room	Children's Rosary Group	Mass (4D)	Jean's for Jesus- Ronald McDonald House Spiritus Retreat Gr. 2-5, Q3 ends	23
24	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	NO SCHOOL Spring Break	30
Easter Sunday	1					



# 2024 REGIS BASEBALL CAMP

**\*SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>\***

*-20<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Hosted by the Ramblers -*

*Place: Regis High School Gym*

**All campers will receive:** Instruction on hitting, bunting, fielding, pitching, base-running, and sliding. All campers will also receive a camp t-shirt and baseball. Refreshments will be provided at the completion of the camp.

**Camp is open for boys and girls, Grades 2 through 6:** The camp will run from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**. It is recommended that all attending the camp bring their own glove. Campers may choose to bring their own bat. Registration will begin at 8:40 AM. Please bring your child no earlier than **8:40 AM**. Thank you.

**Parents Please Note:** The number of participants will be limited to 25. This is a first-come/first serve registration process. Any registration received after the camp has been filled will be returned and refunded **in full**. Sorry, no refunds will be given for cancellations or no-shows. If you have any questions, please call Coach Niese at 1-715-830-2271, extension 1009 or email at [aniese@regiscatholicschools.com](mailto:aniese@regiscatholicschools.com)

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**Registration Form**

Please send a **\$40** participant registration fee before March 4<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Regis Baseball.

**\*\*NOTE: 100% of the camp earnings go towards the Regis Baseball Program\*\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Please circle):

Youth Small  
Adult Medium

Youth Medium  
Adult Large

Youth Large

Adult Small

Mail Registration and payment to:

Andy Niese  
Regis High School  
2100 Fenwick Ave.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

**Parent Waiver:** Regis High School and any camp coach or speaker will not be liable for any injuries that occur during the baseball camp. I hereby authorize the coaches of the baseball camp to act with their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. Additionally, Regis High School and any camp coach or speaker will not be responsible for any damages or losses that may occur to the equipment my child chooses to bring to the camp.

*I understand all terms and agreements on this registration form.*

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Welcome to the Eau Claire Area School District 2024 Summer Program Guide!**

Dear ECASD Students and Families,

This summer, ECASD is offering a wide range of programs for our students to enjoy as they take a break from the regular school year. The Teaching and Learning Department and Principals have developed activities that are focused on helping students to be safe, healthy, challenged, engaged, and supported so that they can continue their learning during the summer months.

All ECASD students have access to summer programming, and we strive to provide the same supports they receive during the school year. We invite any student who is enrolled in the ECASD to attend summer school. Additionally, students who attend private or home schools and live within the District boundaries may also attend ECASD summer programs. To learn if you live within the District's boundaries, please visit the District's interactive boundary map at [www.ecasd.us/boundary](http://www.ecasd.us/boundary).

Please take a few minutes to look through this guide. There are so many options to choose from. You can select a school-based, half-day program or opt to add an additional session with one of our many community partners. Some are tailored for special interests, such as music or sports; others are targeted toward strengthening academic skills or exploring such topics as robotics, coding, art, and many, many more areas of interest. Additional information and announcements may be found at [www.ecasd.us/summer](http://www.ecasd.us/summer).

We have worked very hard to create programming that is family friendly. We have transportation from home to school and back to home for all schools. In addition, we provide breakfast and lunch at each school when summer programs are in session. Our programs are designed to allow students to attend as many courses as possible; all ECASD courses have no enrollment costs and our partners have committed to keeping material fees to a minimum.

We have something for everyone, entering grades PreK-12! If you don't see what you are looking for, please reach out to one of the summer school contacts on page 10. We are always looking for suggestions and may be able to assist you in making your arrangements.

Please note, regular summer programming registration begins online on March 2, 2024, at 8:00am and runs through March 22, 2024. If you need assistance during registration on March 2, 2024, from 8:00am – 12:00pm, please call (715) 852-3141. After March 2, families should reach out to the appropriate summer school contact on page 10 with questions. Students will register directly with ECASD partners for their programs. Registration for all other courses will be done in Skyward Family Access through Arena Scheduling.

We invite you and your family to take advantage of our summer program. We send you our best wishes for a relaxing, refreshing, and fun-filled summer.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnson, Superintendent



# Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheet

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

Boys    Girls   Council # \_\_\_\_\_   AGE:  
  9    10    11    12    13    14

Note: This same form must be used for the Council, District and Jurisdiction Competition — please be sure it is passed on accordingly.

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

## This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

Council No. \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents, members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **The entrant may compete in only one council level competition. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.**

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

## This Section To Be Completed K of C Officials:

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed **15** consecutive free throws in **council** competition and **25** consecutive free throws in **all other levels**. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 5 free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.

COMPETITION LEVEL	SCORING:										TOTAL BASKETS MADE					
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