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Bi-Monthly Newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran School
A ministry of Immanuel Lutheran Church–Palatine, IL



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are excited to share some outstanding news and updates from our school! As we continue our journey of excellence, God's hand has guided us in many ways. Here's a recap of some recent highlights and what's ahead for the rest of the school year. What a successful season it has been for our Bobcat basketball teams! Both our girls' and boys' teams have made history by winning the state championship—an incredible achievement that is the result of hard work, dedication, and teamwork by our players, coaches, and parents. The thrilling championship games were a testament to their perseverance and skill, and the energy in the gym was contagious! It was inspiring to see so many alumni, parents, students, and staff members there to support our teams, creating an unforgettable atmosphere of school spirit and pride. Congratulations to our Bobcat basketball teams for their outstanding achievements and for bringing home the state titles! Both teams move on to represent ILS at the National tournament. From March 12-14, we had the honor of welcoming an 8-member team from the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) to review our school's programs and practices. This visit was the culmination of years of hard work, as we gathered documentation and evidence in seven critical standards: Purpose, Relationships, Leadership, Professional Personnel, Teaching and Learning, Student Services, and Facilities. We are thrilled to announce that not only was our

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VERSE OF THE YEAR

"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14

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was our accreditation renewed, but we also received a remarkable score of 2.9! While the mark of excellence is a 3.0, this score speaks volumes about the dedication of our faculty, staff, parents, and the entire school community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort, including our faculty, staff, the Board of Christian School (BCS), and our wonderful parents. Our commitment to excellence in education has made this possible!

As we approach the end of the school year, we are gearing up for one of the most anticipated events—our school musical! On May 2, join us for the performance of Seussical, Jr. Our students have been hard at work rehearsing, and we can’t wait to see their creativity and energy shine on stage. As we wrap up the school year, we look forward to some beloved traditions that mark the end of the academic journey for our 8th graders. On May 9, we will celebrate our 8th Grade Banquet, a time for students, teachers, and families to reflect on their time at school and look ahead to the future. Finally, we are excited to honor our graduates during the Graduation Ceremony on May 23. It is always a bittersweet moment as we bid farewell to our students, sending them off with our prayers and blessings as they move on to the next chapter of their academic journeys.

We invite all members to explore the educational opportunities at ILS. Take a tour, meet the staff, and learn more about our programs and community. For more information or to schedule your visit, please email admissions@ilcp.org. Tuition Assistance and Scholarships funded by ILSEF are available to help make it more affordable for your family.

We are excited to introduce Miss Mikala Perino (soon to be Mrs. Bilodeau!) who will be joining us as our new Kindergarten teacher beginning in the 2025-26 academic year. She has experience as a teacher, volleyball coach, and interim principal. We are excited to see her bring her talents and passion for nurturing young minds into the classroom. We are confident that she will continue to build on the foundation of excellence in education at ILS!

As we celebrate these successes and milestones, we are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our church family. Your prayers, encouragement, and involvement make all the difference in the lives of our students. Together, we continue to provide an environment where academic growth and spiritual development flourish.

Dr. Tanya Calendo, Principal
TCalendo@ilcp.org



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL



Visit ilcpschool.org or call 847-359-1936.

Share the benefits of Christian education.

Refer your friends, neighbors--anyone!
Interested families should visit our website or give us a call to schedule a tour or shadow day.



Leprechaun Traps with Reading Buddies



Heart Healthy Snack Buffet



Fire Safety Talks

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 ~ Kindergarten and First Grade Spotlight
April 1 ~ Discovery Camp registration opens
April 3 ~ Tales for Tots at 10:00am
April 4 ~ Midterm Ends
April 4 ~ Middle School Dance from 6:30-8:00pm
April 11 ~ Fine Arts Festival at Grace River Forest
April 12 ~ Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am
April 14 ~ All-School PTL Meeting at 6:00am
April 14 ~ Early Childhood Egg Coloring Night at 6:00pm
April 17 ~ Tales for Tots at 10:00am
April 17 ~ Dining for Dollars at Culvers from 5:00-8:00pm
April 18 ~ Yearbook page customization deadline
April 18 ~ Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm
April 18 ~ NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
April 18 ~ Good Friday Worship at 7:00pm
April 19 ~ Easter Vigil Service at 5:00pm
April 20 ~ Easter Sunday - Worship at 8:00am (Traditional)
April 20 ~ Easter Sunday - Worship at 10:30am (Contemporary)
April 20 ~ Easter Brunch - 9:00-10:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm
April 21 ~ NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
April 24 ~ Game Show Gurus Assembly at 1:00pm
April 25 ~ Early Childhood Family Gym Night at 6:00pm
April 28-May 2 ~ Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2 ~ Spring Musical Performance at 6:30pm
May 3 ~ ILSEF Bingo Night at 6:00pm
May 8 ~ Community Meal from 5:00-6:15pm
May 8 ~ Immanuel Dance Ensemble Recital at 6:30pm
May 9 ~ 8th Grade Banquet
May 10 ~ Immanuel Dance Ensemble Recital at 3:00pm
May 12-16 ~ 6th Grade Walcamp Trip
May 13 ~ Kindergarten Signing (for future Kindergarteners)
May 19 ~ Early Childhood Closing Programs
May 20 ~ Early Childhood Closing Programs
May 21 ~ K-8 Field Day
May 22 ~ Kindergarten Celebration
May 23 ~ Closing Chapel at 10:15am
May 23 ~ 11:00am DISMISSAL - Last Day of School
May 23 ~ 8th Grade Graduation
June 16-20 ~ Vacation Bible School
June 23-27 ~ Shining Stars Baseball/Softball Camp
July 5 ~ Immanuel marches in Hometown Fest Parade

Scan or click here to view our
church and school calendars



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Visit immanuelpalatine.org or call 847-359-1936.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Saturdays @ 5:00pm - Blended Worship

Sundays @ 8:00am - Traditional Worship

Sundays @ 10:30am - Contemporary Worship

*Adult Bible Study offered at 9:30am on Sundays

*Sunday Morning Experience (S.M.E.) for children
offered during 10:30am worship



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Grade K-2 Music Showcase



National Junior Honor Society Induction

RAISERIGHT

Earn tuition credit by purchasing gift cards with RaiseRight! Please send an email to Liz Mraz at mrsrmraz007@gmail.com, and an invitation will be sent to you to set up your family's online RaiseRight account. If you are already enrolled in the program, please plan to submit your orders on the second Monday of every month by 9:00am (with the exception of Mondays when there is no school--then the order will need to be submitted by Tuesday at 9:00am). Thank you for supporting our school!

Sign up for Immanuel's account using the Enrollment Code: 1B79AF93557LL



All are invited to the table for a free community meal!

To-go meals are also available.

Easter Brunch:
Sunday, April 20, from 9:00-10:30am
and 11:30-12:30pm

Thursday, May 8, from 5:00-6:15pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church and School
200 N. Plum Grove Rd.

No pre-registration required!
To learn more and to view menus,
visit thecommunitymeal.org.

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR 2025-26

Enrollment is now open for 2025-2026! Families received information via email regarding the re-enrollment process. New families should call our school office at 847-359-1936 for more information and/or to discuss the next steps. Hurry, registration fees are discounted for a limited time!

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel Offering for the third trimester goes to the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministry. Offerings for Trimester 3 will go to Lutheran Church Charities' Comfort Dog Ministry. LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are working animals, trained to interact with people of all ages and circumstances who are suffering and in need. The Comfort Dogs serve every day in their communities and are sent to different locations in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them. To learn more about the Comfort Dogs, visit lutheranchurchcharities.org.



STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE

Student Council will host a dance for Immanuel middle school students on Friday, April 4, from 6:30-8:00pm in the gym. Admission is FREE! Students can order a pizza meal deal for \$6. Students should RSVP to attend and pre-order their pizza meal deal by Thursday, April 3. The theme is NEON! A few parent chaperones are needed. Families received a link to RSVP via email.

YEARBOOKS

Don't forget to order your child's yearbook! You have the option to customize two pages for free by April 18. Go to treering.com/validate and enter the school's code: 1013883756161378. Learn more by scanning or clicking on the link below.

Scan or click here



DISCOVERY CAMP

Immanuel offers a summer camp program for children from prekindergarten through those entering Grade 4 this fall. All children are welcome and do not have to be current Immanuel students to attend. The program runs from the beginning of June until mid-August every summer. Registration for Discovery Camp 2025 will open on April 1, 2025 and will stay open through April 30, 2025 until 6:00pm CST. After this time, no registrations will be accepted. Visit ilcpschool.org/summercamp to learn more and register.

COMMUNITY MEAL HELP NEEDED

The Community Meal is looking for volunteers--cooks, set-up, servers, runners, and clean up to help with our meals. Get a group of family or friends together to help bring a meal together. Anyone needing service hours? Feel free to volunteer. Sign up at thecommunitymeal.org or by contacting Denise Neilson at dneilson214@gmail.com.

DANCE RECITALS - MAY 8 AND 10

The Immanuel Dance Ensemble is excited to invite you to their End-of-the-Year Dance Recitals! There will be two shows, one on Thursday, May 8, at 6:30pm, and one on Saturday, May 10, at 3:00pm. Dancers from Grades 1-8 will perform a variety of group dances, solos, and duets. Performances will be held in the Immanuel Gym and admission is free! Each show will run for approximately 45 minutes to one hour. We hope to see you there!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 16-20 at Immanuel! Children entering Pre-K through Grade 5 in the fall are invited to attend. Camp runs Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. This year's theme is True North! Find more information on page 11.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We are excited to host our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 8 and under on Saturday, April 12, at 10:00am! All are welcome, the event will be held rain or shine! Please RSVP at ilcp.org/easter. There will be different spaces for different ages. Families are welcome, but children should hunt independently as they are able. Please arrive on time, as the hunt ends once all the eggs have been collected! Children should bring their own bag or basket to collect eggs. We can also use many donations of small individually wrapped candy, which can be dropped off in the bin in the main entryway. Please contact the church office at 847-359-1549 with any questions.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI

This spring, Good Samaritan Ministries is collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant for the people of Haiti. Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the coats and collections room outside of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support in the mission to make life better for the adults and children of Haiti!

DINING FOR DOLLARS

Immanuel's PTL will host a Dining for Dollars Event at Culvers in Palatine on Thursday, April 17, from 5:00-8:00pm. Show the flyer linked below or mention Immanuel Lutheran School when ordering and the PTL will receive 20% of event sales!



SHINING STARS

Immanuel is once again excited to host a FREE week-long baseball and softball camp for children age 5-10! Shining Stars will run the week of June 23-27 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Registration will open soon! Learn more and watch for registration information at ilcp.org/shiningstars.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BINGO NIGHT

The Immanuel Lutheran School Education Foundation is looking for inexpensive prizes to give away at Bingo Night on May 3. They especially need items for boys/men. Examples include \$5 gift cards, books, balls, toys, trinkets, etc. They are also looking for more valuable items that would be great in an auction basket, such as wine, gift certificates, restaurant gift cards, sports items, decorative items, etc. Please bring donations to the school office marked ILSEF. Thank you!





EASTER EGG HUNT

For kids age 8 and under

Saturday, April 12

10:00 am



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Rain or shine!
Learn more and RSVP at
ilcp.org/easter.

EASTER

at Immanuel Palatine

Celebrate the risen Savior

LENTEN WORSHIP

7:00pm on Wednesday evenings
through April 9

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES

Adult and Children's Bible studies
6:00pm on Wednesday evenings
through April 9

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND - April 12-13

5:00pm Worship (Saturday)
8:00am Worship (Sunday)
10:30am Worship (Sunday)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17

7:00pm Worship

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18

7:00pm Worship

EASTER VIGIL - April 19

5:00pm Worship

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20

6:00am Sunrise Service
8:00am Worship (Traditional)
10:30am Worship (Contemporary)



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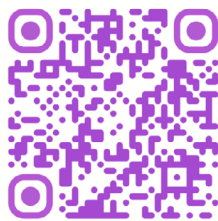


SPRING TALES FOR TOTS

Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am
April 3, April 17, May 1, and May 8

FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 AND UNDER
AND THEIR GROWN-UP COMPANIONS

Celebrate spring with interactive storytelling sessions featuring enchanting tales that captivate little ones and their grown-up companions. We'll spark joy and inspiration with stories, music, games, and play for the hour together. Every tot will get a free book to take home on their first visit!



SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THESE FREE
EVENTS—RSVP BY THE WEDNESDAY
BEFORE EACH SESSION USING THE QR
CODE OR BY VISITING
ILCPSCHOOL.ORG/EVENTS.

APRIL 3

Space theme

APRIL 17

Easter theme

MAY 1

Farm animals theme

MAY 8

Mother's Day theme



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Early Childhood Family Easter Egg Coloring Night

Monday, April 14, from 6:00-7:00pm

Join our Early Childhood staff for an evening of egg coloring! Please bring one or two dozen eggs and a basket to bring them home. Invite your friends and neighbors! The event will be held in the cafeteria. Please enter through Door #10. To reserve your spot, please RSVP to our Early Childhood Director, Marlene Tres, at 847-660-4163.



EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY GYM NIGHT



FRIDAY, APRIL 25, FROM 6-7PM

Enjoy an active evening in our gym including balloon tennis, basketball, scooters, the parachute, obstacle course, the Giant Bubble, and the outdoor playground.

Invite a friend or two! No RSVP required.

For children ages 6 or younger, siblings,
and parent or adult.

Call Marlene Tres at 847-660-4163.





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EDUCATION FOUNDATION

BINGO NIGHT!

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win prizes at this fun-filled event. Emcee Doug Towsey will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game, with plenty of opportunities to win.



SATURDAY, MAY 3RD



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**6:15 P.M. (FOLLOWING 5 P.M.
WORSHIP)**

REGISTER NOW!

WWW.ILCP.ORG/BINGONIGHT





Vacation Bible School

June 16-June 20
from 9am-2pm



For kids entering Pre-K through Grade 5 in the fall



Daily activities include Bible study, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Students will learn to trust Jesus in all that they do!

Students entering Grades 4 and 5 will participate in community service projects in addition to camp activities.

\$50

per child covers a T-shirt, Bible Memory Buddies, activities and snacks for the week, and more!



**Space is limited,
register now!**

Visit immanuelpalatine.org/VBS



Volunteers Needed!

We need crew members to help run our stations and activities! Students entering Grade 6 and up are invited to serve. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt! Parent/Guardian volunteers will also receive a discount of \$10 off the registration fee per child.



Sign up here!



Questions? Contact Pastor Donald at pastordonald@ilcp.org.

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ABSENCE REPORTS

If your student will be absent due to illness or any other unforeseen circumstance, please notify the school office by calling 847-359-1936 before 7:30am. If you know in advance that your student will be absent (i.e. vacation), we encourage you to notify the office in advance by calling or emailing your student's teacher AND hdroz@ilcp.org. The office will contact the parent/guardian of a student who is absent via phone if the office is not notified in advance or prior to 7:30am to ensure student safety and well-being.

K-8 SCHOOL HOURS, DROP-OFF, PICKUP AND BUS

K-8 school hours: 7:40am-2:10pm
Student drop-off: 7:15am-7:30am
Office hours: 7:15am-3:15pm
Office Phone: 847-359-1936

School starts promptly at 7:40am, and students should be in their seats at that time. Middle School and bus riders will enter at the main entrance (Door 1), and K-5 will enter by the gym (Door 12).

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month...

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month...

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading and writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

Find a collection of helpful links and resources at ilcpschool.org/portal



DROP-OFF AND PICKUP REMINDERS

DO

- **Be on time (or early!).** Students should arrive between 7:15-7:30am and be picked up at 2:10pm.
- Pull completely forward to the front of the car line before directing your students to exit the vehicle.
- **STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE** until directed to move forward and are dismissed. Once you are dismissed, you may exit onto Bothwell, turning right, as the street is one way between Wood and Colfax.
- **Pay attention** to school buses in the parking lot. It is unsafe and illegal to drive around a bus when the stop signs are extended.

DON'T

- Use this time for a quick conference with a teacher. If you need to talk with a teacher, make an appointment that is convenient for both of you. The teachers need to focus on ensuring that students are arriving and being dismissed safely. A scheduled appointment makes it possible to address parent concerns without distraction.
- Exit your vehicle to talk/socialize with another parent once in the car line. **Drivers should remain in the vehicle** to ensure a smooth drop-off/pickup. We have seen too many children running through moving car lines to reach a parked/unattended vehicle. If parents need to socialize, please do so in the annex parking lot AFTER car line dismissal.
- Leave the parking lot until your car line has been dismissed.