

**WEEKLY WATCH**  
**Immanuel Lutheran School**  
**Hillside, Illinois**

**“Whatsoever You Do”**

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**CHAPEL**

The next chapel service will be on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Pastor Vratny will lead us in worship with the theme being “As I Celebrate Jesus’ Birth”. Offerings are designated to Feed My Starving Children until the end of the year.

**MEET ME AT THE MANGER REHEARSALS – Children’s Christmas Program**



Rehearsals will be from 2:45 until 4:00 PM. Let Mr. Hempel know AHEAD of time if you cannot make a rehearsal. Meet in Mr. Hempel’s room after school.

Monday, December 14

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

***CHILDREN’S PROGRAM – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>***  
***4:00 P.M. (in church)***



**FOOD DRIVE COLLECTIONS** - We have started to collect canned goods and non-perishable items for the needy. There is a collection basket/table in the front hall of the school. We will donate these items to several food pantries in the area. Donations will be picked up before Christmas. If every family could donate a few items each week during the food drive, we can definitely make a difference during the upcoming holiday season.

**DRESS CODE REMINDER**

The temperatures are dropping outside. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside play. This includes coat, hat & gloves, along with boots & snow pants (when needed). We go outside unless it is raining or the wind chill is below zero degrees. It is also important to remember to layer your child’s clothing so that they are comfortable in the classroom. An extra sweater or sweatshirt will help him/her to be comfortable on those chillier days. Students are not permitted to wear outdoor coats in class.



**ADVENT** - On Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel Church will be holding their third advent service at 7:00 PM. This service will be held at at the “old school house” – 4733 W. Cermak Rd. (the gray house located behind the Verizon store). All are welcome to attend as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

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**SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS:**

January lunch orders - these orders are due in the school office by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (the last day of school before break) no later than 10:00 AM. Orders will not be accepted without payments, nor will the orders be accepted after 10:00 AM.



**ALL CHOIRS WILL BE SINGING THIS SUNDAY AT IMMANUEL – 9:30 A.M. PLEASE MEET IN CHURCH AT 9:15 A.M.**

**CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES**



All room moms and dads are to get in touch with the classroom teacher to plan for their child's classroom party. Each classroom will decide on the way their Christmas parties are organized. Parties will take place at approximately 1:30 PM on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. (the last day of school before the Christmas break)

**JUST A REMINDER – Christmas break schedule – Last day of school, Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M.**

**MANNA ORDERS & MARKET DAY ORDERS**

The last **Manna** order before Christmas will be Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Orders and money must be sent in to the school office by 9:00 AM. The delivery of certificates will be on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you were considering giving gift cards to anyone as a Christmas gift, this is a simple & easy way to do it.

**Market Day** order forms were handed out this week. Paper orders are due no later than Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Online orders can be made until 11:00 AM on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Pick up is on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM.

**VARIETY SHOW**



Rehearsals for the Variety Show will be held on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> immediately after school. Other rehearsals will be held after Christmas break. Please encourage your child to participate in the show which will be held on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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Important Update on H1N1 Immunizations



**The Cook County Health Department has rescheduled our immunization clinic for Wednesday, January 6th.** According to the CCHP this is a firm date. The CCHP will have both forms of the vaccine.

If you have not filled out an authorization form and would like to have your child immunized, there are extra forms in the office. **The form must be signed in the presence of Miss Carol or Mrs. Hahn.** We will accept forms up to the day of immunization.

**If you have turned in the authorization form, it is your responsibility to notify the office of any changes of information prior to the clinic.**

If you have questions, please consult the information sent home in November or contact Lana Hahn

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*CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT IMMANUEL*

*THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE*

*11:00 PM*

*(pre service music by Heather & Hillary Hempel at 10:30 PM)*

*FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> – CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE*

*10:00 AM*



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Dear Parents,

We will have our Christmas store Tuesday, December 15. Please fill out the form and return by December 14. Please fill in the person's name and who they are. The gifts will be a \$1.00. Please send the money in with your child that they are allowed to spend. If there is any change we will send it home with them. They will be allowed to shop for five people first, when everyone has shopped then they can shop more.

Thank you,  
The PTL

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



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**PTL NEEDS YOUR HELP**

We will be having our annual Christmas store on Tuesday, December 15th. We are in need of volunteers to help during the day wrapping the gifts. We are also in need of wrapping papers, gift bags, tissue paper, and bows. If you have any donations please drop them with Mrs. Bramos or Mrs. Hahn. If you are able to help during the school day please contact Melvonne Jones at 708-786-3364 during the day and 708-650-0168 during the evening.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **From the Principal’s Desk**

Winter has finally arrived with a blast of snow and cold air! Children are excited to play in the snow. Please make sure to send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing. When the chill factor is not too cold, we will be going outside for recess.

It is also the time of year to be aware of the process for school closing for inclement weather. If school is closed due to weather there are several different ways you will be notified. Closing decisions are usually made by 6:00 a.m.

- Message on the school telephone number (708)562-5580
- Crawler on television (major networks)
- [www.emergencyclosing.com](http://www.emergencyclosing.com) or (847)238-1234
- Message on website home page

If we are open, but you feel it is unsafe to bring your child to school, please feel free to keep her/him home. Your safety is a prime concern.

The entire school visited the zoo on Tuesday. The students enjoyed visiting and learning about the animals. We enjoyed our lunches together (warmed up a little) and were off for more adventures! It was a great day! Thanks to our many volunteers. We couldn’t do it without all of you!

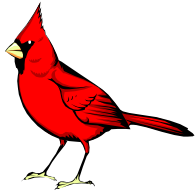
Looking forward to the remainder of the month, there is still much to come. The following are highlights:

- We will be practicing, practicing, practicing next week for the Christmas program. I have had an opportunity to watch a few rehearsals, and I am sure you enjoy the message. The students, under the direction of Mr. Hempel, have worked hard to learn the music and their lines. Make sure you have December 20 at 4:00 p.m. on your calendar.
- Classroom Christmas parties will be held on December 18 during the afternoon.

May God bless you and your family as you prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**In Christ,**  
**Lana J. Hahn**

**IMMANUEL ALUMNI - Christina Broscheit** (attending St. Joseph High School) was announced as being an Illinois State Scholar for the class of 2010. This prestigious award is given annually by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission which recognizes over 19,000 high school students from across the state. Illinois State Scholar winners rank in the top ten percent of the state’s high school seniors. Selection is based on SAT and/or ACT scores and/or class rank at the end of their junior year.



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**FROM THE SPORTS  
DESK...**

**The Week That Was .....**

Following their outstanding performance at the Palatine Tournament (see tournament report) it was back to work. After a much deserved day off on Monday, the Lady Cardinals hosted the Chargers from Brookfield on Tuesday. The Lady Cardinals prevailed in this one, 26-15. Cree Jones led the scoring attack with 14 points. Thursday was another day of practice. Skills were reinforced and adjustments were made to correct deficiencies seen in the last few games. On Friday, the Lady Cardinals will welcome the Tigers from Burr Ridge. Stay turned for all the details.

**The Week Upcoming .....**

Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Girls B-Ball Practice

Tuesday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Girls Varsity Basketball  
@ Grace, River Forest  
Drivers: Jones, McMillon, L. Brown

Wednesday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Day Off

Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Day Off

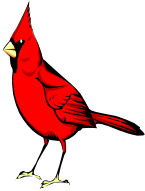
Friday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Girls B-Ball Practice

**CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS  
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM!!!!  
3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE AT PALATINE TOURNEY  
GREAT JOB LADIES**

**CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS  
JV BASKETBALL TEAM!!!!  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE AT THE  
PALATINE TOURNEY  
GREAT JOB LADIES**

**Quote Of The  
Week.....**

Talent wins games, but  
teamwork and  
intelligence win  
championships.



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**LADY CARDINALS HAVE UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS**  
**AT THE PALATINE TOURNAMENT**

The Lady Cardinals basketball teams outdid themselves at this year’s Palatine tournament. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams walked away with trophies and a whole lot more.

The weekend began with the junior varsity tournament. On Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Lady Cardinals faced off with Immanuel, Palatine 2. This would be the first junior varsity game of the year after having only five practices. What would happen? It didn’t take long to find out. Behind some solid defense and the scoring of Amber Reese, who scored a game high 20 points, the Lady Cardinals cruised to a 28-8 victory. Next up on Friday were the Comets from Mount Prospect. This game proved to be a battle of two young teams. Once again the Lady Cardinals used outstanding defense to set the tone for the game. The scoring load was shared in this game. Amber Reese led the way with 14 points, followed closely by Arielle Reese with 11 and Lillian Brown with 6. This formula propelled the Lady Cardinals to a 31-19 victory. This victory gave them a 2-0 record and a spot in the championship game. In the finals, the Lady Cardinals were up against the Bobcats from the host school, Immanuel, Palatine. This was their number 1 team, older and more experienced. This game turned out to be, as one person stated, “one of the best 6<sup>th</sup> grade championship games in the history of the tournament which has run for 17 years”. This was a back and forth game. Both teams played as hard as they could. The Hillside players showed tremendous hustle and effort. Time after time they out hustled and out fought their opponent to get to the loose balls. In the end, they lost the hard fought battle 10-8 and ended up in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. This was definitely a team effort all tournament long. Tailar Carpenter and Tamron Morris led the strong defensive attack. Lillian Brown did an excellent job leading the team. Amber and Arielle Reese provided a great scoring punch as well as controlling the boards. Newcomers Kiara Jefferson, Dawnye Hawkins, Angel Jackson and Emani Washington all provided support. Awesome job ladies!!!

On the varsity side, the tournament kicked off on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> with a game against St. Gilbert, Grayslake. The Lady Cardinals came out flying. Their defense completely shut down the Grayslake attack en route to a 28-8 victory. The Hillside attack was led by Chanel Brown and Shana Nelson with 11 points apiece. Newcomer Dratonyai Ratcliff was the defensive standout. On Saturday, St. Peter, Arlington Heights provided the opposition. This meant that the Lady Cardinals would be facing one of the top three teams in the state. This would give the Lady Cardinals a great measuring stick to see how their teamwork and skills measured up. In the end the Lady Cardinals did lose the game. However, the final score showed how successful the game was. From the opening tip to the final whistle the Cardinals never quit. They scraped, hustled and never gave up. This was a great sign of a team that is developing and maturing. Their final game was the third place game against one of the top teams from Michigan. This would be a rematch of last year’s third place game, which was won by Michigan. This time things were a little different. The Titans came out in a full court man to man press. This year the tactic backfired. The Lady Cardinals carved up the press and at the end of the first quarter they had an 11-4 lead. From this point on the Lady Cardinals controlled the game. Michigan cut the lead to four points at half time, only to see the Lady Cardinals go on a 6-0 run mid way through the third quarter. The final score was 31-22. This was an all around team victory. Everyone played strong defense and five players scored. This victory gave the Lady Cardinals the third place trophy, their highest finish in this tournament. In addition, Chanel Brown and Cree Jones were selected to the All Tournament Team. Overall, this was an excellent tournament. Our four eighth graders, Chanel Brown, Cree Jones, Dratonyai Ratcliff and Fantasia Williams stepped up and played excellent basketball while the sixth and seventh graders are all developing and providing great support and depth.

**GREAT JOB LADY CARDINALS!!! YOU ARE ALL CHAMPIONS!!!**