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Celebrating 167 years of Mission, Community, Service.
 The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire,
 challenge, and nurture
 the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

April 30, 2021

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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8 Beatitudes--ICTHUS

175 years strong



USCCB Pastoral

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,



REMEMBERING ZAC Today is the Zac Epplin Memorial Golf Tournament. *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Phil 4. Thanks to the ICS Fathers Club for all their work for soon to be soccer facilities at our campus!

Zac still lives on in our hearts and good works in his name!

THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES FOR OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL! Please step up and lead the way for us. Alone we go fast but together we go far!

<p align="center"><u>ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?</u></p> <p>We are currently collecting names to be drawn for new School Board and Pastoral Council members on May 15.</p> <p><u>What's involved in serving on the School Board?</u> Serve as an advisory group to support the Principal and Pastor in developing and implementing school policies. Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3 year term beginning in June</p> <p><u>What's involved in serving on the Pastoral Council?</u> Serve to recommend policy to the Pastor for parish spiritual, educational and financial matters. Meet 4th Tuesday of the month, 3 year term beginning in June</p> <p>Please prayerfully consider placing your name in the discernment box (located in gathering space in the back of Church) for School Board or Pastoral Council. New members will be drawn from the boxes at the end of 5PM Mass on May 15. If you have any questions or want to submit your name via email, you may contact Christine Schorb at 618.660.6463 or schorbc@aol.com regarding School Board or Teresa Dorschorst at 314.303.5352 or tdorschorst79@gmail.com regarding Pastoral Council.</p>
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ACADEMIC SUCCESS Scholastic Challenge 2021 February 2021

ICS students in Gr. 5-8 participated in the Scholastic Challenge 2021, an online contest consisting of 100 questions in math, science, language arts, social studies, and general knowledge. This year 8000 students participated in the 8th grade contest and 3000 students from 21 states and military bases participated in the 6th grade contest. Congratulations to ICS 6th grader Will Wittenauer, on his 1st place in Illinois!

Top 10 students at ICS for the 6th grade contest were: Will Wittenauer, Jack Siegel, Nicholas Wahle, Jack Williamson, Nicholas Holdener and Lucas Sheehan and Sophia Kienzle(3-way tie), Julia Hoeflinger and Adam Jansen(tie), Sean Frederick, and Ryan Kroenig. Commended scorers who were at or above the national average on the contest were: Cam Donjon, Claire Wachtel, Liam Heinen, Carolyn Randle, Sloan Wilson, Shawn Michael Stuart, Steven Schaefer, Noah Ettling, Emma Ashton, Avery Melliere, Anna Hornacek, Isabel Roche, Joseph Wynn, Garrett Patton, and Carson Timmons.

Students in the top 10 at ICS for the 8th grade contest were: Brady Moore, Will Jansen, Avery Herrmann, Grant Monheiser and Owen Haney(tie), Paul Ott, Claire Barbour, Sadie Loless, Genevieve Nadziejko, and Connor Thoma. Commended scorers who were at or above the national average on the contest are: Karina Jerkatis, Logan Acevedo, Brooke Heimbürger, James Thebeau, Layne Traxler, Ava Hrdlicka, Kaila Jerkatis, Keegan Thompson, Audrey Randle, Lauren Thorne, Ava Langhans, Emily Rose, Michael Wessel, Owen Dill, Broedy Furlow, and Caroline Roche.

GIBAULT MATH CONTEST First place sweep and 9 of top 18!

Congratulations to the following students who scored in the top 6 places for the annual Gibault Math contest! This year the contest was held in the grade schools rather than traveling to Gibault, with ICS competing against Millstadt, Red Bud Elementary, St. Joseph, and St. John Smithton. ICS students won 9 of the 18 awards, including first place at all grade levels. These mathletes are students of ICS math teachers Natalie Dillon and Karen Weiler.

Sixth grade: 1st place Will Wittenauer, 2nd place Easton Dill, 5th place Claire Wachtel, and 6th place Avery Melliere

Seventh grade: 1st place Avery Herrmann, 3rd place Riley McGill, 4th place Connor Thoma, and just out of the ribbons was Keegan Thompson who was tied for 5th place, but received 7th place based on tie-breaker questions

Eighth Grade: 1st place Brady Moore-who answered 32 of the 35 questions correctly, and 4th place Owen Haney

Parents and Friends is hosting a 5K on May 7th. Here is the link to register

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=235283>

Thanks to Priscilla Wilkerson and Jen Loporto for chairing!



GIVE STL!!! IT'S COMING!!! THURSDAY, MAY 6: 6 a.m. - 7 a.m.

Thursday is the day! Many of you have asked, what exactly do you need me to do for GIVE STL? So, let us help with these easy steps...

1. Read [this](#) to better understand ICS's involvement in Give STL.
2. You and your family should come up with an amount you are willing to donate on Thursday. Remember, it is for the kids 🤝
3. Ask grandparents, family, friends, and neighbors to consider giving as well and then assist them with these steps.
4. Decide or set up several email addresses to spread out your donation and give from each email address. For example, if you plan to give \$100, give \$25.00 from 4 different email address. If we have the most email addresses during our power hour, we win an additional \$1000! That is 4-5 Chromebooks alone!!!
5. Set your alarm for 6 a.m. on Thursday, May 6. Pray, pour your coffee, enter miineheath, log into your email addresses and start giving by going to <https://www.givestlday.org/IC>. **Please have all of your donations in by 6:50 a.m. to be safe!!!**
6. Now, feed your kids and get them to school. Don't forget about the road construction



Mr. Gilbreth ran a design contest earlier this year to have students use Canva, a web based graphic design program. They really well! The Class of 2021 voted on a final design to be printed as stickers. Kaiden Timmons' design won. The stickers are set to arrive the week after they get back from DC (May 11th). Congrats Kaiden!

MISSION DAY We are seeking prizes for Mission Day on May 14. We are coming up with Covid safe fun. This year we will have a set donation request and make all games and snacks available. Specifics coming.

OPTION C LUNCH CREDITS AND OUTSTANDING FEES: All fees for this school year will be posted to OptionC by May 1. Any available lunch credits will be used to pay off any other ICS outstanding fees (band, book, tuition, etc.). Any remaining credits will be carried over to next school year.

ICS MAGAZINE DRIVE Another check for CEAC for **\$129.40!** Not quite a square foot but it helps. Your pledges and donations in larger amounts will help us eat this elephant one bite at a time!

Uniform Fitting Flyer for the 10% discount on the selected days listed on the flyers, May 6-8, as a reminder for your families. They may come into the store to be fitted or if they are certain of their child's size they are welcome to order on-line during those selected days and receive the discount with the coupon code listed. The vendor inventories continue to remain slow to receive. Please encourage your families to order early with this fitting discount promo. Catholic Supply

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO PURCHASE YOUR CHILD'S 2020-2021 YEARBOOK. This will be an exciting yearbook with lots of memories. Please contact Katie Hart with any questions.

Kathleen.hart@Hotmail.com link to order your yearbook [Order my yearbook](#)

CALENDAR:

Sun. May 2-Fri. May 7	DC Trip --- Mass in Garden Level
Thurs. May 6	Give StL Day---donate---even from DC!
Fri. May 7	Open Wide Our Hearts 5k Run---4:00-8:00
Mon. May 10	Parents and Friends meeting at Herbeck's Lake
Tues. May 11	May Crowning 1:50
May 13-16	<i>Beauty and the Beast</i> --- <u>BOOK FAIR</u>
Thurs. May 13	Baccalaureate Mass for Class of 2021
Fri. May 14	BC Covid Responsible Mission Day Arrangements coming
Sunday, May 16	Band Concert 1:00 Musical at 3:00 or 3:30 TBD
Mon. May 17	Mr. Kish Fun Day-aka Dum Dum Day-or be surprised day
Tues. May 18	last day for Class of 2021, School Board
Wed. May 19	Awards Day Gr. 1-7
Thurs. May 20	Graduation/Awards at 7:30 in Church, ltd. Seating-TBA
Fri. May 21	Kindergarten Graduation 1:30, Last Day of School
Wed. May 26	<i>Bigger and Better Schools</i> ---Garden Level---Faculty/Staff
Sun. June 13	Confirmation 1:00 and 4:00

WRITE IT ON THE BOARD---AKA HOMILY NOTES: *When I was little, I was so poor I couldn't pay attention!* But taking notes during Fr. Carl and Fr. Nick's homilies have helped. This last quarter I have encouraged our faculty to take homily notes at Mass or merely "write it on the board".

Some gems this week:

~~~Yesterday was our all-school birthday party since we couldn't bring in individual snacks, our Room Moms and Dads sent them in. During the homily Fr. Nick mentioned

that Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. After Mass, he asked me why so many students wished him a happy birthday? Coincidence? Or a God-wink?

~~~ The Good Shepherd---Jesus is like the sheep who is a fence jumper. Always trying to find a better way. He was killed for it. If you follow him, you will be killed for it in one way or another. If you are going to be a Christian, you better look good on wood.(Daniel Berrigan). But again, you don't pay the price, you reap the benefits.

~~~ Faith--- Belief in something you can't see--- From Letter to the Hebrews---  
On a journey of darkness where you can't see anything---So hear his voice---Use other ways to come to Jesus---Taste and Touch of the Eucharist---use your senses  
Faith is no longer needed in heaven---Faith is temporary---Being Grateful is an act of faith---Moving thru the darkness by faith.

**WOMEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT** Mom needs a mental break from Covid. Sign her up for May 20-May 23. Make it a belated Mother's Day gift. She will love it! Safety- what does it mean to you? Handwashing?, Masks?, Social distancing? How about the safety of Gods arms wrapped around you? Think about this. How does that feel? Trust that God has a plan for you. We are here for purpose and it is up to each one of use to find our purpose and use the talents that God has bestowed on each one of us. This upcoming Women's retreat can help you take the time to contemplate your life...your Godly purpose.

The next **Women's ACTS Retreat** will be **Thursday, May 20th through Sunday, May 23rd, 2021, at the King's House in Belleville, IL.** This parish-based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith, and to build and deepen lasting friendships throughout your parish community. Money back guarantee!!!

Registration forms can be found online at <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/HYPERLINK>  
["http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts"acts](http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/acts) If you need further information on the retreat weekend, please contact one of the following:

**Director:** Betsy Amoroso 618-570-5912 **Co-Director:** Shanna Witges 618-669-7504

**IT'S MUSICAL-IN-A-WEEK REGISTRATION TIME!** MaryBeth Babcock is looking forward to bringing The Actors' Attic Musical-in-a-Week Camps to the IC Activity Center! The fun begins June 11-18 with **Frog & Toad KIDS** for those going into Gr. 1-4. Middle school camp for Gr. 5-8 features **Mathilda Jr.**, June 18-25. High school campers (Gr. 9-13) will put on **Willy Wonka Jr.** June 25-July 2. Thanks to ICS for letting us "take the stage" this summer! See the attached form for all the details.  
Contact MaryBeth with questions at [actorsattic@gmail.com](mailto:actorsattic@gmail.com) or 618-719-1264.

### **THE SPORTING NEWS...**

#### Track News

On April 22 ICS competed at Althoff High School with Queen of Peace, Holy Trinity and St. Theresa. ICS finished 1st with 223 points, St. Theresa was 2nd with 160 points, Queen of peace 147 and Holy Trinity with 111.

**Michael Wessel and Regan Kenner** took 1st in High Jump  
**Cam Donjon** took 1st in Long jump  
**Keegan Thompson and Brook Heimburger** placed 1st in Shot Put  
**Brooke Heimburger** Placed 1st in Discus  
**Caroline Roche** placed 1st in both the 1600 and the 800  
Parochial girls (**Sadie Metz, Ava Schmidt, Aubry Thomas and Lauren Thorne**) and  
Junior girls won the 4x100 (**Isabel Roche, Naomi Langhans, Regan Kenner and  
Lucy Keeven**) and the 4x200 relays  
**Regan Kenner** won the 200M

On April 24th ICS competed in a rainy cold track meet. It was the state sanctioned  
"Regional meet". We did very well despite the rain and chilly weather. Top 3 in each  
event move on to the "Meet of Champions" on May 8th in Salem IL.

**Brooke Heimburger** Qualified in both Shot Put (2nd place) and Discus (1st Place)  
**Michael Wessel** Qualified in all 4 of his events (1st in the 100M Hurdles, 2nd in the  
400M, 2nd in High Jump, and 3rd in the 200M)  
**Clair Barbour** Qualified with 2nd place in the High Jump  
7th Grade boys placed 3rd in the 4x100M relay (**Luke Dalpoas, Max Keeven, Will  
Dalpoas and Nicolas Wahle**)  
8th Grade girls placed 1st in the 4x200M relay and 3rd in the 4x100M relay Qualifying in  
both relays! (**Sadie Metz, Lauren Thorne, Naomi Langhans and Regan Kenner**)  
**Regan Kenner** qualified for the 7th grade 100M dash with 2nd place

Regional is very high level competition and we qualified 11 kids! I am so proud of all the  
kids that participated, it was a character builder with the weather and the  
competition! Well Done Crusaders!

We hosted a meet this week on Wednesday at Columbia High School and as expected  
many of the kids are on the heels of current school records and they are performing  
better and better every time.

ICS took 1st with 243 points

SPPCS 2nd with 119 points

St. John Smithton 81 points

**Brooke Heimburger** placed 1st in the both Shot Put and Discus Throw. She is very  
close to breaking a school record in those events! She can do it!!  
**Turner Haywood** placed 1st in Shot put  
**Regan Kenner** placed 1st in High jump tying the Junior girl High Jump Record with a  
4'6in Jump!  
**Garrett Patton** Placed 1st in high jump  
**Clair Barbour** Placed 1st in High Jump  
**Will Dalpoas** placed 1st in Long Jump and the 100M  
**Lillian Braun, Caroline Roche, Lucas Sheehan and Logan Loporto** all placed 1st in  
the 1600 and the 800 in their divisions

**Aubry Thomas** placed 1st in the 100M

**Michael Wessel** placed 1st in the 100M

**Ella Boyd ,Jack Siegel and Ava Schmidt** all placed 1st in the 400M in their divisions  
**Will Dalpoas, Regan Kenner, Luke Dalpoas and Sadie Metz** placed 1st in the 200M in their divisions

**Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Parochial Girls and Parochial Boys** all placed 1st in the 4x200 relay

**Junior Girls, Junior Boys and Parochial Girls** all placed 1st in the 4x100 relay

Whew, I hope I didn't miss anything! We are having a blast, the athletes are grateful for the opportunity to compete. Everyone is improving! Next up, **DIOCESAN TRACK MEET TOMORROW!** We compete at Althoff High School tomorrow starting at 9am! Please come out and support the kids if you are free. It will be a beautiful day.

Track takes a village and I want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents of these amazing kids who have offered to help along the way. Especially on Wednesday at our home track meet! I would call you each by name but I know I would miss someone so please know you are appreciated!

#### **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Artifact of the Week:**



I days ago, the nuns in our parish used to make our Communion hosts. Times have changed but the Bread of Life stays the same! God's peace to all our former nuns and all who are taken for granted behind the scenes that make up our spiritual life!

#### **GRADS IN THE NEWS:**

**Illinois State Scholars 2021** Our Class of 2017 had **6 of 24** named Illinois State Scholars this year! Congratulations!

**Althoff Catholic High School Kalia Jerkatis**

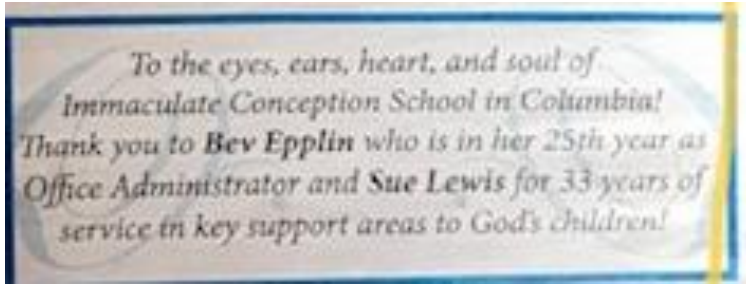
**Columbia High School** Rose Sippel

**Gibault High School** Jacob Feldker Katherine Grawitch

Andrew Harmon Reagan Herrmann



**Kalia Jerkatis** ICS '17, received an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy on March 29 at Scott AFB from Lt. Gen. Donald "Gene" Kirkland on behalf of the Commandant of the USCG. We are proud of you Kalia! Our country will be safer with you on duty! Kalia always led the way here!



**Administrative Professionals**

**Day** As Yoda would say: *Lost would we be without ones who can find where you left the important papers!* Thanks Bev and Sue for being The Force!

**The local Shriners of Southern Illinois** are sponsoring a FREE Screening Clinic in your area on May 15th and we need your help getting the word out. A Screening Clinic is an easy way for parents or caregivers to bring kids to be evaluated in order to determine if they have a condition that is treated by Shriners Hospitals for Children. Link

**GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS:**

**\*SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC** We hope you will be part of our 2021 Gibault Summer Classic! This year's event will be held on Friday, June 11, at Annbriar Golf Course. For sponsorship information or player registration, visit [www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com](http://www.GCHSgolfclassic.givesmart.com)

**\*Applications** for our Class of 2025 and transfer students are still being accepted. Visit <https://gibaulthawks.com/apply/>. Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com).

**\*Enrollment News** We're still enrolling the Class of 2025! For more information, contact Kelly Day at 939-3883 or [kday@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:kday@gibaulthawks.com).



**ICCCW spring fundraiser.** Women Spring Raffle. Ticket donation suggestions are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10. Call or email Kathy Ritter 618-719-6819 or [kritter1634@hotmail.com](mailto:kritter1634@hotmail.com). Mail donation to ICC, c/o ICCCW, 411 Palmer Road, Columbia, IL 62236

**Birthright Counseling St. Louis is celebrating our 50th year of serving women and babies!** Next up in our celebratory events, is our annual Run for Life and Learning with 6k, mile and ¼ mile options. Please consider a Youth Group, Team, or Club



Sponsorship. Groups of 10 or more registrants receive a discounted registration of \$20/person. All registrants receive a Run for Life & Learning t-shirt. Donations and sponsorships enable Birthright STL clients who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education. Funds raised in excess of scholarship and housing needs will be used to provide professional counseling and practical assistance to Birthright STL clients.

To register or donate, visit [runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning](https://runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning) or email [run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com](mailto:run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com) for sponsorship opportunities or with any questions.

**GENEROUS BEQUEST:** We recently received a check for \$93,364.91 from the estate of Fr. Bernard Goedde, who was associate pastor at Immaculate Conception from 1972-75, and died June 19, 2019. Fr. Bernie was a great guy. I spent 2 years in the seminary with him and it was great to reconnect when he became our Associate Pastor. He had a keen sense of wit and was a spiritual man of God. His generosity, like that of many priests who have donated to our Catholic Education and Activity Center, did not surprise me. We were part of his family. God's peace to Fr. Bernie!

### **AMAZON PRIME DELIVERY**



**PARISH WORK DAY:** We will resume the monthly work days on the second Saturday of each month on Saturday, May 8. The new time will be from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

**ROSARY:** We will honor Mary on May 4-11-18 during her month.

**ROSARY IN MAY:** Once again the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of the rosary 20 minutes before every weekend Mass during the month of May. It will also be live streamed before the 5 pm Saturday Mass.

### **Prayer of Peace for Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R.**

*Jesus, Prince of Peace, we pray urgently for Your peaceful touch on Fr. Gary. His mind has been anxious and his body tired from terminal cancer.*

*Please replace these ungodly feelings and bring him unwavering peace.  
May he find comfort streaming through his body and mind.  
May he feel peaceful as he tackles the challenges and fears of today and tomorrow.  
As he approaches the day where he meets You and finds the joys of the Resurrection,  
please center his entire heart in a peaceful place.  
We ask this so confidently, in the goodness of the Resurrection.  
In Your compassionate and holy name, Amen.*

**John Gosma**, Mrs. Sarah Helfrich's Dad, really needs our prayers. Some hard family decisions have to be made as his surgery from his broken leg has become infected. God be with them as they seek God's will.

Nick and Fred Doerr's Grandpa **Dave (Deidra's Dad) Thomas** needs our prayers. Thanks!

**Dwayne** (Kathy and Jake)**Daniels** is home recovering from a bad infection but needs our prayers. Please pray for a full and quick recovery.

**Fred Bruss**, WW II Veteran with over 60 combat missions over Italy and Southern France, former Belleville Fire Chief, and great grandfather of Sloan Wilson has passed away. God's peace to this service minded man and all his family! Legacy. He left one in Sloan for sure!

**PRAYERS: Special Intention** John Gosma, Dave Thomas, Fr. Gary Hogan, C.R., Grace Bartz, Keith Hoeflinger, Fr. Gary Gummersheimer, Kyrans Fleming, John Stonis, John Stoffel, Randy Royer, Dan Schneider, Kathy Neal, Ruth Ann Mitchell, Donna Hoggard, Steve Patton, Elaine Schorb, Harley Greer, Pat Whelan, Velma Taylor, Steve Killy, Joan Prigge, Joanna Prigge Ellner, George Perry, Danielle Dorlac, Arlin Stechmesser, Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Glyn Raeber, Mike Drone, Geraldine McCoy, Logan Eichenseer, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** 1- Fear of Saul, 2-actions speak louder than words, 3-my grape vines---Acts tells the story of the disciples **fear of Saul** who was a known advocate of hunting those who followed Christ. If you study your history, you know how hard it is for people to trust. We kill the things we fear, sometimes even the truth! Saul, like the great ones, had a name change, needed advocates to say he was okay to be around, and to be taught the secret handshake of the ichthus drawn in the sand.(one of the ways early followers knew it was safe to talk.) **Words** might inspire but they are empty without action. We all know it but lip service doesn't cut it. Action does. Love does in word and deed! My **grape vines** were frosted last week. John, the non-synoptic Gospel writer and Apostle, tells us Jesus reference to the vine and the branches. My vines are via my Dad who got them from Ft. de Chartres via France. I am not sure how many hundreds of years ago the cutting took place but they existed even before then. If Jesus is the Vine, and we are the branches, our actions as

Christians deserve a name change and we better look good on wood! Please pray for the Class of '21 who will head to DC this Sunday to overcome the fear that government cannot help the common good. You cannot legislate social justice. But you can come to believe that the idea of America is based upon providing opportunity for all and work does bring dignity. See you round the Table!

*Mike Kish*

Principal

PS **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** this week to **SARAH HELFRICH---ALL DAY!** Her Class will make her joy complete! **And thanks to Karen Weiler and Cheryl Tolan for tbirthday week!** If God's birth is an act of faith in all mankind, what does that say about us as His children? Our Happy Birthday collection raised **\$427.63 for the Missions!**

PS Early reminder: No Latchkey the last day of school---May 21.

PS DC bound this Sunday. Much is closed but we will find enough open to make the trip a success. "Potomac" was a Native American word meaning "Trading Place". Still fitting today as politics is one trade off for another! Please pray for us! Trip #36!

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[Shriners Screening Clinic Information](#)

