

# The Immaculatan

Immaculate Conception High School, Washington, Pennsylvania

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## Congratulations to poetry winners

The second annual Elementary Poetry Contest was an even greater success than the first one. From over three hundred entries, two grand prize winners and over fifty honor winners were chosen.

Suzette Barthelemy, a seventh grade student from John F. Kennedy shares the grand prize honors with Jason Strobe, a sixth grade student from St. Hilary.

### Christmas Peace

Peace at Christmas

What a gift!

One we all could give,  
And if our hearts we all could lift  
God's peace forever would live.

Peace at home

And peace abroad  
On every foreign field,  
Soldiers laying down their guns  
Joy would be revealed.

In every country large or small

If all the wars could cease,

Peace would be ours

If we could give

The Christmas gift of peace

Jason Strobe

Grade 6-St. Hilary

Before you read all the wonderful poetry in our "Creative Corner", take a moment and join us in a very special "Thank You" to Miss Stephanie Kimeniski from St. Hilary and to Sister M. Francesca, Miss Interval, Mrs. Kuzy, Mrs. Izzo, Mrs. Diehl, Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Danczyk from John F. Kennedy for their tremendous efforts in making our contest such a success.

### Mother's Christmas Cookies

I smell cinnamon and mace  
Flour's smudged on Mother's face.  
Ginger, nutmeg, and some allspice  
All these things smell very nice.

Without going in and looking  
I can tell just what she's cooking.  
Christmas cookies! every kind  
Stars and trees and bells you'll find.  
Chocolate and pecan tassies

Even good old time molasses.

I've eaten other cookies

And after all the rest

I really have to tell you

That my Mother's are the best.

Now I've looked at all her recipes

And there's a secret I will share

It isn't the ingredients

It's the love she puts in there.

Suzette Barthelemy

Grade 7-JFK



## Homecoming, new tradition

by Amy Coyle

We, the students of the 1984-85 school year, have experienced the budding of a tradition that we hope will continue. This was the first annual Homecoming Dance which took place November 10, 1984 in the gymnasium.

Though we have never had a Homecoming prior to this year, our school is indeed a "home" to each and every one of us, past and present, and this fact was shown to all. The spirit of Immaculate Conception can and will increase and strengthen with events like this one.

Nine girls from the school were chosen by their classmates to represent the qualities most admired by the I.C. Community. They were as follows:

### Freshmen:

Jill Rose with escort Jon Ridge

Tracy Canterna escorted by Scott Spence

### Sophomores:

Amy Relich escorted by Louie Reda

Monica Kight with escort Rob Hartlage

### Juniors:

Lisa Sullivan with escort Tim Maloy

Sandy McCurry escorted by

Bryan Thomas

### Seniors:

Jill Yancosek escorted by Ken Jones

Lisa Colcombe with escort Bob Thomas

Cara Allen escorted by Jerry Hadrych

Lisa Colcombe had the honor of being Immaculate Conception's first Homecoming Queen. She was voted queen prior to the dance by the student body for best personifying the qualities of honesty, friendliness, leadership and trustworthiness. Lisa was crowned by Jerry Hadrych.

## Number six isn't that bad

by Renee Hardie

With a game against us and a win on the line, I could see the pressure pressing us. After defeating Bermudian Springs 2-0, I thought we were off to a good start, but I was wrong. We dropped a hair-raising game to Iroquois, only to lose the second game and the match.

I watched our dreams die and couldn't help but feeling hate towards the other teams. My teammates and I tried to control the tears that welled up in our eyes from the cheering of the winning team. They advanced, we didn't. The only thing left to do was play for fun. We couldn't do that. We just didn't have it in us, I know I didn't. We dropped the last game 0-2 against Pine Grove. It was all over.

As we waited for the final standings, I looked back and found it wasn't that bad. We made new friends and had a lot of fun. Nobody expected us to go this far, not even us. But we did, and we're proud of what we've accomplished. Our standings, well they weren't what we wanted, but sixth in the state isn't that bad.

## Thanks to Art

by David Ogrodowski

In the past, it has been quite standard for certain members of the student body to decorate the gymnasium walls with posters. These posters were originated to proclaim our pride in the latest successful sport. We have all seen the colors of blue and gold paint plastered all over the usual brown paper, but times are definitely changing and we have been gifted with a new group of creative and artistic minds.

For the first time in I.C.H.S. history, a permanent painting has emblazoned the gymnasium wall. Bryan Thomas and Rick Hardie are the first two daring souls to pass through the paint, paper and paste barriers. They have constructed the I.C. symbol with two comets flying around it to represent a Comet and a Comette.

Now our once dull gymnasium will be uplifted in color during assemblies, games, tournaments and matches by this masterpiece done in blue and gold.



## New faculty members



## I.C. has fantastic fall

by Angie Sullivan

The Fall of 1984 has been quite a shock for Immaculate Conception High School. What once could be described as an apathetic atmosphere has been transformed into one of energy and enthusiasm. Students have been bombarded with activities from the very beginning of the 1984-85 school year.

Things got off to a great start with "Welcome Freshmen Week" that included hall decorating, a "Big Brother, Big Sister" program involving upper classmen and Freshmen, a pep assembly, and a dance to end the week. It has been a long time since the Freshmen have been so warmly welcomed. September activities also included a ninth grade initiation dance, which not only was well attended and well organized, but also proved to be quite a unique experience for I.C. newcomers.

October brought "Spirit Week", which, although hectic at times, was a major success. The crazy dressup days allowed some off-the-wall self expression, while the Student vs. Faculty volleyball game promoted some friendly competition. The students pulled out a two point edge for

the victory and the faculty is already discussing a rematch. Immediately following the game was a delightful, palate pleasing gathering to create luscious sundaes. Most agreed that this "social" was the indisputable highlight of the week.

The end of October brought a new I.C. event with it. This was a bonfire. A beautiful, clear night with a blazing fire out in the country; definitely a new concept for I.C. and it was enjoyed by all those who attended. Halloween Day ended the month with an astounding amount of participation. Costumes were both original and creative. The day was topped with a showing of the movie "The Outsiders". A "tear-jerker" for some, but none-the-less a very enjoyable afternoon.

November included a seventh and eighth grader's visitation day at I.C. and also the first Homecoming for our school. The events enabled I.C. to show the community some of our school pride and both had very positive results.

If fall is only the beginning just think what the rest of the school year may hold. Word is that there are many exciting events being planned for the future. I.C.H.S. is definitely going places.

## Preview of coming attractions

by Michelle Newell

I.C.H.S. has been a busy place during first semester and from all indications it will be the same way, if not more so, during the second half of the school year.

Student Council is planning a "Teacher Appreciation Week" in February. Many nice surprises are planned for the faculty during that week and they certainly deserve it. Also in February an "Anything Goes Assembly" will feature a crazy olympics type competition between classes.

March is reserved for our first twenty-four hour Dance Marathon, so get your dancing shoes ready!

Later in the spring there will be a "Rent-a-Kid" project and we can guess that work shoes will be needed for that one.

## And what do you want for Christmas

by Leslie Petrosky

It is that time of year when we all give our Christmas wishes to Santa! Well, Santa you have one "Big Job". Now we don't expect you to bring everything that we ask for, but it would be very nice. For example, Amy VanStrien would like Richard Gere dipped in chocolate. Jerry Hadrych would like a silver-gold convertible Rolls. Kimi Capobres would like a pair of purple Converse and Denise McFarland really would not mind fifty million dollars. Speaking of wealth, Kristin Egers wants half a ton of gold. Amy Relich wouldn't mind a tiger, which might help George Vitek because he wants a twenty-five-man football team plus a state championship. Ken Jones is very realistic, all he wants is a pair of basketball shoes. Mrs. Dinello would like a world where everyone's family would be as happy as hers. Mark Moyer would like a contract with the Pittsburgh Spirit and another fan, Monica Kight, would like Mario Lamieux wrapped in a box under her Christmas tree. Tracy Sawyer would like John Congemi, the "Best" quarterback from Pitt, with a bow around his neck under her Christmas tree. It is a bit doubtful that Santa can fulfill everyone's wishes but it is the season when visions of sugarplums can still dance in our heads.

## On the spiritual side

by Dena Miscio

Along with the Christmas Season comes the traditional concept of giving and sharing.

The Religion Department would like to express their thanks to the anonymous person who donated a lectionary to the school.

The mission club held two very successful food drives in November for the Circle Food Pantry of Washington County. In the near future, the mission club plans a visit to Washington Hospital, and they will also be joining St. Hilary's Youth Group for Christmas caroling.

