



The Paw Print

Keeping Up With the Pack!

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Quote of the month:

“Its hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.”

-Theodore Roosevelt

The Taste Of

On April 26th, ICHS opened its cafeteria doors to friends, family, and alumni for The ICHS Alumnae Association 13th Annual Taste Of. At this event, restaurants and caterers from across Lodi and surrounding towns donated samples of some of their specialty dishes for patrons to get a “taste of.” This was the first year in which Taste Of was chiefly run by newly-inaugurated Alumnae Association President Denise Poulos-King, ‘89. Her vision - after wishing to improve upon the variety in food selections from prior events - was to invite more restaurants than ever before, restaurants that had never even been reached for something like this before. Pizza and Italian delicacies reigned supreme, but the final result also yielded plenty of homestyle mac and cheese, Asian-style chicken, Greek appetizers, Peruvian cooking, a build-your-own taco bar, and exotic wild boar meatballs. In addition to the first-time guests and favorite local eateries, a station was also reserved for Athena Krupka and Matthew Matejko of the ICHS Cafeteria to share a bite of what our girls eat at school every day.

Patrons raved about what they tried, and with over 200 in attendance and a multitude of lavish tricky tray prizes, a great deal of money was raised for the Alumnae Association. The organization uses these donations to funnel back into the school, especially through their scholarship programs for promising ICHS students who demonstrate a financial need. But of course, the plates upon plates were what caught the most attention, thus creating the exposure that these small businesses deserved. If you could not attend, check out the full list of Taste Of attendees, and a new favorite might hopefully be there.

ICHS Animal Shelter Collection

ICHS's student council will be honoring its annual tradition of collecting food and care items for the Bergen County Animal Shelter. Through the month of May, every homeroom is charged with bringing in items they would like to see donated to pets in need of forever homes. Once the collection is concluded, the newly-elected President and Vice President of the student council executive board will accompany Mrs. Cutrona and Mrs. Ebbinghousen to deliver the collection to the shelter in person. By getting girls involved with charitable works such as this, IC is preparing them for lives of service.



Club of the Month: Glam Club

The Glam Club is one of the newest addition to the long list of clubs here at ICHS. It was created and is ran by Mrs. Ross. The club meets on activity days and they discuss different beauty topics. One of the meetings focused on learning different makeup techniques. One meeting, members watched tutorials online and even practiced what they learned. Another meeting was directed towards doing eyebrows and different ways to do them. In only the first year, the Glam Club has drawn a lot of interest and attention from students of every grade. The Glam Club is planned to continue in the future and have many more meetings.



Pop Culture Paws: Avengers: Infinity War

Marvel's newest movie, the third installment of the *Avengers* saga, is something that fans have been waiting months upon months for. After its release on April 27th, *Avengers: Infinity War* proved to be worth all of the anticipation. This issue of the Pop Culture Column is focusing exclusively on the movie *Avengers: Infinity War* and the impact that it made to hardcore Marvel fans and regular teens alike.

Background

As it is briefly stated above, *Avengers: Infinity War* serves as a threequel to *The Avengers* and *Avengers: Age of Ultron*. While the movie does feature numerous characters from these movies, it also branches further out and has other superheroes within the Marvel universe playing major roles in the story. Some of the other movies whose protagonists make an appearance are *Doctor Strange*, *Spider-Man: Homecoming*, *Black Panther*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy*. There is a sequel rumored to be scheduled for release on May 3rd, 2019. While Marvel fans are certainly excited by these rumors, there is no further information about the sequel that is known to the public.

A Brief Synopsis

This movie is centered around Thanos, who is convinced that the only way to save the universe is by eliminating half of its population. Thanos and his children, the Black Order, must gain the six infinity stones first before they can put their plan into action. Each infinity stone, however, is in the possession of a Marvel superhero. The many heroes of the universe must band together to stop Thanos from acquiring all of the stones at all costs. The film is packed with 2 and a half hours of footage, but that time is certainly not being put to waste. Thanos's plan for destruction is not the only plotline in this movie. There are plenty of side stories happening in *Infinity War* that feature everyone's favorite Marvel characters. In the words of the directors of the movie, the Russo Brothers, *Avengers: Infinity War* is like a "hit and run".

Thoughts and Opinions of Viewers

Without giving away too many spoilers from the movie, it is safe to say that *Avengers: Infinity War* will please any fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. With that being said, viewers do recommend watching, or at least having a general understanding, of the previous Marvel movies. Without some of the information and knowledge of the characters from previous movies, *Infinity War* may not be as easy to enjoy. You will certainly need to pay attention during *Infinity War* to keep up with the numerous story lines, but that shouldn't be a problem since the film is gripping from start to finish with twists, jokes, and *lots* of emotion. Overall, the movie has shown that Marvel will outlive the superhero fatigue, as this movie has blown all expectations out of the water. *Avengers: Infinity War* is a movie that you definitely don't want to miss!



Spring DIYS

Mason Jar Soap Dispenser

Materials:

- Mason jar
- Soap
- 1/2" high-speed steel drill bit
- Soap dispenser pump

Steps:

1. First measure and mark the center of the jars lid
2. Using a 1/2" high-speed steel drill bit drill a hole to fit the width of a soap dispenser pump-pumps from old lotion pumps
3. Fill the jar with liquid soap, screw the lid back on, and insert the pump. You may need to trim the bottom of the pump to fit your jar.



Colander Planter

Materials:

- Colander
- Twine
- Glue
- Sheet moss
- Potting soil
- Seasonal plants

Steps:

1. Wrap one colander handle tightly with a half-yard of twine, pushing pieces together as you go to avoid gaps.
2. Once covered, tie off and add a dab of glue to secure.
3. Knot a yard of twine at each end of the handle.
4. Repeat entire process with opposite handle.
5. Next, line the colander with sheet moss and fill with potting soil and seasonal plants.
6. Tie four lengths of twine together and hang.

Spring Boot Door Decor

Materials:

- Metal grommet
- Rain boots
- Burlap ribbon
- Cylindrical vase
- Tissue paper if needed
- Seasonal blooms

Steps:

1. Install a metal grommet on the back of each rain boot.
2. Loop a piece of burlap ribbon through grommets.
3. Place a 3-inch-wide cylindrical vase in both boot heels; stabilize with tissue paper if needed.
 4. Fill vase with water and seasonal blooms.
 5. Tie ends of ribbon together and hang on a nail.



Spring Sweet Treats

Mini Meyer Lemon Tarts

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup white whole wheat (or all purpose) flour
- 1/4 tsp sea salt (omit if using salted butter)
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup Meyer lemon curd (recipe below)



For the lemon curd:

- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 3/4 cup fresh Meyer lemon juice (from 3-4 Meyer lemons)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (omit if using salted butter)
- 3 large eggs + 4 large egg yolks
- 4 tablespoons butter (1/2 stick), cubed

Instructions

1. In a stand mixer, cream together butter and sugar. Add flour, salt, and vanilla and mix well. Refrigerate dough for 30 min.
2. Preheat oven to 300° F. Remove dough from refrigerator and press into mini tart pans. Place on a cookie sheet and bake for 10-15 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove from oven and let cool before removing tarts from pans.
3. Fill each cooled tart with lemon curd. Top with berries or whipped cream.
4. To make lemon curd:
5. Whisk eggs and egg yolks very well in a bowl. Set aside.
6. In a small saucepan, heat lemon zest, juice, sugar and salt over medium heat until sugar is dissolved. Turn off heat. Slowly scoop a bit (about 1/2 cup) into the eggs while whisking.
7. Pour egg mixture into the pan on the stove while whisking to prevent curdling. Turn heat back on and cook, whisking, until mixture has thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the butter and remove from heat.
8. At this point you can strain the zest out and any egg solids that may be in the curd (this will happen the first few times you make it). Cover lemon curd and chill until ready to use.

Baked Lemon Blueberry Donuts

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup unsalted butter melted
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar 150 g
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1-2 tsp grated lemon zest depending on your tastes
- 1 cup buttermilk or substitute regular milk
- 2 2/3 all-purpose flour 350g
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

GLAZE:

- 2 cups powdered icing sugar
- 1-2 tsp lemon zest
- 7-8 tbsp fresh lemon juice or milk

Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 425 degrees F and grease your doughnut pans with butter or non-stick spray.
- In a large bowl, combine butter, oil and sugar and whisk until smooth and fluffy, about 2 minutes.
- Add in eggs, vanilla, lemon zest and buttermilk and whisk until smooth.
- Add flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt, and whisk just until combined. Stir in blueberries. Batter will be thick.
- Spoon batter into a large disposable piping bag or freezer bag (optional method – see notes. You can also spoon batter into doughnut pan). Cut off the end of the bag so your opening is about 1/2-3/4” wide. Pipe batter once around each doughnut hole – the batter shouldn’t quite fill the hole as they’ll expand and rise.
- Bake for 7-8 minutes until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Let cool 10 minutes before removing from the doughnut pan to cool completely.
- Make the glaze: In a medium bowl, combine sugar, zest, and 6 tbsp of juice or milk. Add an additional 1-2 tbsp of liquid if needed. You want your glaze to be thin enough to evenly coat your doughnuts, but thick enough that it will set and become dry to the touch.
- When doughnuts are completely cool, dip tops of doughnuts into the glaze and overturn so the glaze runs down the sides. Set aside for the glaze to set.



Senior Class Retreat

On Tuesday, April 24th, the ICHS senior class went on their final high school retreat. Campus minister Sister Alexander, Mr. Murphy, and Mrs. Lavery accompanied the class to a youth retreat center in Kearny, where they prayed and reflected together. The girls also participated in team building games and trust exercises, designed to test and deepen their friendships. A class favorite was the blindfolded dodgeball game played outside on the lawn! After lunch, the students sat down separately and wrote letters to their future selves, to be returned sometime next year, to quietly reflect on their lives at the current moment and how they are feeling, approaching their last few weeks of high school. It was a beautiful day for a retreat, and the girls benefitted greatly from a day of bonding.

NSSD Dress Down Day

On April 17th, Immaculate Conception had a dress down to support The Next Step School of Dance's Relay for Life team. Relay for Life is an organization that helps raise not only money, but also awareness for cancer. Everyone who participated in the dress-down donated money to the organization. Relay for Life is occurring on Saturday, May 12th in Rutherford from 1:00pm to 1:00am, Sunday 13th. Everyone is welcome to join the walk and the fight to end cancer.



May Horoscopes

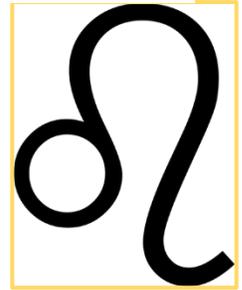
Aries - this month is a big month for you to push yourself. Even when things seem hard, you have to push through!

Taurus - This month will be a huge family time for you. Spend as much time with your family as you can and remember they're always there for you.

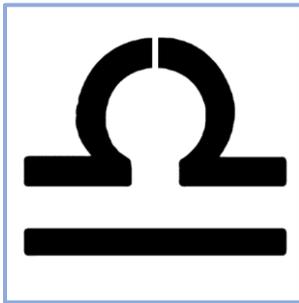
Gemini - This May, you will be filled with energy. Use that to your advantage!

Cancer - This month it seems you are worrying a lot about others. Don't forget to take some time to worry about yourself as well.

Leo - Things are definitely going your way this month! Keep working hard and enjoy what comes of it.



Virgo - This month, things aren't going to go as planned. Remember you can't control everything and have to just let things happen.



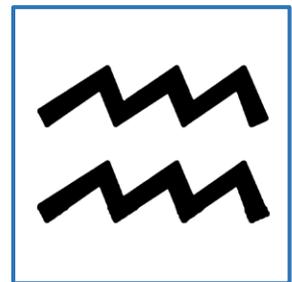
Libra - This month you will want to get rid of all negativity in your life. Positive thoughts and people only!

Scorpio - This month things may get a little hectic. Take a deep breath and push through!

Sagittarius - this may you will have a hard time controlling everything going on in your life. Try to stay calm and it will get better!

Capricorn - this month you will very stressed. Remember that it's okay to take a deep breath every once in a while.

Aquarius - this May you will feel extremely motivated to achieve your future goals. Use that to your advantage!



Pisces - This month you will extremely independent. Set your goals and achieve them.

Upcoming Events in May

May 1st - National Decision Day

May 2nd - Sophomore Retreat

May 3rd - Activity Day- Clubs

May 4th - Zolnier Rings measuring sophomores for Junior Rings.

May 9th - ACT Aspire Testing for Freshmen and Sophomores/ Senior Prom

May 10th - No Classes/Semi-formal

May 11th - No Classes

May 14th - May Crowning- Shortened Midday

May 15 - Activity Day

May 17th - Teacher's Appreciation Activity

May 18th - Senior Trip to Hershey Park

May 22nd - Passing of the Torch- Shortened Midday

May 23 - MS Walk- Afternoon Activity

May 24 - NHS and Rho Kappa Inductions 7pm

May 25 - Noon Dismissal

May 29 - Senior BBQ

May 30 - School BBQ/ Slide Show

May 31 - Noon Dismissal/Senior Awards Night/ Baccalaureate Mass



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