

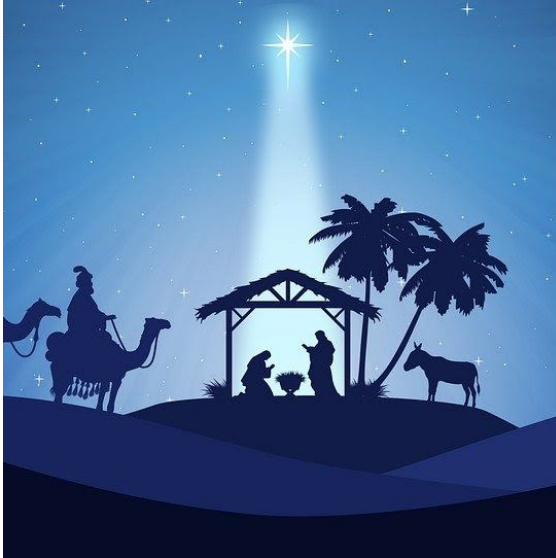
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December brings fun activities to ICS



The nativity of Jesus is described in the Biblical gospels of Luke and Matthew

By: Ella

it is a very exciting time of year. We have two weeks left until Christmas break, and some fun events going on. We just had the Saint Nick Shop which was a big success. There is a Bingo night on December 11th and a Lights of Joy drive thru Christmas Display on December 18th.

We also have a Spirit Wear dress down on Friday December 11th and a \$1 red or green dress down on December 18th. It is going to be a great holiday season filled with fun and joy!



Religious Reflection

By: Elizabeth H.

Baptism. People get it as babies, and others get it when they're older. Baptism is indelible, or permanent. You can never "undo" getting baptized.

Jesus came to John the Baptist while he was baptising people in the River Jordan. John tried to make him change his mind, but Jesus answered, "In this way we will do

all that God requires." So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Heaven was opened and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear son with whom I am pleased." Matthew 3:13-17

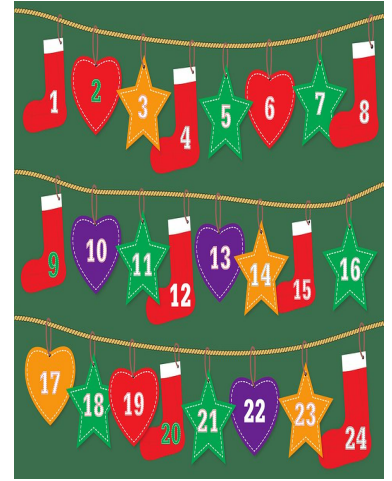


St John the Baptist

Notable Days of the Month By:

Joseph, Daniel & Ava **December 1** National Pie Day/Rosa Parks Day/World Trick Shot Day **December 2** National Mutt Day **December 4** National Cookie Day/National Dice Day/National Sock Day **December 6** • St. Nicholas Day **December 7** National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day **December 8** National Brownie Day/ National Immaculate Conception Day **December 10** Dewey Decimal System Day /Human Rights Day/Nobel Prize Day **December 11** National App Day **December 12** Gingerbread House Day/Poinsettia Day **December 13** National Cocoa Day/National Violin Day **December 14** National Alabama Day/Monkey Day **December 15** National Cupcake Day/Bill of Rights Day **December 16** National Chocolate-covered Anything Day

December 17 National Maple Syrup Day /Wright Brothers Day **December 18** National Twin Day/National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day **December 19** National Hard Candy Day/National Wreaths Across America Day **December 21** Crossword Puzzle Day/Winter Solstice National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day - First Day of Winter • Yule - Day of Winter Solstice **December 23** Festivus **December 24** National Eggnog Day/ Christmas Eve **December 25** Christmas **December 26** National Candy Cane Day/National Thank-you Note Day/Boxing Day (Canada) **December 27** National Fruitcake Day **December 28** National Short Film Day/National Chocolate Candy Day/National Card Playing Day **December 29** National Hero Day **December 30** Bacon Day **December 31** New Years Eve



By: Hailey & Brooke

Donal J. Sobol was born on October 4, 1924. He was the author of a book series of 29 children's novels, with the first book published in 1963 and the last novel published posthumously in 2012. The series was called Encyclopedia Brown, and has spawned a comic strip, a TV series, and compilation books of puzzles and games.

Author of the Month - Donal J. Sobol

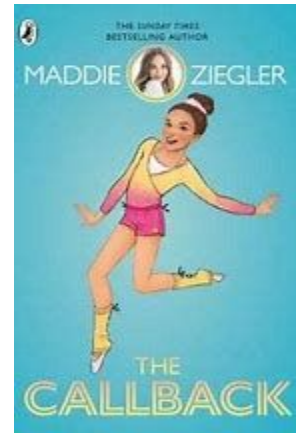
Fun Facts about Donald J. Sobol • He wrote many other books including the *Two-Minute Mysteries* series. • Sobol wrote more than 65 books. In addition to the books he wrote for children, Sobol also wrote a number of nonfiction books on topics ranging from US Civil War history investing and he also wrote for numerous magazines. • He had four kids of his own. • Some of Sobol's first books were historical fiction books for kids.

- Encyclopedia Brown had its own series on HBO in 1989. • One time, a few 2nd graders from Philadelphia found a mistake in one of his books and Donald later corrected it in newer editions. • He was a World War II veteran • He died on July 11, 2012, Miami, Florida at the age of 87 with a net worth of 4 million dollars.

Book Review - The Callback

By: Ella

It is a very good book about a dancer who just moved to Florida from Connecticut, who is feeling out of place. She is asked to be in her school play, and after that everything gets crazy. In the end she learns that sometimes you need some help from your friends to accomplish your goals.



Book Cover for The Callback

Foreign Culture

By: Claire

This week's new culture is Greenland. A lot of people may not be aware how amazing this country is, but these facts may give you a little understanding of the place

- ★ Greenland is gigantic. It's a common thought to think that Greenland is a small island, but nothing could be further from the truth. It is actually just 4.5 times smaller than the U.S.A
- ★ Vikings were actually the first one to settle in Greenland
- ★ Fishing and tourism are its main source of income.
- ★ The country is geographically part of North America, but politically is part of Europe. 5. From May 25 to July 25, the sun does not set at all,
- ★ Greenland is one of the least densely populated places in the world.
- ★ There are NO direct flights to Greenland
- ★ You can see northern lights in Greenland
- ★ People in Greenland don't use dogs as pets, they still use them as working animals to pull sleds



Kids' Corner



FUN FACTS

By: Kelsey, Daniel, Alex

- ❑ Christmas trees were first used by ancient Egyptians and Romans
- ❑ Alabama was the first state in the US to have recognised Christmas as an official holiday!
- ❑ Christmas trees are also known as the Yule-tree.

Jokes & Riddles

By: Hailey, Bryce & Joey

Who is the most impolite and disrespectful of all the reindeer?

Rude-olph

If otters keep their money in riverbanks, where does Frosty the Snowman keep his money?

In a snowbank

Where do Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoy going for a swim?

The North Pool

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

If the end of the year is on December 31st, then what is the end of Christmas?

The letter 'S'

What did Mrs. Claus say to Santa when she looked up in the sky?

Looks like rain, dear

Why did the Boomerang never come back?

It was a stick.

What did the zero say to the other zero?

Nice belt!

So 1 is 3, 3 is 5, 5 is 4, Four is the magic number. How is this possible?

A: one is spelled with 3 letters. Three is spelled with 5 letters. Five is spelled with 4 letters. Four is spelled with 4 letters so that would repeat.



One time a normal family with 3 pets, 3 kids and 3 parents got a real Christmas tree. They put in a 40 gallon water tank. By The next week the tree was dying.

They ask everyone until they find out the pets use 10 gallons, the kids used 5 gallons, on the floor take the rest.

How do you make a tissue dance?

You put a boogie in it.

What did the science book say to the math book?

Wow, you have problems.

What do cows do on Friday?

They go to the Moooo vies.

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree.

Quote of the Month

By: Elizabeth M, Daniel

Be in the Christmas spirit



Saint's Feast Days By: Elizabeth H

St. Maria Giuseppe Rossello. Her feast day is Dec. 7th. She is the founder of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy. She was born in Italy, in 1811. By the time she died, she made 68 foundations that were devoted to charitable works, hospitals, and educating poor young women. She also was canonized in 1949.



St. Maria Giuseppe Rossello

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Go to Jesus. He loves you and is waiting for you to give you many graces. He is on the altar surrounded by angels adoring and praying. Let them make some room for you and join them in doing what they do.

—St. Mary Joseph Rossello

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Holiday Traditions are important

Editorial/Opinion By: Via

In my opinion I think that every family should have at least one holiday tradition because it makes family memories that are full of love and joy and something to look forward to every year. I have lots of traditions for every holiday but especially Christmas. It may be something small like putting up a Christmas tree or baking cookies as a family but they are full of laughter and joy so you can look back on and continue the tradition through generations.



Look What's Cooking!

Cocoa Kiss Cookies:

2 sticks of butter 1 bag of Hershey kisses

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. sugar powdered sugar

1 tsp. vanilla $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. Hershey cocoa



Directions: In a large bowl beat butter, sugar, and vanilla until creamy. Add butter, beat in until well blended. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees, unwrap the Hershey kisses. Shape the dough over the kisses in a ball. Bake for 10-12 minute. Cool and roll in powdered sugar.



By: Elizabeth M., Kelsey, Juliana & Nicholas

Hint-of-Berry Bonbons

1 package (8 ounces) of cream cheese,

Softened,

1 cup of milk chocolate chips, melted and cooled

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of crushed wafers (about 40 wafers)

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup of strawberry preserves

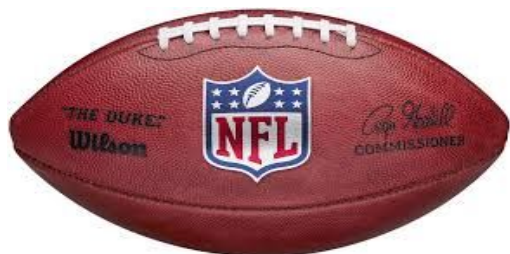
15 ounces of milk chocolate candy coating, chopped

2 squares (1 ounce each) of white baking chocolate



Directions: In a large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese until fluffy. Beat in melted chocolate chips. Stir in wafer crumbs and preserves. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until easy to handle. Divide mixture in half. Return one portion to the refrigerator. Shape remaining mixture into 1-in. Balls. Refrigerate. Repeat with remaining mixture. In a microwave safe bowl, melt the candy coating. Dip balls in coating; place on waxed paper-lined baking sheets. Refrigerate until set. In a microwave-safe bowl, melt white chocolate; stir until smooth. Transfer to a heavy duty resealable plastic bag; Cut a small hole in a corner of a bag. Drizzle white chocolate over candies. Store in the Refrigerator. **Yield:** about 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD ROUND-UP



By: Antonio, Ella & Hailey

As you know, the NFL playoffs are in a couple weeks so every team is playing their best so they have a chance for the Super Bowl 54 title! The pressure is on every player to make their team proud.

Giants 17 vs. Seahawks 12

Saints 21 vs. Falcons 16

Colts 26 vs Texans 20

Bengals 7 vs Dolphins 19

Jaguars 24 vs Vikings 27

Raiders 31 vs Jets 28

Browns 41 vs Titans 35

Lions 34 vs Bears 30

Rams 38 vs Cardinals 28

Eagles 16 vs Packers 30

Patriots 35 vs Chargers 0

Broncos 16 vs Chiefs 22

As you know, college basketball has started here are the scores from the top 25 ranked teams for Saturday 12/5 to 12/7:

ND State- 61 vs Kansas-65

South Carolina -67 vs Houston-77

Villanova-68 vs Texas-64

Grambling St- 40 vs Texas Tech- 81

West Virginia-80 vs Georgetown-71

Pepperdine- 60 vs San Diego St-65

Western MI- 61 vs MI St- 79

Wolford- 72 vs Richmond-77



Holiday Home Decor **HOLIDAY HOMEDECORS!**

By: Maria L

A SNOWMAN ORNAMENT TO DECORATE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!!!

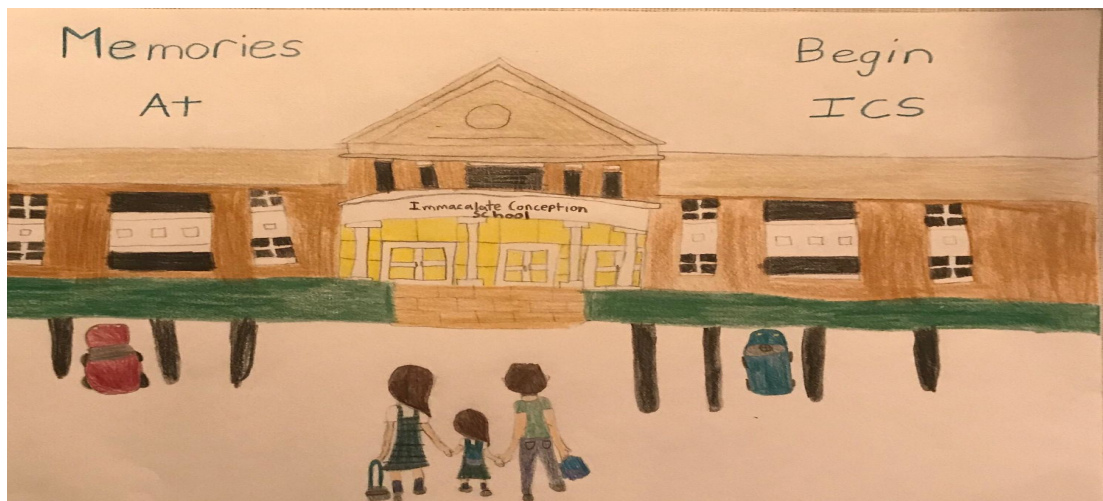
Supplies:

- **A baseball**
- **Glue or tape and hot glue**
- **Googly eyes**
- **Fake carrot**
- **Black clay (not play dough because it will dry!)**
- **String**



DIRECTIONS:

1. GLUE THE GOOGLY EYES ONTO THE BASEBALL
2. GLUE THE FAKE CARROT ONTO THE BASEBALL
3. SHAPE THE BLACK CLAY INTO A SMILE AND STICK IT ONTO THE BASEBALL
4. HOT GLUE THE STRING ONTO THE TOP OF THE BASEBALL FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE PIECE OF STRING
5. LET IT DRY
6. TIE BOTH ENDS TOGETHER
7. HANG IT ON THE TREE!



Drawing By: Hailey Scotillo, Grade 5