



Spiritual Emphasis Week

By Christian Gomez

Last week the entire campus participated in Spiritual Emphasis week. 1 Corinthians 10:31 was our theme, which says, “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”. Through this verse we express that we do all things through God and for God. Spiritual Emphasis Week is a time to reflect on our lives and how we can draw closer to God by admitting our past or current mistakes.



All throughout the week we’ve had chapel, with the bonus of having energetic speaker and pastor Jordan Diepersloot from Fresno’s Via Church, whose sermon has been on the book of Jonah and what trials and tribulations he went through. The main message in Diepersloot’s sermons was in order to make a difference to those who don’t know Christ, you have to be different and not go along with what the world considers normal, and you have to be willing to be uncomfortable once in awhile.

On Wednesday of Spiritual Emphasis Week we partnered as a community with Reedley public works to serve and aid in various projects around the city.

The most significant thing to come out of this week though is the carrying of the cross. This is probably one of the most impactful days out of the school year. The Carry the Cross chapel is a day of passing on the responsibility of school leadership from the senior class to the juniors. The seniors carried the cross to the nearby Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church where the high school worshipped and got to hear Jordan Diepersloot’s final message. Each high school student got the chance to nail a nail to the cross, signifying leaving our sin to die with Christ and being forgiven. Once everyone that wanted to had placed a nail in the cross, the juniors carried the cross back to the school campus, signifying the passing of the torch.

Student Perspective:

The Burning of Notre Dame

By Taylor Simonian

Not everyone witnesses first hand an event that defines an era. Something that changes your outlook on life. Rare are the days that a high school student experiences something that has a worldwide impact. Notre Dame changed that for me.

The Immanuel Chamber Singers went on a Europe Tour, visiting England and France, in mid April. After 5 breezy days in London, we took the trek across the English Channel to Paris, France. After an eventful morning of settling into our hotel and exploring our neighborhood, the entire choir took a walk along the Seine in the direction of our river cruise. As the group stopped for a moment to take in the beauty of the flowing water and clear skies, a billow of smoke emerged northeast of the river. At first, I assumed that it was a small scale fire that ignited earlier in the day. We continued taking pictures and participating in touristy antics. As minutes passed, the smoke grew in size and an ominous feeling filled my chest. The sirens started about 3 minutes after we saw the first sign of smoke, but I never heard them end. There were sporadic flakes of ash in the air that left an unsettling and mysterious mark on all of us.



Immanuel Chamber Singers in Europe

It wasn't long until every news outlet in Paris and beyond was covering the story. Headlines like "Fire Mauls Beloved Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris" flashed across screens, and rumors of arson, terrorist attacks, and other theories began to surface. Half of the city was in chaos, streets completely gridlocked and law enforcement confined by the narrow streets and surplus of vehicles.

We sat for almost 2 hours, hoping to hear that the fire had been controlled, but even after boarding our previously planned river cruise,



the flames were still burning bright. Due to restorations that were in process, the fire was fueled by scaffolding that covered the walls. This all led to the climax of the entire night: the spire falling to the ground. After around 4 or 5 hours had passed, the fire had still not been completely put out. It was clear that Notre Dame was no longer able to be saved.

The feelings that filled me that night were unexpected and not familiar at all. Notre Dame was such a staple piece of Paris, and it was a great symbol of the Catholic Church, so watching it burning down was nothing short of heartbreaking. There was a constant weight on my chest, like I couldn't get enough blood to my brain to properly process what was occurring before my eyes. We mourned with the millions of Parisians who filled the streets surrounding our hotel. To this day, when I think about it, I take myself back to that sunny day in Paris, when I was blissfully unaware of the tragedy I was experiencing first hand.

Summer Sports Opportunities

By Emily Just

The end of school is approaching so it's time to get ready for summer sports practices. Cheer, football, volleyball, tennis, and cross country are all fall sports that are now available to sign up for the upcoming school year. Beginners are welcome, so feel free to come out and practice or contact the coaches with any questions and to find out practice dates and times.



- Cheer tryouts were from April 29 to May 3. Visit Mrs. Solorio in the office if you are interested for more information or email her at esolorio@immanuelschools.com
- Cross country is up and running! Interest meeting was held in the gym on April 30 during lunch. For more information if you were not able to make it, contact Coach Blakely at (559) 623-3020.
- More information is coming for football summer practices. Contact Coach Halstead at dhalstead@immanuelschools.com
- Summer tennis starts soon! Come out to the sports complex to hit some balls and meet Coach Toews or contact him at (559) 860-9047
- Are you waiting to start playing volleyball again? Summer practices and tryouts are starting soon. Contact Coach Debbie with any questions at (559) 859-1248

Spring Sports Recap

By Camilo Maldonado

Spring sports are coming to an end. The boys' baseball team earned the #2 seed in Division 3 playoffs. According to Coach Franco, the team "won 22 games. Winning 20+ games in a high school season is very tough to do and is the definite sign of a great season. Our seniors all led this season. They did a fantastic job carrying the load of a long baseball season. They will all be missed!"

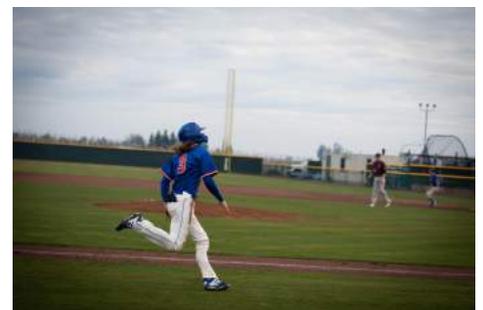
Track season for most athletes is over but Carissa Hall, Paige Howard, and Braxton Philpott will be competing at the Valley Championship on May 18th at Buchanan High School.

The swim team struggled this year but competed hard and well. Coach Azalea Correa took a young team and kept them motivated all season.

Golf sadly didn't qualify for any playoffs. The team was young but was very motivated.

The softball team finished 4-20-1 and lost first round of playoffs to Kern Valley High School.

Overall for spring sports, all athletes competed very well and hard and found different ways to represent God.

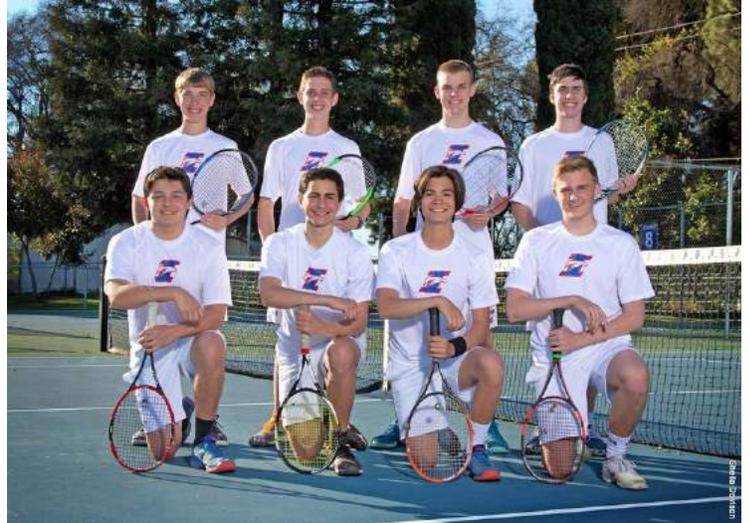


2019 Immanuel Men's Tennis

By Nathaniel Atmajian

In 2019, Men's Tennis has had a great season with four new coaches and an eager team. Tyler Toews, Jack Brandt, Principal Goertzen, and Anton Cornel have all coached the team and offered helpful tips on how to improve skills. Returning from 2018, "Pops" Braun has offered valuable instruction on proper form, and team captain Andrew (Roo) Sorensen states, "Pops taught me everything I know." From beginners to tennis veterans, the Varsity and Junior Varsity teams feel they have had good chemistry and have just been getting better. Varsity player Bryce Cornel says, This tennis season was by far my favorite. I feel like our team this year really bonded and we did our best all the time. Even though we didn't get a perfect season, next year we will be ten times better!" With the absence of seniors or freshman from the team, boys in the sophomore and junior classes evenly comprised

the Varsity team of eight, while the Junior Varsity team was made up of four sophomores and a junior. Starting the season off with a victory against Sunnyside High in preseason, the team won victories against Hanford West High School, Exeter High School, Selma High School, and Dinuba High School. According to the players, tennis has some great character-building qualities. Says Varsity number one, sophomore Josh Reimer, "Tennis brings the best out of you because it urges you to keep pushing yourself."



Top Row L to R: Josh Reimer, Bryce Cornel, Josh Friesen, Tommy Balakian
Bottom Row L to R: Caydon Soleno, Nathanael Atmajian, Jonah Gomez, Andrew Sorensen

Year Recap

By Regan Ott

For all y'all who have a terrible memory of the events that occurred over the course of the 2018-2019 school year, here is a brief recap:

Fall Social: The classes dressed up in their respective colors and played a slimy game of catfish volleyball.

Fall Spiritual Emphasis Week: Brian Sumner spoke on embracing your calling that comes from God. If He calls, ANSWER THE PHONE!

Homecoming: From Memes to Mermaids and Hula dancers, Homecoming week saw many crazy costumes. Your king and queen were Derek Wood and Drew Vogt.

Mock Election: Speeches and free food...what could possibly have gone wrong? The Republicans took the prize.

Fall Musical and Play: Peter Pan and A Christmas Carol. From time travel to pixie dust, both shows were magical.

Israel Trip: Many Immanuel students over the Christmas break traveled to see and walk where Jesus walked, even float like dead fish in the Dead Sea.

Spring Musical and Play: A curse of beastliness (Beauty and the Beast) and a curse of idiocy (Fools); need we say more?

Basketball goes to Sacramento to fight for the state title:

For the first time in school history, our boys' basketball team went to the state title match. They did not throw away their shot this season, that is for sure.

Sports Signings: Danielle Jefferies and Regan Ott both signed to play collegiate sports post-graduation. Ball 'em up, ladies!

Choir Trip to Europe: Talk about a time change! Chamber traveled through London and Paris while drinking tea and eating crepes.

Spiritual Emphasis Week Spring: Jordan Diepersloot spoke from the book of Jonah with his series Wild in Pursuit. Just remember: Jonah may have gotten an F on his sermon, but it did some powerful things anyway.

Prom: This year, prom was at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo; It was toad-ally amazing!

Graduation: The seniors say "See Ya Later Alligator!"

Teacher Profile:

Mrs. Goerzen

by Camilo Maldonado



What do you teach? I teach

American Sign Language

How long have you been

teaching? This is my first year

teaching. I was a college interpreter for the Deaf for 7 years and also tutored several subjects using ASL.

What was your favorite subject

in high school? My favorite subject in high school was science.

What is your favorite subject to

teach? My favorite subject to teach is ASL and I love playing games that will help students learn and have a fun time.

Most embarrassing moment...

My most embarrassing moment was when I accidentally turned my hair pink. I was 20 years old and was invited to a wedding to meet my boyfriend's family that flew in from different places. My dress had pink in it and it looked intentional. Not cool to have pink hair back then! Long story short, we married a short time after and have been married for 21 years. My husband's family loved me....go figure!

Did you always want to be a

teacher? I actually was not a fan of school after 6th grade. I couldn't wait to graduate high school and had no plans for college. I wanted

to be a hair dresser or actor/model.

After getting married I did some modeling and acting. I had auditioned for Groundlings and made it in! After going a few times and being gone a lot, I realized that I needed to make a choice to be married or choose LA. I chose the married life and glad I did. Sooo rewarding!

Favorite thing about teaching at

Immanuel? My favorite thing about Immanuel is that we have the freedom here to talk about our God and all the things that he does for us. I was always at risk of losing my job when I signed to my Deaf students, in public schools and college, that God loves them and I did it anyway. Did you know that only 1% of the Deaf community are Christians? There are not enough Christians that know Sign language.

What do you do outside of

school? My family and I like to travel and experience new things, culture and food.

What college did you go to?

Remember when I said I didn't like school? I went back to school and stayed there. I have been in a school setting for many years. Student, Interpreter and now teacher. I have a degree in Business and American Sign Language.

What are your goals for this

year? My goal for this year is to fulfill God's plan with the ASL program at Immanuel. Make it a great learning experience.

What kind of movies do you like

to watch? I loooooove comedies. I don't watch scary movies and I am more of an XMen fan than an Avengers. Thor and the hulk together? It's too much. I would rather watch mutants. Lol

Senior Memories

By Regan Ott

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, it is a time of reflection for the seniors. The Class of 2019 shared some special memories from their four years at Immanuel with The Talon.

- Winning Valley in Football and Baseball my Freshman Year
- Chilling with the Homies
- Singing "Children Go Where I Send Thee" on the First Day of School
- Serving the Community
- Playing in the State Championship Game
- The Fun Days (the ones that got taken away)
- Going up to score a baseball game and people constantly munching it upstairs to the booth.
- Everything
- The Blackout at the first game in County Line Stadium
- 2 am Sports Medicine Trips
- Making weird noises in tennis while hitting the ball and then claiming it would help win the match.
- Putting Zak's scooter in the bathroom
- Winning the boot
- Six Flags
- Senior retreat
- Sorensen's class with Ruby
- Chapels
- New York Trip
- Noelle falling going up the stairs and spilling her Dutch bros everywhere during the baseball national anthem.
- Biology sophomore year with Mr. Justin.
- Playing my cello in the Talent Show
- Making a big impact on the student body
- The Life Groups
- Senior Disneyland Trip
- Art class with Mrs. V
- Lunch memories
- Goofing off in AP Econ
- Carrying JT through the entirety of Spanish 2



By Madisyn Baker

Summer is coming fast. The yearly rituals of swimming, camping, and pickleball will begin. But what happens when you've done everything under the sun, and there is an abundant amount of time on your hands? Getting a job seems like a good idea, but it can be very difficult to find a job that is the right fit. Some stores are picky with age limits. To help you find the perfect job, the student newspaper has put together a list of restaurants and stores, and what the age requirements are for each store.

- Mc Donald's - 16 with perfect grades and attendance
- Sonic - 16 ^; permit (most stores)
- Starbucks - 16 ^; permit (most stores)
- Jack in the Box - 18 with high school diploma
- Carl's Jr - 16^
- A&W - 16^
- KFC - 16^; permit
- Wendy's - 16^
- Port o' Subs - 16^; permit
- Chipotle - 18 (unless you have a work permit)
- Taco Bell - 17^
- Wienerschnitzel - 16^

Location with Age Requirement:

- Arby's - 16^ (if under 18, not able to prepare meals)
- Long John Silvers - 16^; permit
- Del Taco - 17^; permit
- Me-N-Ed's - 18^
- Papa Murphy's - 18^
- Jamba Juice - 16^; permit
- Panda Express - 16^; permit
- T.J Max- 16^; permit
- Walmart - 16^
- Target - 16^
- Walgreens - 16^
- CVS - 18^
- Dollar Tree - 18^
- Game Stop - 18^
- Sephora - 18^
- Big Lots - 18^
- Savemart - 18^
- Vons - 16^; permit
- Little Caesar's - 16^; permit

The Best and Worst Movies of The 2018-19 School Year

(Wow, That's **A Lot** of Superhero Movies)

Lots of movies were released this 2018 - 2019 school year, most average, but we had some good ones here and there. Here are a few of the movies I personally loved as well as ones I didn't like. I'll grade on a scale of 1 to 7 thumbs up. I am aware I only have 2 thumbs, but some movies just deserve more thumbs.

Avengers Infinity War

As far as superhero movies go, I'd say this one holds up pretty well with balancing so many characters as expertly as it does. This is certainly one of the better Marvel movies. No major complaints, so I'm giving this one **7** thumbs up.

Spider-Man Into The Spiderverse

Wow, another superhero movie! It's almost like we're in a time where superhero movies do considerably well for themselves at the box office. This movie is pretty good and it's one of the best superhero movies of the year. It provides plausible and understandable explanations for why the characters are in circumstances they are in. There is nothing I appreciate more than a movie following its own rules all the way to the end. I give this **6** thumbs up.

By Sebastian Zamudio

Captain Marvel

Meh is the best way to describe this movie, as well as Captain Marvel's acting. I give this movie **2** thumbs up.

1999's The Mummy

I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Sebastian, you do realize that it is not 1999 anymore, right?" Yes, I do, but this is my last chance to write a movie review for my high school newspaper and this column wouldn't be complete without a shout out for The Mummy. You know what's better than Avengers End Game? That's right - Brendan Fraser's The Mummy. I mean it's the perfect movie for all ages. Babies? Small Children? Old people? I can assure you they will all love this masterpiece. Now one thing that doesn't always age well with movies is the CGI, but I tell you, this one has aged perfectly. This movie has some of the best CGI I've ever seen, in fact. This one is getting **10** thumbs up for being the epitome of fine cinema.



Summer Lovin'

Had You a Blast

By Ruby Rankin and Erin Orosco

Whether you're a regular sun and sea-loving Sammy Surfer or would rather die than expose your frail skin to the sweltering summer sun, it's no secret that summer's real silent killer is BOREDOM. Rather than impulsively cut your hair or take up a life of crime, try these summer lovin' tips to make the good times last.

Single

- Go to a movie alone
- Eat alone
- Listen to music alone
- Read a book like "Pride and Prejudice" or an encyclopedia so you don't get dumb over the summer
- Get a job so you're not poor
- Find a new true crime podcast to listen to
- Nap in a hammock
- Go to a park and people watch
- Teach yourself how to cook. No seriously, you need to know how to take care of yourself
- Teach yourself a new skill, maybe karate, interpretive dance, or mind reading

With Friends

- Have a BBQ
- Play minigolf
- Road trip, complete with a bangin' playlist
- Water balloon fight
- Barbie movie marathon with the boiz
- Make tie-dye shirts
- Flashlight tag
- Go window shopping, or actual shopping if you have money
- Pool party
- Re-enact movie scenes



Dates

- Pick strawberries
- Stargazing on a hill
- Picnic
- Go for a drive and stare at your significant other while they're driving, but not while you're driving
- Go to a museum and tell your significant other that they're prettier than the art
- Pick flowers
- Go to a farmer's market and then eat fruit together
- Bake a dessert and then feed it to each other
- Make a playlist together
- Paint portraits of each other

If you're kinda sad

- Cry
- Fly a kite
- Do your laundry so you're not gross
- Take a shower and wash toes
- Walk on the boardwalk and listen to the boards creak under your feet
- Cry
- Think about your future
- Question the reality of your existence
- Ruin your sleep schedule

With the Fam

- Talk to each other about your feelings so you don't end up estranged
- Have a cooking competition
- Binge watch a show together
- Watch Jeopardy
- Play team sports, like badminton
- Visit Hearst Castle
- Go to the beach
- Visit the Underground Gardens in Fresno
- Go to a Renaissance Faire

Senior Disneyland Grad Trip 2019



Prom At the Zoo 2019

