



## **IHM School Newsletter** **August 22, 2018**

Dear Crusader Families,

Just a reminder that a copy of this update will be posted under the "Weekly Communications" tab each week. Our first two days of school has been filled with many faith-filled and exciting activities. It was so great to hear the laughter and chatter throughout the school once again. I enjoyed hearing about the students' summer vacations. But mostly, I enjoyed hearing the students praying together throughout the school day.

This year our school theme is **Walk with Jesus**. We all experience Jesus' presence in different ways. Some see Him in the face of others, some feel Him during the sacrament of Communion and many people feel closest to Jesus during prayer.

Last Saturday, during the parish picnic, we were all given the opportunity to take the 1% challenge. This was a call to give 1% of our day, which equates to 15 minutes, to Jesus in prayer. IHM has provided a support system to help you make this happen, including scripture, e-mail reminders and guidance. You can take the 1% challenge by clicking on this link: [https://www.church.ihom.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=537699&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1499638](https://www.church.ihom.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=537699&type=d&pREC_ID=1499638) As we begin the new school year, it is a great time to start something new. I ask you to consider spending 15 minutes a day with Jesus in prayer.

Please know I have an open-door policy. If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. I am happy to meet to discuss or chat by phone. I look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child and create a learning environment where our students can grow to their fullest potential. I look forward to partnering with you for a successful school year.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Devine

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

#### **Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

6:00pm            3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – **Parents Only**

#### **Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:15am            All School Mass  
Church

5:30pm            5<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – **Parents Only**

6:30pm            2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – **Parents Only**

## **Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm Education Commission Meeting  
School Library

## **Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – **Parents Only**

6:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – **Parents Only**

6:30pm Reconciliation  
Lourdes Room – Church

## **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 4A  
Church

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Students**

You will need a sketchbook for Art Class. Your first sketchbook assignment will be in 2 weeks. If you have not purchased a sketchbook please do so to be prepared for class.

### **Before & After Care**

Before Care and After Care Registration Forms for the 2018-2019 school year are now available online. Go to our main website [www.ihomschool.org](http://www.ihomschool.org). The forms can be found under the "Parent" tab on the school website under "School & Medical Forms".

### **Cafeteria**

Please make sure that your child either packs a lunch or has money in his/her lunch account. You can send a check into school with your child or load your child's account online. You can find the link to "My School Bucks" under the PARENTS tab on the main web page.

[https://www.ihomschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=240102&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1212459](https://www.ihomschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=240102&type=d&pREC_ID=1212459)

### **Calling All Artists! Class T-shirt Design Contest!**

IHM School hosts a contest each year for a student to design the Class Shirt that our students wear for field trips and special occasions throughout the school year.

The 2018/2019 school theme is "**Walk With Jesus**"

**Submit your design idea to the School Office by August 29<sup>th</sup>.** IHM Faculty and Staff will vote on the submissions. The design with the most votes will be announced on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Good luck to all our participants!

**\*\*Class T-Shirt Order Forms went home with every student TODAY (Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> will get theirs tomorrow)! Please return your form to your Homeroom Teacher by next Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Cover Your Textbooks!**

All students who receive hardback textbooks need to cover the books in heavy brown grocery bags. You can pick these up at your local supermarket. This is the best way to prevent damage to the cover of your child(ren)'s books...and save you paying a fine at the end of the year! **No Fabric Book Covers for Grades 4-8.**

### **Curriculum Night**

### **Curriculum Nights for every grade level are scheduled on the School Calendar.**

Go to our main website [www.ihomschool.org](http://www.ihomschool.org) and look to the bottom right of your screen and click "Show Calendar." Here you can see the dates/times for all grade level Curriculum Nights. These meetings are for **Parents Only**.

### **Depression Awareness Webinar**

Presenter Amy Saltzman, M.D. will discuss how caring adults can encourage teens to manage stress. The program is designed for parents, caregivers, school educators and personnel, youth workers, and anyone interested in teen mental health. [Register](#) to join us for a live webinar discussion on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **Emergency Forms Packet – Please Return to the School Office!**

You will find a packet of information explaining our Emergency Forms for the year. **Please return the 2 forms to the School Office by August 24<sup>th</sup>** and place your completed Emergency Family Plan in your child(ren)'s backpack immediately. This information is critical in the event of an emergency.

### **Find IHM School On Facebook AND Twitter AND Instagram!**

We ask all our parents to "like" our school Facebook page (different than the IHM PTO Facebook page).

Our Facebook handle is **@immaculateheartofmaryschool**

We ask that you also follow our school on Twitter!

Our Twitter handle is **@ihm\_school**

You can also follow us on Instagram!

Our Instagram handle is **ihmschool**

### **Health Office News**

The following are the specific requirements for school immunizations and health records:

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 1 dose of Tdap vaccine and 1 dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal)

**Kindergarteners and New Students:** Student physical, oral assessment and complete immunization record which include: 4 doses of DTaP or DT(Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis), 3 doses of IPV (Polio), 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella), 3 doses of Hep B (Hepatitis B), 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox)

For New Students, 7<sup>th</sup> graders and those with allergies please remember to have all proper forms submitted to the Health Office ASAP. The forms can be found under the "Parent" tab on the school website under "School & Medical Forms".

### **Meet The Teacher!**

This year we will introduce one teacher a week so our IHM Community can get to know our staff better! We will begin with our NEW TEACHERS to IHM this school year. Enjoy!

Mrs. Katie McHugh – Kindergarten

*Mrs. McHugh and her family have been active parishioners at IHM for several years and she has 3 children at our school. Mrs. McHugh has spent the summer getting her classroom ready and creating interactive, hands-on lessons! Mrs. McHugh believes students learn life-long concepts best when they utilize all their senses by having fun and using their higher level cognitive and thinking skills. Students in KM will learn to work together to be creative, independent thinkers who love to learn, love each other and love God!*

### **Parent Alert Emails from OptionC**

IMPORTANT!! Please make sure your information is up to date in OptionC. This is our main source of communication for the school. If you would like to receive text messages please make sure you update all your preferences in your account.

\*\*We sent a text message today at 12pm with our Social Media Handles. If you would like to receive text messages and do not, please update your account under "Communication" and then "Manage Alerts." This is most useful for bus information and Weather Emergencies!

\*\*If you are unable to login to OptionC you still have outstanding fees from the 17/18 School Year. Please contact the School Office to make arrangements to pay your fees and your access will resume.

\*\*If you are a NEW Family or Kindergarten Family and are having trouble logging in to OptionC using the Login Sheets provided in the Communication Envelope please contact the School Office.

\*\*If your OptionC communication is going directly to spam, please advise them to add the OptionC address to their safe/white list.

[noreply@optioncalerts.com](mailto:noreply@optioncalerts.com)

Many email services (Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo) can simply right click and mark the message as "allow" or "not spam".

Outlook Email – other email services will be similar directions

To add an email address to your safe senders list using the Outlook.com user interface, follow the steps below:

1. In your Outlook inbox, click the gear icon beside your Profile name.
2. Click **options**.
3. Under *Junk email*, click **Safe mailing lists**.
4. On the *Safe senders page*, under Sender or domain to mark as safe, enter the senders email address then click **"Add to list"**.

This information will also be provided on the school's website, under the parent section.

### **Student Photo Day**

Lifetouch will be on campus **Wednesday, September 5th** for Student Photo Day. Order forms will be sent home in the August 29<sup>th</sup> Communication Envelope.

### **Volunteering - VIRTUS**

**\*\*Parents wishing to eat lunch with their student the first week of school please be aware you MUST be Virtus trained in order to go beyond the school lobby.**

If you plan to volunteer or participate in any activity with students, including joining your child for lunch or helping in the classroom, you must be on our approved list by completing a Background Check and attending the VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session. Registration before attendance at VIRTUS® is required ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) click "Registration"). This policy is strictly enforced and adults not in compliance will not be permitted past our school lobby. Information on VIRTUS Registration is available on the "Parents" tab on the School website.

## **IHM PTO INFORMATION**

**CHECK IT OUT!** A reader friendly version of this newsletter can be found on the PTO webpage under Parent Resources or you can click on this [Quick Link](#).

### **USED UNIFORM PICKUP:**

Used Uniform consignment money is now available at the office for pick up. Any clothing that was requested to be returned can be picked up in the school lobby. Both will be donated if not picked up by Monday, August 27th. Thank you for your support of the sale.

### **Save the Date: Fall Fundraiser**

The Fall Fundraiser is the largest source of fundraising for our school and will kick off on September 5th! This year we've made some tweaks to allow more flexibility for participation while allowing the students to earn the same great prizes! Look for the detail to follow. Save those Magazine renewal slips!

### **Boxtop Redemption**

Box Tops for Education® and Labels for Education Don't forget to send in your Box Tops and Labels for education through your Wednesday envelope. The redemption committee collects these and sends them in for a reward check. Send them in an envelope or Ziploc marked Attn: Julia Fox c/o Rowan Fox 7C or drop them in the Box Top mailbox located in the school or parish lobby.

### **Amazon Rewards**

SHOP ON AMAZON? HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN REWARDS!! Amazon offers student rewards to IHM school if you shop using their link!

<https://www.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&tag=imheofmapt-20>

Bookmark it to replace your current Amazon link. Your website will still look the same! Amazon will give us 4-7% of the sales back to the school in rewards! Use it every time you shop!

### **Christ Communities**

Christ Communities needs your help! It takes many volunteers to make this monthly Community thrive in our school. We have some exciting things planned for this year! Please see the tab on the PTO Volunteer Sign Up Genius to see how you can help. You will be matched up with your child's Community! Please Click [PTO/School Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer.

**Cafeteria volunteers** are needed – whether it's weekly, monthly or just one time, your time is greatly appreciated. It's a great way to interact with the students and see your children and their friends during the school day! Plus you get a free lunch! Please Click [PTO/ School Volunteer Sign Up Genius](#) to volunteer

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

8/22 – Staff Breakfast

8/27 – Last Day to pick up Used Uniforms

9/10 – PTO Meeting, 7PM St. Matthew'

\*\*Missing a flyer or need another form? Flyers and forms for current events and contests can be found by following this [Quick Link](#) to the Parent Resources tab on the PTO Webpage.

## **IHM PARISH INFORMATION**

### **1% Challenge – Have you signed up yet?**

Don't forget to sign up for the IHM 1% Challenge to spend 1% of your day (15 mins.) in prayer. See the link below!  
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### **IHM Youth Group – Middle School Kick-Off!**

Kick-Off and Shaving Cream Wiffleball will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM in the Youth Room (below the Kindergarten Annex). Join us as we kick-off the new school year and another awesome year of middle school youth group! We will spend some time getting to know each other and introducing the year, and then we will play our annual game of Shaving Cream Wiffleball! Dinner Provided. Contact [michaelh@ihom.org](mailto:michaelh@ihom.org) for more information.

### **"True Devotion to Mary" DVD/Book Study Group**

Join us in studying what is considered by many to be "the greatest single book of Marian spirituality ever written," (TAN Publishers). True Devotion to Mary has influenced countless souls, including St. Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa. Meetings will be at IHM Welcome Center 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm AND 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 9am to 11am. Register by calling IHM Formation Office at 513-388-4093 or email [debbieb@ihom.org](mailto:debbieb@ihom.org) Seating is limited.