



## **IHM School Newsletter** **September 5, 2018**

Dear IHM Families,

With the Labor Day weekend behind us, I feel that summer is officially over. While I am sad to say goodbye to the lazy days of summer, I welcome the plentiful opportunities a new school year will bring all of us. The students have been working hard to team with their teacher and classmates to create a successful school environment. We continue to look for ways to bring a positive school culture to our community. This year we introduced the **Wheel of Wow**. Students have been earning **Crusader Coupons**, for following our Crusaders CARE values. They are able to put these coupons towards a grade level reward such as a pizza party or a school wide reward such as a DJ dance party. Educating the whole child is our mission and we continue to look for opportunities for growth within our school. This program, along with lessons that address character development and following the way of our Lord, encourage our students to follow the Gospel values, be accountable, celebrate their own strengths and the strengths of others and ultimately be successful members of our community.

Thank you for teaming with our faculty and staff. Your support of our school is so important to each child's education. I would also ask that you continue conversation around these school programs and reinforce these behavior traits at home. I am thankful for our parent community and our staff looks forward to working with you throughout this school year.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Devine

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

#### **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

##### **PICTURE DAY!**

PTO Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off

#### **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 8E  
Church

#### **Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am The NED Show – Grades K-6

Gymnasium

**Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm PTO Board Meeting  
St. Matthew's Room – Parish Center

**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Reconciliation  
Church

7:00pm Jr. High Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – Parents Only

7:00pm PTO Chairperson/Room Coordinators Meeting  
St. Matthews Room – Parish Office

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 1D  
Church

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

Star Lab – Jr. High  
Heritage Hall

**Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Food From the Heart Collection  
Church

7:00pm Confirmation Parent Retreat  
Church

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**NOTICE REGARDING STUDENT FORMS AND POLICIES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED ON SCHOOL WEBSITE**

In an effort to protect our School and Student Information we have moved our Health Forms, Before/After Care Forms, Lunch/Recess Schedules and School Information to our File Library on OptionC.

When logged into your OptionC account you can select the "Communication" tab and "File Library" from the drop down menu and find all forms there.

**\*\*NOTE:** The first time you attempt to print from the File Library you will most likely need to go to the upper right hand corner of your screen and select to "Add Pop-Ups" from OptionC. Once you select this feature you should be able to print any documents from the File Library.

**Cafeteria**

**\*\* Any family wishing to apply for the school's free and reduced lunch program, please go to**

**[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)**

to see if you qualify. All pages in the packet should be completed and sent into school by September 6, 2018. Any family that received assistance through the free and reduced lunch program last year must re-submit forms again for this year to be considered. Anyone with questions regarding the program should contact Mrs. Devine.

**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**

### **McNicholas HS Information**

Visit [www.mcnhs.org](http://www.mcnhs.org) for Shadow Dates for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders; Prospective Parent Night is October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6pm; FREE ADMISSION if you wear IHM Spirit Wear for any student K-8 for the following Sports Activities: Men's Soccer vs. Badin on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm AND Football vs. Fenwick on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **Meet The Teacher!**

Mrs. Lucy Dumford – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Mrs. Dumford is excited to join such a wonderful team of teachers. Mrs. Dumford is excited to bring hands on STEM experiments and social studies projects into the classroom this year. Mrs. Dumford enjoys golfing in tournaments and is the Golf Coach at McNicholas High School.*

### **The Seam Team – A New Club at IHM!**

This sewing club is open to the first 10 registrants from each grade level. A new club will be opened each month. Be sure you can commit to 3 weeks of attending, so we have adequate time to complete the project. Check the school newsletter for information and sign-ups for the next month's project. Contact Mrs. Flynn [Flynn.k@ihomschool.org](mailto:Flynn.k@ihomschool.org) for any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaf2fa5fc1-september>

### **The NED Show**

See the flyer in the Communication Envelope regarding this program coming to our school on Friday. There is no obligation to purchase yo-yos. This is simply a Pay-it-Forward opportunity to have the program continue. Don't forget to ask your K-6<sup>th</sup> Graders about this exciting show on Friday!

### **Xavier Reading Program**

Schools across Cincinnati are participating in Xavier University's reading program, designed to encourage a love of reading in students across the Greater Cincinnati area! Last year, hundreds of IHM students in grades 1-8 chose to read books for prizes and deepened their love of literacy in the process, and we are so excited to be offering our 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students this opportunity (and option) once again! Beginning the week of September 4<sup>th</sup>, students can log each book that they read online and earn prizes along the way! The school with the most participants will win the grand prize! Visit [goxavier.com/readingprogram](http://goxavier.com/readingprogram) to log books! Password, username, and prize information can be found on the bookmark which will be sent home Wednesday, September 5, 2018, with students in grades 1-8. The program ends December 19, 2018, and prizes will be delivered to IHM in January! Feel free to email your child's ELA teacher or Jessica Woebkenberg at [woebkenberg.j@ihomschool.org](mailto:woebkenberg.j@ihomschool.org) with any questions.

## **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](#).

### **Mother and Son Crusader Challenge**

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge is Sunday, October 14th at Revolution Fitness! This is sure to be a great time for all the moms and sons of all ages! Mother-son teams will show off their teamwork and spirit through 5 activity stations. Pick from 2 waves – 12:30-3:00 or 3:30-6:00. Register early as each wave is limited to 150 participants. See the [Mother and Son Flyer](#) for all the details. Registration is open! It's so easy – just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or use the convenient app. If you do not have a login, go to [join.myschoolanywhere.com](http://join.myschoolanywhere.com). Enter invitation code ihmpto and add required fields of name and email, or return the flyer with cash/check. Volunteers are needed to help with check in at the event, activity stations and to work the

fueling stations. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#). Please contact Leslie Jelinek at [lgbodie@yahoo.com](mailto:lgbodie@yahoo.com) or Kim Colyer at [colyerkim@gmail.com](mailto:colyerkim@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Jr. High Fall Party is Coming!** Let's get ready to play volleyball and hang out with friends! Mark your calendars for the Junior High Fall Party on **Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>** at Setters Sand Volleyball Club from 2-4:30. Please see the attached [Jr High Sand VB Flyer](#) for details. Register by September 30<sup>th</sup>. It's so easy using [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com). If you do not have a login, go to [join.myschoolanywhere.com](http://join.myschoolanywhere.com). Enter invitation code **ihmpto** and add required fields of name and email, or return the flyer with cash/check. Pizza, drinks, snack, desserts and unlimited volleyball provided. You can volunteer to chaperone by clicking the link [Sign Up Genius - JrHighSocial](#). Contact Kanessa Kramer [kanessa.kramer@gmail.com](mailto:kanessa.kramer@gmail.com) or Kristin Lowe [kristin.dragon@cbre.com](mailto:kristin.dragon@cbre.com) for more information.

**My School Anywhere (MSA)** - Hopefully you saw the announcement that the MySchoolAnywhere online service is now available. It's secure and easy to use on the website or convenient mobile app. We have received great feedback! Thank you!

- If you have not yet logged on yet, check it out! You should have received an email at your Option C "Family Email" address from [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com) with your log in instructions. Please make sure to check your junk/spam folder. If you did not receive, please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com)
- Parent/caregiver Directory information contained in MSA is obtained from the school's Option C system so that parents only need to make changes to their data, when needed, in one place. Please make any CORRECTIONS to your data in Option C. Last year, only your "Family Email" and one "Primary" phone number were included in the PTO directory. Accordingly, only the "Family Email" address and one phone number were uploaded into MSA from Option C. By default, the "Family Email" and phone number are associated with the MOTHER in households with 2 parents. We recognize that this email and phone may not be the Mother's for all families. Please help us by reviewing your data in this initial implementation and making sure it is listed for the correct person. If you would like to MOVE the names on the email address or phone number from one parent to the other parent OR if you would like to ADD additional emails or phone numbers to either parent, please feel free to do so BY 9/30/18.
- The Directory is not yet visible, but it will be soon. If you have not returned your form to the school office indicating what information can and cannot be shared in the directory, please do so now. For your convenience, all directory information will be available online anytime you need it through MSA's website and app. You can print the directory if needed, however, please consider your needs before you print. Thank you!
- If you have any questions about information included in MSA or with printing needs, feel free to contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com). We appreciate your patience and understanding as we bring you this exciting new technology!

### **PTO DUES**

PTO Membership Dues are due by Wednesday, September 19th. The membership dues cover your child(ren)'s classroom party fee, the IHM PTO online Directory which includes addresses, phone numbers, and emails of the IHM school families, and other social and academic events for your children. We appreciate your support! Easy to Pay your Dues! You can pay your PTO membership dues of \$25 per family online through PayPal after you log in to My School Anywhere (MSA) or send a check/cash to IHM PTO via backpack mail (please include your name and your child(ren)'s names with the payment).

### **ATTENTION 2nd and 6th GRADE PARENTS!**

The Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by the 2nd and 6th grade parents will be Wednesday, September 19. We are looking for donations of your favorite potluck dishes and desserts! Want to help but cannot on that day? No worries, we also have a convenient cash donation option and we will buy and make the items. Please click the link at [Sign Up Genius - Staff Sept](#) to Sign Up! We already have plenty of volunteers signed up to help with set up and clean up. Thank you! The teachers and staff look forward to these events and truly appreciate all your support and hard work. For more information, click the link [Staff Appreciation Flyer 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades](#).

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Fall Fundraiser Packets Come Home TODAY!**

The Fall Fundraiser is the PTO's only fundraising request for the year. Our Fundraising team is also excited to offer you opportunities to get great deals and discounts on services and products you might use throughout the year. When you participate in those, it is a win-win for both you and the PTO. Thank you!

Last year, the Fall Fundraiser raised \$35,000! We thank you, your families and friends for the generosity. Our students and IHM are truly blessed. We would like to beat it this year! Our goal is \$42,000, a 20% increase! With the changes we've made to the program, we think this is an aggressive, but doable goal. **Hint: Make sure you check out the new "Wednesday Giveaway"! You won't want to miss it!**

Don't forget the Bonus Turn-in Day is next Thursday, September 13th! Get those donations and magazine orders turned in on time to be eligible!

Check back at the beginning of the week for the big bonus prize reveal!  
This year you will be able to make direct donations on the myschoolanywhere website or the convenient app!

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have about the Fall Fundraiser. You can contact Angel at [francoange23@gmail.com](mailto:francoange23@gmail.com).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **ROOM COORDINATOR HELP**

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to be a **room coordinator or room helper** in your child's classrooms so far! Many classrooms, however, are still in need of a room coordinator to help plan and run the classroom parties! There are four parties throughout the school year: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and an end of the year party. A lot of room coordinators work together with the other coordinators of the same grade to plan the parties and help each other out! It's fun and rewarding and we hope you will consider volunteering! Classrooms still in need of a room coordinator are as follows: **1W, 2B, 2C, 3F, 3W, 4A, 4L, 5S, 5H, 6B, 8J and 8E.** Please click on [Sign Up Genius - Room](#) to volunteer and thank you for your consideration! Please contact Beth Detter at [bethdetter@gmail.com](mailto:bethdetter@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **CAFETERIA HELP**

Help is always needed in the cafeteria! Please consider helping out- whether it's once a week, once a month or just here and there. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. Not to mention- it's super easy and fun to see your kids and their friends together and to interact with staff. Thanks to those who have already signed up! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Cafe](#).

### **CHRIST COMMUNITY**

Volunteers are still greatly needed to help with the Christ Community program. The Christ Community dates are on Tuesdays this year from 1:30-2:45. The dates are 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/16, and 5/14. Please volunteer to be with your K- 5th graders, as 6-8th is having an outside group come in to run their sessions. They are planning to have some guest speakers throughout the year, student's favorite- Bible Bingo, videos, travel passport, prayer time, end of the year concert, etc. Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile program! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - School](#) and please contact Marge English at [english.m@ihomschool.org](mailto:english.m@ihomschool.org) with any questions.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

9/5 – Fall Fundraiser kicks off  
9/10 – PTO Meeting, 7PM St. Matthew's Room  
9/11 – Room Coordinator/ Chairperson Meeting, 7pm St. Matthew's Room  
9/19 – PTO Dues – last day to submit  
9/19 – Staff Appreciation – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
9/30 – Last day to make changes to MSA information

\*\*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!  
[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)

### **American Heritage Girls – Faith/Service/Fun**

Join AHG Scouting for girls! Ages 5-17. AHG meets 2 Thursdays a month, starting September 13th @ 6:30pm. Meetings are held at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center. Contact [AHGinNorwood@gmail.com](mailto:AHGinNorwood@gmail.com) to RSVP or for info. (Fundraising available)

### **IHM Youth Group – Middle School Kick-Off!**

Kick-Off and Shaving Cream Wiffleball will take place THIS SATURDAY, 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.

### **Social Action Coordinating Commission – Service Opportunities**

IHM Parish has an exciting new service opportunity, working alongside St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and St. John Fisher Parish, to provide homeless families with emergency shelter and hospitality. Often, there are no facilities that can house an entire family. Father and sons go to the men's shelter, while the mother and daughters go to the women's shelter. This makes the stress of homelessness even more difficult on families. We can work together with Interfaith Hospitality Network to help families stay together while they get assistance finding stable housing. IHM would be helping four times a year, with our first opportunity from Sept. 8-16, when three to five families will be arriving. They will stay at the Comboni Center (1318 Nagel Rd.). If you are interested in providing meals, setting up, serving meals, staying overnight, helping with homework, please go to Sign Up <http://signup.com/go/EHtrSAy> Sue Keefe will be working with Libbie Crawford for the time being until a chair for this service project can be found. For any questions, Sue Keefe [skkeefe37@gmail.com](mailto:skkeefe37@gmail.com). For more information on Interfaith Hospitality Network [ihncincinnati.org](http://ihncincinnati.org).