



IHM School Newsletter **September 19, 2018**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

As we get into the full swing of our school and fall schedules, our days can get filled quickly. Naturally, we fill our time doing things we enjoy and spending time with those we love. The more time we spend with our family and friends or participating in various activities, the more familiar they become. This is typically true in most aspects of our lives.

Spending time with God in prayer gives us the opportunity to know Him better and hear what He is calling us to do. It is so important that we schedule time for prayer to develop our personal relationship with God. I challenge you to make this a part of your daily routine.

I hope you are enjoying these beautiful days.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, September 20th

8:15am All School Mass – 5R
Church
****8th Grade Sweatshirt Blessing Following Mass****

Friday, September 21st **SPIRIT WEAR DAY for HOMECOMING**

Saturday, September 22nd

HOMECOMING

5:00pm Homecoming Mass
Church

6:00pm Homecoming Cook Out/8th Grade Recognition
Football Field

Monday, September 24th

7:00pm Education Commission Meeting

School Library

Tuesday, September 25th

10:00am Fall Fundraiser Bonus Prize Distribution
Cafeteria during Lunch Periods

1:00pm Christ Communities
School

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, September 26th

Grade 5 Mrs. Storm's Library Adventure

9:00am Grade 1 Field Trip
A & M Apple Farm

Grade 3 Field Trip
Heritage Village – Sharon Woods

Thursday, September 27th

8:15am All School Mass – 2C
Church

Friday, September 28th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IHM Homecoming 2018 – THIS SATURDAY!

Join your fellow Crusaders for our Homecoming Celebration! Saturday evening Mass at 5pm, with a blessing of all fall athletes. Please wear your game jersey to Mass! There will be a cookout immediately following at the Pavilion. Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be supplied by Boosters. Bring a side dish to share (last names A-M) or bring a dessert to share (last names N-Z). Please bring your own refreshments. Boosters will be honoring all fall athletes, 8th graders and parents on the football field after dinner. Food, music, guest speaker – do not miss out!

IHM FALL BOOK FAIR!!

IHM School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair October 1-4. Please stop by to browse, purchase books, or fulfill your child's wish list. All purchases benefit our school. Hope to see you there!

Dates: October 1-4

Times: Monday-Wednesday 8 am-4 pm

Thursday 8 am-6:00 pm

Place: Heritage Hall West

WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE BOOK FAIR?

Sign up on the IHM Website, under the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab, click the SignUpGenius link and find the "Book Fair" tab at the top.

SHOP ONLINE!

You can visit the Online Fair Sept. 19 – Oct. 8 to see more great titles and purchase books online. The school still benefits from every purchase. The books will be shipped free to the school at the end of the Fair.

To order today visit:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/immaculateheartofmarysch12>

USE THE APP

If you download the free Scholastic Book Fair App you can preview the books your kids want and order from our Online Fair through the app and *receive \$5 OFF when you use this promo code: APP19 at checkout.

*\$5 OFF ONLY WHEN ORDERING THROUGH THE APP

IHM Winter Sports – Sign Up NOW!

Students in grades 3-8 interested in playing winter sports need to sign up NOW! Registration ends this week. Go to www.ihomboosters.org and click "Register"

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

to see if you qualify. All pages in the packet should be completed and sent into school **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28th**. 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.

SLUSHIE SCHEDULE

Kinder - Monday

1st- Monday

2nd- Tuesday

3rd- Monday

4th-Wednesday

5th- Tuesday

6th, 7th, 8th - Thursday

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**

Lost & Found

We have a DS/Case/Games and an iPad that were found on school grounds and are located in the School Office. Please contact Mrs. Day if these items may be yours.

Meet The Teacher!

Ms. Jackie Friesner – 6th Grade

Ms. Friesner is the new 6th Grade Math and Science Teacher for the 2018/2019 School Year. Ms. Friesner attended the University of Cincinnati, but is originally from Toledo, OH where she was fortunate enough to receive a K-12 Catholic education. Ms. Friesner looks forward to sharing her faith with students on a daily basis and learning and growing with the staff, students, and parishioners.

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 for any questions.

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

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](#).

FUNDRAISING

The PTO would like to thank the parents, friends & families of our students for a strong start to the Fall Fundraiser! We have 8 days to go and we are at 60% of our goal!

Let's keep the momentum going. We still have 2 weeks to collect donations and orders. Send emails and make calls to anyone who you think may be willing to make a donation or purchase a magazine.

We've had a huge response to our Win-it Wednesday Giveaway! You never know who wants a chance to win!

For each individual \$100 direct donation to the Fall Fundraiser, the donor will receive one raffle entry into the Wednesday Giveaway!

A \$50 raffle winner will be drawn every Wednesday starting October 3rd, 2018 through May 29, 2019. Plus, there will be a bonus drawing for \$250 on December 21, 2018! The winning entry will be returned to the pot each week for more chances to win! That gives you 35 chances to win! You could win over and over!

1. Donations can be made with a check payable to the IHM PTO and returned in your donation envelope.
2. Online with [apmags.com](#) (magazine storefront), click SHOP and enter our school code W07627 and enter student name. Bottom left click "Online Donation" Give this website and code to your friends and family so they can enter too!
3. Online with MSA by logging into your [myschoolanywhere.com](#) account.

NEWS & EVENTS

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 to do online– just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](#) or use the convenient app (contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](#) if you need your log in information). Or you can return the flyer and waiver with cash/check. Please contact Leslie Jelinek at [lgbodie@yahoo.com](#) or Kim Colyer at [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 **Friday, October 12th** at Setters Sand Volleyball Club from 3:30-5:30. Please see the attached [Jr High Sand VB Flyer](#) for details. Register by October 5th. It's so easy to do online– just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](#) or use the convenient app (contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](#) or text Tracey at 203-767-9199 if you need your log in information). Or you can return the flyer and permission form with cash/check. Pizza, drinks, snack, desserts and unlimited volleyball are provided. Contact Kanessa Kramer [kanessa.kramer@gmail.com](#) or Kristin Lowe [kristin.dragon@cbre.com](#) for more information.

Winter Coat Drive is coming soon! It's that time of year when we start pulling out our winter clothes and putting away our summer clothes. Please help those less fortunate keep warm this winter. Please save your gently used coats, gloves and hats to donate to our Winter Coat Drive. Details coming soon.

My School Anywhere (MSA) – The feedback to our MySchoolAnywhere online service has been fantastic. One of the best things is you will never have to send back a paper form, permission slip/ waiver or cash/check again for the PTO (unless you want to). It's secure and easy to use on the website or convenient mobile app.

- If you have not yet logged on to your account yet, you are missing out! If you do not have your log in email with temporary password, please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](#)
- The Directory is now visible to all parents who have paid the annual PTO Dues.
- Please review your account information! You can make changes and additions to your contact information until 9/30/18.
- 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 and the

environment before you print. If you plan to print, we encourage you to wait until 10/1 as parents will be making changes before that date.

- If you have any questions about information included in MSA or with printing needs, feel free to contact ihmpto@gmail.com. Thank you!

PTO DUES

PTO Membership Dues are due **TODAY**. It's easy to pay your dues right now while you're reading the newsletter! Just log into My School Anywhere (MSA) and go to the online store to pay your PTO membership dues of \$25 per family. Or please send a check/cash to IHM PTO via backpack mail (please include your name and your child(ren)'s names with the payment). 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. Thank you for your support!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MOTHER SON CRUSADER CHALLENGE

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge is scheduled for 10/14 at Revolution Fitness in Newtown and is greatly in need of volunteers to help make this a successful event! Help is needed with registrations, activity stations and to assist with fueling stations! Please consider volunteering for this very fun and enjoyable event! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#) or contact Leslie Jelinek at lgbodie@yahoo.com or Kim Colyer at colyerkim@gmail.com.

JR HIGH SAND VB

Jr. High Parents are needed to chaperone the Jr. High Sand Volleyball Party! It is scheduled for 10/12 from 3:30-5:30 at Setters! 15 parent volunteers are needed to help with this event, so please consider joining in on the fun! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - JrHigh](#) or contact Kanessa Kramer at kanessa.Kramer@cbts.com or Kristin Lowe at kristin.dragon@cbre.com.

JR HIGH HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Jr. High Halloween Dance is coming up on Friday, 11/9! Volunteers are needed to help with set up, registration, helping in the dance area, assisting with food and closing the event. Please consider volunteering Jr. High parents! This is sure to be a fun event! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - JrHigh](#) or contact Julia Fox at leighfox@me.com or MC Anderson markandmc@cinci.rr.com with any questions!

FALL BOOK FAIR

The Fall Book Fair is coming up and needs more volunteers! Set up for the event is scheduled on 9/30 and the fair will run from 10/1- 10/4. Please consider taking a shift if you are able to! It's fun to interact with the classes and to help the students pick out their books! The book fair homeroom schedule is now posted on sign up genius, if you would like to see when your child will be attending the book fair! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Book](#) or contact Sarah Georgin with any questions!

CAFETERIA

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 COMMUNITIES

The Christ Communities program has been updated and includes lots of new activities this year for all the students. This is a great chance for you to spend time in the classroom and at school with your K-5th GRADERS. (Note that students in 6-8 will be in a separate program run by an outside group and does not need volunteers). Sessions are once a month on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:45 on 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/16, and 5/14. If you cannot make every date, we encourage you to contact Marge to see if your schedule can work. Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile program! To volunteer please click on the link [Sign Up Genius - School](#) and please contact Marge English at english.m@ihmschool.org with any questions.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

9/19 – PTO Dues – last day to submit
9/19 – Staff Appreciation – 2nd & 6th Grades
9/30 – Last day to make changes to MSA information
10/12 – Jr High Sand Volleyball Party
10/14 – Mother Son Crusader Challenge

**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**Fall Series for Growing in Faith**

Join us for our "Fall Series for Growing in Faith!" To make it easier for your busy schedule, we will offer dinner at 6pm in the cafeteria. After dinner, around 6:45pm, we will move to Heritage Hall for our Faith Formation Event. The cost for each evening is a donation to cover the cost of food. The time will run from 6pm-8pm.

1. **Thursday, October 11th- Growing in Faith Through Prayer-** After dinner, Donna Wenstrup will guide you in a prayer experience based on Lectio Divina that will end by 8pm. This is a wonderful way to hear God's still small voice talking to you in your life circumstances right now! When shared together as a family, it allows you to hear how your children are responding to God's love! This is a very bonding and meaningful experience, and after this evening, you will have a template for encountering Christ through Lectio prayer that can be used for any scripture passage!
2. **Wednesday, October 24th- Growing in Faith: Effective Decision Making Through Discernment-** After dinner, Deacon Mike Cassani will lead teens and adults in a discussion on discernment – the only truly effective process to make significant, life-impacting decisions. Children ages 6-12 will meet with Nicolette Chmiel in a classroom, so they can also learn how to make good choices. Our children are faced with many decisions as they grow up: What high school to attend? What major to focus on in college? Should I marry this person? Etc. This evening will give you an understanding of the process to make these life decisions wisely.
3. **Tuesday, November 27th- Growing in Faith During Advent-** Grab dinner and relax with a Family Movie Night watching The Star! This will get us in the mood for Advent, and you may take home Advent Booklets for children. If you need an Advent Wreath, those will be available for sale as well, for \$10. Please indicate on registration that you would like one, so we know how many to order.

To register for one or more of these evenings, please go to www.ihom.weshareonline.org.

For children age 1 and walking up to age 5, we will offer babysitting. Please register a few days ahead of time by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ea9a622ab9-childcare5>

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

A Message from Marisue Naber, RN, Parish Nurse

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Urgent Care Center

Anderson Township Location: 7495 State Road Suite 355 (Healthplex Bldg.) Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Hours: Monday through Friday 6pm to 11pm
Saturday and Sunday 12noon to 7pm

Phone: 513-636-6100 NOTE: You can call this number or use the "save my spot" feature on the website to register and set an appointment. This will help you avoid a long wait and plan your arrival accordingly.

NOTE: ANY serious or life threatening injury or illness should be taken immediately to the Emergency Department at Cincinnati Children's main campus in Clifton OR to the Emergency Department at Cinti. Children's Liberty Twp. campus.

Question: Does this illness/injury require "Urgent Care" or "Emergency Care"? See the website in order to help you decide where to take your child.

www.cincinnatichildrens.org/patients/visit/directions/urgent-care/care.