



IHM School Newsletter February 6th, 2019

****New Richmond AND Batavia Schools WILL NOT OFFER BUSING SERVICE ON FRIDAY. West Clermont will bus but there may be significant PM delays due to Officer Brewer's funeral. Please see the Parent Alert that was sent at 1pm today with information on After School Care for students due to these circumstances****

Dear Crusaders,

All of the events and activities that occurred during Catholic Schools Week was a true testament to the mission of our school. From the Gala on Saturday to the Teachers Vs 8th grade volleyball game on Friday, the week was full of so many delights. Watching all off our community members pull together to make our celebration of CSW so memorable gives me great joy. Thank you for all you did to make this happen.

Brother Edward continues to bless our community with his presence. I know it was a highlight of the volleyball game when Brother Edward showed up to cheer on the teachers!

I am excited to announce that Brother Edward will now be able to connect with our students, families and alumni by sharing his iconic thoughts and messages via Instagram. We want to make sure our youth continue to hear God's message which Brother Edward was able to share so simply.

Please follow Brother Edward on Instagram. His handle is: **brotheredwardihm**. Please encourage anyone you know to follow him and join him on Instagram.

May you enjoy these warm days of winter!

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, February 7th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY – Uniform Bottoms

8:15am All School Mass – 3R
Church

Friday, February 8th

JERSEY DAY – Out of Uniform Bottoms

Yearbook Orders Due

Saturday, February 9th

5:00pm 1st Grade Student Ministry Mass
Church

Sunday, February 10th

9:30am 1st Grade Student Ministry Mass
Church

Monday, February 11th

A Wired Family – Student Presentation
Heritage Hall

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

Tuesday, February 12th

6:30pm A Wired Family – Parent Presentation
Heritage Hall

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, February 13th

Star Lab – Grades 5 & 6
Heritage Hall

Thursday, February 14th

8:15am All School Mass – 4A
Church

Friday, February 15th

NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Saturday, February 16th

5:00pm Winter Sports Celebration Mass
Dinner to follow in Café

Sunday, February 17th

Food from the Heart Collection

7:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Heritage Hall

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cafeteria News

There have been some changes to the upcoming lunch menu!

February 14th - Papa John's pizza

February 28th - Bosco Sticks

Computer Programming Club

This club is full for the Winter Session.

8th Grade Students

We are proud of all our graduating students and want to acknowledge every student's academic achievement. If your student received a scholarship or admission award from a high school, please share this information with us. We include this information in the graduation ceremony speech and publish it in the bulletin, Heartbeat and various local media. Individual dollar amounts are held confidential and are never mentioned or published but a grand total for the class is published. Please forward your scholarship information to Mrs. Day at the School Office.

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**

IHM Night at the Cincinnati Cyclones!

Join our IHM Families at IHM Night at the Cincinnati Cyclones on Wednesday, March 13th! Our IHM Children's Choir will sing the National Anthem! Tickets are \$12 each with \$2 from each ticket sold going back to IHM School! A flyer for the event is available in the Communication Envelope today or you can order tickets online at

www.groupmatics.events/Immaculateheart4

IHM Preschool

If you are a current Day School Family and need Preschool Registration information for a new sibling please contact the School Office – we are happy to send a packet home to you with your student!

IHM Spring Sports Registration

On-line registration for all IHM Boosters Spring 2019 Sports offerings will be open TODAY, January 16 at www.ihmboosters.org for Boys & Girls Track and Boys Volleyball. Register before 11:30pm on the deadline date listed for each sport.

The Booster program will be collecting many of the necessary waivers and paperwork online. Please take time to review each item during the registration process for the Spring Sports Season.

Please see the below for the registration details and other information for each sport.

Sport	Grade	Fee	Registration Begins	Registration Deadline
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Boys Volleyball	3 rd - 8 th	\$40	1/16/2018	2/9/2018
Boys & Girls Track	K* - 8 th	\$40	1/16/2018	2/28/2018

*The Annual Booster Fee of \$80 per family is waived for Boy's and Girl's Track for grades K-2

Go to www.ihomboosters.org to login and register, and please act now.

Mark Your Calendar – Internet Safety Presentation for Parents

Stephen Smith from A Wired Family will return to IHM School again to educate our students and parents on how to keep our children safe and responsible when using technology. Stephen Smith is a wealth of information and always provides the most up to date information on apps that are attracting school age children. We encourage you to attend this evening presentation on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall.

The Seam Team

This sewing club is open to the first 15 registrants in Grades 4-8. The schedule and sign up for the remainder of the year is available at the link provided

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-seam>

Yearbook Orders & Messages

Yearbook orders are due this Friday, February 8th. Yearbook Message Forms were sent home in the Communication Envelope today. These need to be returned to the School Office no later than Thursday, February 21st!

Yearbook Pictures

PARENTS- If you have any photos you'd like to see in the yearbook, please visit Mrs. Current's Shutterfly share site and add your photos to the appropriate section. **The password to login is Crusader**. Mrs. Current and the Journalism class are excited to incorporate your beautiful photos into our school yearbook!

<https://ihmyearbook20182019.shutterfly.com/>

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

Win-It Wednesday Giveaway

We are excited to announce the Win-It Wednesday \$50 Giveaway winner! For every \$100 donation to the Fall Fundraiser, the donor received an entry and the winning entry goes back into the pot each week. Thanks for your support.

And the winner of \$50 is Jillian Miller. Congratulations!

EVENTS & NEWS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: FAMILY OBSTACLE COURSE is Saturday 4/13/19. Fun for kids (5 and over) and adults of all fitness levels. You will not want to miss this! Start times at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. First come first served. Register early to get your preferred time. Around 20 obstacles including a brand-new Ninja Warrior Scaffolding unit. Race shirt for all participants. Practice tips and information coming soon PREFERRED REGISTERATION: ONLINE - Go to myschoolanywhere.com or the app (*All day school families already have an*

account. If you need your login information, contact ihmpto@gmail.com) or, return the [FOC Registration Flyer](#) with check via backpack mail to PTO.

Families – kids or adults: \$50 for a team of three, plus \$8.00 per additional family member
Solo – kids or adults: \$22.50 for solo registrations.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 25, 2019 Questions? Please email cariemasoner@gmail.com or chstautberg@gmail.com

ALL STAFF LUNCH – NEW DATE - Due to Jack Frost's visit and the school closing, we had to cancel the All Staff Lunch last week. The new date is TUESDAY, FEB 12. ALL VOLUNTEERS who originally signed up for 1/30 are STILL SIGNED UP. If you previously volunteered for 1/30, but cannot do 2/12 from 10:50-12:00, please take your name off of the Sign Up Genius at [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#) or let ihmpto@gmail.com know and we will remove your name. Thanks to everyone for your time to make this event happen!

Mardi Gras Jr. High Dance - Friday, March 1 from 8-10:30pm in the IHM cafeteria. DJ • Dancing • Pizza • Snacks. Cost is \$7. RSVP by February 22 through the MSA app or www.myschoolanywhere.com to pay with PayPal/Credit Card (preferred). (All families have an MSA account, please do not create a new one. If you do not know your login, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com.) Or pay by check by returning this [Mardi Gras Jr High Dance Flyer](#) to IHM PTO (checks made out to IHM PTO). Contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com with questions.

CSW Essay Contest - The PTO was excited to hold its annual Catholic Schools Week Essay Contest. Every student in the school participated. While there were so many great essays that made the judging a challenge, the winners for the Most Inspiring essays in each class were: Robert Ruschman – KF, Matthew Keene – KS, Daphne Eiser – KM, Hudson Osborne – KE, Claire Crousey – 1S, Jovie Puening – 1D, James Steelman – 1W, Samantha Haynes – 2C Leah Hafertepen – 2B, Timmy Donovan – 2D, Meghan Runte – 3R, Macy Webster – 3F, Colin Fleming – 3W, Cooper Batchelor – 4D, Kendall Ingram – 4A, Abigail Holte – 4L, Molly Boer – 5S, Lauren Radtke – 5R, Molly Anderson – 5H, Lily Bellisemo – 6F, Mia Ray – 6D, Molly Whalen – 6B, Caroline Wilson – 7C, Leo Tombragel – 7R, Jaxson DuBrucq – 8E, Natalie Hein – 8H, and Caitlyn Voet – 8J. Each winner was awarded \$100 off of next year's IHM School tuition. Congratulations to all the students for a job well done!

8 x 10 Class Portraits Available! The IHM Winter Gala has partnered with the PTO with a unique opportunity to buy grade level portraits that were debuted at the Gala! If you were not able to attend the Gala or attended and missed this item, you can buy it now and all proceeds go to the Gala! Order now for \$10 each and they will be delivered to you. Orders will be taken through February 15. Go to MySchoolAnywhere.com or app to purchase. (If you do not know your login information, contact ihmpto@gmail.com - all IHM day school families have accounts, please do not create a new account.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

8th Grade Activities Volunteers - 8th grade parent volunteers are needed to assist with 8th grade end of the year activities. Your help is needed in the following areas: Graduation Flowers, End of Year Social, Memory Video, Memory Book and Graduation Dance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com or click [Sign Up Genius/Social – 8th Grade Activities](#) to sign up!

Christ Communities - 15 volunteers are still needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Christ Community groups on February 19th from 1- 2:50 pm. So far we haven't had anyone volunteer. Please consider volunteering! The 6th, 7th and 8th grade has been having a wonderful youth rally during Christ Communities called "The Underground." We have four missionary guests from Damascus Catholic mission campus. During the rallies on February 19th, and the next one scheduled for April 16th, the students will be breaking into small groups to further discuss the topic. If you are available to volunteer for either of the 2 sessions, please click on the following link to volunteer:
[Sign Up Genius - School](#)

Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance - Looking ahead, volunteers are needed to help with the Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance on 3/1. 2 volunteers are needed to help with set up, 2 additional volunteers are needed to help with registration during the dance, 2 volunteers are needed to assist with food, 3 are needed to help in the dance area and 4 volunteers are needed to close the event! Please consider helping out with this fun event! Please contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Jr High](#)

Cafeteria Helpers - Just a reminder that volunteers are always needed to assist in the cafeteria during lunch time! Please consider helping out! It's an easy way to help out and fun to interact with the students. Whether you are able to sign up weekly, once a month or every once in awhile, your help is needed and appreciated! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Cafe](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

2/11 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Room
2/12 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon – 4th & 5th grade
3/1 – Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance

**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

From the Mountains to the Sea Showcase Luncheon

Come join us for the From the Mountains to the Sea Showcase Luncheon benefiting IHM's twinning communities, Our Lady of the Mountains in Stanton KY and The Cultural Center of Batahola in Nicaragua. Ticket prices are \$20 per person to enjoy a delicious lunch featuring cuisine from both communities. Luncheon guests will also have the opportunity to browse artwork and crafts from both regions.

The luncheon will be held at 12 noon on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd. This year's Raffle will include one week's stay at a rustic cabin in Frenchburg, KY. One raffle ticket is \$25 or 5 for \$100. For reservations, contact Maggie Rosch at margaret.rosch@gmail.com or 513 232 4051.

To register for the luncheon via credit card, visit www.ihom.org, look for Giving Opportunities. Luncheon reservations and raffle tickets may be purchased at From the Mountains to the Sea section and donations via Twinning Parish Donations section. Raffle tickets are not tax deductible. You can also drop off the completed form below at the IHM Welcome Center.

This is an excellent way to support our twinning parishes. We look forward to seeing you and making the lives of the people from OLM and The Cultural Center better. If you have questions please contact Maggie Rosch at margaret.rosch@gmail.com or 513 232 4051

IHM Giving Tree

Looking for a new ministry for you and your family? Come to an informational meeting to learn about Christmas in July and Giving Tree on Monday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center St. Joseph's Room. Both ministries are looking for a Chair and additional team members to keep these Corporal Works of Mercy alive and well in our parish! Questions? Contact: Therese Hazzard ThereseHazzard@earthlink.net

Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting at Comboni

Sat Feb 16, 2019 – Sun Feb 24, 2019

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a group of churches, who take turns hosting homeless families who are part of the network. Families sleep and eat breakfast and dinner at the host churches for a period of one week before moving on to another host congregation. During the day, children go to school. Adults go to work or search for work or housing with the assistance of IHN staff. Each host congregation is responsible for providing meals, evening activities, and sleeping accommodations for the guests. All of this work is done by volunteers from the host parishes. IHM will be participating in hosting families Feb 16-24 at Comboni, 1318 Nagel Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255. Various volunteer spots are available on the sign up link, <http://signup.com/go/SHRdhfR>.

Married Couples Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 6pm-9pm

Remember When You First Met?

Treat your spouse to a special Married Couples Valentine Dinner!

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm in Heritage Hall followed by dinner at 7pm.

Deacon Russ and Missy Feldkamp will speak at 8pm.

The cost is \$50 a couple or \$25 for first time couples.

Share a Valentine's experience that will strengthen your marriage and your family. Enjoy!

To register, please go to <https://ihom.weshareonline.org> or contact the Formation Office at 513-388-4093

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Your special Valentine deserves something more than flowers or chocolate. Be original and get them a gift card and help our school! Shop\$mart sells perfect gift cards to plan a dinner and a movie date or gift cards for some pampering! Bath & Body Works, Olive Garden, Cinemas and more!

Head over to the Fatima Room after all weekend masses or to the church office during regular business hours to purchase these gift cards.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

There are 4 new Small Faith Sharing Groups being offered during Lent.

1. **Starting Tuesday, February 5th from 7:30pm-9:45pm- *Cultivating Nonviolence: Harvesting Peace: A Faith Journey*.** This JustFaith series contains 8 sessions, concluding March 26th. It will be held in West Heritage and facilitated by Debbie and Jerry Metz and Jack Newfield. Please contact them at newfield6@fuse.net or debbie.metz@zoomtown.com to register or for any questions.
2. **Starting Wednesday, March 6 at 10:45am-11:30am -*A Consecration to Divine Mercy*** meets for 6 sessions concluding April 10. This group will meet in the Blessed Mother Room in the Welcome Center and will be facilitated by Joann Armstrong at jmarmstrong2@outlook.com. This series is based on 33 Days to Merciful Love and will prepare us for celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday.
3. **Starting Wednesday, March 6 from 7:30pm-9pm, Rudy and Christine Noble will facilitate a book discussion on the book given away at Christmas, Edward Sri's *Into His Likeness*** in the Blessed Mother Room in the Welcome Center. Please contact Rudy.noble@gmail.com for any questions.
4. **Starting Thursday, March 7 from 12:30pm-2pm, Debbie Tepe will facilitate *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*.** This 6 session program focuses on Jesus' passion, the final 18 hours on Earth before His death on the cross. This will be held in the St. Matthew Room. Babysitting is available. Contact tepe.d@ihomschool.org for any questions.