



## **IHM School Newsletter February 20th, 2019**

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Dear Parents,

Next week we will begin IOWA and CoGAT assessments for students in Grades 2-8. The data from these tests is important for sustaining strong academic programs, identifying areas in which there is an opportunity for growth as a school and measuring individual student academic growth. We consistently utilize data to drive our decisions in all aspects of our school.

We continually work to create a positive experience for our students during the assessment process. This year, we will limit the time allotted for IOWA and GoGAT assessment to 60 minutes each day. Students will complete the assessments on Feb. 25th, 26th, 27th and March 1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:15am -9:15am.

Testing week can be an anxious time for students, as their regular schedule is interrupted and the school day as they know it changes. You can help your child/ren alleviate some of this anxiety by doing the following:

- Talk to your child/ren about testing week and reassure them in a positive way.
- Remain calm and discuss the confidence you have in your child's ability.
- Give your child/ren a nutritious breakfast each day.
- Try to keep your morning routine the same.

It is important to note that your child/ren do not have to study for this assessment. We are looking at skills they have learned throughout the year. I know our students will achieve success.

It is vital to create the most conducive testing environment at our school. To this effort, all students need to be in the building at the start of the school day. If students arrive after 8:15am, they will need to remain in the school office until testing is completed for that day. We do not want distractions for the students once the testing has begun for the school day.

All students will be offered mints during the tests. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if you do not want your child to have the mints during the assessment.

I appreciate your continued support of our school.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 8:15am All School Mass – 5H  
Church
- 3:15pm School Musical Auditions  
Music Room
- 6:30pm Grade 2 – Walk Through the Mass  
Church

**Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Taft Theatre

**Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

- IOWA/CoGAT Testing
- 7:00pm Education Commission Meeting  
School Library

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- IOWA/CoGAT Testing
- 3:15pm School Musical Auditions  
Music Room
- 6:30pm Reconciliation  
Lourdes Room – Church

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

**Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:15am All School Mass – 2B  
Church
- 7:00pm Exposition of the Eucharist  
Church

**Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- IOWA/CoGAT Testing
- 8:00pm PTO Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance

Cafeteria

**Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00pm Confirmation Meeting  
Heritage Hall

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**2019-2020 IHM School Registration**

**Just a reminder that registration forms for the 2019-2020 School Year are now due to the School Office. If you need a copy of your student's registration forms please contact the School Office. Many thanks!**

**Yearbook Messages**

**Yearbook Messages are DUE TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>! A copy of the order form is included in today's Communication Envelope!**

**8<sup>th</sup> 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 as soon as possible.

**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 – Order Your Tickets NOW!**

Join our IHM Families at IHM Night at the Cincinnati Cyclones on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>! 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 copy of the flyer for the event is available at the bottom of the online newsletter or or you can order tickets online at

[www.groupmatics.events/Immaculateheart4](http://www.groupmatics.events/Immaculateheart4)

\*\*If you order tickets and pay by check please make the check payable to US Bank Arena

**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](http://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.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Registration Begins</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
Boys Volleyball	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$40	1/16/2018	2/9/2018
Boys & Girls Track	K* - 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$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](http://www.ihomboosters.org) to login and register, and please act now.

### **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 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 Mary Ellert. Congratulations!

### **EVENTS & NEWS**

**PTO Roles and Volunteer Opportunities** – Does your family enjoy the PTO events? Do your kids like the events during the school days and class parties? We have some great opportunities for you to be involved in your child's school! And just so you know... when you decide to become involved, you are not alone! We help each other, we work together, we have resources, and we have fun! The PTO has various types of roles and needs various skillsets. Some are bigger time commitments, and some are lesser time commitments. A Response Card was sent home to you last Thursday to make it easy for you to share your interests. If you can't find it, you can access by clicking [PTO Volunteer Response Form](#). Please send it back and let us know!

We are in search of volunteers:

- to fill Board and Chair roles that will be opening next school year,
- who want to learn more about a role and potentially shadow next year for the following year, and
- who don't want a role, but want to volunteer to help at the events.

**REGISTER NOW TO GET YOUR PREFERRED TIME! 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. Around 20 obstacles including a brand-new Ninja Warrior Scaffolding unit. Race shirt for all participants. Practice tips and information coming soon. PREFERRED REGISTRATION: ONLINE - Go to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or the app (*All day school families already have an account. If you need your login information, contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cariemasoner@gmail.com) or [chstautberg@gmail.com](mailto:chstautberg@gmail.com).

You can also volunteer to help at the awesome event [Sign Up Genius - Family](#)

**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 [myschoolanywhere.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com) with questions.

**Family Art Night for grades K-6** is coming up on Wednesday March 27th from 6-8pm! Please join us for hands-on art activities that are fun for the family. RSVP by registering on MSA and selecting Sign Ups; or send email to Heather Overbeck at [hoeverbeck@cinci.rr.com](mailto:hoeverbeck@cinci.rr.com) or by completing the [Family Art Night Form](#) and return to school. You must RSVP by 3/6 in order to receive a T-shirt.

**ATTENTION: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS!!!** The Staff Appreciation early dinner before conferences will be hosted by the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents on Thursday, March 7th. We are looking for your favorite appetizers, sandwiches, dips, salads, and desserts. The teachers so love and appreciate your home cooking! If you can't contribute a food item, we have a cash donation option available and we will purchase items to complete the buffet. Please click the link at [Sign Up Genius - StaffMarch](#) to sign up! We also need volunteers for set up and clean up. The teachers and staff really look forward to these events and truly appreciate the effort, support, and hard work. [Staff Appreciation Flyer](#)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Jr. High Mardi Gras** - Volunteers are needed to help with the Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance on 3/1. 1 additional volunteer is needed to help with set up, 3 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](mailto:jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com) or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Jr.High](#)

**Family Art Night** is coming up on 3/27! 4 additional volunteers are needed to help with set up from 4-6 pm and from 6-8 to help with a specific artist group station. This is always a fun night! Please consider helping out! Click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#) or contact Holly Shoemaker at [holly.shoemaker@hyperquake.com](mailto:holly.shoemaker@hyperquake.com) or Heather Overbeck at [hoeverbeck@cinci.rr.com](mailto:hoeverbeck@cinci.rr.com) with any questions!

**The Family Obstacle Course** is scheduled for 4/13! Lots of volunteers are needed to help with this awesome event! 4 volunteers are needed to assist with set up from 6-8:15, 20 volunteers are needed to help with the first shift from 8:15-11:30, 20 volunteers are needed to help with the second shift from 11:15-2:30 and 4 volunteers are needed to assist with closing the event from 2:30-4:30. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Family](#) or contact [cariemasoner@gmail.com](mailto:cariemasoner@gmail.com) or [chstautberg@gmail.com](mailto:chstautberg@gmail.com) with any questions!

**Cafeteria Help** - 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:

3/1 – Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance  
3/7 – Staff Appreciation Dinner – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
3/11 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Room  
3/27 – Family Art Night  
3/27 – Everybody Counts  
4/13 – Family Obstacle Course

\*\*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**

### **Exposition of the Eucharist**

Exposition will take place in the church on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This prayer service will include praise music, silence and communal prayer. Please plan to join us!

### **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](mailto:margaret.rosch@gmail.com) or 513 232 4051.

To register for the luncheon via credit card, visit [www.ihom.org](http://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](mailto:margaret.rosch@gmail.com) or 513 232 4051

### **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](mailto:newfield6@fuse.net) or [debbie.metz@zoomtown.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tepe.d@ihomschool.org) for any questions.