



IHM School Newsletter March 6th, 2019

Dear Crusader Families,

As we enter into the Lenten season, it is important to reflect upon our personal relationship with Christ. As we continue to grow in our faith, we have been focusing on prayer throughout this school year as we *Walk With Jesus*. Spending time in prayer with Jesus helps us to know Him better and form a closer relationship with Him. This year, I have asked our student community to increase our time spent in prayer throughout Lent. In addition to prayer, we will be focusing on Gratitude.

We are challenging all students to log how many minutes they spend in prayer each day on the Lenten Calendar provided. On the back side of the prayer log, there is a Gratitude Calendar to guide the students as they reflect on their many blessings.

After the Ash Wednesday Mass this morning, I talked with our students about this Lenten project and shared some of the blessings I am grateful for in my life. They seemed very excited to begin the Lenten journey together and start this time of reflection. I look forward to seeing how God works within our IHM community during this time of Lent.

Many blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, March 6th

Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

7:00pm Mass
 Church

Thursday, March 7th

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

3:00pm Musical Practice
 Heritage Hall

4:30pm Parent /Teacher Conferences
 School Campus

Friday, March 8th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

Sunday, March 10th

10:45am First Communion Mini Retreat A-K
Cafeteria

1:00pm First Communion Mini Retreat L-M
Cafeteria

Monday, March 11th

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

Tuesday, March 12th

****TENTATIVE DATE FOR ALL SCHOOL PICTURE****

5th Grade Field Trip
Bowling

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, March 13th

1:00pm 6th Grade Seder Meal
Heritage Hall

7:30pm IHM Night at Cincinnati Cyclones
US Bank Arena

Thursday, March 14th

8:15am All School Mass – 8E
Church

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

Saturday, March 16th

5:00pm Grade 3 Student Ministry Mass
Church

**6:00pm Parish Celebration
Cafeteria
ALL INVITED!!**

Sunday, March 17th

Food from the Heart Collection
Church

6:00pm Grade 3 Student Ministry Mass
Church

Monday, March 18th

**NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
School of Faith**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conference time slots are still available.

See the link provided on the OptionC Dashboard to select a time slot.

We ask that all families sign up for only 1 conference per student. If there is a need to meet with more than one teacher, please contact Mrs. Day in the school office so arrangements can be made.

Students in Grades 5-8 should attend conferences with their parents.

Families are also allowed 1 conference per student with a Related Arts Teacher if necessary.

All School Picture

We have tentatively scheduled the all school picture with students dressed in their grade level shirts and uniform bottoms for next Tuesday, March 12th. We will confirm Monday after verifying the forecast. Get your grade level shirts ready!

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 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 next 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 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

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

Summer Camp Opportunities

McNicholas High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

Elder High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Football Strength and Conditioning Camp

Mount Notre Dame High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

Ursuline Academy – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

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

Yankee Candle is Here!

The IHM PTO Yankee Candle sale is going on now [thru March 19th](#). Packets went home last week and order forms must be returned by March 19". They make great gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, Birthdays, and Graduation. When you buy from the sale, you get great products that you love, conveniently delivered to you or your friends and family, and it helps the PTO too. It's a win-win! Catalog purchases will be delivered to you before Easter. The online sale will be open thru June 30. When you order online, you can ship to anywhere in the US. Thank you for supporting the PTO. Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our school code 990029627.

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 winners of \$50 are Jill and Chris Nordstrom. Congratulations!

EVENTS & NEWS

REGISTER NOW FOR THE FAMILY OBSTACLE COURSE on Saturday 4/13/19. Start times in three waves at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. We know many of you are waiting for Spring sports schedules to register. Go ahead and register now to reserve a space and then **IF YOU END UP WITH A CONFLICT FOR YOUR CHOSEN WAVE, WE CAN MOVE YOU** to a different wave before 3/25. All fitness levels can do this! Race shirt for all participants. PREFERRED REGISTRATION: 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.

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

Family Art Night - REGISTRATION ENDS TONIGHT FOR TSHIRT. 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 SignUps or send email to Heather Overbeck at hoverbeck@cinci.rr.com. You must RSVP by tonight, 3/6, in order to receive a T-shirt. You can register on MSA until midnight tonight.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 or Heather Overbeck at hoverbeck@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! 3volunteers are needed to assist with set up from 6-8:15, 19 volunteers are needed to help with the first shift from 8:15-11:30, 19 volunteers are needed to help with the second shift from 11:15-2:30 and 3 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 or chstautberg@gmail.com with any questions!

The Spring Book Fair will be here before we know it! Set up is scheduled for 4/28 from 5-6 pm and the sale is running from 4/29 to 5/3. There are still some volunteer slots available! Please consider helping out if your schedule allows! Please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Book](#) to volunteer or contact Sarah Georgin at georgic.s@ihomschool.org 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:

3/7 – Staff Appreciation Dinner – 4th & 5th grade
3/11 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Room
3/27 – Box Top Contest
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

Lenten Speaker Series

The Topic This Year: Your Personal Relationship With Jesus Through Prayer

6:25pm Rosary in the Church, followed by 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, followed by 7:30pm Speaker in the Church

March 8, 2019-What does a Personal Relationship with Jesus look like? A Panel Discussion with Jay Mather, Candi Rinderle, Bob Hilmer, and Kim Dettmer

March 15- Experiences of Prayer: St. Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle by Fr. Dan Bedel

March 22- Serving the Poor Can be Prayer by Dave Rahner

March 29- Prayer: Am I Doing it Right? St. Ignatius' Examine Prayer- Fr. Pat. Fairbanks

April 5- When Prayer Doesn't Seem to Work: St. John of the Cross on Dryness and Darkness in Prayer by Fr. Jacob Willig

April 12- Live Stations of the Cross presented by the 6th grade school students.

Shop\$mart

Getting ready for vacation? Shop\$mart can special order gifts cards for your travel and destination enjoyment. Check out the list on Shopwithscript.com. You will find it at the bottom of the screen "Retailer List". It also gives you the percentage of profit we can make for our school.

Shopping for clothes for yourself or the family? Places like Old Navy, Gap, J.Crew, and Children's Place give us some fantastic discounts from 8 - 15%.

Going to Disney? Purchase Disney gift cards for the kids and we get a 3% rebate.

Have a pet? Petco and PetSmart give us 5%. Buy Topgolf gift cards and we get 8%!

Although we do not carry some of the cards on a regular basis like Taco Bell (5%), Long John Silver (8%), Michaels (4%), or Jo-Ann Fabric (6%), we can still get these for you within a week! Orders that are placed by Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. can be in the church office by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please let the Shop\$mart volunteers know if they can be of service to you. They are in the Fatima Room after all weekend masses or in the church office during regular business hours. You can also send your requests to school in your child's Communication Envelope.

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.