



IHM School Newsletter November 28, 2018

Dear IHM Crusaders,

Our MAKERSPACE conversion has begun. New furniture and items have been arriving daily and we can't wait to unveil the space to the students!

We need your help in 2 ways:

Donate Consumables:

**Paper Towel Rolls
Toilet Paper Rolls
Cardboard – large~small~broken-down boxes~ etc.**

Starting Monday, December 3rd through Wednesday, December 19th we will have 9 bins in the Cafeteria labeled for each Grade, K-8. Place your donation in the Class of your choice! The class to donate the most items will win a special treat from Mrs. Devine!

Donate Non-Consumables:

**Legos
Lincoln Logs
Tinker Toys
K'Nex**

Do you have any of these sets with some or half of the pieces missing?! WE WILL TAKE THEM! Clean out your closets for the holidays and help our Maker Space Lab! You can send any of your donations to the School Office by Thursday, December 20th.

I appreciate your continued support of our school community!

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, November 28th

Junior High Damascus Retreat

Thursday, November 29th

Junior High Damascus Retreat

8:15am All School Mass – 6F
Church

Friday, November 30th

Junior High Damascus Retreat

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

6TH Grade Field Trip – Egypt Day
School Campus

Saturday, December 1st

Giving Tree Weekend

PTO St. Nick Breakfast

Sunday, December 2nd

First Sunday of Advent

Giving Tree Weekend

Tuesday, December 4th

3:00pm PTO Poinsettia Pick-Up
Heritage Hall

7:00pm 2nd Grade – First Reconciliation
Church

Wednesday, December 5th

9:30am Jr. High Band and Choir Performance
Xavier University

Thursday, December 6th

8:00am PTO Santa's Workshop
Heritage Hall

8:15am All School Mass – 8H
Church

Friday, December 7th

8:00am PTO Santa's Workshop

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AFTER CARE ANNOUNCEMENT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

After Care will close at 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 19th in preparation for the Nativity Play that evening. After Care will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 20th. **School will close at 12pm on Thursday, December 20th.**

Computer Programming Club

Mrs. Dumford and Mr. Heyl are starting a Computer Programming Club for students in Grades 3 thru 8. The permission slip and fee information is attached to this Communication.

SPACE IS LIMITED – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS! Please return permission slip forms to the School Office in an envelope marked "Computer Programming Club."

Fall Fundraiser OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS – NEXT WEEK

The Fall Fundraiser Out Of Uniform Days will be next week! A separate email with eligible students will be sent via Parent Alert tomorrow.

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**

SAVE THE DATE – GRAND GUEST DAY!

Our Grand Guest Day celebration will be the morning of Thursday, December 20th. Please tell your Grand Guest to mark their calendar! More details to follow in the coming weeks. ****Please note – IHM School will close at 12pm on Grand Guest Day!**

The Seam Team

This sewing club is open to the first 10 registrants from each grade level. The Sign up link is posted below for December. Cost is \$40 each month. Contact Mrs. Flynn at Flynn.k@ihomschool.org with any questions.

December: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaf2fa5fc1-december1>

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/>

High School Information

Moeller is hosting Man of Moeller on January 11, 2019. This program is for all interested eighth grade boys who may benefit from an additional look at Moeller prior to registration. This day long program provides an opportunity for prospective Moeller students to learn about Moeller by actively participating in four academic classes, experiencing the uniqueness of Moeller as a Catholic, Marianist school, as well as learning about many of our extra-curriculars.

Mount Notre Dame is offering *Experience Day* on Friday, January 11, 2019 to interested eighth grade girls who may benefit from an additional look at MND prior to registration. This day-long, optional program provides an opportunity for prospective eighth grade girls to learn about MND by actively participating in four academic classes, experiencing MND's unique spiritual charism, as well as learning about many of our extra-curricular activities.

St. Ursula Academy is hosting Showcase Night on Thursday, December 6th at 630pm. This 2-hour program for 7th and 8th graders and their parents will "showcase" the many parts of a Saint Ursula Education. Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/showcase-night.

Sunday, December 9, 2:00 is *Christmas Concert in the Chapel*. This annual event features our entire Music Department sharing the sounds of the season with guests. Free and open to the public. No registration required. Thursday, December 13, 7:30 - *Grade School Volleyball Night* - Grade school girls (and their parents) are granted free admission to the SUA vs. McNicholas Basketball game. Enter to win prizes at halftime as you cheer on the SUA Bulldogs! Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/basketball-night.

St. Xavier has seven days remaining for shadow opportunities. Contact stxavier.schooladminonline.com
Application deadline for Admissions is November 30th.

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](#).

Teacher/Staff Christmas Purse - Contributions are Due December 11th!

Please help wish all of the teachers and staff of IHM a very Merry Christmas by contributing to the teacher/staff Christmas purse. No amount is too small or too big. Each family is welcome to donate any amount. PTO will divide the total amount collected among the teachers and staff. The teacher/staff purse will be distributed on December 19 at the Cookie Exchange and the last name of each family who contributes will be listed. We have two options for your convenience. Simply log-in to www.myschoolanywhere.com or the app and go to Our Store (contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you need your log in), or send in your donation in the special envelope sent home in the Wednesday Envelope with a check payable to IHM PTO. Please make any donations NO LATER than DECEMBER 11th. Thank you very much from the teachers and staff!

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 John and Tiffany Whitcomb. Congratulations!

Fall Fundraiser Out of Uniform Week~ Next week!

The WEEK out of uniform will be 12/3-12/7 and the INDIVIDUAL day will be Monday, December 10th. Emails will be sent home this week with the student list.

Poinsettia Pick-up is Tuesday, December 4th in Heritage from 3-7pm

Coming Soon! SkyZone and Scene 75 card sales begin 12/7

EVENTS

St. Nick Breakfast!

Gather your family and friends and join us for Breakfast with St. Nick! This Saturday, December 1 from 9:00-11:00am in the Café and Heritage. Full Buffet Breakfast, Photos with St. Nick, and Holiday Crafts. \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child 3-12, free under 3 years. This is a fun event you don't want to miss!

Santa's North Pole Shop – Coming December 6th & 7th! The elves have been busy and Santa will be bringing many items for our students to buy for family members. Money envelopes will be sent home with students in K-5 by homeroom teachers on Friday. Please click the link [Santa Shop Flyer](#) for more details.

Staff Appreciation – Cookie Exchange!

The Staff Cookie Exchange is the morning of Wednesday, December 19. Parents volunteer to help with the event and to donate delicious cookies for the teachers and staff. This is a truly magical holiday event which is loved by the staff. If you want to donate cookies, please bring 2 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies ANYTIME on Tuesday, December 18 or BEFORE 7:00 am on Wednesday, December 19 (drop off details are on the Sign Up) or we can make arrangements with you. If you would like to help at the event or if you would like to donate cookies, please sign up at [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#)

SKATING PARTY - SAVE THE DATE - The PTO is excited to announce a school-wide Skating Party on Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 6:30-8:30. More details coming soon!

CAREER DAY – We need **YOU** on Tuesday, January 29 to talk about your job with IHM Students! Volunteers are needed to participate in short presentations to small group audiences throughout the day. We are hoping for a wide variety of presenters to open our children's minds to a variety of career options. Please Sign Up at this link by December 15 [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#) If you have any questions, please email Sheri May at sherimay76@gmail.com or call [513-404-8119](tel:513-404-8119). Click [Career Day 2018](#) for the flyer.

THE PTO NEEDS YOU

It takes a lot of volunteers to put on the number of events and activities we do for our students, parents and staff. And YOU, our amazing volunteers, always come through. While it seems like it's a while away, we are looking for people who are interested in key Board Member positions next year. It significantly helps the transition and learning curve to have someone identified early who can shadow as needed. Contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

- Secretary – This person works closely with the President and the whole Board, as well as the school office, to communicate the happenings of the PTO.
- Fundraising – We need someone to oversee these efforts. We have great Chairpeople to help with the details.
- Spiritual/Service – This role coordinates with our Chairs on our Spiritual/Service events and bringing this important element to our other activities.
- Volunteer Coordinator – This person is responsible for our Sign Up Genius and helping communicate when and where we need people.
- Jr. High Social – We need someone to oversee and work with our awesome Event Chairpeople on our Jr. High events.
- Co-Treasurer – This person works closely with an experienced co-treasurer to maintain our financial information, collect proceeds and make payments, and works with My School Anywhere.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Breakfast with St. Nick is on Saturday 12/1. **4** additional volunteers are needed to assist during the event and helping with clean up. This is fun event! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Service](#) or contact Julia Wallner at juliamwallner@gmail.com or Lanie Amann at amann_e@westcler.org.

The Poinsettia Sale is scheduled for 12/4 and additional volunteers are still needed! Consider helping out if you can! **2** sorting volunteers are still needed from 11 am- 1 pm to help pull poinsettias off of the truck and sort them. Thanks to those that have already signed up to help. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Fundraising](#) or contact Mary Bruggeman at marybruggeman@gmail.com.

The Santa Shop is coming up and we need more elves to make this a success. We need **6** volunteers on 12/5 for assist with set up starting at 1 pm. On 12/6 and 12/7 there are many volunteer opportunities such as shopping assistants, cashiers, and baggers and wrappers. **2** volunteers are also needed to help with closing the event from 2-5 pm on 12/7. Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#) or contact Ashley Rozier at ashleyrozier@gmail.com or Terri Hafertepen at Thafertepen@gmail.com.

Skating Party! We need volunteers from 6:15-8:30 to help make this a fun event for the kids. Please sign up at [Sign Up Genius - Social](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

12/1 – Breakfast with St. Nick
12/3-7 – FF Out of Uniform Reward
12/4 – Poinsettia Day Pick Up
12/6-7 – Santa Shop!
12/7 – Scene 75/ Skyzone Sale!
12/11 – Christmas Purse Contributions Due
12/19 – Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange
12/20 – Grand Guest Day
1/3 – IHM Skating Party

**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

GIVING TREE Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering your time for the IHM Giving Tree following mass this Saturday (5pm) and Sunday (11:30am). The majority of help is needed after the 11:30am mass. If you are looking for service hours or something to do with the family, it is definitely a "feel good" project! Click on the Sign Up Genius for more information & to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-20181>

Shop\$mart

The snow means salty roads which means stopping by a car wash on any day with sun! Shop\$mart has mike's car wash gift cards! Too cold to head out to shop? Picking up a gift card is as easy as 123.

1. Check out the online order sheets at IHM's website or pick a paper copy up at church/parish office.
2. Select the cards you would like to purchase - Amazon, Target, Kohl's, Kroger and many more. Values range from \$10 cards to \$100 cards.
3. Stop in before or after mass to the Fatima room in church or the parish office during regular business hours and pick up your cards.

A Word of Thanks

IHM Social Action Coordinating Commission and the Youth Ministry thank you for your gift of time and talent. Our Lady of the Mountains, SEM Food Pantry, Interparish Ministry, SVDP Food Pantry and the new Hispanic Center in Covington all received 20 boxes of macaroni and cheese meals. SVDP was out of macaroni and cheese so immediately put your prepared meals out for their clients. Each box had 36 bags. Each bag feeds 6 equals 216 meals per box. 21,600 meals was the IHM share of the labor.

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