



## **IHM School Newsletter November 7, 2018**

**\*\*TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME SLOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE\*\***

**SEE THE LINK PROVIDED ON THE OPTIONC DASHBOARD TO SELECT A TIME SLOT.**

**GRADES 4-8 ARE ALLOWED 1 CONFERENCE PER STUDENT. 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.**

**IF YOU NEED A GROUP CONFERENCE PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER.**

Dear IHM Families,

This Friday marks the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester for the 2018-2019 school year. Student Progress Updates will go home with all students in Grades K-3 next Wednesday. The copy of the SPU is yours to keep. Please sign the SPU envelope and send it back to school. Report cards for students in Grades 4-8 can be viewed online when logging into OptionC. Directions for printing hard copies will be sent to all parents on Wednesday. If you do not have access to a printer and are unable to print your child's report card, please contact Mrs. Day and a hard copy will be sent home. All students in Grades K-8 will receive a hard copy of the final year-end report card in June.

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Conference sign-ups are available through the parent account on OptionC. Please log into your parent account to schedule conferences. If your child is in Grades 4-8, please remember they are required to attend conferences with you.

Congratulations to all our IHM students for a truly amazing first trimester. We are very proud of our students' academic achievements, as well as all they have done to help those in need. Stewardship is truly alive in our school. The hard work and effort that is put forth each and every day is highly commendable. Thank you for all you do!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**STUDENTS WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE TOPS  
WITH UNIFORM BOTTOMS FOR OUR VETERANS CELEBRATION**

- 8:15am All School Mass – 3F  
Church
- 9:00am Veterans Day Celebration  
Heritage Hall
- 9:30am 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Mount St. Joe
- 5:30pm Evening Open House for Grades 6-8  
School

**Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**END OF FIRST TRIMESTER**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

- 1:00pm PTO Spelling Bee  
Heritage Hall
- 8:00pm Junior High Neon Dance  
Cafeteria

**Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00pm Confirmation Meeting  
Heritage Hall

**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**OUT OF UNIFORM FOR SPELLING BEE PARTICIPANTS**

- 7:00pm PTO Meeting  
St. Matthew Room – Parish Office

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:30am 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Cincinnati Cyclones
- 6:30pm Reconciliation  
Church

**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Star Lab  
Grades 3 & 4
- 6:30pm PTO Family Math Night  
Heritage and Cafeteria

**Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

PTO Poinsettia Sale Ends

8:15am All School Mass – 6D  
Church

4:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  
School Campus

**Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

1:20pm Seminarian Basketball Game  
Gym

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Food from the Heart Collection  
Church

11:30am 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Ministry Mass  
Church

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**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**

**Grades 3-8: Computer Programming Club!**

Mrs. Dumford and Mr. Heyl are starting a Computer Programming Club for students in Grades 3 thru 8! Students will be able to program using the languages of Tynker, Javascript and Python. The program progresses at the student’s individual level. If interested in participating in this new club at IHM:

Parents of students in Grades 3-5 contact Mrs. Dumford at [dumford.l@ihomschool.org](mailto:dumford.l@ihomschool.org) by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Parents of students in Grades 6-8 contact Mr. Heyl at [hey.l.m@ihomschool.org](mailto:hey.l.m@ihomschool.org) by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Based on the numbers interested there may be a winter and a spring session. Details to follow.

**Field Trip Payments**

Unfortunately we can no longer accept payment for school field trips through the PTO MSA app.

You can pay online for field trips through <https://ihom.weshareonline.org>

Select the “School Field Trip” option. Please complete all forms and select payment option and return to your child’s homeroom teacher.

**IHM School Food Drive**

Please see the flyer in the Communication Envelope regarding our Thanksgiving Food Drive. All items need to be turned into school by Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>!

**Halloween Candy Collection**

Mrs. Ramundo will be collecting Halloween candy to donate to The Giving Tree agencies. Please send your candy in a Ziploc bag to the School Office by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Meet The Teacher!**

*Mrs. Sears is an Immaculate Heart of Mary graduate. She feels truly blessed to be back at her grade school teaching with some of her own teachers. Mrs. Sears believes children learn best when they are actively engaged in their lesson. Mrs. Sears has a daughter of her own and enjoys spending time with her family in her free time.*

### **Photo Re-Takes**

Photo Re-take Packages will be sent home tomorrow!

### **The Seam Team**

This sewing club is open to the first 10 registrants from each grade level. Sign up links are posted below for November and December. Cost is \$40 each month. Contact Mrs. Flynn at [Flynn.k@ihomschool.org](mailto:Flynn.k@ihomschool.org) with any questions.

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

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. Mrs. Current and the Journalism class are excited to incorporate your beautiful photos into our school yearbook!

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

### **High School Information**

**\*\* Click [HERE](#) to see an online calendar of HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE DATES in the Cincinnati Area.**

#### **Summit Country Day School**

Open House on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. [www.summitcds.org/openhouse](http://www.summitcds.org/openhouse)

#### **Mount Notre Dame**

Junior High Learning Series, *Introduction to Printmaking*, will introduce participants to the art of American printmakers and will use traditional and nontraditional tools and techniques to create a variety of prints. Open to girls in grades 6-8. [www.mndhs.org](http://www.mndhs.org)

#### **Saint Xavier High School**

Open House on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm [www.stxavier.org/admissions](http://www.stxavier.org/admissions)

## **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 Gwendolyn Niesen. Congratulations!

### **Poinsettia Sale~**

IHM PTO is once again sponsoring the Christmas Poinsettia Sale! The beautiful poinsettias are available in a variety of colors and sizes. Help support the IHM PTO by decorating your home or office with poinsettia plants. Great for gift giving as well! All orders must be received by Thursday, November 15th. [Poinsettia Order Form](#)

Want to pay online with PayPal? Login to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or the convenient MSA app and shop our "Store". (if you do not know your login or password, please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com)). NO NEED TO TURN IN A FORM IF YOU PURCHASE ONLINE! If you have any questions, please contact us at [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com).

## **EVENTS**

### **Jr High NEON Dance Party!!**

It's almost here! DJ - Dancing - Pizza - Treats - Selfie Station. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH from 8:00 - 10:00 PM - IHM Cafeteria.

In the spirit of service to others, we are asking party attendees to bring a canned good or non-perishable food donation for the SEM pantry. Our students and families are very generous to those less fortunate and we know you will once again demonstrate how caring our IHM families are! Wear white or neon colors that will glow under the black lights. Neon markers will be available to permanently decorate the tee shirts if desired. Questions? Contact Julia Fox at [leighfox@me.com](mailto:leighfox@me.com) or MC Anderson at [markandmc@cinci.rr.com](mailto:markandmc@cinci.rr.com).

### **ATTENTION: 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE PARENTS!!!**

The Staff Appreciation Party Food dinner before conferences will be hosted by the 3rd grade parents on Thursday, November 15th. We are looking for your favorite hot and cold party foods and desserts to fill the buffet table. 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 - StaffNov](#) 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.

### **St. Nick Breakfast!**

Gather your family and friends and join us for Breakfast with St. Nick! 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. Please register by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Just login to [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) or the app and register and pay using PayPal or return the form with cash/check.

## **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.

- 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.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade **Christ Community groups** on the following dates: November 20, February 19, and April 16th from 1- 2:50 pm. 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 November 20, February 19th and April 16th the

students will be breaking into small groups to further discuss the topic, of which parent volunteers will be needed. If you are available to volunteer for any of the 3 sessions, please click on the following link to volunteer: Thank you!  
[SignUp Genius-School](#)

The **Jr. High Neon Dance Party** is coming up on 11/9 from 8-10:00! Volunteers are needed to help with set up, 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: [SignUp Genius-jrhigh](#) or contact Julia Fox at [leighfox@me.com](mailto:leighfox@me.com) with any questions!

**Family Math Night** is right around the corner on 11/14 from 6-8 pm. Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up for the event, volunteering throughout the event and closing the event! Please consider volunteering for this popular event, if your time allows it! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [SignUp Genius-Academic](#) or contact Angel Westerkamp at [angel@logicnet.cc](mailto:angel@logicnet.cc) or Angie Albrinck at [danalbrinck@live.com](mailto:danalbrinck@live.com) with any questions!

**Breakfast with St. Nick** is on Saturday 12/1. Volunteers are needed to help with set up the night before on 11/30 and assisting during the event on 12/1. This is fun event! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following [SignUp Genius - Service](#)

**The Santa Shop** is coming up and we need more elves to make this a success. We need volunteers on 12/5 for set up and 12/6 and 12/7 to help during the shopping extravaganza. Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [SignUP Genius-Social](#)

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

11/8 – Veteran’s Day Reception  
11/9 – Spelling Bee  
11/9 – Jr. High Dance Party  
11/12 – PTO Meeting, 7PM St. Matthews Room  
11/14 – Math Night  
12/1 – Breakfast with St. Nick  
12/6-7 – Santa Shop!

\*\*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**

### **Date Night! Married Couples Dinner**

Married Couples Dinner Saturday, November 10th at 6PM in Heritage! Enjoy a great dinner with other wonderful couples and an inspirational presentation. The speaker will be Susan Vogt who wrote "Parenting Your Adult Child". She will address the difficulties of guiding teens and adult children, how to approach those who are not practicing their faith, and how to parent younger children to become adults who still listen to the wisdom of their parents. There will be something there for everyone! To register, please go to [www.ihom.weshareonline.com](http://www.ihom.weshareonline.com). The cost is \$50 per couple or \$25 for those who attend for the first time.

### **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.

**Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>- 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](http://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>

### **Shop\$mart**

Snow is coming..... Don't let bad weather keep your car from shining. Purchase Mike's Car Wash gift cards from Shop\$mart. We also carry gas cards like Shell, Speedway, Kroger, Meijer, and Sams' to fill your tanks. Please stop by after any weekend Mass in the Fatima Room at church or at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

### **Thanksgiving Day Bread**

Do you like to bake? Would you like to be a part of one of IHM's most cherished traditions? Each year at the Thanksgiving Day Mass, we take time to bless bread baked by parishioners. Those attending Mass that morning are then invited to take home a loaf of bread to be used as part of their Thanksgiving meal. Bread can be any kind, half loaf-1 pound size. If it contains nuts or peanut butter, please mark that on the wrapping. The bread can be dropped off at the Parish Office any time after November 4th and will be frozen. If it must be kept fresh, we will need it no later than noon on Wednesday, November 21st.

Join us for this annual tradition! Mass is at 9 a.m. and is a wonderful way to start the day. Questions? Contact Carol Braun at 528.4866 or [cabraun6556@gmail.com](mailto:cabraun6556@gmail.com)