



IHM School Newsletter **March 13th, 2019**

Dear Crusader Families,

On Ash Wednesday, I shared with the students our focus on Gratitude throughout the Lenten Season. I asked them to look for the good in things they might not enjoy and to be grateful for all the opportunities God gives to us, even those we might not welcome.

I shared with them that as a child, I was not always eager to attend Mass. As a child of a catholic school teacher, there were many mornings that I was made to attend Mass with my mom in the chapel before school began. Now, as an adult, when I reflect on the things I am most grateful for, my faith is on the top of the list. This past weekend, I spent time visiting my mom and attended Mass at her church. I shared with her my talk with our IHM students and my gratitude for the gift of faith she fostered in our home and in my life. I was glad I could share this reflection with her.

The following was printed in their bulletin and I wanted to share it with you all:

Give up complaining.....	focus on gratitude
Give up pessimism.....	become an optimist
Give up worry.....	trust divine providence
Give up bitterness.....	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred.....	return good for evil
Give up negativism.....	be positive
Give up anger.....	be more patient
Give up pettiness.....	become mature
Give up gloom.....	enjoy the beauty all around you
Give up jealousy.....	pray for trust
Give up gossiping.....	control your tongue
Give up sin.....	turn to virtue
Give up giving up.....	hang in there!

May God bless you this Lenten Season,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, March 13th

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**

Tuesday, March 19th

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, March 20th

**SPRING PHOTO DAY
Heritage Hall**

Thursday, March 21st

8:15am All School Mass – 6D
Church

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

Friday, March 22nd

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

Saturday, March 23rd

Christ Renews Womens Retreat

Sunday, March 24th

Christ Renews Womens Retreat

7:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Heritage Hall

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.

IHM Boosters Spring Sports Spirit Wear

Order forms for Spirit Wear for Track and Boys Volleyball are due **MONDAY, MARCH 18th!** Order forms and payment information can be found online at www.ihomboosters.org Questions? Contact Katie Herms at bkherms@yahoo.com

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**

Spring Photos

Spring photos are next Wednesday! Order forms are coming home today. Your child can bring the order form next Wednesday or order online. All students may be out of uniform. If you do not want your child's photo taken please send in a note or email the homeroom teacher. Thank You!

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

St. Ursula Academy – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Volleyball 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>

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

PTO Tumbler Sale!

Be sure to check out the Tumbler flyer in this week's Wednesday envelope! 22oz insulated tumblers with school spirit! You can purchase online or on the app with MSA store! Sale end Wednesday, March 27th.

Yankee Candle is Here!

Only one more week for the PTO Yankee Candle sale. School is out on Monday, March 18th and forms must be turned in by Tuesday, March 19th. 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 winner of \$50 is Christine Lenahan. 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](#)

PTO Roles and Volunteer Opportunities – Thanks to those who turned in the Volunteer Response Card...we will be contacting you! If you haven't responded and are interested, we would love to hear from you. Let's talk about your interests and what might be a good fit for you. For Board positions next year, we are looking for: Vice President, Secretary, and Co-Treasurer and Board Leads for Volunteers, Fundraising, Services/Spiritual, Co-Academic, Co-Social and Jr. High Social. We are also in search of volunteers to fill various Chairperson roles for some of our awesome events and activities. Please contact Tracey Barszczewski at tbarszczewski@outlook.com or 203-767-9199 for more information.

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! 3 volunteers are needed to assist with set up from 6-8:15, 17 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!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

3/27 – Box Top Contest
3/27 – Skyzone & Scene 75 Sale starts
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 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.