



IHM School Newsletter

October 3, 2018

Dear Crusader Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying this last bit of summer sunshine. What a welcome surprise it has been! I hope God gives us a beautiful day on Friday, so the students can enjoy being outside on their day off.

Our faculty and staff are eager for the Professional Development day on Friday. Our morning will be filled with our continued journey with our monthly School of Faith formation. These hours we spend with God and each other has become a cherished time together.

In the afternoon, the faculty will be meeting with a STEAM expert. He will be working with our school to finalize plans for the Makerspace Lab we are implementing. This was made possible due to the funds raised at the Walk-A-Thon last May. We are excited to learn new and innovative ways we can provide opportunities for our students to grow in their extended thinking and problem solving. Not only will we be redesigning the dedicated space but developing curriculum and activities which are portable and can be used in the Lab and classrooms. We can't wait for this dream to become a reality. Thanks for all your support!

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, October 4th

Book Fair
Heritage Hall West

8:15am All School Mass – 2B
Church

7:00pm Blessing of Animals
Campus Courtyard

Friday, October 5th

NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Saturday, October 6th

5:00pm Grade 2 Student Rite of Enrollment Mass
Church

Sunday, October 7th

- 9:30am Grade 2 Student Rite of Enrollment Mass
Church
- 4:00pm Parish Rosary Rally
- 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Meeting
Church

Monday, October 8th

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

Tuesday, October 9th

- 9:00am Rescheduled Grade 1 Field Trip
A & M Apple Farm
- 6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, October 10th

Star Lab – Grades 5 & 6

Thursday, October 11th

- 8:15am All School Mass – 1W
Church

Friday, October 12th**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

- 3:30pm Jr. High Volleyball Party
Setter's

IMPORTANT INFORMATION**Internet Safety**

IHM administrators and staff take student's safety and welfare as the top priority. One of the areas that children and adolescents tend to be at risk is the use of technology and the internet. For the past few years we have invited Mr. Steven Smith to present to our students and parents on being responsible when using technology and how to keep students safe. Once again this year, we will be inviting Mr. Steven Smith. We have scheduled this presentation in February.

Other helpful resources you may want to look into in regard to responsible technology are below. Please feel free to reach out to IHM staff and administrators if we could help further to keep your child and all children in our community safe.

<https://awiredfamily.org/>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/post/5-ways-to-teach-kids-to-use-technology-safely/2012/07/30/gJQAbECILX_blog.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.7e1a2dc93cf4

IHM FALL BOOK FAIR!!

The final day for the Scholastic Book Fair is tomorrow, October 4th from 8am until 6pm in Heritage West! Please stop by to browse, purchase books, or fulfill your child's wish list. All purchases benefit our school. Hope to see you there!

WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE BOOK FAIR?

Sign up on the IHM Website, under the "Volunteer Opportunities" tab, click the SignUpGenius link and find the "Book Fair" tab at the top.

SHOP ONLINE!

You can visit the Online Fair Sept.19 – Oct. 8 to see more great titles and purchase books online. The school still benefits from every purchase. The books will be shipped free to the school at the end of the Fair.

To order today visit:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/immaculateheartofmarysch12>

USE THE APP

If you download the free Scholastic Book Fair App you can preview the books your kids want and order from our Online Fair through the app and *receive \$5 OFF when you use this promo code: APP19 at checkout.

*\$5 OFF ONLY WHEN ORDERING THROUGH THE APP

SOS: Signs of Suicide Parent Presentation

This Parent Presentation will be held on October 30th at 6:30pm. Presented by Mrs. Turpening and Mrs. Ochsner, the SOS Parent Presentation helps parents identify signs of depression and suicide in their children and their peers. This program, also presented to the Jr. High students on October 31st during the school day, identifies risk factors and effective responses to build resiliency in students. Coaches, group leaders, parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend.

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**

Meet The Teacher!

Mrs. Kelsey Thueneman - Art

Mrs. Thueneman is the new solo art teacher this year at IHM! Mrs. Thueneman says collaboration and creativity is key to a successful year in her classroom. She has worked as an art teacher in 3 different states! Mrs. Thueneman is excited to bring fun new experiences to IHM school!

Picture Re-Take Day!

Re-Take Day for School Pictures is Thursday, October 18th.

If you would like to order online our Picture Day ID is: JC018091Q1

The Seam Team

This sewing club is open to the first 10 registrants from each grade level. A new club will be opened each month. Be sure you can commit to 3 weeks of attending, so we have adequate time to complete the project. October's project is embroidery hoop ghosts. This project will be practicing hand-sewing buttons (eyes & mouth) and machine stitching straight lines (hem).

OCTOBER <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaf2fa5fc1-october>

High School Information

Elder

Thursday, October 4th is Grade School Night at the PAC. All Grade School students will be granted free admission, and cheer on the Elder Soccer Team as they take on the La Salle Lancers. No pre-registration required. Panther Athletic Complex; 1915 Quebec Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45205

McNicholas

Support and Accommodations for Identified Learners (SAIL) Program Meeting TONIGHT at 6pm. You will meet with the director of the program and will review the application process. There will be time for questions and answers within the group setting. Archbishop McNicholas is now a Jon Peterson Scholarship provider.

Prospective Parent Night TONIGHT at 7pm. There will be brief presentations from our school administration and admissions, as well as current student testimonials. Families will receive a prospective parent swag bag with information about the admissions process, benefits of the CoEd Advantage, financial aid and scholarships, and curriculum.

St. Ursula

Coffee and Conversation to learn more about SUA. October 9th from 8:15am until 10am. This is an informal session and you do not have to stay the entire time.

Financial Aid Information Night: October 17th from 7pm to 8pm.

Open House is October 28th from 1pm to 3:30pm

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](#).

My School Anywhere (MSA) – Log into www.myschoolanywhere.com or the app today to see what's new! If you do not have your log in email with temporary password, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com.

- Go paperless! Register and pay for school field trips on MSA and there is no need to return the paper permission form.
- The Directory is now visible to all parents who have paid the annual PTO Dues. You can email or call someone straight from the directory, so it is important your phone and email information is correct AND associated with the correct parent. PLEASE REVIEW your account information! Email ihmpto@gmail.com if you need to make changes and additions to your contact information.

FUNDRAISING

Dinner night out~ CHIPOTLE

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to help our school's PTO. Come in to the Chipotle in Cherry Grove on Wednesday, October 10th for dinner! Bring in this flyer from 5 to 9 pm, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Immaculate Heart of Mary School PTO! ****NOT VALID AT ANDERSON LOCATION****

Win-It Wednesday Giveaway ~

Win-It Wednesday \$50 Giveaway starts today! For every \$100 donation to the Fall Fundraiser, the donor received an entry.

And the winner of \$50 is ANGEL FRANCO! The Franco Family has graciously donated their winnings back for this first drawing.

FALL FUNDRAISER HOMEROOM WARS WINNERS~

Kona truck treat ~

KF, KM, 2B, 2D, 3F and 3R

Info will be sent home soon with the date.

Skating Party at Beechmont Rollarena~ Tomorrow Night 7-9pm!
Congrats to homerooms 4A, 5R, and 6F for being the top selling classes!
An email has been sent to all winning homeroom families with permission slips. Pizza and drinks provided!

Private Pizza Party in Heritage~
Congrats to 7C and 8J! Pizza party will be next week!

Final Prizes will be coming home Tuesday!

EVENTS

Mother and Son Crusader Challenge

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge is Sunday, October 14th at Revolution Fitness! This is sure to be a great time for all the moms and sons of all ages! The 1st wave is almost full, but we still have room in the 3:30-6:00 wave. See the [Mother and Son Flyer](#) for all the details. Registration is open! It's so easy to do online– just log in to myschoolanywhere.com or use the convenient app (contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you need your log in information). Or you can return the flyer and waiver with cash/check. Please contact Leslie Jelinek at lgbodie@yahoo.com or Kim Colyer at colyerkim@gmail.com with any questions.

Jr. High Sand VB Party is Coming! Let's get ready to play volleyball and hang out with friends! Mark your calendars for the Junior High Fall Party on **Friday, October 12th** at Setters Sand Volleyball Club from 3:30-5:30. Please see the attached [Jr High Sand VB Flyer](#) for details. Register by October 5th. It's so easy to do online– just log in to myschoolanywhere.com or use the convenient app (contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you need your log in information). Or you can return the flyer and permission form with cash/check. Pizza, drinks, snack, desserts and unlimited volleyball are provided. Contact Kanessa Kramer kanessa.kramer@gmail.com or Kristin Lowe kristin.dragon@cbre.com for more information.

Jr High NEON Dance Party!!

DJ - Dancing - Pizza - Treats - Selfie Station

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
8:00 - 10:00 PM - IHM Cafeteria - \$7.00

Register by going to MySchoolAnywhere.com, enter your registration information* and use PayPal to pay or return this form to school with \$7 check payable to IHM PTO with Jr High Dance Party in memo line. Register by Monday, November 5th.

We need volunteers!! Please visit Sign Up Genius to help us out.

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 or MC Anderson at markandmc@cinci.rr.com. *For login information, contact ihmpto@gmail.com

IHM WINTER COAT DRIVE

The winter coat drive is coming soon – look for bins in the lobby from Oct 16 to Oct 26! As you clean out closets and prepare for cooler weather, pull out those coats that are too small or no longer worn and consider donating them to help keep someone else warm this winter!! We will also accept new/gently used gloves, mittens & scarves and new winter hats, but no boots. See [flyer](#) for more details.

ATTENTION: 1st and 8th GRADE PARENTS!

The Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by the 1st and 8th grade parents will be on Wednesday, October 17th. We are looking for your favorite potluck dishes 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 - StaffAppreciationOct](#) 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. [October Staff Appreciation Flyer](#)

SAVE THE DATES

IHM Carnival 2018 - Saturday, November 3rd from 6-9PM

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jr. High Parents are needed to help chaperone the **Jr. High Sand Volleyball Party!** It is scheduled for 10/12 from 3:30- 5:30 at Setters! 15 parent volunteers are needed to help with this event, so please consider joining in on the fun! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - JrHigh](#) or contact Kanessa Kramer at kanessa.Kramer@cbts.com or Kristin Lowe at kristin.dragon@cbre.com.

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge is scheduled for 10/14 at Revolution Fitness in Newtown and is greatly in need of volunteers to help make this a successful event! Help is needed with registrations, activity stations and to assist with fueling stations! Please consider volunteering for this very fun and enjoyable event! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#) or contact Leslie Jelinek at lqbodie@yahoo.com or Kim Colyer at colyerkim@gmail.com.

The **Jr. Spelling Bee** for grades 3 and 4 is coming up on 10/25 from 7- 9 pm and the **Spelling Bee** for grades 5-8 is also coming up on 11/7 from 12:30- 2:45. Volunteers will be needed to assist with setting up, running the events and closing the events!

Please consider volunteering for these great academic experiences!

To volunteer please click on the following link [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#) or contact Pam Burek with any questions at jonpam2005@yahoo.com.

The **Carnival** is coming up on Saturday, November 3rd, with set up scheduled the night before on the 2nd. Many volunteers will be needed to help make this a fantastic event for the kids! Volunteers are needed to run the many fun games, concession stand, ticket sales, prizes, the cake walk, the popular Haunted Hallway, and to help with closing the event. We appreciate your consideration, as this cannot be done without your help! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Carnival](#) or contact Carie Masoner at cariemasoner@gmail.com or Carolyn Krisko at carolyn.j.krisko@gmail.com.

The **Jr. High Fall Dance** is scheduled for 11/9 from 8-10:00! Volunteers are needed to help with set up, registration, 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: [Sign Up Genius - JrHigh](#) or contact Julia Fox at leighfox@me.com with any questions!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

10/8 – PTO Meeting, 7pm in St. Matthews Room
10/12 – Jr High Sand Volleyball Party
10/14 – Mother Son Crusader Challenge
10/16 – Start of Winter Coat Drive
10/17 – Staff Appreciation – Grades 1 & 8
10/25 – Jr Spelling Bee
11/1 – Pointsettia Sale
11/3 – Carnival
11/7 – Spelling Bee

**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

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.

1. **Thursday, October 11th- Growing in Faith Through Prayer-** After dinner, Donna Wenstrup will guide you in a prayer experience based on Lectio Divina that will end by 8pm. This is a wonderful way to hear God's still small voice talking to you in your life circumstances right now! When shared together as a family, it allows you to hear how your children are responding to God's love! This is a very bonding and meaningful experience, and after this evening, you will have a template for encountering Christ through Lectio prayer that can be used for any scripture passage!
2. **Wednesday, October 24th- Growing in Faith: Effective Decision Making Through Discernment-** After dinner, Deacon Mike Cassani will lead teens and adults in a discussion on discernment – the only truly effective process to make significant, life-impacting decisions. Children ages 6-12 will meet with Nicolette Chmiel in a classroom, so they can also learn how to make good choices. Our children are faced with many decisions as they grow up: What high school to attend? What major to focus on in college? Should I marry this person? Etc. This evening will give you an understanding of the process to make these life decisions wisely.
3. **Tuesday, November 27th- 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.

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>

1% Challenge – Have you signed up yet?

Don't forget to sign up for the IHM 1% Challenge to spend 1% of your day (15 mins.) in prayer. See the link below!
https://www.church.ihom.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=537699&type=d&pREC_ID=1499638

Garage Sale to benefit our Twinning Communities

Supporting our Twinning Communities is an important and rewarding work for us at IHM. We are gathering a Team of Volunteers to plan the next Garage Sale, which is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019. Since this is the end of Spring Break for IHM Dayschool, we are looking for people who will be able to be present in the school sometime during the week, April 22nd (Monday after Easter) through Saturday, April 27th. We are also looking for people who may be gone during Spring Break, but willing to help plan the event. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile event, please contact Donna Wenstrup in the Parish Office. Thank you.

Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass

IHM SACC and Hispanic Ministry invite all parishioners to participate in the annual Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass on October 21st at 6pm. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all." The 1:30pm IHM music group will sing and the petitions will be read in several languages by our parishioners. There will be a Parade of Nations of children dressed in native costumes from a variety of countries. If interested in taking part in this mass by reading an intercession in German or another language or participating in the Parade of Nations, please contact Maria Lanzot zamaris_lan@yahoo.com or Sue Keefe skkeefe37@gmail.com. We welcome all to this mass where we celebrate with joy our diversity and our oneness.

Shop\$mart

Don't miss the deal we have on Applebees Gift Cards. Since the Applebees on Beechmont has closed Shop\$mart wants to reduce our stock of \$25 Gift Cards. You can get a \$25 GC for \$23 and visit the Applebees in the Eastgate area or other Cincinnati and Kentucky locations. Stop by after any weekend Mass in the Fatima Room at Church or at the Parish Office during regular business hours.