



IHM School Newsletter January 30, 2019

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**** Archdiocese of Cincinnati Tuition Assistance application due TOMORROW. Please see link in IMPORTANT INFORMATION below. ****

Dear IHM Crusaders,

I hope everyone is staying warm today and enjoying their time off from school.

I would like to thank all of our amazing IHM community members, students, parents, volunteers, faculty and staff who contributed to the kick-off of Catholic Schools Week. The Winter Gala was spectacular and a truly memorable evening. Our Open House was such a success. Visitors were so impressed with our school and I heard many positive comments. More than a few times the comments centered around the school community of parents, teachers and students working together in harmony. A special thank you to the students who wore their uniforms to Mass this weekend and those students who ministered during Mass. I enjoyed seeing so many of our students represent our school. The students enjoyed Science Day and Career Day. Thank you for helping to make this happen! We will continue to collect socks and soup for Our Lady of the Mountains through Friday morning. The OLM community is grateful for these donations. Stewardship is an important part of the teachings of the church. I appreciate your support of this collection.

Tomorrow we invite all volunteers to join us for Mass. Our school community is blessed with the helping hands of so many and we truly appreciate all of our volunteers. There will be reserved seating, a special blessing and donuts and coffee in the gathering space for all volunteers. Please plan to join us.

I hope to see all of the students back to school tomorrow.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, January 30th

6:30pm LoveEd Parent/Child Meeting – Grades 6-8
Heritage Hall

Thursday, January 31st

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Spirit Wear Day with Uniform Bottoms

8:15am All School Mass – 1W
Church

Friday, February 1st

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Tacky Day

8th Grade Students vs. Staff Volleyball Game

Tuesday, February 5th

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

**7:00pm Jr. High Information Night
Jr. High Science Lab – School**

Wednesday, February 6th

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED MASS
ON OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY – MUST HAVE BLUE PASS TO BE OOU**

Thursday, February 7th

8:15am All School Mass – 3R
Church

Friday, February 8th

SPIRIT WEAR

Saturday, February 9th

5:00pm 5th Grade Student Ministry Mass
Church

9:30am 5th Grade Student Ministry Mass
Church

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Tuition Assistance

One aspect of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love (1F1H1L) campaign started several years ago was to address the need of tuition assistance to families who otherwise might not be able to send their children to a Catholic school. The assistance is based on family need and the maximum amount offered is \$1,000.00 per student. **To apply for the tuition assistance offered through the 1F1H1L fund, please apply here no later than TOMORROW, January 31, 2019:**

<https://factsmgt.com/parents>

1. Scroll down until you see "Apply for Financial Aid with Facts Grant & Aid Assessment" and click "Apply Now"
2. Click either "Sign In" if you currently have a Facts account or "New User" – follow the prompts on each page.

Catholic Schools Week Mass - Tomorrow

We will have a special All School Mass tomorrow, January 31st, where we will have a special blessing for all our volunteers that help our school community. We will have reserved seating at Mass and will serve coffee and donuts to our special guests in the Gathering Space after Mass. We hope to see you there!

IHM Jr. High Information Night

IHM School will once again host a Jr. High Information Night for any parents, current or prospective, interested in learning more about our 7th & 8th Grade curriculum **next Tuesday, February 5th at 7pm in the Junior High Science Lab.** IHM Jr. High Faculty will discuss their individual subjects and answer any questions regarding our High School Prep Program. We hope you will join us!

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.

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 Preschool

If you are a current Day School Family and need Preschool Registration information for a new sibling please contact the School Office – we are happy to send a packet home to you with your student!

IHM Spring Sports Registration

On-line registration for all IHM Boosters Spring 2019 Sports offerings will be open TODAY, January 16 at www.ihomboosters.org for Boys & Girls Track and Boys Volleyball. Register before 11:30pm on the deadline date listed for each sport.

The Booster program will be collecting many of the necessary waivers and paperwork online. Please take time to review each item during the registration process for the Spring Sports Season.

Please see the below for the registration details and other information for each sport.

| Sport | Grade | Fee | Registration Begins | Registration Deadline |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Boys Volleyball | 3 rd - 8 th | \$40 | 1/16/2018 | 2/9/2018 |
| Boys & Girls Track | K* - 8 th | \$40 | 1/16/2018 | 2/28/2018 |

*The Annual Booster Fee of \$80 per family is waived for Boy's and Girl's Track for grades K-2

Go to www.ihomboosters.org to login and register, and please act now.

Magnified Giving Fundraiser

Our 8th Grade is once again participating in Magnified Giving, a student philanthropy program which encourages them to research and evaluate social issues and the non-profits who serve our community. After much work, we have established this year's winner as Fernside, which is an amazing organization that meets right here on campus and has even served some of our own students. The organization aims to help children and teens as they work through the

grieving process after the loss of a loved one. They especially work with children who have suffered the loss of a parent.

Through Magnified Giving, IHM will donate \$1,000 to Fernside. We also have the opportunity to raise our own funds to add to the Magnified Giving grant. The students have designed a fundraiser in which all students will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket (\$1 a ticket) for the chance to get to spin the grade level Wheel of Wow at the Teachers vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game this Friday to determine the grade level prize. If the school raises enough money (\$500) there will be a second chance to spin the School Wheel of Wow for a schoolwide prize. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser!

Mark Your Calendar – Internet Safety Presentation for Parents

Stephen Smith from A Wired Family will return to IHM School again to educate our students and parents on how to keep our children safe and responsible when using technology. Stephen Smith is a wealth of information and always provides the most up to date information on apps that are attracting school age children. We encourage you to attend this evening presentation on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall.

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

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 WINNER. Congratulations!

EVENTS & NEWS

REGISTRATION COMING OUT THIS WEEK: FAMILY OBSTACLE COURSE RACE – Saturday 4/13/19. Fun for kids (5 and over) and adults of all fitness levels. Wait until you see the race course! You will not want to miss this!

Mardi Gras Jr. High Dance - Friday, March 1 from 8-10:30pm in the IHM cafeteria.

DJ • Dancing • Pizza • Snacks. Cost is \$7. RSVP by February 22 through the MSA app or www.myschoolanywhere.com to pay with PayPal/Credit Card (preferred). (All families have an MSA account, please do not create a new one. If you do not know your login, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com.) Or pay by check by returning this [Mardi Gras Jr High Dance Flyer](#) to IHM PTO (checks made out to IHM PTO). Contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com with questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

8th Grade Activities Volunteers - 8th grade parent volunteers are needed to assist with 8th grade end of the year activities. Your help is needed in the following areas: Graduation Flowers, End of Year Social, Memory Video, Memory Book and Graduation Dance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com or click [Sign Up Genius/Social – 8th Grade Activities](#) to sign up!

Christ Communities - 15 volunteers are needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Christ Community groups on February 19th from **1- 2:50 pm**. Please consider volunteering! 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 February 19th, and the next one scheduled for April 16th, the students will be breaking into small groups to further discuss the topic. If you are available to volunteer for any of the 3 sessions, please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - School](#)

Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance - Looking ahead, volunteers are needed to help with the Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance on 3/1. 2 volunteers are needed to help with set up, registration during the dance, assisting with food, helping in the dance area and to close the event! Please consider helping out with this fun event! Please contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com or click on the following link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-jrhigh>

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: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-cafeteria>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

2/11 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Room
2/20 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon – 5th grade
3/1 – Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance

**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

From the Mountains to the Sea Showcase Luncheon

Come join us for the From the Mountains to the Sea Showcase Luncheon benefiting IHM's twinning communities, Our Lady of the Mountains in Stanton KY and The Cultural Center of Batahola in Nicaragua. Ticket prices are \$20 per person to enjoy a delicious lunch featuring cuisine from both communities. Luncheon guests will also have the opportunity to browse artwork and crafts from both regions.

The luncheon will be held at 12 noon on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd. This year's Raffle will include one week's stay at a rustic cabin in Frenchburg, KY. One raffle ticket is \$25 or 5 for \$100. For reservations, contact Maggie Rosch at margaret.rosch@gmail.com or 513 232 4051.

To register for the luncheon via credit card, visit www.ihom.org, look for Giving Opportunities. Luncheon reservations and raffle tickets may be purchased at From the Mountains to the Sea section and donations via Twinning Parish Donations section. Raffle tickets are not tax deductible. You can also drop off the completed form below at the IHM Welcome Center.

This is an excellent way to support our twinning parishes. We look forward to seeing you and making the lives of the people from OLM and The Cultural Center better. If you have questions please contact Maggie Rosch at margaret.rosch@gmail.com or 513 232 4051

****Please read these short stories and testimonials to learn more about our twinning communities, Our Lady of the Mountains and The Cultural Center of Batahola:**

Our Lady of the Mountains in Stanton, Ky. Is located near Natural Bridge and Red River Gorge. It is a small log cabin Church. The general contractor for the Church complex was parish member Gary Para. Gary like most members of OLM came from places across the country. Stanton is in mission country where native born Catholics are few which makes for the varied make up of OLM.

Gary and family are from Chicago and moved to Stanton so they could have a horse farm. Gene Alway and the Montgomerys came from the east coast, Bea from New Mexico, and Sandy, a native of Detroit from Iowa to be near her brother. Work brought Ann and her family to Stanton and OLM. There is also a large Philippine presence in the area. What they have in common is their love of Our Lady of the Mountains and helping it thrive. Mary Farmer, a member, is outgoing and active in the community so many see OLM as welcoming because of her. They all reach out to the community around them and through their ministries evangelize the area. People who once thought of Catholics as strange now see Catholics as good, caring Christians. Here at IHM through our Luncheon, sock drive, Thanksgiving collection, volunteer activities and other ways help OLM put out the welcome sign.

A Testimonial from Janet Baez

I now am a part of the CCBN Administration Team and in charge of human resources for our 42 employees. I began at CCBN with a sewing course, sewing for my own two children. I was a single mom and 20 yrs. old. Land was given to individuals in Managua at that time. I had 4 large sticks and a big piece of plastic which I used to mark the house lot that I wanted. Sr. Margie helped me to open a bank account and I started building my house. She also asked me to teach the basic reading and writing classes at the Center. I found that I liked to teach. I went on to study high school and then college courses. I taught for 20 years before I took on the human resources position at CCBN. My life is forever changed and that of my children and grandchildren.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting at Comboni

Sat Feb 16, 2019 – Sun Feb 24, 2019

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a group of churches, who take turns hosting homeless families who are part of the network. Families sleep and eat breakfast and dinner at the host churches for a period of one week before moving on to another host congregation. During the day, children go to school. Adults go to work or search for work or housing with the assistance of IHN staff. Each host congregation is responsible for providing meals, evening activities, and sleeping accommodations for the guests. All of this work is done by volunteers from the host parishes. IHM will be participating in hosting families Feb 16-24 at Comboni, 1318 Nagel Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255. Various volunteer spots are available on the sign up link, <http://signup.com/go/SHRdhfR>.

Married Couples Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 6pm-9pm
Remember When You First Met?

Treat your spouse to a special Married Couples Valentine Dinner!

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm in Heritage Hall followed by dinner at 7pm.

Deacon Russ and Missy Feldkamp will speak at 8pm.

The cost is \$50 a couple or \$25 for first time couples.

Share a Valentine's experience that will strengthen your marriage and your family. Enjoy!

To register, please go to <https://ihom.weshareonline.org> or contact the Formation Office at 513-388-4093

Shop\$mart

Did you have a New Year's Resolution to be more charitable? IHM Shop\$mart has an easy way to achieve this! Purchase gift cards for any purchases for groceries, home improvement projects and more! Stop by the Parish Office or after church on Sunday.

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.