



IHM School Newsletter December 5, 2018

Dear IHM Families,

As we await the birth of the ultimate Christmas gift, it is a perfect time to prepare our hearts for Jesus. As parents, two of the greatest gifts we can give to our children are faith and education. I would like to personally thank you for giving Immaculate Heart of Mary School the opportunity to share these with your child.

This week we began our advent tradition of the Jesse Tree here at school. Remembering and reflecting on the genealogy of Jesus is just one of the many ways we prepare for His birth during the school day. I began this tradition at IHM 5 years ago and look forward to it each year. I challenge you to start a new tradition in your home this Advent season incorporating time spent with Jesus each day. Spending time getting to know Jesus helps to form our own personal relationship with him.

Last week all students received an Advent booklet. This is a quick and easy resource you can use with your children. Bishop Robert Barron also provides daily e-mails and reflections. This information can be found at www.Adventreflections.com.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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
Heritage Hall

Saturday, December 8th

Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception

8:15am Mass
Church

12:00pm Mass
Church

Sunday, December 9th

7:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Heritage Hall

Monday, December 10th

7:00pm PTO Board Meeting
St. Matthew's Room – Parish Center

Tuesday, December 11th

9:30am School Reconciliation
Church

7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service
Guardian Angels Church

Wednesday, December 12th

Star Lab
Grades K thru 2

9:30am School Reconciliation
Church

7:00pm Band/Choir Concert – Grades 5-8
Gymnasium

Thursday, December 13th

8:15am All School Mass – 6B
Church

6:30pm Preschool Christmas Concert
Gymnasium

Friday, December 14th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GRAND GUEST DAY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Our Grand Guest Day celebration will be the morning of Thursday, December 20th. A flyer with information concerning this day was included in the Communication Envelope today. You can also see the flyer [HERE](#).

We need all families to complete the 2 online forms found under "Campus Activities" on the main page of the School Website found [HERE](#).

****Please note – IHM School will close at 12pm on Grand Guest Day! No Busing or After Care. All students are CAR RIDERS!****

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.**

Child Care for Upcoming Christmas Events

IHM School will provide Child Care on a first come, first served basis for the evening Band/Choir Concert, Preschool Christmas Concert and the Nativity Play. See the link [HERE](#) to sign up!

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**

McNicholas HS Free Admission Night for Basketball

Friday, December 14th Game McNick vs. Alter. Freshman Gam starts at 4:30 p.m.; JV Game starts at 6 p.m.; Varsity Game starts at 7:30 p.m. After the Varsity game, join us in the Courtyard for the McNicholas Christmas Light Show and Christmas carols. Enjoy the warmth of our community and a cup of hot cocoa.

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 TOMORROW, 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 last Wednesday's Envelope (or any 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 Margie Parish. Congratulations!

THREE DEALS GREAT FOR GIFTS AND STOCKING STUFFERS

Scene 75/ Sky Zone Christmas Break Deal

IHM PTO has once again teamed up with Scene 75 and Sky Zone to offer you an amazing deal!

Scene 75 Deal ~ For only \$25 you will receive:

\$20 for arcade play, a choice of 2 Attractions*, PLUS a coupon for a game of laser tag to be used at a future date.

SKY Zone 1-hour passes only \$16. Good for 1 year. See [Scene 75 & Skyzone Christmas Break Flyer](#) for details!

Purchase online! Login to myschoolanywhere.com or the convenient MSA app and shop our "Store" and pay with PayPal. (if you do not know your login or password, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com). NO FORMS WITH ONLINE PURCHASES! This special is only being offered thru the IHM PTO, cards must be purchased through MSA. Scene 75 Cards are good thru 1/6/2019. Sky Zone cards good for 1 year.

Deadline to order is 12/13/18. Cards will be delivered week of 17th.

DISCOVER CASHBOOK SAVINGS Coupon Book

The price for each book is \$20. With just 3-4 coupon redemptions, you'll save the cost of the book. Coupons save the average family \$300-\$500 per year, with \$6,000 total savings in book and \$4,500 in "Buy One Get One" offers. Coupons good through 12/1/2019. See [flyer](#) for more details and the list of vendors. For books to be sent home with your student the week of Dec 17: Pay online at www.myschoolanywhere.com or the app by Thursday, Dec 13. (If you do not know your login or password, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com.) For books to be shipped to you for nominal fee or free shipping over \$65.00, purchase at <http://midwestfundraising.com/onlinestore> and enter seller ID [68448948](#) in the CUSTOMERS/SUPPORTERS section of the page. For questions, please contact Tracey Barszczewski at [203-767-9199](tel:203-767-9199) or tbarszczewski@outlook.com. Happy shopping!

EVENTS

Santa's North Pole Shop is Tomorrow and Friday, 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 were sent home with students in K-5 by homeroom teachers last 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 – School's Out, Let's Skate! The PTO will be hosting a school-wide Skating Party on Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 6:30-8:30. PTO will provide rink admission and skate rental to all students in K-8. Parent volunteers will be on-site, so you may drop your kids off or feel free to stay and mingle with other parents. The concession stand will be available for the purchase of drinks and food items. Please go to "Sign Ups" on www.myschoolanywhere.com or app and agree to the permission form or complete the attached [permission form](#) and return to "IHM PTO" via school mail. In the spirit of service to those less fortunate, we will be accepting donations of baby food for *FRANCISCAN DAUGHTERS OF MARY, ROSE GARDEN HOME MISSION*. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Contact Penni Yannessa (yannessasquad@gmail.com) or Tracey Barszczewski (tbarszczewski@outlook.com) with questions. Please see [Skating Party Flyer](#) and [Permission Form](#) for more details.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone the **Christmas Break Roller Skating Party** on 1/3 at Beechmont Rollerena! Come join the fun as the kids blow off some steam! 11 additional volunteers are needed to help! Please contact Tracey Barszczewski at tbarszczewski@outlook.com or Penni Yanessa at yannessasquad@gmail.com or click on the following link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-social1>

The Father Daughter Dance will be here before we know it on 1/19! 2 volunteers are needed to help with set up and 11 additional volunteers are still needed to help during the dance and 3 additional volunteers are needed to help close the event! This is a fun event to volunteer for! Please contact Kelly Pleiman at kbeischel@yahoo.com or Julia Wallner at juliamwallner@gmail.com with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-social1>

The IHM Open House is coming up on 1/27 and is in need of volunteers to make this a great success! 7 volunteers are still needed during the 11:30- 1:30 shift and 12 volunteers are still needed during the 1:30-3:30 shift to help during the event! Please contact Kanessa Kramer at kanessa.kramer@cbts.net with any questions or click on the following link with any questions: [Sign Up Genius - OpenHouse](#)

Science Day is scheduled for 1/28 and is in need of volunteers to help make this a great event! Help is needed with set up from 6-8 am, which would involve unloading the truck. 3 volunteers are needed to assist with stations from 7:45 to 11 am and 3 volunteers are needed to help where needed from 11:45-3 pm. Clean up help is needed after

the event from 3-4 pm. Please contact Diana Loebker at diana.araiza@live.com or Leslie Fehlinger at lfehlinger@zoomtown.com with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-academic1>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 12/3-7 – FF Out of Uniform Reward
- 12/5 – Scene 75/ Skyzone/ Coupon Book Sale
- 12/6-7 – Santa Shop!
- 12/10 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthew’s Room
- 12/11 – Christmas Purse Contributions Due
- 12/18 – Cookie Exchange Drop Off
- 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

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.