



IHM School Newsletter October 31, 2018

Dear IHM Crusader Families,

I want to share that I will be away from campus next week, so I can recover from surgery. I'm sad to miss the many activities that are happening during that time, however it is important for me to return to school before Mrs. Turpening welcomes her new baby in just a few weeks.

As always, if I am not on campus, Mrs. Turpening is in charge. I am confident in her ability to handle anything that might arise. I will be in communication with her daily. Brother Edward has also made himself available to help out if needed. Please keep our entire IHM community in your prayers.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, October 31st

LAST DAY OF SHORTS UNTIL APRIL 1ST

Thursday, November 1st

All Saints Day

FIRST DAY OF LONG PANTS FOR STUDENTS

PTO Poinsettia Sale Begins

8:15am All School Mass – 7C
Church

7:00pm Mass
Church

Friday, November 2nd

All Souls Day

NO SCHOOL

Saturday, November 3rd

6:00pm School Carnival
School

Tuesday, November 6th

5:30pm Evening Open House for Grades K-5
School

6:30pm Mass
Church

Thursday, November 8th

8:15am All School Mass – 3F
Church

9:00am Veterans Day Celebration
Heritage Hall

9:30am 7th Grade Field Trip
Mount St. Joe

5:30pm Evening Open House for Grades 6-8
School

Friday, November 9th

END OF FIRST TRIMESTER

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

1:00pm PTO Spelling Bee
Heritage Hall

8:00pm Junior High Neon Dance
Cafeteria

Sunday, November 11th

7:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Heritage Hall

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**

Meet The Teacher!

Mrs. Karen Easley – Kindergarten Teacher

This is my 25th year of teaching, 17th year at IHM and 9th year in kindergarten. I grew up in the parish and attended IHM school as a child. When we had our first child, my husband and I moved home to Cincinnati and rejoined the parish. That was over 30 years ago and all four of our children received a Catholic education in this caring community. Now, I get to share my faith and knowledge with the students of IHM.

I love the enthusiasm and joy I experience each day as we work, learn, pray and play together. Kindergarten hugs are pretty awesome too! Outside of school, I like to walk and hike, travel with my family and spend time with my grand baby, Ellie.

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 with any questions.

November:

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

December:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaf2fa5fc1-december1>

High School Information

REMINDER TO 8th GRADERS: RELEASE OF RECORDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS is due to the School Office by TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 1st! If you need a new copy see Mrs. Day!

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

Mount Notre Dame

Open House November 4th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Learn how you can achieve more at MND!

Financial Aid and Scholarship Applications Due November 19th.

Visit www.mndhs.org/admissions for remaining Shadow Days

St. Ursula

Shadow Days available through December 7th.

HSPT Review and Strategies Course November 3rd from 9am until 3pm.

Showcase Night for 7th and 8th Grade families is November 6th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

www.saintursula.org

Ursuline

Open House Saturday, November 3 – 10:00am-1:00pm and Sunday, November 4 – 1:00-4:00pm

<https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions/open-house>

Fall Musical Grade School Night is Friday, November 9 – 6:00pm

www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events/fall-musical-grade-school-night

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 Ryan Taggart. 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 or the convenient MSA app and shop our "Store". (if you do not know your login or password, please contact 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.

SHOP ON AMAZON? HELP OUR SCHOOL EARN REWARDS!!

****ONLY 8 WEEKS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!****

Amazon offers student rewards to IHM school if you shop using their link!

<https://www.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&tag=imheofmapt-20>

Bookmark it to replace your current Amazon link. Your website will still look the same! Amazon will give us 4-7% of the sales back to the school in rewards! Use it every time you shop!

EVENTS

CRUSADER CARNIVAL

We hope to see you this Saturday 11/3 from 6:00-9:00! Come check out new games and activities like the Ninja Course, Face Painting, Slime Station and a Fun House Hallway for the younger ones. And enjoy old favorites like the Cake Walk and the Haunted Hallway. The Haunted Hallway lights are on for the first 30 minutes so the younger ones can enjoy the excitement without the scares! Plus there are lots of carnival games for all ages. We have new food and treats this year too - pizza by the slice, Kona Ice, cotton candy, popcorn and more!

CAKE WALK

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CARNIVAL CAKE WALK AND DECORATING CONTEST! We need your homemade and store-bought cakes and cupcakes for the famous Cake Walk. The Cake Walk will be in the cafeteria this year so more people can enjoy by watching the game. Drop Off Times in school lobby are on Thursday (3pm-8pm), Friday (8am-9pm) or Saturday (9am-3pm). Homemade entries will be judged in these categories: Most creative, IHM Spirit, Scariest, Halloween Theme, Prettiest/most Decorative and Overall. And there is more... Classroom Incentives will be given for all entries, so include your child's name and HR on the cake when you drop it off. [Cake Walk Flyer](#)

- Kindergarten – 2 Crusader Coupons
- 1st Grade – Spirit Wear Top Day Coupon
- 2nd Grade – Nickel to spend in the 2nd grade store
- 3rd Grade – 3 Class Dojo Points
- 4th Grade – Math homework pass
- 5th and 6th Grade – 2 Crusader Coupons
- 7th and 8th Grade – Homework pass for 1 assignment

Jr High NEON Dance Party!!

DJ - Dancing - Pizza - Treats - Selfie Station

Don't miss the fun on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH from 8:00 - 10:00 PM - IHM Cafeteria.

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. Register by going to MySchoolAnywhere.com* or the app or return the [Jr High Registration and Permission Form](#) to school with \$7 check payable to IHM PTO. Register by Monday, November 5th. Questions? Contact Julia Fox at leighfox@me.com or MC Anderson at markandmc@cinci.rr.com. *For login information, contact ihmpto@gmail.com

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Register by Monday to get the t-shirt! Bring your mathematician to FAMILY MATH NIGHT and give your students the opportunity to show you what they know on Wednesday, November 14th from 6:30- 8:30. Students rotate through age-appropriate math stations to earn an IHM spirit wear t-shirt! They can demonstrate their math skills to parents, while parents are thrilled to see their children so enthusiastic about math. Wait, there's more! Your child will receive a certificate for attending and another surprise too! To register, login to www.myschoolanywhere.com or the app and go to "SignUp" or send in the [Math Night Registration](#).

ATTENTION: 3rd 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.

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! [Sign Up Genius - School](#)

The **Carnival** is coming up on Saturday, November 3rd, with set up scheduled the night before on the 2nd. **MANY** more volunteers are needed to help make this a successful 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! Jr. High students are

welcome to volunteer as well! 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 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: [Sign Up Genius - JrHigh](#) or contact Julia Fox at 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: [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#) or contact Angel Westerkamp at angel@logicnet.cc or Angie Albrinck at danalbrinck@live.com with any questions!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

11/1 - Poinsettia Sale
11/3 - Carnival
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

**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. 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 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>

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