



## **IHM School Newsletter September 26, 2018**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

At Immaculate Heart of Mary School, we believe that communication is a vital part of the students' success. All of our faculty and staff read e-mail daily and should respond back to you within 24 hours. I know the teachers believe in the importance of communication and will do everything possible to work with you to ensure success of the students. There are times, however, e-mails are delivered directly to the "Clutter" folder. Please allow the teachers and staff adequate time to respond to your e-mail. If more than 2 days pass, please resend your e-mail. In order to preserve family time, the faculty and staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary may not return e-mails sent after 5pm.

The Class T-Shirts are beginning to be distributed. This week, students in Grades 1 and 3 received their t-shirts, as they had field trips this week. The other grade levels will receive their grade level t-shirts tomorrow. These t-shirts can be worn on IHM Spirit days. They are also worn on all field trips and all school events. We are so proud of Kelly F., our resident artist, who designed the t-shirt.

Tomorrow, immediately following All School Mass, our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will receive a special blessing with their new 8<sup>th</sup> Grade sweatshirts. They will be commissioned as the "leaders" of our school. All parents are always invited to attend weekly Mass each Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support of our IHM community.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

#### **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Grade 5 Mrs. Storm's Library Adventure

9:00am Grade 3 Field Trip  
Heritage Village – Sharon Woods

#### **Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 2C  
Church

**\*\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sweatshirt Blessing Following Mass\*\***

**Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

**Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

Book Fair  
Heritage Hall West

**Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Book Fair  
Heritage Hall West

1:00pm Rangoli Art Works – Grades K-2

6:30pm Mass  
Church

**Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Book Fair  
Heritage Hall West

2:00pm Rosary Rally  
Football Field

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

Book Fair  
Heritage Hall West

8:15am All School Mass – 2B  
Church

7:00pm Blessing of Animals  
Campus Courtyard

**Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am Grade 2 Student Rite of Enrollment Mass  
Church

4:00pm Parish Rosary Rally

7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **#weareIHM Magnets are HERE!**

Each family received a #weareIHM magnet to display on their car to promote our awesome school! If you prefer not to put magnets on your car kindly return it to the School Office. Thank you for showing your pride in IHM School!

### **IHM FALL BOOK FAIR!!**

IHM School will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair next week, October 1-4. Please stop by to browse, purchase books, or fulfill your child's wish list. All purchases benefit our school. Hope to see you there!

Dates: October 1-4

Times: Monday-Wednesday 8 am-4 pm

Thursday 8 am-6:00 pm

Place: Heritage Hall West

### **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

### **Band Students**

Band Fee letters and Band Shirt Information was sent home this past week. Please return the form with your shirt size and band fees to the School Office as soon as possible so shirts can be ordered. Thank You!

### **Cafeteria**

**\*\* Any family wishing to apply for the school's free and reduced lunch program, please go to**

[https://www.ihmschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=240102&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1212459](https://www.ihmschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=240102&type=d&pREC_ID=1212459)

to see if you qualify. All pages in the packet should be completed and sent into school **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> – this is the last week!** Any family that received assistance through the free and reduced lunch program last year must re-submit forms again for this year to be considered. Anyone with questions regarding the program should contact Mrs. Devine.

### **SLUSHIE SCHEDULE**

Kinder - Monday

1st- Monday

2nd- Tuesday

3rd- Monday

4th-Wednesday

5th- Tuesday

6th, 7th, 8th - Thursday

### **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**

### **Health Office News**

There is a reported case of Pediculosis (head lice) in 3 of the upper grades. Please be diligent in checking your children. Please refer to the Parent Alert Communication that was sent yesterday for ways you can help your children and our school.

### **Lost & Found**

We have a DS/Case/Games and an iPad that were found on school grounds and are located in the School Office. Please contact Mrs. Day if these items may be yours.

### **Meet The Teacher!**

Ms. Megan Johnston – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

*We're excited to welcome Ms. Johnston as an 8th grade English Teacher. In her spare time, she enjoys playing with her dog Bailey, cooking, fishing, and of course...reading! Ms. Johnston is a published poet and is excited to share her passion for writing and literature with her students.*

### **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>

### **Ursuline Information**

Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Parents and students in grades 6-8 will have the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of representatives from several areas of Ursuline, including Community Service, Athletics, Performing Arts, Guidance, Campus Ministry, and more. Families will also have the opportunity to take a tour of the school from a current Ursuline student.

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm Young women in 7th and 8th grade are invited to join Ursuline families for a fun evening on UA's back field in celebration of Ursuline's Fall Athletic Teams as they enter tournament season! 7th and 8th graders will gather at 5:30 in Ursuline's Best Theatre for a welcome and to learn a few UA cheers. Dinner is included.

## **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**

#### **FALL FUNDRAISER**

Tomorrow is the last day to turn in Magazine orders and donation envelopes! Follow us on Facebook IHMPTO for homeroom reward updates!

Make sure your prize sheet selection sheet is turned in. Thursday 9/27 is the deadline to turn it in. Click the link [FF Prize Selection](#) for the form.

Our first Win-it Wednesday Giveaway starts next Wednesday! There's still time to enter the Giveaway! See [Wed FF Flyer](#) for details

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**IHM Carnival 2018** - Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9PM

**Chipotle Night Out** – October 10<sup>th</sup>

## 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. It's so easy to register do online– just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or use the convenient app (contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lgbodie@yahoo.com) or Kim Colyer at [colyerkim@gmail.com](mailto:colyerkim@gmail.com) with any questions. See the [Mother and Son Flyer](#) for all the details.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>** at Setters Sand Volleyball Club from 3:30-5:30. Please see the attached [Jr High Sand VB Flyer](#) for details. Register by October 5<sup>th</sup>. It's so easy to do online– just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or use the convenient app (contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com) or text Tracey at 203-767-9199 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](mailto:kanessa.kramer@gmail.com) or Kristin Lowe [kristin.dragon@cbre.com](mailto:kristin.dragon@cbre.com) for more information.

### **IHM WINTER COAT DRIVE**

The winter coat drive is coming soon - Oct 16-28! 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!

### **ATTENTION: 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS!**

The Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents will be on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](#)

**My School Anywhere (MSA)** – Log into [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://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](mailto: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! You can make changes and additions to your contact information until 9/30/18.
- You can print the directory if needed, however, please consider your needs and the environment before you print. If you plan to print, we encourage you to wait until 10/1 as parents will be making changes before that date.
- If you have any questions about information included in MSA or with printing needs, feel free to contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **PTO DUES**

PTO Membership Dues have been left open for a few more days. It's easy to pay your dues right now while you're reading the newsletter! Just log into [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) (or MSA app) and go to the online store to pay your PTO membership dues of \$25 per family. Or please send a check/cash to IHM PTO via backpack mail (please include your name and your child(ren)'s names with the payment). The membership dues cover your child(ren)'s classroom party fee, the IHM PTO online Directory which includes addresses, phone numbers, and emails of the IHM school families, and other social and academic events for your children. Thank you for your support!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### **MOTHER SON CRUSADER CHALLENGE**

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 [lgbodie@yahoo.com](mailto:lgbodie@yahoo.com) or Kim Colyer at [colyerkim@gmail.com](mailto:colyerkim@gmail.com).

### **SPELLING BEE**

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 Genus - Academic](#) or contact Pam Burek with any questions at [jonpam2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jonpam2005@yahoo.com).

### **JR HIGH SAND VB**

Jr. High Parents are needed to 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@cbs.com](mailto:kanessa.kramer@cbs.com) or Kristin Lowe at [kristin.dragon@cbre.com](mailto:kristin.dragon@cbre.com).

### **JR HIGH FALL DANCE**

The Jr. High Fall Dance is coming up on Friday, 11/9! 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](mailto:leighfox@me.com) or MC Anderson [markandmc@cinci.rr.com](mailto:markandmc@cinci.rr.com) with any questions!

### **CARNIVAL**

The Carnival is coming up on Saturday, November 3rd, with set up scheduled the night before on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and on the morning of the 3rd. 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, and the popular Haunted Hallway 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](mailto:cariemasoner@gmail.com) or Carolyn Krisko at [carolyn.j.krisko@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.j.krisko@gmail.com).

### **FALL BOOK FAIR**

The Fall Book Fair is coming up and is still in need of a few more volunteers! Set up for the event is scheduled on 9/30 and the fair will run from 10/1- 10/4. Please consider taking a shift if you are able to! It's fun to interact with the classes and to help the students pick out their books! The book fair schedule is now posted on sign up genius, if you would like to see when your child will be attending the book fair! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Book](#) or contact Sarah Georgin with any questions!

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

9/27 – Final turn-in day for FF  
9/30 – Last day to make changes to MSA information  
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  
11/3 – 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 11<sup>th</sup>- 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 24<sup>th</sup>- 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 27<sup>th</sup>- 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](http://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](https://www.church.ihom.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=537699&type=d&pREC_ID=1499638)

### **Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass**

IHM SACC and Hispanic Ministry invite all parishioners to participate in the annual Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass on October 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:zamaris_lan@yahoo.com) or Sue Keefe [skkeefe37@gmail.com](mailto:skkeefe37@gmail.com). We welcome all to this mass where we celebrate with joy our diversity and our oneness.