



IHM School Newsletter **October 10, 2018**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

Each year our school community celebrates our Veterans the 2nd week of November. This year we will honor our Veterans on November 8th. This celebration begins with All School Mass at 8:15am, an honors ceremony following Mass and ends with a breakfast in Heritage. Our Advanced Band performs for our Veterans and students in Grades 3-6 will give a choral performance.

Please invite all Veterans that you know to this celebration. Any Veteran from the community is welcome to attend.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, October 11th

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| 8:15am | All School Mass – 1W
Church |
| 6:00pm | Families Growing in Prayer
Cafeteria |

Friday, October 12th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

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| 3:30pm | Jr. High Volleyball Party
Setter's |
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Sunday, October 14th

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| 10:30am or
1:00pm | First Reconciliation Mini-Retreat
Heritage Hall |
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IHM PTO
Mother/Son Crusader Challenge

Tuesday, October 16th

PTO Winter Coat Drive
Thru October 26th

6:30pm Confirmation Leader Training
Cafeteria

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, October 17th

PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, October 18th

Picture Re-Take Day

8:15am All School Mass – 7R
Church

6:30pm Confirmation Leader Training
Cafeteria

Friday, October 19th

9:30am 1st & 8th Grade Field Trip
Cincinnati Zoo

9:30am Kindergarten Field Trip
Bonnybrook Farm

Sunday, October 21st

Food From The Heart Collection
Church

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL AFTER CARE FAMILIES! We will be serving Domino's pizza at After Care on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31. The pizza will be served around 4:00. There is no extra charge, and Mrs. Connelly will take your child's order when he/she checks in on Halloween. Happy Halloween!

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!

Ms. Stephanie Smith – Intervention Specialist

Ms. Smith joins IHM School as an Intervention Specialist in Grades 2-4. Ms. Smith has three children and loves to spend time camping and traveling with her family. We are excited to have Ms. Smith join our Student Services Team!

School Pictures

There has been a delay with the shipment of our School Pictures. They are on their way and we will send a Parent Alert the day they go home.

Re-Take Day for School Pictures is next Thursday, October 18th. **If you plan to get re-takes you must return your ENTIRE packet in order to not be charged.**

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

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

Mount Notre Dame

Attending an Information Night is a great way to learn about the MND Experience! We would love to know you are coming. Registration is recommended. Please contact Donna Groene, Director of Admissions, with any questions (513.821.3044 x164).

St. Ursula

Financial Aid Information Night Wednesday, October 17th from 7pm to 8pm. This session will include an overview of the financial aid application process, the FACTS tuition payment and aid application system and Q&A with Business Office Staff.

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

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 **TONIGHT, Wednesday, October 10th** for dinner! Bring in this [IHM Chipotle 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 this week is Jessica Shelly! Congratulations!

Fall Fundraiser Kona Truck for Grades K-3

Congratulations to the following K-3 homeroom classes for having high participation in their grades in the PTO's Fall Fundraiser!

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

EVENTS

CRUSADER CARNIVAL

Presented by the IHM PTO

Saturday, November 3rd

6-9pm

Pizza By the Slice 6-8pm

served by the IHM Knights of Columbus and Father's Team.

Carnival games for all ages, CakeWalk, Ninja Course, Face Painting, Fun House Hallway & Haunted Hallway!

TICKETS PRE-SALE - Pre-order Deadline is Friday, October 26.

It's so easy to buy Game Tickets online! Just log in to myschoolanywhere.com or use the convenient app. Please contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you need your log in information. You can also return the order form with payment c/o Crusader Carnival. Tickets will be distributed at the Will Call table in lobby at the carnival.

See [Carnival Tickets & Dinner Flyer](#) in Wednesday Envelope.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? SIGN UP FOR THE SPELLING BEE!

The 3rd and 4th grade Jr Spelling Bee will be Thursday 10/25 at 7:00pm. The winner of the Jr. Bee will be invited to participate in the Spelling Bee (5th-8th graders) on Wednesday 11/7 at 1:00pm. For the 5th through 8th graders interested in participating, each class will hold a spelling test from the list of words they will be asked during the Spelling Bee. The top 10 students from each grade will be invited to participate in the Spelling Bee on 11/7. Please find further details on the flyer in this week's Wednesday Envelope or by clicking [Spelling Bee Flyer](#). You can register online MSA – go to www.myschoolanywhere.com or the app and select "SignUps", or send in the paper form.

Our ultimate winner will have the chance to compete at the local and possibly national level! Contact Pam Burek at jonpam2005@yahoo.com with questions. Please contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you need your MSA log in 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 is quickly approaching. To have a successful staff lunch on Wednesday, October 17th, we really need a few more volunteers to provide your favorite potluck dishes and desserts to fill the buffet table. The teachers and staff so love and appreciate this luncheon! 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 - StaffOct](#) to sign up! The teachers and staff really look forward to these events and truly appreciate the effort, support, and hard work. [Staff Appreciation Flyer](#)

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! **11** more parent volunteers are still 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 this Sunday, 10/14 at Revolution Fitness in Newtown! They are still in need of more volunteers to help with this 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 or Kim Colyer at colyerkim@gmail.com.

The **Jr. Spelling Bee** for grades 3 and 4 is scheduled for 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 are 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 and on the day 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, 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 Dance Party** 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:

10/12 – 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 – Poinsettia Sale
11/3 – Carnival
11/7 – Spelling Bee
11/9 – Jr. High Dance 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

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.