



## **IHM School Newsletter August 29, 2018**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

As we continue to evaluate our programs to best meet the needs of our students, I have decided to add a related arts class with a focus on Microsoft Office Suite. Students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will go to the computer lab weekly to learn how to use Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and One Note. The goal is for our students to be proficient in utilizing these tools once they enter our 1:1 tablet program in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Current is teaching this class.

Last year, we shifted the related arts offerings for our K-2 students to include a course called Music, Movement and Culture. MMC fuses culture and language from all over the world with song and dance. Each trimester all Kindergarten through 2nd Graders will focus on one area of the world and learn some basic language skills through music and movement. This year, during the first trimester, students are going to study the country of India. We will be bringing in a traveling performance for our students to enjoy and to enhance their learning. We continue to be blessed with our Fine Arts program and the many opportunities our students experience to expand their love of music and culture.

I look forward to watching the students grow in all academic areas throughout this school year.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Devine

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

#### **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 4A  
Church

#### **Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

##### **SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

#### **Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

#### **Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night  
Heritage Hall – **Parents Only**

6:30pm Mass  
Church

#### **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **PICTURE DAY!**

PTO Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off

### **Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 8E  
Church

### **Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am The NED Show – Grades K-6  
Gymnasium

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **NOTICE REGARDING STUDENT FORMS AND POLICIES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED ON SCHOOL WEBSITE**

In an effort to protect our School and Student Information we have moved our Health Forms, Before/After Care Forms, Lunch/Recess Schedules and School Information to our File Library on OptionC.

When logged into your OptionC account you can select the "Communication" tab and "File Library" from the drop down menu and find all forms there.

### **6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Students**

You will need a sketchbook for Art Class. Your first sketchbook assignment will be in 1 week. If you have not purchased a sketchbook please do so to be prepared for class.

### **Cafeteria**

Please make sure that your child either packs a lunch or has money in his/her lunch account. You can send a check into school with your child or load your child's account online. You can find the link to "My School Bucks" under the PARENTS tab on the main web page.

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

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

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to see if you qualify. All pages in the packet should be completed and sent into school by September 6, 2018. 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.

### **Depression Awareness Webinar**

Presenter Amy Saltzman, M.D. will discuss how caring adults can encourage teens to manage stress. The program is designed for parents, caregivers, school educators and personnel, youth workers, and anyone interested in teen mental health. [Register](#) to join us for a live webinar discussion on Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **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. Kelsey Flynn – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Mrs. Flynn is excited to spend her 7th year of teaching back at "home"! She grew up in Anderson and her family has been IHM parishioners since she was little. She loves reading, adventuring, and sewing. Mrs. Flynn is looking forward to having a fabulous & fun year with the 3F Flamingos!

### **Parent Alert Emails/Calls from OptionC**

IMPORTANT!! Please make sure your information is up to date in OptionC. This is our main source of communication for the school. If you would like to receive text messages please make sure you update all your preferences in your account.

\*\*If you are unable to login to OptionC you still have outstanding fees from the 17/18 School Year. Please contact the School Office to make arrangements to pay your fees and your access will resume.

\*\*If you are a NEW Family or Kindergarten Family and are having trouble logging in to OptionC using the Login Sheets provided in the Communication Envelope please contact the School Office. It is extremely important that you make sure the information in OptionC is current!

\*\*If your OptionC communication is going directly to spam, please advise them to add the OptionC address to their safe/white list.

[noreply@optioncalerts.com](mailto:noreply@optioncalerts.com)

Many email services (Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo) can simply right click and mark the message as "allow" or "not spam".

Outlook Email – other email services will be similar directions

To add an email address to your safe senders list using the Outlook.com user interface, follow the steps below:

1. In your Outlook inbox, click the gear icon beside your Profile name.
2. Click **options**.
3. Under *Junk email*, click **Safe mailing lists**.
4. On the *Safe senders page*, under Sender or domain to mark as safe, enter the senders email address then click **"Add to list"**.

This information will also be provided on the school's website, under the parent section.

\*\*If you receive a phone call from our School Office 513-388-4086 please allow a few seconds for the message to begin. There is a 3 to 4 second pause before a recorded message will begin. This would occur for recorded messages that may be sent for Weather Delays, Emergencies, etc.

### **Student Photo Day**

Lifetouch will be on campus **next Wednesday, September 5th** for Student Photo Day. Order forms are in the Communication Packet today!

### **Volunteering - VIRTUS**

**\*\*Parents wishing to eat lunch with their student the first week of school please be aware you MUST be Virtus trained in order to go beyond the school lobby.**

If you plan to volunteer or participate in any activity with students, including joining your child for lunch or helping in the classroom, you must be on our approved list by completing a Background Check and attending the VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session. Registration before attendance at VIRTUS® is required ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) click "Registration"). This policy is strictly enforced and adults not in compliance will not be permitted past our school lobby. Information on VIRTUS Registration is available on the "Parents" tab on the School website.

## **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](#).

**My School Anywhere (MSA)** - We are excited to announce that the **PTO** has subscribed to the MySchoolAnywhere online service. It's secure and easy to use on the website or convenient mobile app.

- You should have received an email at your Option C "Family Email" address from [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com) with your log in instructions. Please make sure to check your junk/spam folder. If you did not receive, please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com)
- Parent/caregiver Directory information contained in MSA is obtained from the school's Option C system so that parents only need to make changes to their data, when needed, in one place. Please make any **CORRECTIONS** to your data in Option C. Last year, only your "Family Email" and one "Primary" phone number were included in the PTO directory. Accordingly, only the "Family Email" address and one phone number were uploaded into MSA from Option C. By default, the "Family Email" and phone number are associated with the **MOTHER** in households with 2 parents. We recognize that this email and phone may not be the Mother's for all families. **Please help us by reviewing your data** in this initial implementation and making sure it is listed for the correct person. If you would like to **MOVE** the email address or phone number to the other parent OR if you would like to **ADD** additional emails or phone numbers to either parent, please feel free to do so **BY 9/30/18**.
- GO GREEN AND SAVE A TREE! For your convenience, all directory information is available online anytime you need it through MSA's website and app. You can print the directory if needed, however, please consider your needs before you print. Thank you!
- 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). We appreciate your patience and understanding as we bring you this exciting new technology! Please see [My School Anywhere \(MSA\) Flyer](#) for further details and instructions.

**PTO Dues** - PTO Membership Dues are due by Wednesday, September 19th. 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. We appreciate your support! **Easy to Pay your Dues!** You can pay your PTO membership dues of \$25 per family online through PayPal after you log in to My School Anywhere (MSA) or send a check/cash to IHM PTO via backpack mail (please include your name and your child(ren)'s names with the payment).

#### **ATTENTION 2nd and 6th GRADE PARENTS!**

The Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by the 2nd and 6th grade parents will be Wednesday, September 19. We are looking for donations of your favorite potluck dishes and desserts! Want to help but cannot on that day? No worries, we also have a convenient cash donation option and we will buy and make the items. Please click the link at [Sign Up Genius - Staff Sept](#) to Sign Up! We already have plenty of volunteers signed up to help with set up and clean up. Thank you! The teachers and staff look forward to these events and truly appreciate all your support and hard work. For more information, click the link [Staff Appreciation Flyer 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades](#).

## **FUNDRAISING**

#### **Save the Date: Fall Fundraiser**

The Fall Fundraiser is the largest source of fundraising for our school and will kick off on September 5th! This year we've made some tweaks to allow more flexibility for participation while allowing the students to earn the same great prizes! Look for the detail to follow. Save those Magazine renewal slips!

#### **Buffalo Wild Wings**

BW3's has selected team "IHM" to participate in their Home Team Advantage Program. Use the attached IHM card every time you eat at BW3's in Anderson Twp. and they will donate 10% of your bill back to us at the end of the school year. This is not for just one night a week, its EVERY day of the week! Just print the card OR take a picture of it on your smart phone to show to the waitress. It's that easy!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Room Coordinators**

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to be a room coordinator or room helper in your child's classrooms so far! Many classrooms, however, are still in need of a room coordinator to help plan and run the classroom parties! There are four parties throughout the school year: Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day and an end of the year party. A lot of room coordinators work together with the other coordinators of the same grade to plan the parties and help each other out! It's fun and rewarding and we hope you will consider volunteering! Classrooms still in need of a room coordinator are as follows: **1W, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3F, 3W, 4A, 4L, 5S, 5H, 6B, 8J and 8E**.

Please click on this link to volunteer and thank you for your consideration! [Sign Up Genius - Room](#) Please contact Beth Detter at [bethdetter@gmail.com](mailto:bethdetter@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Cafeteria Volunteers**

Help continues to be desperately needed in the cafeteria! Please consider helping out- whether it's once a week, once a month or just here and there. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. Not to mention- it's super easy and fun to see your kids and their friends together and to interact with staff. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Cafeteria](#)

### **Christ Communities**

Volunteers are still greatly needed to help with the Christ Community program. The Christ Community dates are on Tuesdays this year from 1:30-2:45. The dates are 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/16, and 5/14. They are planning to have some guest speakers throughout the year, student's favorite- Bible Bingo, videos, travel passport, prayer time, end of the year concert, etc. Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile program! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - School](#) and please contact Marge English at [english.m@ihomschool.org](mailto:english.m@ihomschool.org) with any questions.

### **Mother and Son Crusader Challenge**

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge has been officially confirmed for Sunday, October 14th at Revolution Fitness! This is sure to be a great time for all the moms and sons! SAVE THE DATE and registration will be coming out soon. Volunteers are needed to help with check in at the event, activity stations and to work the fueling stations. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#). Please contact Leslie Jelenik at [lqbodie@yahoo.com](mailto:lqbodie@yahoo.com) or Kim Colyer at [colyerkim@gmail.com](mailto:colyerkim@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

8/27 – Last Day to pick up Used Uniforms  
9/5 – Fall Fundraiser kicks off  
9/10 – PTO Meeting, 7PM St. Matthew's Room  
9/11 – Room Coordinator/ Chairperson Meeting, 7pm St. Matthew's Room  
9/19 – PTO Dues – last day to submit  
9/19 – Staff Appreciation – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
9/30 – Last day to make changes to MSA information

\*\*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**

### **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)

### **IHM Youth Group – Middle School Kick-Off!**

Kick-Off and Shaving Cream Wiffleball will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM in the Youth Room (below the Kindergarten Annex). Join us as we kick-off the new school year and another awesome year of middle school youth group! We will spend some time getting to know each other and introducing the year, and then we will play our annual game of Shaving Cream Wiffleball! Dinner Provided. Contact [michaelh@ihom.org](mailto:michaelh@ihom.org) for more information.

### **"True Devotion to Mary" DVD/Book Study Group**

Join us in studying what is considered by many to be "the greatest single book of Marian spirituality ever written," (TAN Publishers). True Devotion to Mary has influenced countless souls, including St. Pope John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa. Meetings will be at IHM Welcome Center 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm AND 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 9am to 11am. Register by calling IHM Formation Office at 513-388-4093 or email [debbieb@ihom.org](mailto:debbieb@ihom.org) Seating is limited.