



## **IHM School Newsletter**

### **October 24, 2018**

Dear IHM Parents,

Our goal is to provide a student-centered school community where our students thrive in all aspects of their lives. We promote individual growth and focus on the needs of our students and their families. We are happy to provide resources and/or support in areas that are students may be struggling with.

We have had multiple reports this school year of students using technology devices inappropriately on the bus and at home. Inappropriate use ranges from googling sexual words to directly visiting pornographic sites. Unfortunately, we have had families report from multiple grade levels of this struggle at home and on the bus. We have not had a reported issue here at school, or on school devices. However, we want to inform all parents to be diligent when supervising their child's technology use.

The past few years we have tried our best to provide parent and student education on the topic of responsible technology use, especially since it is a growing struggle in our world today. Once again this year, we plan to have Steven Smith present to students, staff and parents. Please look out for more information regarding this presentation this winter. In the meantime, here is a helpful website, designed by Steven Smith, to help parents navigate this difficult topic.

<https://awiredfamily.org/>

Thank you for partnering with IHM administration and faculty to educate your child. We pray that all IHM students are protected from some of the harsh realities of our world and continue to develop in a healthy manner. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need further resources or support.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine and Mrs. Turpening

## **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

### **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Families Growing in Prayer & Discernment  
Cafeteria

### **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 3W  
Church

7:00pm PTO Junior Spelling Bee  
Heritage Hall

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

Preschool Halloween Parade

8:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Cincinnati Zoo

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Coat Collection  
Church

8:30am Confirmation Kick Off  
Heritage Hall

9:30am 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Ministry Mass  
Church

**Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Reconciliation  
Lourdes Room – Church

6:30pm Signs of Suicide Parent Presentation  
Heritage Hall

**Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

**Halloween tops and accessories with uniform bottoms!**

**LAST DAY OF SHORTS UNTIL APRIL 1ST**

National Theatre for Children – Grades K-4

Preschool Halloween Parade

**Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**All Souls Day**

**NO SCHOOL**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES**

The last entry bell in the morning is 8:00am. The front door will be closed at that time. If your child arrives after this last entry bell they will be considered Tardy and will receive a slip to enter class. We have been lenient these first weeks of school, but now will be following school policy. To insure your child is not Tardy, please have them arrive to school before 8:00am. If your child arrives late due to bus transportation they are not considered Tardy.

**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 **NEXT TUESDAY**, 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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!**

Mrs. Michele Orlando – Speech/Language Pathologist

*Mrs. Orlando is excited to join the IHM staff in her role as SLP. She is looking forward to supporting our younger learners using creative multi-sensory techniques to promote learning and development in a FUN and exciting environment!*

### **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**

**REMINDER TO 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS: RELEASE OF RECORDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS is due to the School Office by NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>! 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.**

### **St. Ursula**

Open House Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:30pm

Shadow Days available through December 7<sup>th</sup>.  
HSPT Review and Strategies Course November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until 3pm.  
[www.saintursula.org](http://www.saintursula.org)

### **St. Xavier High School**

Grade School Tailgate Night - Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Tailgate in the Ellis Gym.  
7:00 p.m. - Kickoff to the football game featuring St. Xavier Bombers vs. St. Xavier Louisville  
Parents are invited. The tailgate is a free event. Tickets to attend the game are \$5 per person.  
RSVP and PURCHASE TICKETS HERE! [www.stxavier.org/tailgate2018](http://www.stxavier.org/tailgate2018)

### **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](http://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. Thanks for your support. And the winner of \$50 is Jessica Shelley. Congratulations!

### **EVENTS**

#### **CRUSADER CARNIVAL**

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. Plus there are carnival games for all ages. [Carnival 2018 Flyer](#)

TICKETS PRE-SALE - Pre-order Deadline is Friday, October 26. It's so easy to buy Game Tickets and order pizza online! Just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or use the convenient app. Please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto: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.

#### **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](http://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](mailto:leighfox@me.com) or MC Anderson at [markandmc@cinci.rr.com](mailto:markandmc@cinci.rr.com). \*For login information, contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com)

#### **FAMILY MATH NIGHT**

It's that time of year again to be in awe of our amazing students! This fun filled evening is not to be missed! 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. If your student gives the certificate to their math teacher the following day, they are rewarded with yet another surprise! To register, login to [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) or the app and go to "SignUp" or send in the [Math Night Registration](#).

### **IHM WINTER COAT DRIVE**

The winter coat drive is going on now! Bins are in the school lobby until this Friday, Oct 26. Pull out those coats that are too small or no longer worn and donate them to help keep someone else warm this winter!! Any and all sizes are accepted and will benefit St. Leo The Great Parish in Cincinnati. St. Leo's serves a diverse group of parishioners and is home to many immigrants and refugees. We also accept new/gently used gloves, mittens & scarves and new winter hats, but no boots. Please put glove/mitten pairs in a ziplock bag marked with size. Please contact Melissa Nolan for questions [melhnolan@aol.com](mailto:melhnolan@aol.com).

### **ATTENTION: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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. Additional volunteers are still needed to assist with 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](mailto:jonpam2005@yahoo.com).

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! 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).

The **Jr. High Dance Party** is scheduled for 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](mailto: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](mailto:angel@logicnet.cc) or Angie Albrinck at [danalbrinck@live.com](mailto:danalbrinck@live.com) with any questions!

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

10/25 – Jr Spelling Bee  
11/1 – Poinsettia Sale  
11/3 - Carnival  
11/7 – Spelling Bee  
11/8 – Veteran's Day Reception  
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**

### **Altar Server Training**

All current 5<sup>th</sup>- 8th grade students are invited to consider serving the church as an Altar Server. Training will be held on **Thursday, October 25th, 6:30 p.m. in the church**. Please contact Ed Bayliss or Gloria Ann Castleman at [ihomservers@gmail.com](mailto:ihomservers@gmail.com) with questions and to reserve a place at the training.

### **Date Night! Married Couples Dinner**

Married Couples Dinner will be held Saturday, November 10th in Heritage Hall at 6PM. (Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, Speaker at 8pm). Susan Vogt will be presenting on "**Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers**." The cost is \$50 per couple, unless you are a couple who is attending for the first time. Couple new to the Married Couples dinner receive half-price discount, so \$25.

To register, please go to <https://ihom.weshareonline.org>.

### **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.

**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.

**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>

### **IHM meal packing event November 10**

Check your calendars! We will work with Northern Kentucky Hunger Relief to provide meals to 20,000 recipients. This is a great way to show service to God by serving others less fortunate than ourselves. This project works for confirmation service hours as well as high school service hours. Breakfast snacks will be provided.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-ihmmeal>

### **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.

### **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](mailto:cabraun6556@gmail.com)