



IHM School Newsletter **April 3rd, 2019**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

On Saturday, March 30th, the Cemetery of the Innocents was brought to IHM Parish. It will remain at IHM until April 12th. The white crosses in front of church along Beechmont Avenue remind us that there are 3,300 deaths in the United States each day of a child due to surgical abortion. This is a difficult topic to share with your children. Abortion, along with euthanasia or other life issues, can be confusing and scary to our younger students. Here at school we do not discuss the specifics of the crosses or what they stand for. We simply share that the crosses represent children who have died and when we see the crosses we should say a little prayer for these unborn babies. Praying for the dead is an important spiritual work of mercy in which all ages can participate.

Sharing with your child the value of every human life is of the utmost importance. Framing this discussion around the reality that we are all created by God and He loves each of us, even before we are born, can help children to better understand the message. If you are looking for a resource to share with your child, *Horton Hears a Who*, is a great book to introduce this topic. As you talk about this with your child, ask them to pray for those babies born and not yet born, pointing out the importance to keep all those in need in our daily prayers.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, April 4th

8:15am All School Mass – Student Ambassadors
Church

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

Friday, April 5th

Spirit Wear Day

Grade 2 Field Trip
Cincinnati Museum Center

Saturday, April 6th

Christ Renews Mens Retreat

Sunday, April 7th

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9:00am Confirmation Retreat Sign In
Heritage Hall

Monday, April 8th

Kids on the Block – Child Abuse Awareness Presentation
Heritage Hall

Tuesday, April 9th

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Heritage Hall

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, April 10th

Mrs. Storm's Library Adventure 2 – Grade 5

Star Lab – Grades 3 & 4
Heritage West

PTO Staff Luncheon
Heritage East

Thursday, April 11th

8:15am All School Mass – 8J
Church

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

Friday, April 12th

1:30pm Live Stations of the Cross – Student Performance
Church

7:00pm Live Stations of the Cross – Parish Performance

Saturday, April 13th

PTO Family Obstacle Course Race

Sunday, April 14th

Palm Sunday

Food from the Heart Collection

11:30am & 1st Grade Student Ministry Mass
6:00pm Church

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAVE THE DATE

Vaping and Tobacco Awareness

May 16, 2019

Student presentation: 1:30 pm Heritage / Parent Presentation: 6:00 pm Heritage

Robb Holladay will be visiting our students in Grade 5-8 and parents of all students to speak about Vaping and Tobacco Awareness. This assembly is motivational, interactive and will clear the fog on misconceptions students and parents have about vaping and smoking and the risks. Well known risks are discussed, along with facts and dangers that are not as well known about vaping.

For more information please visit Robb's webpage:

<https://www.educationassemblyonvaping.live/index.html>

8th Grade Students

We are proud of all our graduating students and want to acknowledge every student's academic achievement.

If your student received a scholarship or admission award from a high school, please share this information with us. We include this information in the graduation ceremony speech and publish it in the bulletin, Heartbeat and various local media. Individual dollar amounts are held confidential and are never mentioned or published but a grand total for the class is published. Please forward your scholarship information to Mrs. Day at the School Office as soon as possible.

Cincinnati Cyclones Offer

The Fan Appreciation Game is on Friday, April 5th. This will be the last regular season game prior to entering the 2019 Kelly Cup Playoffs. This day will also include **\$1 Pizza, Hot Dogs, Soda, and BEER!**

Feel free to take advantage of \$11 tickets by visiting the link below. Get your tickets early! Due to several large groups that night, the lower level is almost sold out already!

<https://fevo.me/group>

Customer Appreciation Days at Schoolbelles

April 7th and 8th are Customer Appreciation Days at Schoolbelles. 20% off pants and 25% off monogrammed items. See the flyer at the bottom of the online Newsletter.

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

Current 6th grade parents: As your students are preparing for 7th grade, they will need to have 2 additional immunizations. Pursuant to sections 3701.13 and 3313.671 of the ORC issued by the Ohio Department of Health all students entering the 7th grade are required to have the following vaccines administered prior to entry; 1 dose Tdap

and 1 dose MCV4. In order to save you from the summer rush of busy doctor offices, please provide an updated copy of your child's immunization record as soon as immunizations are complete.

IHM Booster Fall Sports Sign Ups

It is now time to start planning our 2019 Fall Sports. **Online registration for all our 2019 Fall Sports is NOW OPEN at www.ihomboosters.org.** Please see below for the registration details and other info for each Fall Sport.

6th Annual IHM Football Camp will be held June 24th thru 27th. Cost is \$35 per child and includes a t-shirt. Camp is open to any athlete K-8th Grade. Online registration and waiver are available at www.ihomboosters.org A flyer is included in today's Communication Envelope and available at the bottom of the online Newsletter.

Sport	Grades[#]	Fee*	Registration Open	Registration Closes
Football	K-8	\$150	3/10/2019	4/30/2019
Girls Volleyball	3-8	\$80	3/10/2019	5/8/2019
Cheerleading	K-8	\$35	3/10/2019	7/15/2019
Golf (Boys & Girls)	6-8	\$200	3/10/2019	5/8/2019
Instructional Golf (Boys & Girls)	3-5	\$145	3/10/2019	5/8/2019
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)	6-8	\$75	3/10/2019	5/31/2019

Grade for registration is the grade your Crusader(s) will be entering for the 2019-2020 school year.

* The annual Booster fee per family of \$80 will also be added to each family's first registration for the 2019-2020 school year. For Grades K-2 the \$80 Annual Booster fee per family is waived.

Running Club

Running Club with Ms. Hardin and Ms. Friesner has resumed! Girls will meet in the cafeteria right after school and will be picked up at 430pm. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Hardin.

Scholarships for Current 7th & 8th Grade Students

Scholarship nomination forms are available in the Communication Envelope and are available on the Newsletter website. Any parishioner may nominate a student. Guidelines and more information can be found on the nomination forms. The May 6th deadline is firm and nominations will not be accepted after that date.

Summer Solutions Workbook Orders

Please see the order forms included in the Communication Envelope from Mrs. Gerwe regarding Summer Solutions Workbook orders. Orders are due by May 12th.

Summer Camp Opportunities

McNicholas High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

Elder High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Football Strength and Conditioning Camp

Mount Notre Dame High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

Ursuline Academy – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

St. Ursula Academy – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Volleyball Camp Opportunities

Turpin High School – Click [HERE](#) for Summer Camp Opportunities

The Seam Team

This sewing club is open to the first 15 registrants in Grades 4-8. The schedule and sign up for the remainder of the year is available at the link provided

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

High School Information

McNicholas High School

Future Rockets Fest – May 3, 2019 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for boys and girls in grades 5 to 7. Event is FREE. Includes food, music, games, giveaways. Parents are invited to stay for grown-up fare, Q&A, and social. Register [HERE](#).

St. Ursula Academy

6th and 7th grade girls are invited to Saint Ursula Academy's Girls' Night on Friday evening, May 3 from 5:00 until 9:00. Dinner is provided for girls as they tie-dye t-shirts, play games, meet girls from all over the city and much more! The event is free and parents are invited to a Q&A session from 5:15 to 6:00 with optional school tours following the session. Register at www.saintursulaevents.com/girls-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

Boxtop Contest~ Tomorrow is the final day to turn them in!

The Top 4 Homeroom classes that collect the most Box Tops will receive a Sweet reward at lunch! Send your Box Tops in a baggie, be sure to mark homeroom, count and return to school by April 4th.

Scene 75/ Skyzone Easter break Deal

Scene 75/ Skyzone Easter break Deal~ Tomorrow is the last day to order
IHM PTO has once again teamed up with Scene 75 to offer you an amazing deal!

For only \$25 you will receive: \$20 for arcade play, a choice of 2 Attractions*, PLUS a coupon for a game of laser tag to be used at a future date.

*Choice of attractions includes Mini Golf (9 holes), Mini bowling, Chaos Room, Laser Tag, or Bounce House. This special is only being offered thru the IHM PTO, cards must be purchased from IHM. Cards are valid thru 4/30/19. Buy 4 cards get a free appetizer Coupon.

SKY Zone 1-hour passes only \$16.

Purchase both deals online at myschoolanywhere.com or the convenient MSA app and shop our "Store" and pay with PayPal. Cards must be purchased through MSA.

Deadline to order is 4/4/19

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 Doug and Joy Neiheisel. Congratulations!

EVENTS & NEWS

ATTENTION: KINDERGARTEN and 7th GRADE PARENTS!!!

The Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by the kindergarten and 7th grade parents will be on Wednesday, April 10th. We are looking for your favorite potluck dishes and desserts to fill the buffet table. The teachers so love and appreciate your donations! 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 - StaffAppreciationApril](#) 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. [Staff Appreciation April Luncheon Flyer](#)

PTO Roles and Volunteer Opportunities – We would love to hear from you! Let's talk about your interests and what might be a good fit for you. For Board positions next year, we are looking for: Vice President, Secretary, and Co-Treasurer and Board Leads for Volunteers, Fundraising, Services/Spiritual and Jr. High Social. We are also in search of volunteers to fill various Chairperson roles for some of our awesome events and activities. See the [Open Roles flyer](#) for a list of some of the open roles for next year. Please contact Tracey Barszczewski at tbarszczewski@outlook.com or 203-767-9199 for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Christ Communities - 15 volunteers are needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Christ Community groups on April 16th from 1- 2:50 pm. Please consider volunteering! 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 rally, the students will be breaking into small groups to further discuss the topic. If you are available to volunteer please click on the following link to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-school1>

The Spring Book Fair will be coming up! Set up is scheduled for 4/28 from 5-6 pm and the sale is running from 4/29 to 5/3. There are still some volunteer slots available! Please consider helping out if your schedule allows! Please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - BookFair](#) to volunteer or contact Sarah Georgin at georgic.s@ihomschool.org with any questions!

Field Day - The always popular Field Day is scheduled for 5/10/19! Additional volunteer slots are still available including set up, station captains, egg relay, dodgeball, soccer, and helping with the drink station! Come join in on the fun! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - FieldDay](#) or contact Mellissa Detzel at mjdetzel@msn.com or Carie Masoner at cariemasoner@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

4/4 – Last day to order Scene 75/ Skyzone Deal
4/8 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Room
4/10 – April Staff Appreciation, K & 7th Grade
4/13 – Family Obstacle Course
4/29 – 5/3 Spring Book Fair

**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

The next training session for Altar Servers at IHM will be held May 14 at 6:30PM in the church. This training is for all students 5th grade and older, or students that will enter 5th grade in the Fall. We also welcome adults that would like to become an Altar Server.

At the completion of the training, the new Altar Servers and those who are currently serving that wish to become a Captain will be commissioned. Current Altar Servers wishing to become Captains should contact us prior to the training.

During the training, you will have the opportunity to identify a weekend Mass time you prefer to be scheduled. Please understand we may occasionally ask that you serve at a different Mass time. While we look to grow this ministry for service during all our Mass celebrations, we have most critical needs for Altar Servers for 5PM Mass Saturday, 7:30AM and 6PM Masses Sunday.

Please RSVP by emailing Ed Bayliss or Gloria Ann Castleman at ihomservers@gmail.com. You can also call the Parish Office if you have questions, or to reserve your place at the training, at 388-4466.

Parents: at the start of the training session, we will share important information with you. You are welcome to stay with us during the session, or return later to pick up your child(ren).

IHM Festival

The IHM Festival was recently voted "Best of the East" in the "Best Festival" Category! This title is possible due to all the amazing support of our parish families! The sign up genius is LIVE to pick your favorite place to volunteer for the IHM Festival this summer, July 19th thru 21st. Don't miss out! Sign up today and THANK YOU for your support!

To view the Group SignUp(s), please click the link below:

[2019 IHM FESTIVAL](#)

Bid N Buy - Please see the attached flyer regarding how YOU can help with Grade Level Baskets for the Bid N' Buy! You can send your donations right to the School Office. Questions? Contact Katie Herms at bkherms@yahoo.com

Lenten Speaker Series

The Topic This Year: Your Personal Relationship With Jesus Through Prayer

6:25pm Rosary in the Church, followed by 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, followed by 7:30pm Speaker in the Church

April 5- When Prayer Doesn't Seem to Work: St. John of the Cross on Dryness and Darkness in Prayer by Fr. Jacob Willig

April 12- Live Stations of the Cross presented by the 6th grade school students.

Save the Date for Summer Love Ed

June 24th - Parent meeting

June 26th - Level 1

June 27th - Level 2

Novena for Life

The Knights of Columbus are having a Novena for Life starting April 24th through May 2nd. The event will take place at 7:00pm in the Blessed Mother's room (second floor) at the Parish Center. Please join us in prayer as we celebrate life for our 9 day Novena. If you have any questions please contact Michael Miller at 513.405.5749 or

lizabeth1@cinci.rr.com.

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Red Lobster, Michaels & Disney

Gift cards in \$25 denominations.

Fridays in Lent, can't make the fish fry? How about a night out at Red Lobster.

For your Easter/spring decorations, crafts, and other Pinterest adventures visit Michaels for the supplies.

Summer Disney vacations planned? Get these gift cards for your trip!

We get 3 - 8 % returns from these vendors and that means extra funds for our school.

You can get these and many more gift cards when you visit us in the Fatima Room after all weekend masses or in the Parish Office during regular business hours. You can also send your orders in through your kids in school in the Wednesday envelope.

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Hosting at Comboni

Sat Apr 27, 2019 – Sun May 5, 2019

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a group of churches, who take turns hosting homeless families who are part of the network. Families sleep and eat breakfast and dinner at the host churches for a period of one week before

moving on to another host congregation. During the day, children go to school. Adults go to work or search for work or housing with the assistance of IHN staff. Each host congregation is responsible for providing meals, evening activities, and sleeping accommodations for the guests. All of this work is done by volunteers from the host parishes. IHM will be participating in hosting families April 27-May 5 at Comboni, 1318 Nagel Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255. Various volunteer spots are available on the sign up link, <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2748620/false?fbclid=IwAR2NO7CI9FVF3Toh9s8TkmeBDjzDWeWi3hxD BcTqgY8jdJOM72MC10fjXA#/invitation>