



## **IHM School Newsletter November 14, 2018**

Dear IHM Families,

Thank you to all of the families who have sent food in for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each year this collection goes to the SEM Food Pantry. They count on our support to help feed the needy families in our local community. Just one item from each child makes a big difference. The SEM Food Pantry is temporarily being housed in the basement of the retired priest clergy home on our IHM campus. We feel blessed that we could assist this organization during their time of transition. We ask that all items be returned to school by Friday. Your donations are much appreciated.

As we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, I want to thank you for entrusting your children to our school community and partnering with us on your child's educational journey. Students in grades K-3 will receive a hard copy of their report card today. Grades 4-8 can view their report card online. We look forward to seeing you at conferences tomorrow or next Monday evening.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

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

#### **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Star Lab  
Grades 3 & 4

6:30pm PTO Family Math Night  
Heritage and Cafeteria

#### **Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

PTO Poinsettia Sale Ends

8:15am All School Mass – 6D  
Church

4:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  
School Campus

#### **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

1:20pm Seminarian Basketball Game  
Gym

### **Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Food from the Heart Collection  
Church

11:30am 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Ministry Mass  
Church

### **Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

4:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences  
School Campus

### **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

1:00pm Christ Communities  
School

6:30pm Reconciliation  
Church

### **Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> Through Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**\*\*OUR 2019 OPEN HOUSE MAGNETS ARE COMING HOME TODAY IN THE COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE. PLEASE DISPLAY YOURS PROUDLY TO HELP US ADVERTISE OUR OPEN HOUSE THIS JANUARY! \*\***

### **Emergency Weather Closing Information**

Please become familiar with our guidelines found [HERE](#) when weather forces us to make changes to our normal school day. If you have any questions please contact the School Office. You can also find this information at the bottom of the [Newsletter](#) on our website every week!

### **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**

### **Grades 3-8: Computer Programming Club!**

Mrs. Dumford and Mr. Heyl are starting a Computer Programming Club for students in Grades 3 thru 8! Students will be able to program using the languages of Tynker, Javascript and Python. The program progresses at the student's individual level. If interested in participating in this new club at IHM:  
Parents of students in Grades 3-5 contact Mrs. Dumford at [dumford.l@ihomschool.org](mailto:dumford.l@ihomschool.org) by November 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Parents of students in Grades 6-8 contact Mr. Heyl at [hey1.m@ihomschool.org](mailto:hey1.m@ihomschool.org) by November 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Based on the numbers interested there may be a winter and a spring session. Details to follow.

### **Field Trip Payments**

Unfortunately we can no longer accept payment for school field trips through the PTO MSA app. You can pay online for field trips through <https://ihom.weshareonline.org>. Select the "School Field Trip" option. Please complete all forms and select payment option and return to your child's homeroom teacher.

### **IHM School Food Drive**

**Don't forget!** The Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit SEM Food Pantry is this week! All items need to be turned into school by **THIS FRIDAY** November 16<sup>th</sup>!

### **Halloween Candy Collection**

Mrs. Ramundo will be collecting Halloween candy to donate to The Giving Tree agencies. Please send your candy in a Ziploc bag to the School Office by October 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **IHM Holiday Spirit Wear**

**See the flyer in the Communication Envelope to order IHM Spirit Wear in time for the holidays! Orders are due Monday November 26<sup>th</sup> – no exceptions!**

### **Meet The Teacher – Mrs. Connelly, Grade 2**

*Mrs. Connelly has been teaching at IHM for 40 years! She feels very privileged to be teaching at such a wonderful school. Mrs. Connelly lives in a red house on 5 acres in Batavia with her husband Michael and her son Jared. She enjoys entertaining her extended family during the Christmas holidays in her game room. During the summer she enjoys visiting her sister, who lives on Kentucky Lake and her friend, who lives in North Carolina.*

### **SAVE THE DATE – GRAND GUEST DAY!**

Our Grand Guest Day celebration will be the morning of Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please tell your Grand Guest to mark their calendar! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

### **The Seam Team**

This sewing club is open to the first 10 registrants from each grade level. Sign up links are posted below for November and December. Cost is \$40 each month. Contact Mrs. Flynn at [Flynn.k@ihomschool.org](mailto:Flynn.k@ihomschool.org) with any questions.

November: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaf2fa5fc1-december>

December: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaf2fa5fc1-december1>

### **Yearbook Pictures**

PARENTS- If you have any photos you'd like to see in the yearbook, please visit Mrs. Current's Shutterfly share site and add your photos to the appropriate section. **The password to login is Crusader**. Mrs. Current and the Journalism class are excited to incorporate your beautiful photos into our school yearbook!  
<https://ihmyearbook20182019.shutterfly.com/>

### **High School Information**

**GOOD LUCK to all our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders participating in the HSPT Test this Saturday!**

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

**Summit Country Day School**

Open House on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. [www.summitcde.org/openhouse](http://www.summitcde.org/openhouse)

### **Mount Notre Dame**

Junior High Learning Series, *Introduction to Printmaking*, will introduce participants to the art of American printmakers and will use traditional and nontraditional tools and techniques to create a variety of prints. Open to girls in grades 6-8. [www.mndhs.org](http://www.mndhs.org)

## **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 and the winning entry goes back into the pot each week. Thanks for your support. And the winner of \$50 is Joy and Doug Neiheisel. Congratulations!

#### **Poinsettia Sale~**

IHM PTO is once again sponsoring the Christmas Poinsettia Sale!

The beautiful poinsettias are available in a variety of colors and sizes. Help support the IHM PTO by decorating your home or office with poinsettia plants. Great for gift giving as well!

All orders must be received **by** Thursday, November 15th. [Poinsettia Order Form](#)

Want to pay online with PayPal? Login to [myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com) or the convenient MSA app and shop our "Store". (if you do not know your login or password, please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com)) NO NEED TO TURN IN A FORM IF YOU PURCHASE ONLINE! If you have any questions, please contact us at [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com).

### **EVENTS**

#### **St. Nick Breakfast!**

Gather your family and friends and join us for Breakfast with St. Nick! Saturday, December 1 from 9:00-11:00am in the Café and Heritage. Full Buffet Breakfast, Photos with St. Nick, and Holiday Crafts. \$5.00 per adult, \$3.00 per child 3-12, free under 3 years. Please register by November 23rd. Just login to [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) or the app and register and pay using PayPal or return the form with cash/check. Click here for [flyer](#).

#### **THE PTO NEEDS YOU**

It takes a lot of volunteers to put on the number of events and activities we do for our students, parents and staff. And YOU, our amazing volunteers, always come through. While it seems like it's a while away, we are looking for people who are interested in key Board Member positions next year. It significantly helps the transition and learning curve to have someone identified early who can shadow as needed. Contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to learn more.

- Secretary – This person works closely with the President and the whole Board, as well as the school office, to communicate the happenings of the PTO.
- Fundraising – We need someone to oversee these efforts. We have great Chairpeople to help with the details.
- Spiritual/Service – This role coordinates with our Chairs on our Spiritual/Service events and bringing this important element to our other activities.
- Volunteer Coordinator – This person is responsible for our Sign Up Genius and helping communicate when and where we need people.
- Jr. High Social – We need someone to oversee and work with our awesome Event Chairpeople on our Jr. High

events.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade **Christ Community groups** on the following dates: November 20, February 19, and April 16th from 1- 2:50 pm. 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 rallies on November 20, February 19th and April 16th the students will be breaking into small groups to further discuss the topic, of which parent volunteers will be needed. If you are available to volunteer for any of the 3 sessions, please click on the following link to volunteer: Thank you!  
[Sign Up Genius - School](#)

**Breakfast with St. Nick** is on Saturday 12/1. **1** more volunteer is needed to help with set up the night before on 11/30 and **5** additional volunteers are needed for assisting during the event on 12/1. This is fun event! Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Service](#) or contact Julia Wallner at [juliamwallner@gmail.com](mailto:juliamwallner@gmail.com) or Lanie Amann at [amann\\_e@westcler.org](mailto:amann_e@westcler.org).

**The Poinsettia Sale** is scheduled for 12/4 and additional volunteers are still needed! Consider helping out if you can! **3** sorting volunteers are needed from 11 am- 1 pm, and **3** volunteers are needed from 4 pm- 7 pm to assist people in picking up poinsettias. Thanks to those that have already signed up to help. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Fundraising](#) or contact Mary Bruggeman at [maryebruggeman@gmail.com](mailto:maryebruggeman@gmail.com).

**The Santa Shop** is coming up and we need more elves to make this a success. We need **6** volunteers on 12/5 for assist with set up starting at 1 pm. On 12/6 and 12/7 there are many volunteer opportunities such as shopping assistants, cashiers, and baggers and wrappers. **3** volunteers are also needed to help with closing the event from 2-5 pm on 12/7. Please sign up to volunteer by clicking on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#) or contact Ashley Rozier at [ashleyrozier@gmail.com](mailto:ashleyrozier@gmail.com) or Terri Hafertepen at [Thafertepen@gmail.com](mailto:Thafertepen@gmail.com).

**Grand Guest Day** will be here soon! **3** set up volunteers are still needed on 12/19 starting at 2 pm! Thank you to those that have volunteered for helping the day of on 12/20, as those spots are all filled! Please contact Ester Tombragel at [estehertombragel@yahoo.com](mailto:estehertombragel@yahoo.com) or Lisa Hawryschuk at [nelson\\_lisa@yahoo.com](mailto:nelson_lisa@yahoo.com) with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Service](#).

**Cafeteria Volunteers** are always needed – whether it's weekly, monthly or just one time, your time is greatly appreciated. It's a great way to interact with the students and see your children and their friends during the school day! Plus, you get a free lunch! Click the link [Sign Up Genius - Cafe](#).

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

11/14 – Math Night  
12/1 – Breakfast with St. Nick  
12/4 – Poinsettia Day Pick Up  
12/6-7 – Santa Shop!  
12/20 – Grand Guest Day

\*\*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.

**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>

### **Shop\$mart**

Snow is coming..... Don't let bad weather keep your car from shining. Purchase Mike's Car Wash gift cards from Shop\$mart. We also carry gas cards like Shell, Speedway, Kroger, Meijer, and Sams' to fill your tanks. Please stop by after any weekend Mass in the Fatima Room at church or at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

\*\*Please see this month's order form and more details inside your Communication Envelope!

### **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)