



IHM School Newsletter February 27th, 2019

Dear Crusader Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful day. It has been so nice to see the sun the last few days.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year for current IHM students should be completed. If you have not already contacted our admissions office about your plans for next school year, please do so ASAP.

I understand that our children are the greatest gifts God gives to each of us and choosing an educational environment is such an important decision. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything about our school, programs or other, please feel free to contact me.

At IHM, we are blessed with the gift of sharing our faith in a rigorous academic atmosphere. We not only strive to meet the needs of our students, but it is important to me that we are meeting the needs of our families as well. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you individually, either in person or via phone. Just let me know.

Looking forward to a successful third trimester.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, February 28th

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| 8:15am | All School Mass – 2B
Church |
| 7:00pm | Exposition of the Eucharist
Church |

Friday, March 1st

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

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| 8:00pm | PTO Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance |
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Cafeteria

Sunday, March 3rd

7:00pm Confirmation Meeting
Heritage Hall

Monday, March 4th

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

Tuesday, March 5th

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, March 6th

Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

8:15am All School Mass – 7R
Church

7:00pm Mass
Church

Thursday, March 7th

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

3:00pm Musical Practice
Heritage Hall

4:30pm Parent /Teacher Conferences
School Campus

Friday, March 8th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

IOWA/CoGAT Testing

Sunday, March 10th

10:45am First Communion Mini Retreat A-K
Cafeteria

1:00pm First Communion Mini Retreat L-M
Cafeteria

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conference time slots are now available.

See the link provided on the OptionC Dashboard to select a time slot.

We ask that all families sign up for only 1 conference per student. If there is a need to meet with more than one teacher, please contact Mrs. Day in the school office so arrangements can be made.

Students in Grades 5-8 should attend conferences with their parents.

Families are also allowed 1 conference per student with a Related Arts Teacher if necessary.

2019-2020 IHM School Registration

Just a reminder that registration forms for the 2019-2020 School Year are now due to the School Office. If you need a copy of your student's registration forms please contact the School Office. Many thanks!

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.

Introducing IHM School Ambassadors

Our IHM families cover more than 10 zip codes and 6 different Ohio school districts. We are blessed to have Crusaders from so many neighborhoods. This year we have established an IHM Ambassador program to help both new and current families. These parents have committed to helping their fellow community members get all the info they need about what's in store for your Crusader next year! Look for a more detailed email explaining the zones and introducing the Ambassadors later this week! In the meantime, we have attached the zone map with our IHM Ambassadors to this Newsletter. If you have any questions concerning our IHM Ambassador program, please contact Mrs. Goshorn in the School Office. #weareIHM

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**

IHM Night at the Cincinnati Cyclones – Order Your Tickets NOW!

Join our IHM Families at IHM Night at the Cincinnati Cyclones on Wednesday, March 13th! Our IHM Children's Choir will sing the National Anthem! Tickets are \$12 each with \$2 from each ticket sold going back to IHM School! A copy of the flyer for the event is available at the bottom of the online newsletter or or you can order tickets online at www.groupmatics.events/Immaculateheart4

**If you order tickets and pay by check please make the check payable to US Bank Arena

IHM Spring Sports Registration

On-line registration for all IHM Boosters Spring 2019 Sports offerings CLOSSES THIS WEEK!

Go to www.ihmboosters.org for Boys & Girls Track and Boys Volleyball. Register before 11:30pm on the deadline date listed for each sport.

The Booster program will be collecting many of the necessary waivers and paperwork online. Please take time to review each item during the registration process for the Spring Sports Season.

Please see the below for the registration details and other information for each sport.

Sport	Grade	Fee	Registration Begins	Registration Deadline
Boys Volleyball	3 rd - 8 th	\$40	1/16/2019	2/9/2019
Boys & Girls Track	K* - 8 th	\$40	1/16/2019	2/28/2019

*The Annual Booster Fee of \$80 per family is waived for Boy's and Girl's Track for grades K-2

Go to www.ihomboosters.org to login and register, and please act now.

Lenten Rice Bowls

Today our students received their CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter the needs of the world with the hope of the Resurrection.

Please consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- * Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- * Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey - and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- * Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

* Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

We will collect CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent. Thank you for sharing in this Lenten program with your family!

Summer Camp Opportunities

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

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

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>

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/>

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

Yankee Candle is Here!

The IHM PTO Yankee Candle sale is going on now [thru March 19th](#). Packets are coming home this week. They make great gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, Birthdays, and Graduation. When you buy from the sale, you get great products that you love, conveniently delivered to you or your friends and family, and it helps the PTO too. It's a win-win! Catalog purchases will be delivered to you before Easter. The online sale will be open thru June 30. When you order online, you can ship to anywhere in the US. Thank you for supporting the PTO. Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and enter our school code 990029627

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 Leslie Fehlinger. Congratulations!

EVENTS & NEWS

PTO Roles and Volunteer Opportunities – Does your family enjoy the PTO events? Do your kids like the events during the school days and class parties? We have some great opportunities for you to be involved in your child's school! And just so you know... when you decide to become involved, you are not alone! We help each other, we work together, we have resources, and we have fun! The PTO has various types of roles and needs various skillsets. Some are bigger time commitments, and some are lesser time commitments. A Response Card was sent home to you last Thursday to make it easy for you to share your interests. If you can't find it, you can access by clicking [PTO Volunteer Response Form](#). Please send it back and let us know!

We are in search of volunteers:

- to fill Board and Chair roles that will be opening next school year,
- who want to learn more about a role and potentially shadow next year for the following year, and
- who don't want a role, but want to volunteer to help at the events.

REGISTER NOW TO GET YOUR PREFERRED TIME! FAMILY OBSTACLE COURSE is Saturday 4/13/19. Fun for kids (5 and over) and adults of all fitness levels. You will not want to miss this! Start times at 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Around 20 obstacles including a brand-new Ninja Warrior Scaffolding unit. Race shirt for all participants. Practice tips and information coming soon. PREFERRED REGISTRATION: ONLINE - Go to myschoolanywhere.com or the app (*All day school families already have an account. If you need your login information, contact ihmpto@gmail.com*) or, return the [FOC Registration Flyer](#) with check via backpack mail to PTO.

Families – kids or adults: \$50 for a team of three, plus \$8.00 per additional family member
Solo – kids or adults: \$22.50 for solo registrations.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 25, 2019 *Questions?* Please email cariemasoner@gmail.com or chstautberg@gmail.com.

You can also volunteer to help at the awesome event [Sign Up Genius - Family](#)

Family Art Night for grades K-6 is coming up on Wednesday March 27th from 6-8pm! Please join us for hands-on art activities that are fun for the family. RSVP by registering on MSA and selecting Sign Ups; or send email to Heather Overbeck at hoverbeck@cinci.rr.com or by completing the [Family Art Night Form](#) and return to school. You must RSVP by 3/6 in order to receive a T-shirt.

ATTENTION: 4th & 5th GRADE PARENTS!!! The Staff Appreciation early dinner before conferences will be hosted by the 4th and 5th grade parents on Thursday, March 7th. We are looking for your favorite appetizers, sandwiches, dips, salads, and desserts. 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 - StaffMarch](#) 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 Flyer](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance - Volunteers are needed to help with the Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance on 3/1. 2 volunteers are still needed to assist with food, 3 are needed to help in the dance area and 4 volunteers are needed to close the event! Please consider helping out with this fun event! Please contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Jr. High](#)

Family Art Night is coming up on 3/27! 4 additional volunteers are needed to help with set up from 4-6 pm and from 6-8 to help with a specific artist group station. This is always a fun night! Please consider helping out! Click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#) or contact Holly Shoemaker at holly.shoemaker@hyperquake.com or Heather Overbeck at hooverbeck@cinci.rr.com with any questions!

The Family Obstacle Course is scheduled for 4/13! Lots of volunteers are needed to help with this awesome event! 3volunteers are needed to assist with set up from 6-8:15, 19 volunteers are needed to help with the first shift from 8:15-11:30, 19 volunteers are needed to help with the second shift from 11:15-2:30 and 3 volunteers are needed to assist with closing the event from 2:30-4:30. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Family](#) or contact cariemasoner@gmail.com or chstautberg@gmail.com with any questions!

Cafeteria Help - Just a reminder that volunteers are always needed to assist in the cafeteria during lunch time! Please consider helping out! It's an easy way to help out and fun to interact with the students. Whether you are able to sign up weekly, once a month or every once in awhile, your help is needed and appreciated! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Cafeteria](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- 3/1 - Jr. High Mardi Gras Dance
- 3/1 - Yankee Candle Sale
- 3/7 - Staff Appreciation Dinner - 4th & 5th grade
- 3/11 - PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Room
- 3/27 - Box Top Contest
- 3/27 - Family Art Night
- 3/27 - Everybody Counts
- 4/13 - Family Obstacle Course

**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

Exposition of the Eucharist

Exposition will take place in the church on Thursday, February 28th at 7pm. This prayer service will include praise music, silence and communal prayer. Please plan to join us!

From the Mountains to the Sea Showcase Luncheon

Come join us for the From the Mountains to the Sea Showcase Luncheon benefiting IHM's twinning communities, Our Lady of the Mountains in Stanton KY and The Cultural Center of Batahola in Nicaragua. Ticket prices are \$20 per person to enjoy a delicious lunch featuring cuisine from both communities. Luncheon guests will also have the opportunity to browse artwork and crafts from both regions.

The luncheon will be held at 12 noon on Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd. This year's Raffle will include one week's stay at a rustic cabin in Frenchburg, KY. One raffle ticket is \$25 or 5 for \$100. For reservations, contact Maggie Rosch at margaret.rosch@gmail.com or 513 232 4051.

To register for the luncheon via credit card, visit www.ihom.org, look for Giving Opportunities. Luncheon reservations and raffle tickets may be purchased at From the Mountains to the Sea section and donations via Twinning Parish Donations section. Raffle tickets are not tax deductible. You can also drop off the completed form below at the IHM Welcome Center.

This is an excellent way to support our twinning parishes. We look forward to seeing you and making the lives of the people from OLM and The Cultural Center better. If you have questions please contact Maggie Rosch at margaret.rosch@gmail.com or 513 232 4051

Shop\$mart

Getting ready for vacation? Shop\$mart can special order gifts cards for your travel and destination enjoyment. Check out the list on Shopwithscript.com. You will find it at the bottom of the screen "Retailer List". It also gives you the percentage of profit we can make for our school.

Shopping for clothes for yourself or the family? Places like Old Navy, Gap, J.Crew, and Children's Place give us some fantastic discounts from 8 - 15%.

Going to Disney? Purchase Disney gift cards for the kids and we get a 3% rebate.

Have a pet? Petco and PetSmart give us 5%. Buy Topgolf gift cards and we get 8%!

Although we do not carry some of the cards on a regular basis like Taco Bell (5%), Long John Silver (8%), Michaels (4%), or Jo-Ann Fabric (6%), we can still get these for you within a week! Orders that are placed by Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. can be in the church office by Tuesday or Wednesday.

Please let the Shop\$mart volunteers know if they can be of service to you. They are in the Fatima Room after all weekend masses or in the church office during regular business hours. You can also send your requests to school in your child's Communication Envelope.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

There are 4 new Small Faith Sharing Groups being offered during Lent.

1. **Starting Tuesday, February 5th from 7:30pm-9:45pm- *Cultivating Nonviolence: Harvesting Peace: A Faith Journey*.** This JustFaith series contains 8 sessions, concluding March 26th. It will be held in West Heritage and facilitated by Debbie and Jerry Metz and Jack Newfield. Please contact them at newfield6@fuse.net or debbie.metz@zoomtown.com to register or for any questions.
2. **Starting Wednesday, March 6 at 10:45am-11:30am -*A Consecration to Divine Mercy*** meets for 6 sessions concluding April 10. This group will meet in the Blessed Mother Room in the Welcome Center and will be facilitated by Joann Armstrong at jmarmstrong2@outlook.com. This series is based on 33 Days to Merciful Love and will prepare us for celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday.
3. **Starting Wednesday, March 6 from 7:30pm-9pm, Rudy and Christine Noble will facilitate a book discussion on the book given away at Christmas, Edward Sri's *Into His Likeness*** in the Blessed Mother Room in the Welcome Center. Please contact Rudy.noble@gmail.com for any questions.
4. **Starting Thursday, March 7 from 12:30pm-2pm, Debbie Tepe will facilitate *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*.** This 6 session program focuses on Jesus' passion, the final 18 hours on Earth before His death on the cross. This will be held in the St. Matthew Room. Babysitting is available. Contact tepe.d@ihomschool.org for any questions.