



## **IHM School Newsletter December 19, 2018**

**\*\*PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR SPECIAL GRAND GUEST DAY INFORMATION!\*\***

**\*\*NO COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE WENT HOME TODAY. FEMALE STUDENTS ONLY RECEIVED A FLYER REGARDING FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE\*\***

Good Afternoon IHM Families,

We are all anxiously awaiting the birth of our Lord Jesus. I can feel God's love throughout our entire IHM community as we prepare for Jesus' birth. We have so much to celebrate! After Mass on Tuesday, I spoke to the students about making time for prayer with Jesus over the Christmas break. Prayer is the best gift we can give to Him and spending time with God brings us to a closer relationship with Him.

Thank you to all of our families who sent a Christmas card to an elderly person in our IHM community. I continue to hear words of appreciation from those in the community who receive the cards. These cards truly mean so much to those who receive them. Thank you for participating.

Tomorrow is Grand Guest Day! We are looking forward to sharing our school with the loved ones of our students. If you have a family member or friend visiting, please share the information that was sent out earlier today. We will welcome all Grand Guests into the school through Heritage Hall.

All students will be dismissed at noon. On Friday, we will begin our Christmas Break. During these days, my prayer is that you all find peace and happiness with family and friends. I look forward to seeing all of the students back to school on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

May God bless you and your family as we prepare for the birth of His son, Jesus.

Mrs. Devine

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

#### **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

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| 7:30am | PTO Cookie Exchange and Staff Purse<br>Heritage Hall |
| 1:30pm | Nativity Play – School Performance<br>Church         |
| 6:00pm | Nativity Play – Evening Performance<br>Church        |

Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00am      **GRAND GUEST DAY**  
School Campus

12:00pm     **IHM SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Christmas Break Begins

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> through  
Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

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Christmas Break

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **GRAND GUEST DAY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

**We are excited to welcome all our guests tomorrow morning!**

**\*\*Please note the following:**

**\*Heritage Doors will open for our Guests at 8:15am. The front entrance will be busy in the morning with our normal drop off procedures so please inform Guests to go directly to Heritage Hall beginning at 8:15am.**

**\*Guests will go to the Registration Table and look for the letter that corresponds with the student's last name. Example: Go to A-M for last name Goshorn.**

**\*There will be regularly scheduled Mass at 8:15am tomorrow. You are welcome to attend!  
If not attending Mass please do not enter the body of the church to get seats for the Nativity Play until Mass has concluded. Thank You!**

**\*There are 2 photo stations set up for your Grand Guest Day photos! You can find one backdrop area by the Mary Statue just beyond the 4-6 Hallway Doors AND near the Music Room. Don't forget to use the hashtag #weareIHM when posting your photos!**

**\*IHM School will close at 12pm tomorrow! No Busing or After Care. All students are CAR RIDERS!\*\***

### **AFTER CARE ANNOUNCEMENT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**After Care will close at 5:30pm TODAY, Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Nativity Play this evening.**

**After Care will be CLOSED TOMORROW Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. School will close at 12pm tomorrow.**

### **Child Care for Upcoming Christmas Events**

IHM School will provide Child Care on a first come, first served basis for the evening Band/Choir Concert, Preschool Christmas Concert and the Nativity Play. See the link [HERE](#) to sign up!

**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**

**\*\*We have created an Open House Event on Facebook. Please share the link on your own Facebook page to help us spread the word – You Belong Here!**

### **Nativity Play Information**

A flyer regarding this special evening is at the bottom of the online Newsletter version on school website. If you have any questions please contact your student's homeroom teacher.

**\*\*Please Note** –Please avoid the pews reserved for students and staff. We kindly ask that the Grand Guest Performance on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is for Grand Guests ONLY.

### **Open House Signs**

Our 2019 Open House Yard Signs are HERE! Please stop by the School Lobby and pick one up. This helps advertise our School but also shows your neighbors your pride in IHM! We hope you will join us in spreading the word and telling others **YOU BELONG HERE!**

### **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**

### **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 Alex Rice. Congratulations!

## **EVENTS**

**SKATING PARTY** – School's Out, Let's Skate! The PTO will be hosting a school-wide Skating Party on Thursday, January 3, 2019 from 6:30-8:30. PTO will provide rink admission and skate rental to all students in K-8. Parent volunteers will be on-site, so you may drop your kids off or feel free to stay and mingle with other parents. The concession stand will be available for the purchase of drinks and food items. Please go to "Sign Ups" on [www.myschoolanywhere.com](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com) or app and agree to the permission form or complete the attached [permission form](#) and return to "IHM PTO" via school mail. In the spirit of service to those less fortunate, we will be accepting

donations of baby food for *FRANCISCAN DAUGHTERS OF MARY, ROSE GARDEN HOME MISSION*. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Contact Penni Yanness ( [yannessasquad@gmail.com](mailto:yannessasquad@gmail.com) ) or Tracey Barszczewski ( [tbarszczewski@outlook.com](mailto:tbarszczewski@outlook.com) ) with questions. Please see [Skating Party Flyer](#) and [Permission Form](#) for more details.

### **Father Daughter Dance**

Join us for an evening in **Candy Land**....Saturday, January 19 at 7:00pm, at IHM.

Fathers and daughters will enjoy a night of Dancing, Desserts, Candy Treats, a life size Candy Land Game as well as Crafts.

We will have a special acknowledgement for our 8th Graders and a special welcome for our Kindergartners. Registration will be open online through MySchoolAnywhere (preferred) or you can register by returning the [Father Daughter Dance Flyer](#) with payment. Please email Julia Wallner- [juliamwallner@gmail.com](mailto:juliamwallner@gmail.com) or Kelly Pleiman- [kbeischel@yahoo.com](mailto:kbeischel@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Staff Appreciation Lunch** – We need your help with volunteers during the All Staff Lunch on Wednesday, January 30 from 10:50am – 12:00pm. Two parents will be supervising each class from 11:00-12:00 while the entire IHM staff eats lunch together. The parents will report to the homeroom classroom at 10:50am and get instructions on what to do with the students and where you will be supervising them (e.g. in the homeroom classroom, a Specials classroom, lunch, recess, etc.). If you would like to do this, please Sign Up at [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#) or if you prefer, you can help in the lunch with set up, serving or clean up which are also on the Sign Up link. Care child will be provided during this event; link will be provided closer to event.

**Our IHM Parents "Man the Car Drop off Line"** - We are planning to give the staff a break from the cold and parents will "man the car drop off line" on Monday January 28th through Friday, February 1st. Stop by on your way to work or bring your kids to drop off and stay to help for a few minutes from 7:40am-8:00am. This is a great "short time commitment" volunteer opportunity, especially for moms and dads who work outside the home but can spare a few minutes in the morning. If able to help, please sign up at [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#)

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteers are needed to help chaperone the **Christmas Break Roller Skating Party** on 1/3 at Beechmont Rollerena! Come join the fun as the kids blow off some steam! 9 additional volunteers are needed to help! Please contact Tracey Barszczewski at [tbarszczewski@outlook.com](mailto:tbarszczewski@outlook.com) or Penni Yanness at [yannessasquad@gmail.com](mailto:yannessasquad@gmail.com) or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#)

**The Father Daughter Dance** will be here before we know it on 1/19! 2 volunteers are needed to help with set up and 11 additional volunteers are still needed to help during the dance and 3 additional volunteers are needed to help close the event! This is a fun event to volunteer for! Please contact Kelly Pleiman at [kbeischel@yahoo.com](mailto:kbeischel@yahoo.com) or Julia Wallner at [juliamwallner@gmail.com](mailto:juliamwallner@gmail.com) with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#)

**The IHM Open House** is coming up on 1/27 and is in need of volunteers to make this a great success! 7 volunteers are still needed during the 11:30- 1:30 shift and 12 volunteers are still needed during the 1:30-3:30 shift to help during the event! Please contact Kanessa Kramer at [kanessa.Kramer@cbts.net](mailto:kanessa.Kramer@cbts.net) with any questions or click on the following link with any questions: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b49a4a923a0fa7-open1>

**Science Day** is scheduled for 1/28 and is in need of just 2 volunteers to help make this a great event! 1 volunteer is needed to assist with stations in the morning shift from 8-11 and 1 volunteer is needed to help where needed from 12:20-3 pm. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers well! Please contact Diana Loebker at [diana.araiza@live.com](mailto:diana.araiza@live.com) or Leslie Fehlinger at [lfehlinger@zoomtown.com](mailto:lfehlinger@zoomtown.com) with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#)

### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

12/19 – Staff Appreciation Cookie Exchange  
12/20 – Grand Guest Day  
1/3 – IHM Skating Party  
1/14 – PTO Meeting, 7pm St. Matthews Rm  
1/19 – Father Daughter Dance  
1/27 – IHM Open House  
1/28 – Science Day  
1/29 – Career 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**

### **LoveEd Program at IHM**

We know how challenging it is to be a parent today. But you are not alone! The parish would like to help with LoveEd, a new program that will give you the confidence, the tools, and the time to teach the meaning of life along with the facts of life.

First, parents of children ages 2-14 gather, in a video and discussion format, on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in Heritage Hall. This will help you talk to your young people about the beauty and the purpose of their sexuality. You will get knowledge and support to discuss what is often (but doesn't have to be!) an uncomfortable topic!

In the 2nd session for children grades 4-6, Moms and their daughters (in Heritage), or Father's and their sons (in St. Matthews Room) watch short video segments and follow discussion questions with their children on Wednesday, January 23 from 6:30pm-8:30pm to provide information on sexuality and the physical changes that will happen to their bodies during puberty.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> session for children in grades 7-8, Moms and their daughters (in Heritage), or Father's and their sons (in St. Matthews Room) watch short video segments and follow discussion questions with their children on Wednesday, January 30 from 6:30pm-8:30pm to provide information on the physical development of a baby during pregnancy. This assists parents—the primary educators—to guide and inform their children accurately, fully and lovingly.

Each seminar has an accompanying guide for use in the parish program for \$26.

There is also an optional Parent Guide that lists church teachings and examples of things to say to children at different ages. This resource is also \$26.

Please register before December 30th for this event by going to <https://ihom.weshareonline.org/>  
Scholarships are available.

### **Shop\$mart**

Only a few days left to get that Christmas shopping done! The Perfect Gift or Stocking Stuffer Gift Card is waiting for your pick up! Shop Shop\$mart for IHM after weekend masses in the Fatima Room or the Parish Office during business hours. The Parish website has a complete list of gift cards we have available!