



IHM School Newsletter **September 12, 2018**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

This year we have introduced new related arts opportunities for our students. In addition to Latin, Gym, Music, Band and Art, students in grades 6-8 were given the option of the following classes:

3D Printing

Students will learn how to use the TinkerCad 3D printing software and printers. They will identify real-world problems, create a solution on TinkerCad and 3D print their prototype.

Debate/Speech, Psychology, Improv/Drama

Students will participate in a trimester of each topic. Debate will take real world situations and teach students how to sufficiently debate both sides of a situation. Psychology will take a look at how the brain functions. Through experiments and historical examples, this class will analyze the psychology of the human mind. Improv is a fun way to work on social skills and be comfortable in any situation. Through games and activities, we will test our minds and wit to be better prepared for anything that comes our way.

Intro to Journalism: School Newspaper and Broadcast

Students will maintain the school newspaper, The Crusader Chronical, by learning to use basic interviewing skills, editing and publishing techniques, and multimedia formats. They will have the opportunity to revise their own writing and their peers' writing. Students will also receive a variety of news articles to read so they can learn journalistic writing through modeling and exemplification. By reading sample articles through a critical lens, students will have the opportunity to see biases in the article, give opinions and feedback on pieces read, and purpose ways to improve these sample texts.

Introduction to Robotics with LEGO MindStorms Robots

Introduce students to the basic concepts of robotics, software design, and programming, using LEGO MindStorms robots. Will include introduction and use of simple input devices (e.g., sensors) and output devices (e.g., motors) to detect and manipulate the robot's environment.

Mechanical Drafting and Optics

Students will be given the opportunity to use basic drafting kits e.g., t-squares, triangles, stencils. Optics will focus on a science/engineering discovery of optical phenomena. We will utilize the Education Council of The Optical Society (OSA) discovery kits to introduce students to modern Optical Science and Engineering. The class will be adapted and differentiated for the students in middle school.

Students in grades 3-5 were introduced to a new Microsoft Office course. This class will focus on learning to use the Microsoft Office Suite successfully. Students will work with Word, Excel, Power Point and OneNote. Our goal is for students to be fully proficient with these applications by 6th grade when the 1:1 tablet program begins.

Again, we offer our continued thanks to each of our families for entrusting us with your children. It is our pleasure to partner with you to ensure success.

Blessings,
Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday, September 13th

8:15am All School Mass – 1D
Church

Friday, September 14th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

Star Lab – Jr. High
Heritage Hall

Sunday, September 16th

Food From the Heart Collection
Church

7:00pm Confirmation Parent Retreat
Church

Tuesday, September 18th

6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, September 19th

PTO Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Heritage Hall

Thursday, September 20th

8:15am All School Mass – 5R
Church

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Cafeteria

**** Any family wishing to apply for the school's free and reduced lunch program, please go to**

https://www.ihomschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=240102&type=d&pREC_ID=1212459

to see if you qualify. All pages in the packet should be completed and sent into school **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28th**. Any family that received assistance through the free and reduced lunch program last year must re-submit forms again for this year to be considered. Anyone with questions regarding the program should contact Mrs. Devine.

SLUSHIE SCHEDULE

Kinder - Monday

1st- Monday

2nd- Tuesday

3rd- Monday

4th- Wednesday

5th- Tuesday

6th, 7th, 8th - Thursday

Fall Fundraiser Magazine Site Issue

We have heard from a parent that they are having difficulties with the magazine website freezing up when using Internet explorer. We contacted the magazine company and here is what they said:

"Internet Explorer is not a good browser to use with our website. Our features are advanced and IE has not continued to update their program to keep up with the advances in website technology. There is nothing we can do (short of lowering our security levels, which we cannot do) that will make IE compatible with our website.

We are recommending that customers use another browser, preferably Google Chrome when they place their orders on a PC."

Please let us know if you are having issues. You can always turn in paper orders.

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!

Ms. Nicole Hardin – 5th Grade

Ms. Hardin is excited to begin her teaching career at IHM School and to lead the 5th Grade students in their Math and Social Studies Classes. In her spare time, Ms. Hardin enjoys running and traveling. She is starting a Girls Running Club here at IHM this year!

St. Ursula News

All 5th thru 8th Grade Girls are invited to SUA on September 20th at 6:30pm for Grade School Volleyball Night.

Students and Coaches in Spirit Wear are admitted free of charge. Visit www.saintursulaevents.com/volleyball-night to register.

Shadow Days for 8th Grade Girls run September 5th thru December 7th. Coffee and Conversation for Parents will be September 19th from 8:15am until 10am. Register for events at www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx

The Seam Team – A New Club at IHM!

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. Check the school newsletter for information and sign-ups for the next month's project. Contact Mrs. Flynn Flynn.k@ihomschool.org for any questions.

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

Xavier Reading Program

Schools across Cincinnati are participating in Xavier University's reading program, designed to encourage a love of reading in students across the Greater Cincinnati area! Last year, hundreds of IHM students in grades 1-8 chose to read books for prizes and deepened their love of literacy in the process, and we are so excited to be offering our 1st-8th grade students this opportunity (and option) once again! Beginning the week of September 4th, students can log each book that they read online and earn prizes along the way! The school with the most participants will win the grand prize! Visit goxavier.com/readingprogram to log books! Password, username, and prize information can be found on the bookmark which will be sent home Wednesday, September 5, 2018, with students in grades 1-8. The program ends December 19, 2018, and prizes will be delivered to IHM in January! Feel free to email your child's ELA teacher or Jessica Woebkenberg at woebkenberg.j@ihomschool.org with any questions.

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](#).

Mother and Son Crusader Challenge

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge is Sunday, October 14th at Revolution Fitness! This is sure to be a great time for all the moms and sons of all ages! Mother-son teams will show off their teamwork and spirit through 5 activity stations. Pick from 2 waves – 12:30-3:00 or 3:30-6:00. Register early as each wave is limited to 150 participants. See the [Mother and Son Flyer](#) for all the details. Registration is open! It's so easy to do online– just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](#) or use the convenient app (contact ihmpto@gmail.com if you need your log in information). Or you can return the flyer and waiver with cash/check. Please contact Leslie Jelinek at lgbodie@yahoo.com or Kim Colyer at colyerkim@gmail.com with any questions.

Jr. High Fall Party is Coming! Let's get ready to play volleyball and hang out with friends! Mark your calendars for the Junior High Fall Party on **Friday, October 12th** at Setters Sand Volleyball Club from 3:30-5:30. Please see the attached [Jr High Sand VB Flyer](#) for details. Register by October 5th. It's so easy to do online– just log in to [myschoolanywhere.com](#) or use the convenient app (contact ihmpto@gmail.com or text Tracey at 203-767-9199 if you need your log in information). Or you can return the flyer and permission form with cash/check. Pizza, drinks, snack, desserts and unlimited volleyball are provided. Contact Kanessa Kramer kanessa.kramer@gmail.com or Kristin Lowe kristin.dragon@cbre.com for more information.

My School Anywhere (MSA) – The response to our MySchoolAnywhere online service has been overwhelming. Thank you! It's secure and easy to use on the website or convenient mobile app.

- If you have not yet logged on to your account yet, check it out! You should have received an email at your Option C "Family Email" address from ihmpto@gmail.com with your log in instructions. Please make sure to check your junk/spam folder. If you did not receive, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com. We can tell you what email address the log in email went to and add more email addresses if you want.
- Only the "Family Email" address and one phone number were uploaded into MSA from Option C. By default, the "Family Email" and phone number are associated with the MOTHER in households with 2 parents. We recognize that this email and phone may not be the Mother's for all families. Please help us by reviewing your data in this initial implementation and making sure it is listed for the correct person. You can change the name on the email to be the other parent and add email addresses or phone numbers. Please feel free to do so BY 9/30/18.
- The Directory is not yet visible, but it will be very soon. If you have not returned your form to the school office indicating what information can and cannot be shared in the directory, please do so now. For your convenience, all directory information will be available online anytime you need it through MSA's website and app. You can print the directory if needed, however, please consider your needs before you print. Thank you!
- If you have any questions about information included in MSA or with printing needs, feel free to contact ihmpto@gmail.com. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we bring you this exciting new technology!

PTO DUES

PTO Membership Dues are due by Wednesday, **September 19th**. The membership dues cover your child(ren)'s classroom party fee, the IHM PTO online Directory which includes addresses, phone numbers, and emails of the IHM school families, and other social and academic events for your children. We appreciate your support! Easy to Pay your Dues! You can pay your PTO membership dues of \$25 per family online after you log in to My School Anywhere (MSA) or send a check/cash to IHM PTO via backpack mail (please include your name and your child(ren)'s names with the payment).

ATTENTION 2nd and 6th GRADE PARENTS!

The Staff Appreciation Lunch hosted by the 2nd and 6th grade parents will be Wednesday, September 19. We are looking for donations of your favorite potluck dishes and desserts! Does everyone love your lasagna? Do you make amazing green bean casserole? We especially need entrées and side dishes. Want to help but cannot on that day? No worries, we also have a convenient cash donation option and we will buy and make the items. Please click the link at [Sign Up Genius - Staff Sept](#) to Sign Up! We already have plenty of volunteers signed up to help with set up and clean up. Thank you! The teachers and staff look forward to these events and truly appreciate all your support and hard work. For more information, click the link [Staff Appreciation Flyer 2nd & 6th Grades](#).

FUNDRAISING

Fall Fundraiser~

Tomorrow is the last day for the Bonus Turn-in Day for the Fall Fundraiser prizes! All paper order forms along with any direct donations must be turned in to school by 3pm tomorrow. All online donations and magazine orders must be submitted by 11:59pm Thursday to count towards Bonus prizes!

Don't forget the **"Win-it" Wednesday Giveaway!** This year, we have a new added incentive for the Fall Fundraiser direct donation option! For each individual \$100 direct donation to the Fall Fundraiser, the donor will receive one raffle entry into the Wednesday Giveaway!

A \$50 raffle winner will be drawn every Wednesday starting October 3rd, 2018 through May 29, 2019. Plus, there will be a bonus drawing for \$250 on December 21, 2018!

The winning entry will be returned to the pot each week for more chances to win!

That gives you 35 chances to win! You could win over and over!

1. Donations can be made with a check payable to the IHM PTO and returned in your donation envelope.
2. Online with apmags.com (magazine storefront), click **SHOP** and enter our school code **W07627** and enter student name. Bottom left click "Online Donation" Give this website and code to your friends and family so they can enter too!
3. Online with MSA by logging into your myschoolanywhere.com account.

This is not cumulative, each person that donates \$100 will receive 1 entry to the raffle.

The direct donations still count toward prizes and out of uniform passes for the students!

The out of uniform pass for the week is \$150 for the family. That also gives you 1 entry into the weekly drawing. If you add another \$50 direct donation for a total of a \$200 donation, that would give your family a 1 week out of uniform pass plus 2 entries! It also counts towards points for the prizes on the prize sheet!

Once the donor name has been entered into the raffle giveaway, you will receive an email confirming it.

If you have any questions please contact Angel at francoange23@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Jr. High Parents are needed to chaperone the **Jr. High Sand Volleyball Party!** It is scheduled for 10/12 from 3:30-5:30 at Setters! 15 parent volunteers are needed to help with this event, so please consider joining in on the fun! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Jr High](#) or contact Kanessa Kramer at kanessa.Kramer@cbs.com or Kristin Lowe at kristin.dragon@cbre.com.

The Mother/ Son Crusader Challenge is scheduled for 10/14 at Revolution Fitness in Newtown and is in need of volunteers to help make this a successful event! Help is needed with registrations, activity stations and to assist with fueling stations! Please consider volunteering for this very fun and enjoyable event! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign Up Genius - Social](#) or contact Leslie Jelinek at lgbodie@yahoo.com or Kim Colyer at colyerkim@gmail.com.

The **Fall Book Fair** is coming up and is in need of more volunteers! Set up for the event is scheduled on 9/30 and the fair will run from 10/1- 10/4. Please consider taking a shift if you are able to! It's fun to interact with the classes and to help the students pick out their books! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Book](#) or contact Sarah Georgin with any questions!

Help is always needed in the **Cafeteria!** Please consider helping out- whether it's once a week, once a month or just here and there. Any and all help is needed and appreciated. Not to mention- it's super easy and fun to see your kids and their friends together and to interact with staff. Thanks to those who have already signed up! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Cafe](#).

Volunteers are still greatly needed to help with the **Christ Community** program. The Christ Community dates are on Tuesdays this year from 1:30-2:45. The dates are 9/25, 10/23, 11/20, 1/22, 2/19, 3/26, 4/16, and 5/14. Please volunteer to be with your K- 5th graders, as 6-8th is having an outside group come in to run their sessions. They are planning to have some guest speakers throughout the year, student's favorite- Bible Bingo, videos, travel passport, prayer time, end of the year concert, etc. Please consider volunteering for this very worthwhile program! To volunteer please click on the following link: [Sign UP Genius - School](#) and please contact Marge English at english.m@ihomschool.org with any questions.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

9/13 – Deadline for FF Bonus Prizes
9/19 – PTO Dues – last day to submit
9/19 – Staff Appreciation – 2nd & 6th Grades
9/30 – Last day to make changes to MSA information
10/12 – Jr High Sand Volleyball Party
10/14 – Mother Son Crusader Challenge

**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**1% Challenge – Have you signed up yet?**

Don't forget to sign up for the IHM 1% Challenge to spend 1% of your day (15 mins.) in prayer. See the link below!
https://www.church.ihom.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=537699&type=d&pREC_ID=1499638