



## **IHM School Newsletter January 9, 2019**

Good Afternoon IHM Families,

Welcome back! It is so nice to have our school full of the smiling faces of our students! The faculty and staff are looking forward to a successful 2019!

Open House Season is upon us! We are asking you to partner with us to promote our wonderful school community. Today you will receive a flyer regarding our Open House opportunities for January, including grade-level highlights and a 2018/2019 Fact Sheet. Please use this flyer for talking points with family and friends who may be interested in our school this fall or in the future. You may also learn a few things that are in store for your own Crusader!

January 27<sup>th</sup> is an important day for our IHM School, as we look forward to sharing the many opportunities we offer to our students to prospective families. If you are a current family that would like to be a part of our Open House on the 27<sup>th</sup> and help us promote our school, please let me know. We welcome our current families to attend the Open House Evenings next Monday and Wednesday to learn more about the future of your child's educational journey. These Evening Open House events are also open to prospective families so bring a friend! Next Wednesday we will have a postcard for you to share with someone you would like to invite to come to our Open House and see why they belong here!

You will also see information included in this week's newsletter concerning the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Tuition Assistance fund, One Faith, One Hope, One Love (1F1H1L) Campaign. The application for this tuition assistance is due no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please see the newsletter or school website for more information and a link to apply. If you plan on applying for the Archdiocese Tuition Assistance or for Tuition Assistance through Immaculate Heart of Mary, you will need to complete this FACTS application. Registration information for the 2019/2020 school year will be available in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued faith and support in all that we do here at IHM School. Please join me in praying for the continued success of our school community.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

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

**Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 5S  
Church

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

Star Lab – Grades 7 & 8  
Heritage Hall

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

10:45am First Communion Parent Retreat  
Heritage Hall

11:30am Grade 4 Student Ministry Mass  
& 6:00pm Church

**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm Grades K-5 Open House  
School Campus

7:00pm IHM PTO Board Meeting  
St. Matthew's Room – Parish Center

**Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm Reconciliation  
Lourdes Room – Church

**Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm Grades 6-8 Open House  
School Campus

6:30pm LoveEd Parent Meeting  
Heritage Hall

**Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 4L  
Church

6:30pm First Communion Parent Retreat  
Heritage Hall

**Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00pm PTO Father/Daughter Dance  
School Campus

Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

Food from the Heart Collection  
Church

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Archdiocese of Cincinnati Tuition Assistance**

One aspect of the One Faith, One Hope, One Love (1F1H1L) campaign started several years ago was to address the need of tuition assistance to families who otherwise might not be able to send their children to a Catholic school. The assistance is based on family need and the maximum amount offered is \$1,000.00 per student. **To apply for the tuition assistance offered through the 1F1H1L fund, please apply here no later than January 31, 2019:**

<https://factsmgt.com/parents>

1. Scroll down until you see "Apply for Financial Aid with Facts Grant & Aid Assessment" and click "Apply Now"
2. Click either "Sign In" if you currently have a Facts account or "New User" – follow the prompts on each page.

### **Emergency Communication Information Sheet**

Winter is upon us! The 2018/2019 Emergency Communication Information Sheet is always available at the bottom of the online Newsletter found on the school website. Please keep this information on hand for any school delay or closing information. Please make sure your information is current with OptionC and your notification options are correct (email, phone, text).

### **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!**

**\*\*When we asked our families to share our billboard ad over break on Facebook we were able to reach over 3800 PEOPLE ON FACEBOOK! THANK YOU for your support of our awesome school and our upcoming Open House events! Keep it up!**

### **IHM Winter Gala**

**Don't miss out! Gala Tickets are still available but spots are filling up fast!**

This is Immaculate Heart of Mary's 11th annual Winter Gala and we cannot wait to celebrate with you. Help us *Ignite the Night* and celebrate this huge accomplishment as we enjoy a night of music, food and drinks among friends.

You'll have a chance to bid for amazing items and packages in mobile-friendly silent along with live auctions. All proceeds benefit the youth of IHM, fostering in them the faith, values and morals that we all want for our children..

Don't let the flame die out—get your tickets before they sell out!

Click for Tickets: <https://ihom.ejoinme.org/IGNITE>

### **Who benefits from the funds raised at the Winter Gala?**

***The funds raised by the Gala are used to support the youth of IHM!***

***IHM Day school, PRP, and Youth Group benefit***

- 50% of Gala funds go to grade school youth who are financially disadvantaged to help with tuition assistance so they can attend IHM school.
- The remaining 50% of funds support our youth group initiatives and the parish religious program (PRP).

Interested in going to the Gala but worried you won't know anyone? Don't worry, there are many other families that feel the same way. This is a great way to get to know other parents in your grade. We arrange for grade level parents to sit together if another group is not specified.

Feel free to reach out to our Gala team with any questions at [IHMGALA@ihom.org](mailto:IHMGALA@ihom.org).

### **Makerspace Cardboard Collection Grade Winner – EVERYONE!!**

Thank you to all our students and their families for your cardboard contributions for our Makerspace Lab. The donations were over-flowing our bins! We could not pick just one grade as the winner...so **ALL GRADES K-8 will receive SPIRIT WEAR DAYS EVERY FRIDAY IN JANUARY!** Thank you for your support of our IHM School Community!

### **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>

### **Visitor Badges – Do you have one??**

We are missing quite a few of our Visitor Badges from the Christmas Class Party Season. If you happen to have one please return it to the School Office thru your student or drop off to Mrs. Day. Many thanks!

### **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**

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.

### **\$250 BONUS Giveaway**

On the last day of school before break, our BONUS winner was drawn. We are excited to announce the Win-It Wednesday **BONUS \$250 Giveaway** winner is Kelly Radke!

### **\$50 Win-It Wednesday Giveaway**

And the winner of our \$50 Wednesday Giveaway this week is Lisa Nickerson. Congratulations!

## **EVENTS & NEWS**

**Father Daughter Dance** - Join us for an evening in **Candy Land**....Saturday, January 19 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm, at IHM.

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

Corsages will be available for this dance from Mt. Washington Florist on Eight Mile Road with 2 roses for \$18 and with 2 carnations for \$15. Please mention the dance when you order.

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](#)

**My School Anywhere** - MSA has been received with glowing reviews. Parents can pay for PTO events and items, sign up for events, and access popular school links like the cafeteria menu anytime on MSAs website or app. Parents who have paid PTO dues can access the parent and student directory and have phone numbers and email addresses at their fingertips. Did you know you can just click on the person's info to place a call or send an email? It is so convenient. And it's also important to make sure your own contact information is accurate. (Directory information is subject to privacy requests.) All IHM day-school families have a MSA account. If you do not know your login information, please contact [ihmpto@gmail.com](mailto:ihmpto@gmail.com) to receive your information and start using it today!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**The Father Daughter Dance** is coming up quickly on 1/19! 2 volunteers are needed to help with set up and 10 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 scheduled for 1/27 and is in need of volunteers to make this a great success! 8 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: [Sign Up Genius - Open House](#)

**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 [fehlinger@zoomtown.com](mailto:fehlinger@zoomtown.com) with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#)

**Christ Community** - Volunteers are needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Christ Community groups on the following dates: 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. If you are available to volunteer for any of the 3 sessions, please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - School Volunteer](#)

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

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  
1/30 – Staff Appreciation Lunch

\*\*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****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](mailto:margaret.rosch@gmail.com) or 513 232 4051.

To register for the luncheon via credit card, visit [www.ihom.org](http://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](mailto:margaret.rosch@gmail.com) or 513 232 4051

**\*\*Please read these short stories and testimonials to learn more about our twinning communities, Our Lady of the Mountains and The Cultural Center of Batahola:**

*Over 25 years ago Ann and her family moved to Stanton, Kentucky when her husband was transferred from Eastern to Western Kentucky, two parts of Kentucky with very different cultures. Ann was Catholic and wanted a Church for Sunday Mass and religion instruction for her children. Each week she traveled mountain roads to Irvine, Ky., the location of the closest Catholic Church. In winter there were times the hilly, curvy roads were snow covered or icy. She decided Stanton needed to have its own Catholic Church. Thus, Ann began writing letters, first to the Bishop in Covington and later to the Bishop in Lexington, when it was made their new diocese. Letter after letter was written, giving the Bishops reasons to consider a church for Stanton. The letters paid off and Stanton got its Church - first in the office of Ann's husband's business and then later the log cabin Church, where they worship in today. One woman's determination made the difference and so today we have our twinning parish of Our Lady of the Mountains.*

***A Testimonial from Cony Melendez***

*The Center has been so important in my life. My first experience was with Sr. Margie and her women's group and that changed my life. Sr. Margie believed in me and encouraged me in a way that I had never experienced before. One of my biggest achievements in life was being able to finish my primary school education as a grown woman. I never had a chance to study as a girl. I have now also studied cooking, sewing, and baking so that I could open my home to college students who were studying in Managua. The Center has been such a blessing for our community, and I often think about how many neighborhoods would love to have a similar resource. I am glad to say that education and growth continue to be part of my life and I owe that to the work of CCBN.*

**Married Couples Dinner**

**Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 6pm-9pm**

**Remember When You First Met?**

Treat your spouse to a special Married Couples Valentine Dinner!

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6pm in Heritage Hall followed by dinner at 7pm.

Deacon Russ and Missy Feldkamp will speak at 8pm.

The cost is \$50 a couple or \$25 for first time couples.

Share a Valentine's experience that will strengthen your marriage and your family. Enjoy!

To register, please go to <https://ihom.weshareonline.org> or contact the Formation Office at 513-388-4093

**Shop\$mart**

Did you have a New Year's Resolution to be more charitable? IHM Shop\$mart has an easy way to achieve this!

Purchase gift cards for any purchases for groceries, home improvement projects and more! Stop by the Parish Office or after church on Sunday.