



IHM School Newsletter **January 16, 2019**

Good Afternoon IHM Families,

I hope everyone is staying warm this week. I have been reminding the students to be sure to wear their hats, coats and gloves to school and to make sure they are wearing them home each day.

On Monday, we welcomed families interested in grades K-5 during our Evening Open House. Tonight, we invite current and new families who are interested in learning more about grades 6-8 to visit the classrooms between 5:30-7:00pm.

Our school Open House will take place Sunday, January 27th from 12:30-3:00. In this week's Wednesday envelope, we included a postcard for you to share with anyone you think might be interested in attending our school. Please invite your friends and family to come and see all that our school has to offer.

#weareIHM If you utilize social media, please consider sharing what you love about IHM and using our hashtag. Share some of your family's personal experiences or your child/ren's successes. Our current families are the best marketers of our school. I appreciate all you do to positively promote our school.

If you live on a busy street, please consider placing an IHM street sign at your home or in your neighborhood. We have these available in the front lobby of the school.

As we look towards the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we have many activities planned. I have included a CSW schedule in today's Communication Envelope. One important aspect of Catholic Schools Week is our stewardship projects. This year we will once again be collecting socks and soup for our twinning parish. We are asking the students to earn the money on their own to buy the socks and soup to donate. We ask that you **DO NOT** take socks out of the original packaging. It is very hard to decipher what sizes the socks are once they are removed from the packaging. If you have more than one student, it is okay to send in a pack per family.

Thank you for all you do to make IHM School a truly amazing community.

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Wednesday, January 16th

- 5:30pm Grades 6-8 Open House
School Campus
- 6:30pm LoveEd Parent Meeting
Heritage Hall

Thursday, January 17th

- 8:15am All School Mass – 4L
Church
- 6:30pm First Communion Parent Retreat
Heritage Hall

Friday, January 18th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

Saturday, January 19th

- 7:00pm PTO Father/Daughter Dance
School Campus

Sunday, January 20th

Food from the Heart Collection
Church

Monday, January 21st

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 22nd

- 1:00pm Christ Communities
School Campus
- 6:30pm Reconciliation
Lourdes Room – Church

Wednesday, January 23rd

- 6:30pm LoveEd Parent/Child Meeting Grades 4-6
Heritage Hall

Thursday, January 24th

- 8:15am All School Mass – 1C
Church

Friday, January 25th

SPIRIT WEAR DAY

Saturday, January 26th

IHM Winter Gala

Sunday, January 27th

**12:30pm Open House
 School Campus**

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://factsmgmt.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.

Catholic Schools Week

CSW is just around the corner! This fun filled week is always one of the highlights of the year for our students. Please see the schedule of events in this week's Communication Envelope.

****PLEASE NOTE:** We will have a special All School Mass on Thursday, January 31st where we will have a special blessing for all our volunteers that help our school community. We will have reserved seating at Mass and will serve coffee and donuts to our special guests in the Gathering Space after Mass. We hope to see you there!

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!**

High School Information

Course Fair at West Clermont HS on January 24th
Main St. (main lobby) 6-7 PM
8th grade parent transition meeting at WCHS Auditorium, 7-8 PM

IHM Jr. High Information Night

IHM School will once again host a Jr. High Information Night for any parents, current or prospective, interested in learning more about our 7th & 8th Grade curriculum on Tuesday, February 5th at 7pm in the Junior High Science Lab. IHM Jr. High Faculty will discuss their individual subjects and answer any questions regarding our High School Prep Program. We hope you will join us!

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.

IHM Spring Sports Registration

On-line registration for all IHM Boosters Spring 2019 Sports offerings will be open TODAY, January 16 at www.ihomboosters.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	1/16/2018	2/9/2018
Boys & Girls Track	K* - 8 th	\$40	1/16/2018	2/28/2018

*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.

Magnified Giving Fundraiser

Our 8th Grade is once again participating in Magnified Giving, a student philanthropy program which encourages them to research and evaluate social issues and the non-profits who serve our community. After much work, we have established this year's winner as Fernside, which is an amazing organization that meets right here on campus and has even served some of our own students. The organization aims to help children and teens as they work through the grieving process after the loss of a loved one. They especially work with children who have suffered the loss of a parent.

Through Magnified Giving, IHM will donate \$1,000 to Fernside. We also have the opportunity to raise our own funds to add to the Magnified Giving grant. The students have designed a fundraiser in which all students will have the

opportunity to purchase a ticket (\$1 a ticket) for the chance to get to spin the grade level Wheel of Wow at the Teachers vs. 8th Grade Volleyball Game during CSW to determine the grade level prize. If the school raises enough money (\$500) there will be a second chance to spin the School Wheel of Wow for a schoolwide prize. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser!

Mark Your Calendar – Internet Safety Presentation for Parents

Stephen Smith from A Wired Family will return to IHM School again to educate our students and parents on how to keep our children safe and responsible when using technology. Stephen Smith is a wealth of information and always provides the most up to date information on apps that are attracting school age children. We encourage you to attend this evening presentation on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall.

Open House Signs – Please pick one up!

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

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 Alice McHugh. Congratulations!

EVENTS & NEWS

Father Daughter Dance – Reminder that An Evening in Candy Land is Saturday, January 19 from 7:00 – 9:30 pm, at IHM. If you want a corsage for your lovely date, they are 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. See [Father Daughter Dance Flyer](#). Please email Julia Wallner- juliamwallner@gmail.com or Kelly Pleiman- kbeischel@yahoo.com with any questions.

Catholic Schools Week – CSW is coming up soon. The PTO plans lots of events for the students and staff to celebrate this week. Some of the activities include:

- Man the Car Line
- Sundae Monday
- Science Day
- Career Day
- All Staff Lunch with parents supervising classes
- "Make Your Own Trail Mix" Buffet for Staff
- And More!

Please check out the open volunteer opportunities below and help if you can.

SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY OBSTACLE COURSE RACE – SAVE 4/13/19. Fun for kids (5 and over) and adults of all fitness levels. Wait until you see the race course! You will not want to miss this!

Mardi Gras Jr. High Dance - Friday, March 1 from 8-10:30pm in the IHM cafeteria. DJ • Dancing • Pizza • Snacks. Cost is \$7. RSVP by February 22 through the MSA app or www.myschoolanywhere.com to pay with PayPal/Credit Card (preferred). (All families have an MSA account, please do not create a new one. If you do not know your login, please contact ihmpto@gmail.com.) Or pay by check by returning this [Mardi Gras Jr High Dance Flyer](#) to IHM PTO (checks made out to IHM PTO). Contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com with questions.

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 2 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 or Julia Wallner at 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! 4 volunteers are still needed during the 11:30- 1:30 shift and 8 volunteers are still needed during the 1:30-3:30 shift to help during the event! Thank you to those volunteers who have already signed up to help! Please contact Mary Bruggeman at maryebruggeman@gmail.com with any questions or click on the following link with any questions: [Sign Up Genius - Open House](#)

8th Grade Activities Volunteers:

8th grade parent volunteers are needed to assist with 8th grade end of the year activities. Your help in the following areas: Memory Video, Memory Book and Graduation Dance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jamie McCaughey at jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com or click [Sign Up Genius/Social – 8th Grade Activities](#) to sign up! A meeting will be scheduled for the first week of February.

Catholic Schools Week - There are several different opportunities to show the staff your appreciation during Catholic School week, which is the week of January 28th to February 1st!

"Man the Car Line" in the morning from 7:40-8 to help give the staff a break from the cold. Stop by on your way to work or bring your kids to drop off and stay to help for a few minutes. This is a great "short time commitment" volunteer opportunity.

All Staff Lunch - help set up, serve and clean up the school wide staff lunch on January 30th. 2 volunteers are needed during the 9:30-11:30 slot and 4 volunteers are needed during the 11:30- 1 slot.

Staff Luncheon Supervisors for Classes - Two parents will supervise each class while the teachers and staff enjoy a lunch together. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#) or contact Jen Runte at jenruntel@gmail.com or Leslie Fehlinger at lfehlinger@zoomtown.com.

Science Day is scheduled for 1/28 and is in need of just 1 more volunteer to help where needed during the afternoon

slot from 12:20-3 pm. Please contact Diana Loebker at diana.araiza@live.com or Leslie Fehlinger at lfehlinger@zoomtown.com with any questions or click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Academic](#)

Christ Communities - 15 volunteers are needed to lead small groups in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Christ Community groups on February 19th from 1- 2:50 pm. Please consider volunteering! 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 February 19th, and the next one scheduled for 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](#)

School Cafeteria Volunteers - 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 - Cafe](#)

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
1/28 - Sundae Monday
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 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

****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:**

Some of you may have helped at the Thanksgiving Dinner Our Lady of the Mountains serves on the second Saturday of November or you may have heard others speak of it. Our Lady of the Mountains cooks a Thanksgiving Dinner for all Senior Citizens in Powell County, KY. The day before the dinner the turkeys are cooked in kitchens by Sandy,

Marge, Eileen, Ann, Joan, Bea, Bernadette and others. Set up and other tasks are assigned to Gary, Gene, Bob and helpers. Pounds and pounds of potatoes are peeled, stuffing gets made and green beans cooked. Pumpkin pies fill a large table. The seniors anticipate the dinner for weeks. They come and meet friends and often sit at the same table year after year. As the guests arrive, John starts playing and singing country music, the food is served by IHM members, happily eaten by the guests, and door prizes are passed out. The room is filled with smiles, laughter and singing. The people come for a meal and they receive so much more. They feel God's love through the members of OLM and IHM. Our twinning relationship is at work and all the things we do to support it here at IHM help to make it happen.

A Testimonial from Santos Guzman

The truth is that I first came to the Center out of necessity. I didn't finish my schooling when I was a child, so as an adult I started the CCBN Adult Basic Education classes. I studied all three levels over three years and finished high school. A job became available at the Center as a security guard. I was hired in 2004. After working there I took on the care of the grounds and gardening as well. I particularly like the various workshops offered by the Center on gender and masculinity and other subjects. This has had an effect on my personal life and my working relationships.

Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting at Comboni

Sat Feb 16, 2019 – Sun Feb 24, 2019

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) is a group of churches, who take turns hosting homeless families who are part of the network. Families sleep and eat breakfast and dinner at the host churches for a period of one week before moving on to another host congregation. During the day, children go to school. Adults go to work or search for work or housing with the assistance of IHN staff. Each host congregation is responsible for providing meals, evening activities, and sleeping accommodations for the guests. All of this work is done by volunteers from the host parishes. IHM will be participating in hosting families Feb 16-24 at Comboni, 1318 Nagel Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45255. Various volunteer spots are available on the sign up link, <http://signup.com/go/SHRdhfR>.

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.