



## **IHM School Newsletter January 23, 2019**

Dear IHM Crusaders,

Our entire school community is looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week. On Sunday, we will begin this week-long celebration with Open House. This will take place from 12:30pm-3:00pm. I ask that you take time in the next few days to reach out to all family and friends who might be interested in sending their child to our school. Our current families are our best advertisement. Immaculate Heart of Mary School has countless opportunities for our students. I can say this earnestly, as a principal and as a parent. My oldest two children have found great success in high school and I owe this to the faculty and staff at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. My youngest will graduate IHM at the end of this year and I can honestly say I could not have wished anything different for his elementary experience. IHM has given them all the foundation they need to be successful in high school, college and future endeavors. I truly hope you feel the same. Please share your positive experiences with those you know and give us the opportunity to enrich their minds and nurture their hearts.

I am asking that all IHM students attend Mass this weekend wearing their school uniform or IHM Spirit Wear. Please try to arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass begins, as all IHM students are asked to stand in the Gathering Space in the church and welcome all Mass attendees. This is such a nice gesture to our parishioners who support our school. All students who attend Mass and help to greet parishioners will receive an Out of Uniform Pass for helping in this way.

Thank you for working with our community to make IHM the best place to be!

Blessings,

Mrs. Devine

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

#### **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

#### **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:15am All School Mass – 1C  
Church

#### **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**SPIRIT WEAR DAY**

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

IHM Winter Gala

**Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:00pm        Confirmation Meeting  
Heritage Hall

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Pajama Day**

PTO Science Day

PTO Sundae Monday

7:00pm        Education Commission  
School Library

**Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Tie Dye Shirt with OOU Bottoms**

Career Day

Student Ambassadors attend CSW Mass at the Cathedral

6:30pm        Reconciliation  
Lourdes Room - Church

**Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Jersey Day with OOU Bottoms**

Jr. High Band at McNick High School

11:00am       PTO All Staff Luncheon  
Heritage Hall

6:30pm        LoveEd Parent/Child Meeting – Grades 6-8  
Heritage Hall

**Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Spirit Wear Day with Uniform Bottoms**

8:15am        All School Mass – 1W  
Church

**Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – Tacky Day**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students vs. Staff Volleyball Game

## **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.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

CSW is **NEXT WEEK!** This fun filled week is always one of the highlights of the year for our students. A copy of the week's events is available at the bottom of the online Newsletter at the School website. **REMEMBER!! On the days where Out of Uniform bottoms are allowed:**

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS:

- Clothing should not be ripped, torn or inappropriate for school.
- Graphics must be school appropriate. (The administration will determine if a graphic is inappropriate and must be changed.)
- Heels may be no more than 2" high (permitted in grades 5-8 only)
- When leggings or tight fitting pants are worn, shorts, skirts, or a dress must also be worn
- **Clothing length must extend below the fingertips when arms are fully extended at student's side.**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** We will have a special All School Mass on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **Computer Programming Club**

There are a few spots remaining for the Spring Computer Programming Club. First come, first served basis! See the flyer in the Communication Envelope today.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

The Aubrey Rose Foundation Scholarship Applications for private high school students are due this Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Visit [aubreyrose.org](http://aubreyrose.org)

**\*\*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.

### **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 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade curriculum on **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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 THIS SATURDAY! 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).

### **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](http://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.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Registration Begins</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>
Boys Volleyball	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$40	1/16/2018	2/9/2018
Boys & Girls Track	K* - 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall.

### **Open House Signs – Please pick one up!**

Our 2019 Open House Yard Signs are HERE and Open House is THIS SUNDAY! 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!**

### **St. X Bomber Band Workshop**

Young men interested in St. X Band are invited to the Bomber Workshop on Friday, January 25 beginning at 5 p.m. Students will report to St. Xavier High School and gather in the band room for a rehearsal with the basketball band. Dinner will be provided as well as admission to the St. X versus Moeller basketball game that evening. The tip-off for the game is 7:30 p.m. and the game should be over around 9 p.m. Please contact Dr. Jody Besse, director of bands, at [jbesse@stxavier.org](mailto:jbesse@stxavier.org) or 513.761.7815 ext 510 or Mrs. Beverly Watanabe, band liaison, at [bwatanabe@stxavier.org](mailto:bwatanabe@stxavier.org) or 513.761.7815 ext 283 if you would like to attend the event on Friday night.

### **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 Michelle Savage. Congratulations!

## EVENTS & NEWS

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jamiemccaughey@hotmail.com) with questions.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**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** - Additional volunteers are still needed to help "man the car line" in the morning from 7:40-8 during the week of January 28th to February 1st. Lets 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. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#) or contact Jen Runte at [jenruntel@gmail.com](mailto:jenruntel@gmail.com) or Leslie Fehlinger at [lfehlinger@zoomtown.com](mailto:lfehlinger@zoomtown.com).

**All Staff Luncheon** - Please consider volunteering to 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. Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#) or contact Jen Runte at [jenruntel@gmail.com](mailto:jenruntel@gmail.com) or Leslie Fehlinger at [lfehlinger@zoomtown.com](mailto:lfehlinger@zoomtown.com).

**Homeroom Supervisors** - Many homerooms are still in need of volunteers to help supervise a homeroom on January 30th from 10:50-12. Two parents will supervise each class while the teachers and staff enjoy a lunch together. Please consider volunteering to help! Please click on the following link to volunteer: [Sign Up Genius - Staff](#) or contact Jen Runte at [jenruntel@gmail.com](mailto:jenruntel@gmail.com) or Leslie Fehlinger at [lfehlinger@zoomtown.com](mailto: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](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](#)

**Christ Community** - 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](#)

**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:**

1/27 - 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](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:**

*Some of you reading this may have at one time gone to a small church where you knew everyone, very different from IHM. Our Lady of the Mountains is one of those small Churches, about 35 families. Even though it is small in number they make a huge difference in Powell County, Kentucky.*

*Knocks on their door come from hungry people seeking food. Sandy, Bernadette and others help Sister Mary Jane fill bags of food from their small pantry to be ready when the knocks come.*

*Fires, floods, children growing and other life changes bring the need for clothing or household items. People without resources shop with OLM members' help in the out building behind the Church.*

*New socks and underwear are given to all children living in poverty and attending Powell County Elementary Schools before they go back to school. OLM members feel it is a basic need often overlooked.*

*The highlight of the year for area senior citizens is the Thanksgiving Dinner served each year by OLM members.*



As Christmas comes the fixings of Christmas Dinner and gifts for children and seniors are distributed to those needing help.

Thirty Five families couldn't do this alone. You and many others here at IHM join with OLM to make this all possible through our twinning relationship.

*A Testimonial from Janet Baez*

*I heard about the Project Education scholarship program and applied right away. I didn't have the economic means to study otherwise. The first course that I took was sewing, then beauty salon, then baking classes. One of the things that I liked most about being a scholarship student was the opportunity to do social service and volunteer work. I have led the tutoring and homework groups for young children. I also enjoyed the workshops offered by CCBN. I used to suffer from very low self-esteem, but today I am a woman of great dignity. I am proud that my children study at CCBN in a safe and positive space. I finished my studies at CCBN after six years.*

### **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.

### **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](mailto:newfield6@fuse.net) or [debbie.metz@zoomtown.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tepe.d@ihomschool.org) for any questions.