

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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**Щасливого нового року! Happy New Year!!**



## Pylypivka - Advent 2011

Thank you to all who participated in our Pylypivka (Advent) activities. There was a beautiful prayer service organized by grades 5,6,7, and 8 during this pre-Christmas season. There was very enthusiastic Christmas performers sharing their musical talents in the front foyer. There were well over 100 Mary's Angels sold and \$180.00 raised for the Marion Hour Rosary Program. As a Christian Service project, there was mounds of food collected and donated to the Welcome Home!

## IHMS Students Share Their Talent

Congratulations to all the students on their exceptional performance at this year's St. Nicholas Program held on December 6. The students also did a phenomenal job at the two Christmas Concerts ... Grades K-3 "Christmas Special Delivery", and the grades 4-8, "The Miraculous Christmas Wish Radio Show". Compliments to the staff for doing such a great job in preparing the shows, and as well, to the parents who worked on costumes, props and gymnasium set-up. A big bouquet to Mrs. Stanowych for coordinating and directing the St. Nicholas program and both Christmas Concerts.

## Sometimes We Don't Realize the Impact We Have ...

"I'll never forget my days at Immaculate Heart. I'm now in the Faculty of Education and want to become a drama teacher. It's the concerts we performed at IHMS that have given me life long memories ... the Christmas Concerts and then the Ukrainian Concerts in the spring. I remember actually getting the opportunity to write part of the script for a concert along with some of my classmates! It's those experiences that have inspired me to want to become a drama teacher. I want to give the students that I teach one day, the same opportunity I had."



Reanna Korade - 2001 IHMS Alumna

## IHMS New Website!

A New Year ... a new website!! In early January IHMS will be launching a new website. Some of the new features on the website will include:

- an on-line calendar of school events.
- special 'quick reference' section on the homepage of important upcoming school events
- a link to the 'Move the Spirit' school relocation initiative with current updates



## Staffing Update

- Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Mrs. Cambly (Grade 1 Teacher) who will be going on maternity leave at the end of January. The school is currently in the process of hiring a teacher to instruct Grade 1 for the remainder of the school year.
- Mr. Dram (Science and Computer Teacher) will be returning from a leave on January 23. Thank you to Mr. Crooks for instructing the science and technology classes during Mr. Dram's absence.

## Christmas Break

The last day of classes prior to the Christmas Break is Thursday, December 22. Dismissal will be at the regular time. Classes resume on Monday, January 9, 2012. Sadochok (nursery) resumes classes on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

## IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERT DVD ORDER FORM

On December 20 and 21, 2011 Immaculate Heart of Mary School performed their Annual Christmas Concerts. This year's Christmas Concerts were professionally filmed by Impact Studios. Impact Studios produces a professionally filmed / edited and packaged DVD to capture those special moments of a lifetime. Great close ups, crisp wide angle shots, and clear audio all make for a precious keepsake for your family and children to have, and reminisce over, for years to come!!



The DVD's will be sold by Immaculate Heart of Mary School on a break even premise. Each DVD will be sold for \$28.00 (tax included). Understanding that relatives may not be able to attend this joyous event, families may wish to purchase copies for others to enjoy.

Ordering the DVD(s):

- Orders can be placed by completing the below order form and returning it to the school office.
- Orders will be taken up to January 20, 2012.

Dubbing (copying) of these DVD's infringes on the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Incorporated copyrights and is therefore illegal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ x I.H.M. School, 2011 Kdg. - Grade 3 Christmas Concert DVD @ \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
"Christmas Special Delivery"

\_\_\_ x I.H.M. School, 2011 Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert DVD @ \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
"The Miraculous Christmas Wish Radio Show"

Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to: Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

*Thank you for your order.*

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## Re-registration for the 2012 - 2013

Re-registration forms for next school year will be sent home on Wednesday, January 11. The deadline for re-registration will be Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Families with a child registering for Kindergarten or Sadochok in the fall of 2011 should pick up a Registration Form from the office.

The registration / tuition fee structure for the 2012 - 2013 school year is:

Registration Fee:	\$100.00 / child
Tuition Fee: Sadochok:	\$850.00
Kindergarten:	\$850.00
Grades 1-8:	\$1,550.00 for the first child \$1,250.00 for the second child \$950.00 for each child after the 2nd



## Charitable Receipts for Tuition

Charitable receipts may be issued for a portion of the Kindergarten to Grade 8 tuition fees that are in excess of the pro-rated "cost per child" calculation. These receipts would be issued in late February. Sadochok fees are considered childcare and are therefore not eligible for a charitable receipt. Before and After School Program Fees are also considered a child care expense and not eligible for a charitable receipt.

## IHMS Parents' Guild

The next IHMS Parents' Guild meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 P.M.. A major topic of discussion will be planning the Annual School Tea. A child care service is provided free of charge for the Parents' Guild meetings.

## Fall Term Library Golf Results

The Grade 1 class were the winners of the first round of Library Golf! They were the best class with bringing back their books on time. The Grade 1's earned a pizza lunch for their diligence and efforts. Another round of Library Golf will start in January. Remember to mark your child's library days on your school calendar to remind yourself to bring the books back to the library.

## I.H.M.S. Spelling Bee

The sixth annual I.H.M.S. Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 17. The top three spellers from each of the grades 4-8 will compete to be the top speller at IHMS! The winner will have the opportunity to represent IHMS at the provincial level of the Winnipeg Free Press Spelling Bee.



## Koubassa & Cheese Sale



Thank you to everyone that was able to order koubassa and cheese as part of the Parents' Guild fund raiser. There was a profit of \$695.90 raised by koubassa sales, and a profit of \$528.00 raised by cheese sales. That's \$1223.90 in total profit!! Proceeds from this fund raiser will go towards school projects/activities that the Parents' Guild sponsors.

## Basketball Action at IHMS

The basketball season is getting underway for our interscholastic teams. This season there will be 2 boys' teams and 1 girls team. Thank you Mr. Dean Tokariwski (parent volunteer) for coaching the Girls Team, Mr. Richard Arndt (parent volunteer) for coaching the Boys Developmental Team, and to Mr. Dedio for coaching the Boys Competitive Team. Check the monthly calendar for dates of home games in the IHMS gymnasium.



## Catholic High Schools' Open House Schedule

- St. Boniface Diocesan High School:  
7:30 P.M., February 15, 2012  
www.sbdhs.net
- St. Mary's Academy:  
7:00 P.M., January 26, 2012  
www.stmarysacademy.mb.ca
- St. Maurice School:  
7:00 P.M., February 16, 2012  
www.stmaurice.mb.ca
- St. Paul's High School:  
7:00 P.M., January 17, 2012  
www.stpauls.mb.ca

## Cheers to Our Volunteers!



- ... Barbara Pawlyshyn for organizing our Koubassa and Cheese Fundraiser .... and Jane McCarvill for assisting with distribution.
- ... Joann Miian for assisting with the Staff Christmas lunch (the lunch was compliments of the Parents' Guild).
- ... Brad Woodard, Mykola Demkowicz, Remi Zbaraszewski, Trevor Sturgess, Jan Tkaczyk, Russell Wood, Duncan Wood and Ivan Fil for setting up the bleachers for the Christmas Concerts.
- ... Remi Zbaraszewski, Jason Brennan, Kevin Dedio and Ivan Fil for taking down the bleachers after the Christmas Concerts.
- all the parents that assisted with Christmas Concert costume preparations at home, and those that came to school to assist with costume prep.
- ... Barb Pichlyk, Diane Harik, Candace Skromeda and Sandra Copp for assisting with the St. Nicholas treat bag preparations.
- ... thank you to the Parents' Guild for providing Christmas treat bags for our neighbours.
- ... the Uniform Shop Executive: Sheila Kolsun, Tammi Shymko, Maryann Lee and Julie Skromeda



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## Fund Raising Raffle



Thank you to all the IHMS families that were able to sell or purchase tickets for the IHMS Fund Raising Raffle held on December 1. This is the first time the school has had the Raffle as an event by itself. Of the 500 tickets printed, there were 470 sold! Great job! At the Raffle the first ticket drawn was worth \$200.00 Every 25th ticket drawn was worth \$200.00. The final ticket drawn was worth \$3000.00. Congratulations to the following winners who were recipients of a \$200 cash prize: Peter Klimchak, Ted & Phyllis Schwaluke, Cindy Dolenuck, Amanpreet Sandhu, Claudia Derzko, Greg & Dallis Hafichuk, Jewar Family, Chris & Val Sitar, Linda & Bill Skromeda, Dan Mitchler, S. Duplak, Trevor McGinn, Knights of Columbus - St. Anne Council, Immaculate Conception Church, John Solomon & Peter Muzyka, UCWLC of St. Basil, Cathy Jacobson, Leslie Stewart, Dave Milian.

The last ticket out of the raffle drum won \$3000.00! Congratulations to St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church. All of the proceeds from the Raffle will go towards the educational programs offered at Immaculate Heart ... and ultimately to the children who benefit from them. Thank you to the following businesses for their support:

- BDR Services (Skromeda Family) for the donation of stanchions rental
- Floral Elements (Woloshyn Family) for the donation of the beautiful centre pieces
- Quintex (Roger Loewen) for the donation of table linens

Congratulations to the Fund Raising Raffle Committee for a very successful event: Randy Skromeda, Dave Skromeda, Iryna Deneka, Chris Woloshyn, Ivan Baniias, Deacon Victor Humniski, Glenn Solar, Larry Kimacovich, Mildred Baraniuk, Eugene, Baraniuk, Tom Bodie, Sr. Anne Pidskalny, Rod Picklyk

## Grades 7 & 8 Winter Camp



As part of their outdoor education curriculum, the Grades 7 & 8 students will experience winter camp at Camp Arnes. The students will be departing on Tuesday, January 18 and will be returning on Friday, January 20. A parent information meeting was held on Monday, November 28 and a booklet of information was distributed. For families that were not in attendance the information was sent home on Tuesday, November 29 with the students. The consent / medical forms are due back to school on Wednesday, December 7. The payment of \$180 for camp is due January 12.

## Backwards and Inside Out Day!!!

On Tuesday, January 31 students are encouraged to come to school, dressed in attire that is backwards and inside out!! Thank you to the Student Council for their creative dress up day ideas!

## IHMS Uniform Policy Notice

It has become quite noticeable some students are coming to school wearing clothing that is not part of the IHMS Uniform. All articles of clothing outlined in the School Handbook must be purchased through the school Uniform Shop. Items can be purchased new, or there are used uniforms for sale at a reduced price. The purpose of the policy is to maintain our school identity and assist in creating an atmosphere of equality amongst our student body. The Uniform should also be worn in a clean and tidy manner. Cardigans with tattered sleeves and missing buttons, as well as pants un-hemmed, should be mended. The next day the IHMS Uniform Shop is open will be 3:00 - 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 11, 2012. There are some used uniforms in stock that are in excellent condition, at a fraction of the price of a new uniform.

## Christmas Carolling

A treasured Ukrainian tradition ... Christmas carolling after the Feast of the Nativity ... proclaiming the birth of Jesus!! The Grade 6 class will be going on a carolling tour to share the good news. More detailed information is forthcoming.



## Safety Patrols Jamboree

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the School Safety Patrol program in Manitoba. That's why CAA Manitoba, Manitoba Public Insurance, Winnipeg Police Service and the Winnipeg Free Press are hosting a Safety Patrol Celebration on January 25. The IHMS Grade 6 Safety Patrols will be participating in the grand event at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.



## A Telephone-a-Thon!!

The excitement around the new school project continues to build!! The generosity of community leaders, business owners and school alumni around Manitoba, and throughout Canada, has been very encouraging. What they are saying is they want to be part of our future and want to support the school financially!

In the coming weeks, we hope to get every family in the school involved in the capital campaign as well. Near the end of January a telephone-a-thon is being organized. Families can look forward to a personal phone call from one of our fund raising team to:

- 1) answer any questions about the capital campaign, and as well,
- 2) ask families to be a part of this effort to keep Ukrainian Catholic education alive and well in Manitoba.

When we announced the capital campaign in the spring of 2011 it was indicated the goal was to build the new school in 2013. We continue to work towards that goal. We look forward to providing a community update on the fund raising efforts at the Fund Raising Dinner in March.

## Community Events - Youth Winter Games



Bowling on Saturday, January 28, 2012  
Rossmere Bowling Lanes  
1042 Henderson Highway  
Pre-registration 3:30 P.M.  
Bowling starts at 4:00 P.M.  
No Cost  
Ages 5-16 ... bring a friend!  
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\* Basketball on Saturday, February 14, 2012  
IHM School, 650 Flora Avenue  
\* Indoor Soccer / Hockey, February 25, 2012  
IHM School, 650 Flora Avenue  
\* Mini Olympics date and venue to be determined  
\* Ball Hockey (outdoors), March 24, 2012  
St. Nicholas Parish  
\* Awards Wind-up, April 28, 2012  
St. Basil Parish





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## Annual Tea Information

The IHMS Annual School Tea is quickly approaching - Sunday, February 5, 2012. Please circle the date, keep the weekend open, come out and help us by bringing your family and friends to enjoy a cup of tea together. The School Tea is one of our largest fundraisers. Every department of the Tea is always looking for different ways of increasing revenue and cutting expenses.

### Sponsorship:

- Please contact us if you know of anyone who can sponsor any of our expenses ... Food for \$850.00, Tea Decorations for \$200.00, Advertising for \$150.00 or Flowers for \$300.00.

### Food donations:

- Please let us know if you know of anyone who can contribute the following food items: ham, turkey, salmon, cream cheese, Velveeta cheese, margarine, bread, mayonnaise, eggs, pickles, olives.
- Please remember to bake a little extra at Christmas and keep a portion for the Tea.
- If you have suggestions about who we can approach, regarding food donations please call Violet at 586-5282.

### Volunteering:

- We need your helping hands. Volunteer information was sent home in mid December. Volunteer shifts will be confirmed shortly

### Advertising:

- The posters advertising the Annual Tea will be available after Christmas from the school office. Please assist us by picking one up and posting it in a prominent, high traffic area.

### Raffles:

- During this festive season, while spending time with family and friends, don't forget to sell your Tea Raffle Tickets and invite them to our Tea. Let's sell every ticket! The prizes are fabulous!
- Don't forget the Basket Raffle! With your generosity the baskets get bigger and bigger while the room gets busier and busier!

### Boutique Display

- Please don't forget our Boutique Display Room - we are always looking for display ideas and themes, to enhance our Boutique Display. If you have a suggestion let us know.

We have a huge job in front of us and we can do it as long as we all work together. Most importantly, remind your friends and family to come and join us on our special day - Sunday, February 5, 2012. Till then, let us be thankful for all that we have in our lives - especially our children.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lydia Kandia - Tea Convenor & Violet Newediuk-Fosty - Tea Convenor

## ANNUAL TEA - MAIN RAFFLE

Immaculate Heart of Mary School Parents' Guild, Tea Raffle Booklets were sent home on December 19. As indicated in the Fund Raising section of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Handbook...one of the fund raising events is the Annual Tea, Main Raffle.



Each ticket is \$1.00. There are 20 tickets in each book. Each family is responsible for selling a minimum of 3 books of tickets at a value of \$60.00. (This obligation to sell tickets does not include families that have paid the \$350.00 non-volunteer fee.) Please keep the books of tickets stapled (do not separate them). Additional books of tickets are available through the school office. There are some generous sellers prizes for families that sell their books of tickets!

The deadline to get your family entered into the Early Bird Seller's Draw is 3:00PM, Tuesday, January 10. The Early Bird Seller's Draw will be held on Friday, January 13, 2012. The Final Sellers Draw deadline is 3:00PM, January 20, 2012. All ticket stubs must be in by this date. Sellers names that are entered in the Early Bird Draw will be eligible for the Final Draw too. Therefore the more ticket stubs you return by the deadlines, the greater your chances will be of winning a prize. Cheques are to be made payable to I.H.M.S. Parents' Guild. We are very thankful for the generous donations and for the support from all the IHMS families and friends.

Barb Pichlyk, Main Raffle Coordinator  
Leslie Stewart, Main Raffle Coordinator

## BASKET RAFFLES for ANNUAL TEA & FUND RAISING DINNER

The Basket Raffle Committees are planning and gathering prizes for these two very successful annual fundraisers. It is because of your valued support each year that we are able to put together some very impressive prize baskets!! OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO RECEIVE A PRIZE ITEM FROM EACH AND EVERY FAMILY AT IHMS TO MAKE OUR BASKETS BETTER THEN EVER!!! Remember...no item is too big or too small. We are looking for items for men, women, children and teens. We also accept coupons, gift certificates, and cash. You can make a personal family donation, or if you work for a business that is able to donate, we can provide you with a letter. These letters are available in the school office. Please tag donated items with your family name and clearly label them as BASKET RAFFLE. They can be left at the school office anytime now. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the raffle co-ordinators.



We look forward to your participation!!  
Shelley Karpa (654-0560) – Tea Raffle  
Julie Skromeda (338-0987) – Tea Raffle

## Blessing Holy Water

On January 6th (Gregorian Calendar) Ukrainian Catholics celebrate the baptism of our Lord. This celebration is also called the Festival of Epiphany. A prayer service will be held to bless the Holy Water on Friday, January 13, beginning at 9:00 A.M. in the school gymnasium. All parents and families are encouraged to join us for the prayer service. Following the blessing of the water, Father Isidore, our School Chaplain, and a choir of students will visit and bless each of the rooms in the school. Students are welcome to take Holy Water home. They should bring to school a container that has a tight seal.

