

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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## Spring Portrait Photo Day



The school photos taken in the fall are of the students in their school uniform. For the spring photos the students are encouraged to dress casual and even bring props depicting a hobby of theirs. The spring portraits will be taken on Wednesday, April 11. In the past, students have brought anything from sports equipment to musical instruments. Every student in the school will have their photo taken. The purchase of these pictures is optional.

## Koubassa & Cheese Orders

The Parents' Guild is organizing a spring time koubassa and cheese fund raiser. The order forms for koubassa and cheese are attached to this Newsletter. The orders are due back at the school on Tuesday, April 10. The orders will be distributed the week of April 30.

## School Uniform Information

Did you know ... you can extend the life of your school cardigan by following some basic care instructions:

- turn sweater inside out before washing
- wash separately on delicate cycle
- lay flat to dry

Did you know ... the Uniform Shop offers a selection of slightly used uniforms at a reduced price. The next time you're at the Shop check out the used uniform racks for some great deals on uniform apparel that is in excellent condition.

Did you know ... the Uniform Shop is operated by a group of parent volunteers. They put in many hours behind the scenes to ensure the Uniform Shop runs smoothly .... as a service for our school families.



## Banking Terminal in the IHMS Office!

The school recently installed an electronic banking terminal in the front office. Families can now make school payments using their debit card. In the near future the school will also be able to receive payments via credit cards.

## Calendar Planning

- The first day of classes after the Spring Break is April 2, 2012.
- There are no classes on Good Friday, April 6, 2012.
- There are no classes on Easter Monday, April 9, 2012.
- The last day of classes prior to Summer Break is June 28, 2012.
- The first day of classes after the Summer Break is Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012.
- The last day of classes prior to the 2012 - 2013 Christmas Break will be December 21, and classes will resume on January 7, 2013.
- There are no classes on Catholic Schools Day, February 15, 2013.
- There are no classes on Louis Riel Day, February 18, 2013.
- Spring Break in 2013 will be from March 25-29 (inclusive).
- Good Friday falls during Spring Break on March 29, 2013.
- There are no classes on Easter Monday, April 1, 2013.
- The last day of classes for students will be on Thursday, June 27, 2013.

## Grades 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament - Looking for Coaches



Immaculate Heart of Mary School will be hosting an invitational, grades 5 & 6 basketball tournament. This is an excellent opportunity for young students to gain exposure to this very exciting sport. The tournament will be hosted at the school in late May. In order to provide this opportunity to the students we are requesting parent volunteers to assist with coaching. If you are able to help coach please contact Mr. Dedio at 582-5698.

## Pysanka and Krashanka Workshop - Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop

Each student in the school will create their own version of a Ukrainian Easter Egg ... a 'писанка' - pysanka ... or a 'кращанка' - krashanka. The younger students will also be creating pysanky out of foam paper. The workshops activity will take place on April 3 and 4 during Holy Week. Each student will be required to bring 3 hard boiled eggs, wrapped in paper towels, packed in a margarine tub. Volunteers are still required to provide some helping hands. If you are able to assist please contact the school at 582-5698. The schedule of workshops is below:

Tuesday, April 3 .....9:00 - 11:30 AM.....Grade 3 and 5  
12:45 - 3:00 PM.....Grades 4,6 and 2

Wednesday, April 4.... 9:00 - 11:30 AM.....Grade 7 and Kdg.  
12:45 - 3:00 PM.....Grades 8 and 1



## Parents' Guild Meeting

Thank you to the Parents' Guild for their continuing support of the various programs the children participate in at the school. The April Parents' Guild meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 P.M.. A baby sitting service is available for parents who wish to attend the meeting and will be bringing their children.



## Volunteer Appreciation Day

Mark your calendars ... Thursday, April 26 is Volunteer Appreciation day at IHMS. The staff and students would like to express our gratitude to the volunteer community at Immaculate Heart for generously sharing their time and talents. A cordial invitation and more info is forthcoming!

## Lunch Lady Coming to IHMS!




After surveying our parent community we have found overwhelming interest in seeing what The Lunch Lady has to offer. For those who have never heard of this service, The Lunch Lady is a hot lunch caterer who provides a choice of healthy hot meals for students to enjoy at school.

On April 2 each student will receive a menu and order form that will have a choice of four entrée meals. The orders will be due on April 10. The lunches will be delivered by The Lunch Lady on April 23 and distributed to each student according to their order.

These entrées, such as a chicken burger for example, will also include vegetables and a juice for approximately \$6.00. Side dishes are also available for a nominal price. For example, a frozen fruit slushy sells for \$2.00 and a gingerbread cookie sells for \$1.00. A portion of all entrée orders benefits IHMS as a fund raiser.

This is a service that parents can take care of with an online order or via a sealed envelope sent to the school. We have heard good things about this service from other schools and we are optimistic that we will like them as well.



The season of Lent is an opportunity for us to reflect on how well we live the Gospel message. This year Lent began on February 20 and continues through until Easter on April 8.

During Lent we do special things to please God, and become more aware of our relationship with God. We also attempt to correct some of our bad habits. Over the 40 days of Lent, our school community has been preparing for the great feast of Easter.

At Immaculate Heart our Lenten theme has been *Virtues of Character ... focusing on developing some of our positive behaviours*. Teachers are developing this theme within the religion classes. Thank you to all who contributed towards this year's Christian Service project. There was \$251.50 raised and will be donated to helping the Children's Program at Welcome Home.

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## IHMS Fund Raising Dinner!!

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Thank you to all the volunteers that were able to assist with the Fund Raising Dinner on March 10. The event was truly an elegant and informative evening. This year's special guest was His Grace, Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in USA. Dr. Mark Karpa (Capital Campaign Chairperson) provided an update on the status of Move the Spirit Capital Campaign. Indicating that many of the classrooms in the new school that were available for sponsorship have now been spoken for. Many of the contributors thus far have chosen to make a contribution pledges over 5 years. Mr. Mike Mager (IHMS Board Chairperson) indicated that the new school construction will begin once there is sufficient funds in hand. Once this benchmark has been reached the construction period will be a 18 - 24 month time frame. The IHMS community would like to thank everyone who attended, volunteered and organized this tremendously successful event. Special thanks to the many sponsors who gave so generously to our school and capital campaign. God bless you all. All proceeds from the Dinner will be directed towards the academic, spiritual and cultural programs at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.



### Thank you for all your efforts ...



- the IHMS Fund Raising Dinner Committee for organizing a spectacular and very successful Dinner on March 10: Randal Skromeda, Sr. Anne Pidskalny, SSMI, Rod Picklyk, Ivan Baniias, Tom Bodie, Iryna Deneka, Deacon Victor Humniski, Larry Kimacovich, David Skromeda, Christopher Woloshyn, Glenn Solar
- Oksana Dudych for all the administrative assistance with the Dinner.
- the IHMS Board of Trustees for all the work they've been putting in to move the school relocation project forward: Dr. Mark Karpa, Randal Skromeda, Mark Galarnyk, Sr. Anne Pidskalny, SSMI, Rod Picklyk, Michael Mager, John Douglas, Wendell Kolsun, Roger Loewen, Joan Sikorsky, Dean Tokariwski, Slawomir Waplak
- Violet Zbaraszewski for co-ordinating supplies for the Perogy Lunch
- the Perogy Day Preparation Crew: Sylvia Picklyk, Emile Picklyk, Jean Shymko, Linda Skromeda, Ostap Hawaleshka, Debbie Hanson, Shelley Karpa, Sandra Copp, Tammi Shymko, Mariya Puhach, Teresa Banagan, Barb Pawlyshyn, Delores Tesluk, Kathy Romaniuk
- the Ukrainian Concert Bleacher Brigade!: Ron Sanders, Roman Khoma, Russel Wood, Duncan Wood, Trevor Sturgess, Oleksandr Shulyakov, Vyacheslav Volotovskyy, Ivan Fil, Brad Woodard

### Way to Go IHMS Students ...

- Alexis Dolinski (Grade 7) and her FC Northwest soccer team that won the Girls 12u indoor soccer City Championship!
- Nykola Shpurko (Grade 6) and his FC Northwest soccer team that won the Boys 11u indoor soccer City Championship!
- Maksym Hutsulak (Grade 7) and his 14u Tri-S indoor soccer team who won the Cambrian Cup City Championship.
- Darian Picklyk (Grade 7) and his Springfield Icehawks hockey team that won the A1 Provincial Championship.
- Nykola Shpurko for winning the Gr. 6 Robocritter Race -Off.
- Raphael Cabeliza for winning gold for 10 year old boys at the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest.
- Gabriel Pawlyshyn for winning gold for 11 year old boys at the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest.



### April 12 is Science day at IHMS!!

The students will be exploring science concepts with hands-on science activities through out the day!

### Grade 8 Parent Grad Meeting

- Attention to all parents of Grade 8 students ... there will be a meeting at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18 to review the plans and preparations for the Grade 8 Graduation.
- The meeting will take place in the Grade 8 classroom. Items on the agenda include: an itinerary of grad events, student responsibilities, fund raising, etc.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### - Ukrainian Park Children's Camp 2012 -

Children's Camp #1 July 1 - July 8, 2012  
(Grades 6 - 10 - completed as of June 30, 2012)  
Children's Camp #2 July 8 - July 15, 2012  
(Grades K - 6 - completed as of June 30, 2012 ... overlap for grade 6)  
Leadership/Counsellor Program for grades 9 - 12 will be held during Camp #2 if numbers warrant.

Application forms for the Children's Camp will soon be available at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, and as well, at all parishes. Junior and Senior counsellor resumes and parent volunteer are most welcome. For more information call Joanne 669-3666 or 294-2276.



### The 14th Annual Walk for Mary

... will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2012 at Holy Eucharist Parish, corner of Watt & Munroe. Join us in "Walking and Praying together to strengthen our Faith in God." Registration starts at 1:30 p.m. followed by the walk starting at 2:00 p.m. Pledge forms will be available at IHM School and at all parishes. For more information call 669-3666 or 294-2276.

### Youth Winter Games

sponsored by the Knights of the Columbus of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy

The K.U.C.A. (Knights of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy) invites families to participate in the Youth Winter Games. The next events are as follows:

Ball Hockey	March 24	St. Nicholas Parish	9-12 yr. olds: 1:00-3:00 P.M.	13-16 yr. olds: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
Awards Wind-Up	April 28	St. Basil Parish	6:00-10:30 P.M.	

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## Ukrainian Week at IHMS

What an exciting (and busy) month at Immaculate Heart of Mary School! At the beginning of March, I Love to Read Month ended with guest reader Taz Stuart, City Entomologist visiting IHMS. Throughout the rest of March the students and staff were observing Lent, ... on March 9 the 2nd Term Progress Reports were sent home, ... on March 10 was the Annual Fund Raising Dinner, ... then it was Ukrainian Week from March 19-23 with a beautiful Ukrainian Concert on March 22!!

Ukrainian week is a special time at IHMS where we study aspects of the Ukrainian culture in greater detail. This year's theme focused on 'Welcoming Spring and Easter'.

There were many learning opportunities, and fun activities, during Ukrainian Week for the students to participate in.

- There was a Ukrainian trivia contest each day of the week with some great 'Easter' prizes for the students to win. The students had a chance to test their new found knowledge of Ukrainian Easter traditions.
- There's a Ukrainian Easter display in the front foyer. The display features the different artifacts and articles that would typically be found in a Ukrainian home at Easter ... including an easter basket filled with delicious easter foods! Thank you Marilyn Woloshyn for the display.
- The students indulged in a delicious perogy lunch. Various Ukrainian Catholic parishes donated the perogies. Grandparents and parents in our school community prepared and served the delectable meal.
- The highlight of the week was the Ukrainian Concert. Every student was dressed in a Ukrainian costume as they sang and danced to the delight of a capacity crowd. During the show the talented students depicted what they had learned about the customs of Ukrainian people during the spring and easter season.
- The week concluded in a prayerful and peaceful way. The students, staff, parents and friends walked to the Cathedral to celebrate Divine Liturgy.
- After Spring Break, during Holy Week, each student will create their own pysanky or krashanky (Ukrainian easter egg).

AS MANITOBA'S ONLY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL, THIS LAST MONTH HAS EPITOMIZED THE VALUES OF OUR SCHOOL ... ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, FAITH, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY!  
THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE IS VERY UNIQUE AND UNMATCHED.



**“Весна! Весна! Нам Свята Принесла!” ... “Welcome Spring and Easter”**

### Ukrainian Concert DVD Order Form

On March 22, 2012 Immaculate Heart of Mary School performed their Annual Ukrainian Concert entitled, “Весна! Весна! Нам Свята Принесла!” ... “Welcome Spring and Easter”. This year's Concert was professionally filmed by Impact Productions.

This is your opportunity to order your souvenir DVD copy for your family, and for those family members not able to attend the show. DVD's are produced and packaged by Impact Productions and are available from the school at a cost of \$28.00 per DVD, tax included.

Ordering: allow 4 - 6 weeks for orders to be completed.

Orders will be taken after the Concert, up to April 13, 2012, using the order form below.

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



**Order deadline is April 13, 2012**

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

DVD (# of copies) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$28.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to: Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Thank you for your order.

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### IHMS Enrichment Program Activities

The students at I.H.M.S. are always busy with activities, whether they are curricular or extra-curricular in nature. In addition, the Enrichment Department has been working with students from grades 2, 3 and 4. The goal of these enrichment programs, is to help students explore talents they may have that go beyond music, drama or sports.



In grade 2, there is a Junior Math Club. The focus is primarily on becoming more effective problem solvers.

Understanding what a problem is asking and knowing which strategy to use are the goals for this group. We also do mad minutes, which helps to improve speed and accuracy with basic facts. In grade 3, there is another Math club. Math bags are used, which focus on a variety of skills; skills the students need to be successful in Math. In grade 4, there is a small group of students who are a part of a Beyblade club. The group has researched topics such as: the origin, the types, and strategies for battling with tops. After Spring Break, we will set up a tournament to put what we have learned into action. It should be lots of fun!

Mrs. Laird, Enrichment Teacher

### Study Skills in Grades 7 & 8

The students in Grades 7 and 8 will be receiving instruction once a cycle specifically geared at improving their study habits. Topics of instruction will include: learning styles, note taking, organizational skills, time management, priority setting, test writing, preparing for exams. The school's Resource Teachers, Mrs. Walkow and Mrs. Laird will be facilitating the sessions and team teaching with Ms. Depiero (Grade 8 Teacher) and Mrs. Naurocki (Grade 7 Teacher).



### Blue Box Recycling Presentations



To help celebrate Earth Day this year, IHMS is bringing in a group of environmentalists to show our students what happens to the materials we put in the blue boxes when we recycle. They will be spending two days with us on April 23rd & 24th and will provide age appropriate activities to all grades from Sadochok to Grade Eight.

Did you know IHMS runs a blue box program? We recycle paper in every single room in the school, as well as, we recycle milk cartons used at lunch. Thank you to the Grade 5 class, and Mrs. Wittevrongel for coordinating our school recycling program.

### April 20 N.U.T. Day ... No Uniforms Today!

Friday, April 20 will be non uniform day! The dress up theme decided by the Student Council is 'JETS DAY!' Everyone is encouraged to come dressed to school with some sort of Winnipeg Jets attire on. It could be a hat, t-shirt, jersey, scarf or even simply wear red, white and blue! Go Jets Go!



Dear Parents, Grandparents, Friends, Neighbours!

## The I.H.M.S. Parents' Guild is pleased to offer its Spring "Koubassa Sale".

Interlake Packers Fine Koubassa - \$7.00 (one lb. ring)  
Interlake Packers Coarse Ham Sausage - \$8.00 (one lb. ring)

Orders with accompanying payment will be accepted only until 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

"Workplace Order Sheets", that can be posted at a person's place of employment, are available through the school office.

Pick-up for the Koubassa orders will be from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 in the School's canteen area.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE KOUBASSA WILL BE FRESH ON MONDAY SO YOU MUST ARRANGE PICK-UP DURING THESE HOURS**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barb Pawlyshyn at 995-4565.

----- Please return by Tuesday, April 10, 2012 -----

### KOUBASSA ORDER FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ RINGS @ \$7.00 EACH = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ RINGS @ \$8.00 EACH = \$\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

THE ORDER WILL BE PICKED UP BY:

\_\_\_\_ PARENTS

\_\_\_\_ CAN BE SENT HOME WITH MY CHILD