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School Fees

Any outstanding balance of tuition fees for the 2011 - 2012 school year must be paid up in full by Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Families making use of the Before and After School Programs must have their fees paid up in full by June 13. Please pay the respective program supervisor ... Mr. Picklyk for Before School and Sister Anne for After School.



K-3 Field Day

The Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be having their Annual Field Day on Wednesday, June 6 at Gateway Recreation Centre, 1717 Gateway Road. Rain or shine the Field Day will happen. If its nice we are outside, if it's rainy we will use the indoor field house.

Getting Homework Done

Homework ... Please pay closer attention to your child's study habits at this time. When good weather returns, there is a tendency of some students to slacken in their determination to do homework and finish projects. Please encourage your child to continue working hard throughout the next month and try to focus on finishing the school year successfully.

School Uniforms

- The last day the IHMS Uniform Shop is open (prior to the summer break) is Wednesday, June 13, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M..
- The school uniform dress code is in effect until the end of June.
- The uniform dress code will go into effect for the fall term on the first day of classes, Wednesday, September 5, 2012.
- The first day the Uniform Shop will be open for the fall term will be Wednesday, September 5, 3:00 - 6:00 P.M., followed by Wednesday, September 12, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M..
- Beginning in October the Uniform Shop will be open the second Wednesday of every month, for the 2012 - 2013 school year, from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M..
- Just a reminder that school uniforms orders will not be processed through the school office, or outside of Uniform Shop hours. Please make arrangements to attend one of the 'Shop open' days to purchase the school uniform.
- Any lost uniform apparel left in the office at the end of June will be transferred to the Uniform Shop and sold as a used item.

Graduation Divine Liturgy & Awards Day

Families are invited to attend the Graduation Divine Liturgy and the Annual Grades 5-8 Awards Day. Note that the Graduation Divine Liturgy on June 25 is at 9:30 A.M. at Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral. The Awards Program is at 1:30 P.M. in the school gymnasium. It is the school's preference that only graduates go out for lunch on that day. However, if anyone else feels it necessary to go out for lunch...



- **Teachers need written permission from parents by Friday, June 15.**
- No one is to leave for lunch directly from the Cathedral. To make it easier to account for the students, all students are to return to the school with their class after the Divine Liturgy.
- Children can be picked up from their homeroom classroom when the teacher sees that a parent is there to pick them up.

First Holy Communion Divine Liturgy

Congratulations to all students who have received their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Solemn Holy Communion this past month.

Receiving these 'sacraments of initiation' are important milestones in every child's spiritual journey.

IHM School will be celebrating a Solemn Communion Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 1 at Sts. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral. This is a special Divine Liturgy honouring the children that have received their sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. All of the children in Grade 2 will be participating in the celebration. Those children who haven't received their First Holy Communion will receive a special blessing. All parents, family members and friends are invited to celebrate Divine Liturgy with us. (After Divine Liturgy the grade 2 students will return to school and change into their school uniforms.)



Year End School Assemblies

A special year-end school assembly to acknowledge the special groups in our school (Safety Patrols, Altar Servers, etc.) is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at 9:00 A.M... On the last day of classes (Thursday, June 28) there will be an assembly and prayer service at 1:00 P.M.. Parents are always welcome to attend.

"Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Track Meet Barbeque and the 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament Canteens. We had an amazing amount of volunteers assisting for these events this year and their helping hands made these functions a success." Diane Harik, Canteen Coordinator

2012 - 2013 Calendar Year

The following are important dates for the upcoming 2012 - 2013 school year:

September 4 - NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice	November 30 - NO CLASSES - Parent / Teacher Interviews
September 5 - Gr. 1-8 First day of classes	January 21 - NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice
September 10 - Kindergarten First day of classes	February 15 - NO CLASSES - Catholic Schools' Day
September 11 - Sadok First day of classes	March 1 - NO CLASSES - IHMS Administration Day
October 19 - NO CLASSES - S.A.G. Conference	June 21 - NO CLASSES - IHMS Administration Day
November 16 - NO CLASSES - MFIS Inservice	June 27 - Last day of classes
November 19 - NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice	June 28 - NO CLASSES - IHMS P.D. / Admin. Day

Holidays:

Thanksgiving Day: Monday, October 8, 2012
Remembrance Day: Sunday, November 11, 2012
Christmas Break: Monday, December 24, 2012 - Friday, January 4, 2013 (inclusive)
Louis Riel Day: Monday, February 18, 2013
Spring Break: Monday, March 25 to Friday, March 29, 2013 (inclusive)
Good Friday: Friday, March 29, 2013
Easter Monday: Monday, March 31, 2013
Victoria Day: Monday, May 20, 2013

The IHMS 2012 - 2013 Annual Calendar can be found on the school web site at www.ihms.mb.ca

"Summer Wear Day - June 28"

On June 28, students are encouraged to come to school dressed ready for summer vacation! Ragged jeans, cut-offs and midriff tops are not permitted.

MB Catholic Schools Divisional Track Meets

The students that qualified for the Divisional Track Meets will be travelling to Pan-Am Stadium at the University of Manitoba in mid June. The Grades 7 & 8 athletes will be competing on Monday, June 11. The Grades 4 - 6 athletes will be competing on Thursday, June 14. These Track Meets will happen ... rain or shine. The only reason they would be cancelled would be because of lightning.



Students will be transported to and from the University via school bus. On the days of the Track Meets the students should arrive at IHMS at approximately 3:30 P.M.. IHMS will provide a track T-shirt for the athletes.



Cheers to ...



- Diane Harik for organizing the Gourmet Kitchen fundraiser.
- Anna Station, Oksana Sawczuk and Leanne Ruff for coordinating the Annual Family Picnic, and all others who assisted with this fun filled event.
- Tammi Shymko, Maryann Lee, Sheila Kolsun and Julie Skromeda ... the 2011 - 2012 IHMS Uniform Committee, for all their 'behind the scenes' dedication and commitment.
- Diane Harik for coordinating the canteen at the grades 5 & 6 basketball tournaments.
- Diane Harik for organizing the barbecued, hot dog lunch at the Grades 4-8 Track Meet and the Grades K-3 Field Day. Thank you to all the other parents that came out and assisted.
- Kathy Romaniuk and Ostap Hawaleshka for volunteering at the Hepatitis B Immunization Clinic on May 4.
- Barb Pawlyshyn and Barb Pichlyk for assisting with the Staff Appreciation lunch on May 8.
- Donovan Martin for coaching the boys grades 6 basketball team.
- Mrs. Laird for coaching the girls grade 6 basketball team.
- Mr. Dedio for coaching and organizing the Grades 5 & 6 Invitation Basketball Tournaments.
- Leslie Stewart and Iryna Deneka for helping with perogy distribution.

BINGO!!

The summer months can pose a problem in finding enough people to work bingo. Please remember though, that the proceeds generated from bingo are one of the school's major sources of revenue. Your assistance is extremely important. The next bingo date is Tuesday, August 7. When the bingo slip comes home please indicate your availability. Thanks for your cooperation. The next Bingo Volunteer Form will be sent home on June 4 and is due back on June 7.

Library News

Congratulations to the Grade 4's for winning the latest game of Library Golf! The grade 4's will enjoy a treat sometimes in June. Second place went to Grade 6.

All library books are to be returned to the library by Friday, June 15, 2012. After this date students will not be borrowing library books from the school library. The Winnipeg Public Libraries are open all summer for borrowing books. Also, these libraries have special summer reading programs that are worth checking out. Thank you to everyone for the great effort to return books on time. While spring cleaning many of our families have turned up library books that have been missing for some time. We are always grateful to return the books to our collection for others to enjoy. Keep reading!

Mrs. J. Zulyniak & Mrs. N. Radawetz



Way to Go Students ...



- ... to the Grades 5 & 6 Basketball Teams for their great enthusiasm and participation in the inter-school tournaments hosted by IHMS.
- ... congrats to the top three finishers of the 2012 Oratorical Contest: 3rd Place - Spencer Katerynuk (Gr. 8), 2nd Place - Marysa Fosty (Gr. 6) and 1st Place - Kaitlyn Hanson (Gr. 7)
- ... Maria Lazar (Gr. 8) and Simran Brar (Gr. 8) for assisting at the Kindergarten Orientation Night.
- ... all the Grades 6-8 students that volunteered to assist at the Annual Family Picnic.

Learning Activities for IHMS Students ...

- The grades 4 students will have a guest from Manitoba Hydro come and speak to them about the safe use of electricity.
- The Grade 4 and 5's attended 2 programs in May. The first one was at the Manitoba Museum to learn more about topics taking place as part of the social studies units. The second one was a trip to the St. Boniface French museum as part of their French Program.
- Grade 6's are going to City Hall and will be given a personal tour by Councillor Mike Pagtakhan.
- the Grades Kindergarten and 1 class will visit Boonstra Farms and Petting Zoo as part of their science program. The students will be exploring the needs of living things, as well as, the growth and changes in animals and plants.
- the Grade 2's will be visiting Oak Hammock Marsh as part of their science units on growth and changes in animals, as well as, air and water in the environment.
- On May 18 the grades 1 and 2 students participated in bicycle safety course facilitated by a guest speaker from Manitoba Public Insurance.



Annual Family Picnic - Thank You

Thank you to all the families that were able to attend this year's Annual IHMS Family Picnic. Appreciation is extended to all the volunteers that gave their time before, during, and after the picnic. As well, thank you to those who gave donations of food, baking and door prizes. Without such great participation and generosity, this year's Picnic would not have been possible.

With thanks,
Anna Station, Leanne Ruff and Oksana Sawczuk - Annual Picnic Coordinators.



IHMS Parents' Guild News

Thank you to all those who have served on the Executive, or as a Coordinator, over the past term. Your time and energy is appreciated. It's amazing what can be done when people's hearts and minds are united around a worthy cause. The below positions were filled at the May, Parents' Guild meeting. There are a couple positions that still require a coordinator. Congratulations to the following individuals who were voted in during the May meeting and have taken on the challenge of fulfilling one of the roles on our 2012 - 2013 Parents' Guild.

Executive:

President - Barb Pichlyk Treasurer - open
Vice President - Rick Buchan Secretary - open

Coordinators:

Volunteer Coordinator - Natalka Hutsulak
Family Picnic Convenors - Leanne Ruff, Oksana Sawczuk
Uniform Committee: Treasurer - Maryann Lee, Used Uniforms - Sheila Kolsun, New Uniforms Inventory - Tammi Shymko, Secretary - open
Tea Convenors - Fialka Fosty and other??
Tea - Main Raffle - Barb Pichlyk and Jane McCarvill
Tea - Basket Raffle Coordinators - Sandra Copp and Kathy Romaniuk
Perogy Lunch Coordinator - Violet Zbaraszewski
Koubassa Order Coordinator - Barbara Pawlyshyn
Spring Fundraiser Coordinator - Stacy Kutcher
Canteen Coordinator - open
Baby Sitting Course Instructor - Deb Hanson
Hot Lunch Coordinators - Maryna Mikawoz, Julie Argo
Bingo Coordinator - Dolly Dmytryk





Make your home a poison-free zone

Nearly all parents with children 14 and younger feel it's important to lock up medications and cleaning products away from children, but half of them store medications in a medicine cabinet and more than 60 per cent store cleaning products under the sink, according to a recent Leger survey conducted for Safe Kids Canada. Unfortunately, these common spots are often too accessible to little hands.



Each year an estimated seven children under 14 die and close to 1,700 end up in the hospital with serious injuries due to poisoning, according to hospital data. "Young children are curious by nature and explore their environment by touching and putting things in their mouths," says Pamela Fuselli, the executive director of Safe Kids Canada. "So it's crucial to check your home for potential poisons and store them where children can't see them and lock them up so children can't get at them."

Here are some tips from the organization to help you poison-proof your home:

- Buy medications with a child resistant cap whenever possible and store all medications and vitamins in a locked box (a small toolbox with a combination lock or padlock works well). Keep the locked box, and the key, out of sight and out of reach of children.
- Store household cleaners, like oven cleaner and bleach; car supplies, such as windshield washer fluid; cosmetics, like nail polish remover; and pesticides, in locked cupboards or drawers. A child safety latch is an acceptable alternative.
- Keep all medications and other household poisons in their original containers with their original labels.
- Never tell your children that medication is candy; they may seek it out when you're not around.
- If you suspect your child has been poisoned, call your local poison centre or 911. Add the number of your area poison centre to your cell and home phones.

More information about poison prevention is available online at safekidscanada.ca.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Selo Ukrainian Dancers

proudly present their 26th annual year end performance entitled

The 'Soul' of my Boots

When: Sunday, June 10, 2012

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Where: Pantages Playhouse Theatre

Tickets: \$15.00

Tickets are available at the box office on the day of the recital or contact Krystal Taylor at 422-5147

Ukrainian Park Children's Camp 2012 - "Camping! Oh What Fun!"

July 1 - July 8, 2012 - Grades 6 - 10

(completed as of June 30/2012)

July 8 - 15, 2012 - Kindergarten - Grade 6

(overlap for grade 6) (completed as of June 30/2012)

Applications are available in all parishes and at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Junior and Senior counsellor resumes and parent volunteers are most welcome.

For more information please call 669-3666 or 294-2276.

Ukrainian Language Summer Day Camp

When: weekly from July 9 to August 17, 2012 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Where: Canadian Ukrainian Institute 'Prosvita', 777 Pritchard Avenue

Program includes: games, sport activities, Ukrainian culture and traditions, arts and crafts, singing, snacks, field trips and excursions

The program will be delivered in Ukrainian by energetic young councillors.

Parents are responsible for bag lunches.

Cost: \$65.00

Registration for weeks 1-3 (to July 27) will take place on Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon at Institute Prosvita

For more information please call Marika at 334-3493 or Lesia at 470-4095.