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Term Two Progress Reports & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Second term report cards will be issued on Friday, March 9. Parent / Teacher Conferences for the second term are through appointment. If you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher(s) please call 582-5698 to make an appointment.

Provincial Middle Years Assessment

The Manitoba Department of Education facilitates a provincial assessment for all grades 7 and 8 students. As part of the Middle Years Assessment, IHM School will report to parents on the achievement levels of Grade 7 and Grade 8 children in certain key competencies (important skills). Students' performance will be compared to mid-grade provincial criteria in certain areas (competencies) of mathematics at Grade 7, and in reading and writing at Grade 8. In addition, at Grade 7 there will be a report on students' involvement with their learning (student engagement). For the Middle Years Assessment there is not a specific provincial test students write. Teachers regularly observe students and discuss their achievement with them, and use the information to help children learn. Teachers will also use the information collected this way to prepare the required reports. The Middle Years Assessment reports will be included with the 2nd Term Progress Reports. These Reports are one of several ways IHM School communicates with parents on their child's progress. For more information on Manitoba's Middle Years Assessment go to: www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/myreporting.html.

Advance Planning

- The last day of classes prior to Spring Break is Friday, March 23.
- The first day of classes after the Spring Break is April 2.
- There are no classes on Good Friday, April 5.
- There are no classes on Easter Monday, April 9.
- The last day of classes prior to Summer Break is June 28.
- The first day of classes after the Summer Break is Wednesday, September 5.
- The last day of classes prior to the 2012 - 2013 Christmas Break will be Friday, December 21, and classes will resume on Monday, January 7.



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 March Parents' Guild meeting will be held on Monday, March 5 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.

Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee 2012

Immaculate Heart of Mary School participated in the 2012 Canwest Canspell National Spelling Bee. This competition was open to students in Grades 4 to 8. Each of the grade 4-8 classrooms had a spelling bee in mid-January, to decide the 3 students that represented their grade in the 'IHM School Spelling Bee', which was held at the end of January. The school winner was Breanna Hlady (Grade 7), and the runner up was Anton Sikorsky (Grade 8). Breanna represented IHMS at the Winnipeg Free Press' Canspell Regional Spelling Bee. Breanna finished the competition being the one of the top 16 spellers in Manitoba!! Way to go Breanna!! Thank you to Mr. Crooks for helping Breanna prepare for the competition.

Charitable Contribution Receipt Calculations

Calculations for charitable donations receipts, for the 2011 calendar year, have been completed. Information was available in the school office for pick up the week of February 23 - 27. Envelopes that were not picked have been sent home in the mail. As the cost per child increases for the school to operate, the less chance there is for families to receive a charitable donation receipt. The benefit comes in the form of a moderate tuition cost.



OUR APPRECIATION ...

- ... to everyone for the generous helping hands in making the Annual School Tea a huge success.
- ... to the generous donors that made contributions to the Tea.
- ... for all the months of preparation and effort we give special gratitude to our Tea Convenors Lydia Kandia and Violet Newediuk-Fosty, the Main Raffle Coordinators Leslie Stewart and Barb Pichlyk, the Basket Raffle Coordinators Shelley Karpa and Julie Skromeda
- ... Ms. DePiero and the Student Council for organizing the Catholic Schools Week activities.
- ... the School Safety Patrols and Mrs. Wdowiak who patrol the hallways and set up a crossing guard when we go to the Cathedral. These dedicated students always try to ensure the safety of our students. Great job!
- ... Mr. Dedio for running the lunch hour intramural programs and the IHMS Running Club
- ... Ms. Lutyj and Mrs. Tycholis for running the grades 2 and 3 intramural program.
- ... gratitude to the the parents and grandparents that assisted the Grade 6 class build their Robo-Critters: Douglas Fosty, Iryna Deneka, Richard Domanski, Mr. Woloshyn (Michael's grandfather), Mr. Szun (Nicholas' grandfather) and Mr. Crooks.
- ... appreciation to the Grade 4 class for doing the book collection for the Used Book Store.
- ... appreciation to the Grade 1 class for 'selling' books at the Used Book Store.
- ... thanks to the Hot Dog Day volunteers for February: Kathy Romaniuk, Colleen Chubenko, Kathy Walkow, Sandra Copp, Maryna Mikawoz, Julie Argo.

NUT Days ... No Uniforms Today!

Come dressed in green and white to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 16. Come dressed in blue and yellow to celebrate Ukrainian Week on Monday, March 19.



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 will be preparing for the great feast of Easter. At Immaculate Heart our Lenten theme will be *Virtues of Character ... focusing on developing some of our positive behaviours*. Teachers will be developing this theme within the religion classes.

During our *Virtues of Character* lenten journey we will also focus on charity and generosity. For the week of March 12 - 16, the school will be taking up a \$2 collection, from every school community member, for the 'Children are Creative' program at Welcome Home. This program is for children from grade 1 to grade 7. The children come to Welcome Home every Tuesday evening. The evening begins with a prayer and ends with snack time. Some of the activities include making puppets, scavenger hunts, a science night, roller skating, movie night, bowling, tobogganing, making a Christmas play, pottery, making pysanky, cooking, dance party, photography, etc.. It's a packed schedule and a lot of fun for the children and the volunteers who run the program "Kids are Creative" is a real highlight in the week for the children who come. Fr. Michael Smolinski at Welcome Home thanks the IHMS community for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Way of the Cross
Prayer Service
9:00 A.M., Monday,
March 12



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IHMS Fund Raising Dinner!!

Saturday, March 10, 2012



On Saturday, March 10 there will be interesting updates shared regarding the school's Move the Spirit capital campaign at Annual Fund Raising Dinner!! Every family in our school community is encouraged to mark this date on their calendar and make a point of being present for this event. This wonderful evening will include a spectacular meal catered by Bergman's Restaurant, one of Winnipeg's finest restaurants. Wine, fabulous prizes, as well as, an auction room will also be featured. All proceeds from the Dinner will be directed towards the academic, spiritual and cultural programs at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Tickets for the Fund Raising Dinner are available in the school office. Tickets are \$100 each which includes a \$40 charitable contribution receipt.

Move the Spirit Capital Campaign Phone- a-Thon

Every member in the school community will receive a phone call during the months of February and March to provide you with an update on our efforts to develop and build a new school, and to tell you about a contest that we are running that could put you in centre-ice seats for a Winnipeg Jets hockey game!

In an effort to expand our community reach (for the Move The Spirit Capital Campaign) we're running a contest to encourage parents to identify others that they believe might consider supporting the school. For every five names and contact information that you provide the school, we will enter your name into a draw for a fantastic evening with the Winnipeg Jets.

The winner will receive two premium centre-ice seats (just rows from ice level!) where you will be able to watch the Winnipeg Jets. We will also provide you with a \$100 gift certificate so you can have a pre-game meal or cap off the evening with a late dinner at Moxie's Classic Grill Restaurant.

You can either call the school at 582-IHMS (4467) and provide your names and contact numbers or you can send an e-mail to movethespirit@ihms.mb.ca with the information.



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. it works. About a month before the hot case, April 23, 2012) you will receive a

menu and order form that will have a choice of four entrée meals. 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 slushie 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 envelop 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.

Stay tuned for an order form that will be coming to you sometime in March.

Get Your Uniform Golf Shirts Now!

Beginning on April 1, 2012 the price on IHMS uniform golf shirts will increase by \$2. This is the first time there has been an adjustment in the uniform prices for many years. The next time the Uniform Shop is open is Wednesday, March 14 from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M..

The IHMS Running Club Competes at Boeing Indoor Classic Track Meet

Grades 4-8 students that are a part of the IHMS Running Club will compete at the Boeing Indoor Track Meet held at the Max Bell Centre (University of Manitoba) on March 1. Over 40 athletes from IHMS will participate! The IHMS Running Club meets every Monday and Wednesday morning in the IHMS Gymnasium and does various high energy level activities to develop their aerobic fitness.



Fund Raising Dinner Volunteers

For families that signed up to assist with the Dinner:

- each family will be required to work at one shift.
- confirmation notices will be sent home on Thursday, March 1 of the shift each family is working.
- families that did not reply, or replied late, on the Fund Raising Dinner Volunteer Form will be assigned a shift.
- please be on time for your shift.
- Families unable to complete their volunteering obligation will be assessed a \$100.00 fee.
- Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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.



I Love to Read Month!

During the month of February IHMS was focusing on reading non-fiction books. Check out the huge poster in the main corridor of the school showing more than 1000 facts the students learned from their reading! The students are continuing to share their newly learned facts on the announcements every morning. The non-fiction Used Book Store will take place on March 1. To finish up the month a special guest will be reading to the students on March 7. Mr. Taz Stuart, City Entomologist, will be at the school to share his knowledge of being the city's 'top bug guy'!! He'll have a lot of interesting facts to share ... from bed bugs to mosquitoes!!

Basketball Action

The interscholastic basketball season is winding down during the month of March. The teams complete their season the week of March 12-16. There are three IHMS teams taking to the court for the playoff run!! Check the monthly calendar for when there will be basketball action in the IHMS gymnasium. Games get started at 4:00 P.M. and are finished at approximately 5:00 P.M.. GO! SPIRIT! GO!



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It's Ukrainian Week at IHMS

Ukrainian Week is a special time at IHMS where we study aspects of the Ukrainian culture in greater detail.

This year's theme will be 'Welcoming Spring & Easter'.

Ukrainian Week takes place March 19-23. The Ukrainian Concert will be on March 22 and a delicious Perogy Lunch will be held on March 23.

There are many learning opportunities and fun activities during Ukrainian Week. More details are forthcoming in a separate note.



Perogy Lunch

As part of the Ukrainian Week celebrations there will be a delicious perogy lunch served to the students on Friday, March 23. Order forms will be sent home on Wednesday, March 7 and will be due back on Wednesday, March 14. The perogies are generously donated by various Ukrainian Catholic Parishes and are served by the IHMS Parents' Guild. Proceeds raised go towards bussing on field trips.



Kindergarten Class ... extra days

The Kindergarten class will attend on two extra days during the month of March. This extra time will be spent preparing them for their participation in the Ukrainian Concert. The two extra days the Kindergarten class will attend are March 20 and 22.

Hey dads ... come be a part of our Bleacher Brigade!

The school is in search of some helping hands to assist with setting up the bleachers for the upcoming Ukrainian Concert. The bleachers will be set up at 1:30 P.M., Saturday, March 17. They will be taken down at 9:00 A.M., Friday, March 23. If you can be a part of our 'bleacher brigade' please call the school at 582-5698 and leave your name in the office.

Way to Go ...



... the Boys Basketball Team coached by Mr. Dedio who recently won the consolation side of the St. Paul's SPORT Tournament.

... Lukas Skromeda (Grade 8) who was selected as a Tournament All Star at the St. Paul's SPORT Basketball Tournament.

... Nicholas Bacon (Grade 7) and his Phoenix Soccer Team for winning the Regina Winterfest Soccer Tournament.

... the following Grade 6 students who were finalists in the Robo-Critter Race Off: Nathan Jacinto, Michael Lee, Samarah Fangmann, Alyna Sikorsky, Andriy Sozansky and Nykola Shpurko. The top three finishers were: 3rd place - Michael Lee, 2nd place - Nathan Jacinto, 1st place - Nykola Shpurko

... the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw winners at IHMS: Diana Fraser, Raphael Cabeliza, Samarah Fangmann, Gabriele Pawlyshyn, Kaitlyn Hanson, Nicholas Bacon, Daria Duplak, Ben Skromeda. These sharp shooters will advance to the Regional Level on March 10.

Hot Dog Lunch Rescheduled

THE HOT DOG LUNCH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 1 IS BEING POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY, MARCH 8. There is a Boeing Indoor Track Meet at the University of Manitoba that is now scheduled for March 1 and we have many students that are participating. This has significantly affected the hot dog orders for March 1. All students that originally ordered a hot dog lunch for March 1 will automatically have their food order carried over until March 8. Students that did not order for March 1 can use new orders forms to place an order.

Basket Raffle Thank You



We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the school families and friends who donated prizes towards the Basket Raffle at the Annual School Tea. We had 50 prize baskets bursting with many wonderful items. The raffle was a huge success because of your support!

Also thank you so much to all of the volunteers, teachers and staff who helped us in big ways and small ways to get our job done. We enjoyed working with all of you!

Julie Skromeda & Shelley Karpa
Basket Raffle Coordinators

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 be available at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in March, 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.

Blessed Nykyta Play

Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church is hosting a play with music commemorating the 100th anniversary of the appointment of Bishop Budka as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada.

It is presented by Fr. Edward Evanko.
Sunday, March 4 at 1:30 PM
Tickets are \$15. Call 582-7535

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:

Mini-Olympics	March 3	IHM School	5-9 yr. olds: 1:00-3:00 P.M.	10-16 yr. olds: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
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.	