

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY, 2012

Annual School Tea  
Sunday, February 5, 2012  
1:30 - 4:00 P.M.

Theme: "Immaculate Heart of Mary  
School ... Everyone Grows"

Officially opened by:  
City of Winnipeg Councillor &  
IHMS Parent, Mr. Mike Pagtakhan

## IHM School ... Everyone Grows!



This is a tremendously exciting time in the school's history. For over 100 years Immaculate Heart has established a strong reputation for developing the values of faith, culture, academic excellence and community.

As we look to the future, the school will continue to hold fast to

these values and as well develop learners to be successful in the 21st century. The students have used their artistic skills to depict how they have grown by being a part of the Immaculate Heart community. Each student has created a beautifully decorated place mat that will be displayed at each place setting at the Annual School Tea. Please browse around the Tea Room on Sunday, February 5 to view these precious pieces of art.

## Important Tea Information

- Every Tea Volunteer Family in the school is required to contribute 3 - 4 bakings towards the Annual Tea. A couple pre-sliced bakings should come wrapped in Saran for the Bake Room, and a couple should be pre-sliced to be served in the Tea Room. All bakings can be brought to the school on Friday, February 3, or Saturday morning, February 4.
- Last call for donations towards the Basket Raffle. Items can be brought to the school office by Wednesday, February 1.
- Tea volunteers are reminded to sign in and get their name tag when arriving at the school to volunteer for the Tea.
- All Tea Raffle Tickets and money were due on January 20. Any outstanding tickets must be into the school office no later than Thursday, February 2.
- Volunteers working at the Tea on Sunday should wear a Ukrainian shirt or blouse (or a plain white shirt) and dark bottoms (pants or skirt).
- The first 'sellers draw' for Tea Raffle Tickets was held on January 13. Congratulations to the Capar family (Grace, Gr. 7) who won a generous gift card for Wal-Mart.
- The final 'sellers draw' for Tea Raffle Tickets was held on January 24. Congratulations to the Buchan family (Brooke, Gr. 2) who won a generous gift card for Wal-Mart.

## IHMS Parents' Guild Meeting

The next Parents' Guild meeting will be held, 7:00 P.M., Thursday, February 9. The major item for discussion will be reviewing the Annual School Tea. A child care service will be provided at the meeting for children who come with their parents.

## Re-registration for the 2012 - 2013

Re-registration forms for next school year were sent home on January 11th. The deadline for re-registration is Wednesday, February 8, 2012. Families with a child registering for Kindergarten or Sadochok in the fall of 2012 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 1st child
		\$1,250.00 for the 2nd child
		\$950.00 for every child after the 2nd

Register Now



## New Website for IHMS!!

The new IHMS website has now been launched!! Please check it out at IHMS.MB.CA or IHMS.CA as soon as you can. We are very excited to show off our fresh new look with a lot of new enhancements that make browsing so much easier. A few of the new features include:



- \*\* Drop down menus so you can get to the page you are looking for so much faster.
- \*\* The home page features 'School Events' which conveniently communicates the most current upcoming school activities.
- \*\* The home page features a calendar for quick reference to a monthly view of school events. The calendar also allows users to either print out right from the site or simply click on a given date to see a mouse over view of what is taking place that day.
- \*\* A 'New School' button conveniently located on the home page which links to information about the school's relocation project and the Move the Spirit Capital Campaign.
- \*\* Commonly used 'school forms' are now available online.

Once you check it out please contact us at ihms@ihms.mb.ca to let us know what you think.



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## 2012 CanWest CanSpell National Spelling Bee

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is once again participating in the 2012 CanWest CanSpell National Spelling Bee. Thousands of schools and some 250,000 students in 22 Canadian cities are taking part in the educational competition, presented by Canada Post. At IHMS this competition is open to students in Grades 4 to 8. Each grade had a spelling bee in their classroom during the month of January, to decide the students that would represent their grade in the Annual IHM School Spelling Bee.



The top spellers from each of the grades 4-8 classes were:  
Grade 4: Jennifer Karabin, Mark Dudych, Danielle Elloso  
Grade 5: Gabriel Kokan, Ashley Hlady, Nikolas Zbaraszewski  
Grade 6: Karnvir Brar, Kathlyn Genzola, Andriy Bobelyak  
Grade 7: Natalia Werbeniuk, Breanna Hlady, Kaitlyn Hanson  
Grade 8: Meaghan Harik, Dmytro Shulyakov, Anton Sikorsky



The 7th Annual, IHM School Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, January 17. Congratulations to Breanna Hlady who is the 2012 Spelling Bee Champion!! Congratulations is also extended to Anton Sikorsky (grade 8) who is the runner up. Breanna will represent IHMS at the Provincial Spelling Bee on February 11. Thank you to Mr. Crooks for coordinating the Annual IHMS Spelling Bee.

## The Year 2012 ... an Exciting Year for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada 'A YEAR ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD!'

This year will mark several important events in the life of our Church, which the Bishops of Canada wish to officially announce:

1. **The Centenary of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka** - In 1912 the first bishop appointed to lead the Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Canada arrived in Winnipeg to begin his public ministry. The newly ordained Bishop Nykyta Budka began the pastoral work of coordinating the clergy, religious sisters and brothers, together with the laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church scattered across the vast country of Canada into a united Church, initially as a single Canada-wide Exarchate. This later grew into a Metropolitan Province with an Archeparchy and four Eparchies.

2. **Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops scheduled for Winnipeg 2012** - To mark this important centenary of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka for our Church, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada invited the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops to hold its annual meeting in Canada in 2012. This invitation has been accepted and we are happy to announce that this gathering of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops from around the world will be held in Winnipeg from 9-16 September 2012.

3. **Visit of newly elected Patriarch Sviatoslav** - In March of 2011, following the resignation of His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the UGCC Synod of Bishops elected Bishop Sviatoslav Shewchuk, 40 years of age, as the new Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Patriarch Sviatoslav will visit Manitoba prior to the Synod in order to strengthen the ties of our Church in Canada, and to honour the memory of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka.

In anticipation of the Patriarch's and Bishops visit a tentative schedule and site visitations plan has already been made. It is an inclusive plan that will provide opportunity for our entire church to be represented. Help will be required from all Organizations, Ministry Leaders, Laity/Parishioners, Clergy and Religious. Some of the planned highlights will include an opening liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olga Cathedral, a family youth/ young adult event, ministry and outreach visitation, rural visitation and a closing celebration anticipating a gala crowd of 800 at the Canad Inn Polo Park, tickets will be available in May 2012.

For up to the date information visit: [www.synod2012.com](http://www.synod2012.com) or contact: [synod2012@gmail.com](mailto:synod2012@gmail.com)

## Lent

The season of Lent begins February 20, and is an opportunity for us to prepare our hearts for Easter. It is a time for us to remember how God sent his Son Jesus to die for us. During Lent we ask God for forgiveness and we reach out with love to those around us. More information regarding Lent at IHMS is forthcoming.



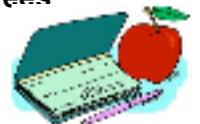
## Advance Planning For Spring Break

The last day of classes prior to Spring break is Friday, March 23, 2012. The students return to classes on Monday, April 2. If your family is planning a vacation this is the perfect time to take it so children do not miss class time. Please note: all students in grades K-8 are required to participate in the Ukrainian Concert on March 22.

## Before and After School Program Fees

A reminder to all families who use the Before and After School Program service ... all outstanding fees are due (up to the end of January, 2012) by Wednesday, February 22.

Outstanding fees should be remitted to the respective program supervisors.



## 2011 Charitable Receipts

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. Sadochok fees are considered childcare and are therefore not eligible for a charitable receipt. Calculations for the 2011 calendar year receipts are in progress. Information will be sent home on February 24.

## IHMS Basketball Action



The interscholastic basketball season is underway! The boys' and girls' teams have games throughout the months of February and March.

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.. Special thanks to the head coaches ... Richard Arndt (parent volunteer), Dean Tokariwski (parent volunteer), and Mr. Dedio.

GO! SPIRIT! GO!

Basketball players are reminded that team membership is dependent upon academic performance and appropriate behaviour.



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## IHM School Annual Fund Raising Dinner!! Saturday, March 10, 2012



On Saturday, March 10 there will updated information shared regarding the Move the Spirit Capital Campaign at the school's 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 month of February 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](mailto:movethespirit@ihms.mb.ca) with the information.



### FEBRUARY IS I LOVE TO READ MONTH!!!

February is the month designated for appreciation and celebration of the joy of reading. Classrooms that read together learn together. Reading builds caring communities, so let's read! The theme for this year's I love to Read Month is:

#### I Love to Read and Learn: Reading Non-Fiction



During the month of February the students will participate in a variety of interesting and fun activities.

1. Each class will read and analyze a variety of non-fiction materials throughout February. The students will prepare **Non-Fiction Sharing Boards**. They will share these with a reading buddy.
2. The students will participate in **Buddy Reading** and read non-fiction materials with a buddy from a different grade.
3. **A Mystery Silent Reader Spotter** will be looking for enthusiastic readers throughout the month of February.
4. **Fascinating Facts** will be shared during morning announcements.
5. Non-fiction books will be featured in the library.
6. During the week of Feb. 27th to March 2nd the students will participate in a fun and educational reading challenge: **Can IHMS learn 1000 facts in one week?** The facts will be on display in the hallway.
7. The annual **IHMS Used Book Store** will take place. Mrs. Walkow, along with a group of young students, will be hosting the **20th Annual Used Book Store on Thursday, March 1!** We ask students to look through their book collection at home. If your child has books that they have outgrown, they may bring the books to school on Wednesday, February 22, Friday, February 24 or Tuesday, February 28.

No books will be accepted on the day of the Used Book Sale (March 1)

Only suitable K-8 picture books and novels will be accepted.

Workbooks, colouring/activity books, textbooks, Readers' Digest and adult novels will not be accepted. For every book your child donates to the Used Book Store, he/she will receive 1 coupon. On the morning of March 1, the students with coupons may come and shop for "new" books. Every book will cost 1 coupon. This is a great way for children to share books which are old favourites with other students and come home with books which may soon become new favourites.



### A Round of Applause to ...

- ... Lydia Kandia and Violet Newediuk-Fosty for convening the Annual School Tea.
- ... Barb Pichlyk and Leslie Stewart for coordinating the Annual Tea Main Raffle.
- ... Shelley Karpa, Julie Skromeda for coordinating the Annual School Tea Basket Raffle and to Sandra Copp and Kathy Romaniuk for assisting
- ... all of the Coordinators for organizing their specific work stations.
- ... the Grade 6 class for doing such a tremendous job of carolling.
- ... Sheila Kolsun and Kathy Romaniuk for assisting with the Grade 4 immunization clinic.
- ... all the students and staff for creating the colourful place mats for the Tea.
- ... all the grades 7 and 8 students who so willingly volunteered to help on the day of the Tea.
- ... all the students who helped with cleaning the gym, and take down of bleachers, after the Christmas concerts. Special thanks to Julian Fosty (grade 8) and Maksym Khoma. (grade 8) ... from Mr. Fil!



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**Manitoba Catholic Schools' Week** . . . celebrations are taking place during the week of February 13-17. This week is a chance for us to celebrate, and appreciate, the opportunity of Catholic education at Immaculate Heart of Mary School:

- ... the opportunity to 'live' our faith and develop our 'faith' everyday,
  - ... the opportunity for academic excellence,
  - ... the opportunity for religious education and to learn more about God,
  - ... the opportunity to learn more about the rich Ukrainian culture,
  - ... the opportunity to experience athletics and the arts,
  - ... the opportunity to be a part of a very special learning community.
- Some of the weeks activities are listed below.

#### Monday, February 13

- \*\*\* Every student creates a Catholic Schools' Week bookmark.
- \*\*\* Cookie sale ... 25¢ / cookie.

#### Tuesday, February 14

- \*\*\* Red & White Day! Happy Valentines!! On Tuesday, February 14 it will be a N.U.T. Day (No Uniforms Today!) and students are encouraged to come to school dressed in red and white ... head to toe!! No tattered jeans or offensive T-shirts please.

#### Wednesday, February 15

- \*\*\* Classroom door decorating contest!

#### Thursday, February 16

- \*\*\* Gym Extravaganza at 2:15 PM in the gymnasium sponsored by Manitoba Milk Producers.

#### Friday, February 17

- \*\*\* No classes. All Manitoba Catholic Schools teachers are at an inservice.



## Healthy Valentine Treats at IHMS



Immaculate Heart of Mary School has been focusing on teaching students to make healthy choices when it comes to diet. Children collecting a bucket full of candy on Valentines Day is a perfect example of how foods high in sugar and fat contribute to obesity and a poor diet.

Adults can promote healthy eating habits to children by limiting foods high in sugar and fat. Research has shown that children are just as likely to choose toys over candy when both are offered. Small toys are inexpensive and festive and may serve as fun options for families instead of candy. **Families wishing to share a fun treat on Valentines Day at school should only bring an inexpensive toy or Valentines card ... NO CANDY.** Thank you for your co-operation.

## School Uniform Policy

All articles of clothing outlined in the School Handbook must be purchased through the school's Uniform Shop. Items can be purchased new, or there are used uniforms for sale at a reduced priced. The purpose of the policy is to maintain our school identity and assist in creating an atmosphere of equality amongst our student body. It is important for all families to comply with the school's Uniform Policy. The next day the IHMS Uniform Shop is open will be 3:00 - 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

## IHMS Running Club

The very popular IHMS Running Club has started training on Monday and Wednesday mornings ... for Grades 4-8 students. Students in the Running Club should be at the school by 8:00 A.M.. Mr. Dedio gets activities going shortly after students arrive and are changed into their Phys. Ed. attire.



Later in the spring students that have been training with the Running Club have the opportunity to participate in the Boeing Classic Indoor Track Meet at the University of Manitoba, Max Bell Centre.

## Bike Helmets for Sale



The Low Cost Bike Helmet Initiative is being continued for another year. The Government of Manitoba is offering bike helmets, multi-sport helmets and toddler helmets in small, medium and large sizes.

The prices of the bike and toddler helmets are \$10.00, while the multi-sport helmets are \$13.00 (including taxes). Order forms will be sent home by e-mail on February 1 and the deadline to get them in to the school with your cheque is February 10, 2012. Please have the cheque made payable to the Materials Distribution Agency or if you prefer, to the MDA. The MDA asks that the first and last name of the child be placed at the bottom of the cheque. Orders will be delivered by the end of April just in time for the new cycling season.

## Youth Winter Games

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:

Basketball	February 11	IHM School	9-12 yr. olds: 1:00-3:00 P.M.	13-16 yr. olds: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
Indoor Soccer/Hockey	February 25	IHM School	5-9 yr. olds: 1:00-3:00 P.M.	10-16 yr. olds: 3:00-5:00 P.M.
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 (outdoors)	March 24	St. Nicholas Church	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 Church	6:00-10:30 P.M.	