

## The Newly Weds



### Nykola Ng (nee Bryk) ('04)

Nykola Ng (nee Bryk) ('04) and Warren Ng got married on July 28, 2018 in Toronto, at St. Mary's Church in front of many family and friends. Nikki and Warren currently reside in Toronto. "My new last name is Ng!"

Многая літа Nikki and Warren!

### Travis Taylor ('05)

Travis Taylor and Sarah Laflamme wed on September 28th, at the Notre-Dame de Québec Basilica-Cathedral in Quebec City. Other alumni in attendance included Travis' sister Brittney Taylor, Jay Korban and Breanne Korban.

Многая літа Travis and Sarah!



# From the Heart



The St. Nicholas School,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy,  
and Immaculate Heart of Mary School Alumni Newsletter

**Today when you** walk the halls of IHMS there is a difference from years past, you may not notice the Sisters as much. Their numbers have certainly diminished over the years, but who they are, and what they have created to be IHMS still lives on. This fall, the youngest of the Sister's Servants of Mary Immaculate in Canada, Sister Emily Schietzsch, joined the staff.

Sister Ruth Aney has been a part of IHMS the past couple of years, but has had to pull back because of other commitments. However, Sister finds it hard to stay away from the students at IHMS! She tries to balance her time so that she still can volunteer at the school. Sister Ruth continues to help with school assemblies, prayers services and leads the Children of Mary group.

Sister Jean Zemliak, although not directly working in the classroom, brings the Sisters perspective to the School's leadership. As a member of the Board of Trustees, Sister Jean ensures that their charism and vision of the school continues to be a priority around decisions that are made. We are grateful to the Sisters for their presence at IHMS physically and spiritually.



Sr. Ruth, Mr. Picklyk, and Sr. Jean at last year's Tea

## Generation After Generation, Grateful for the Sisters

**I am very grateful** to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, and the lay teachers, at the school for all they did for my mother's family (the Skrypnyks), my brothers, nephews and niece (in the Hryniuk family) and our own Adamov girls, Katya ('99) and Stephanie ('03).

I loved St. Nick's and IHMS teachers and students. School was the most wonderful place for me to be and to grow intellectually and spiritually. The emphasis on developing a strong body, mind and spirit was very important. Keeping connected with the Byzantine tradition and the Ukrainian culture also helped us to build a strong identity in our multicultural mosaic.

There was something very special about going to school with families who had known each other for many decades. Our kids are best friends with people whose grandparents, aunts and uncles were also very good friends.

Thank you to all the fine teachers our family had over the years. Our closest friends remain a circle of friends from St. Nick's in Gr. 2 in 1962.

One of my fondest memories of the school was singing all the Ukrainian Christmas Carols in the Koliadnyk (Carol Book) with Christine Sahan Rogers and others, while we did our seat work during the Nativity Season. We also visited homes by the carload, to carol for families who sent their children to the school, in the 1960's.

I wish all the current staff and students the very best in the upcoming Nativity Season. We are blessed to be part of a very special learning community.

- Marianna Carol Hryniuk-Adamov ('68)



Stephanie, Katya, and Marianna

## Full Time Kindergarten is a Hit!



Smiles all around in Kindergarten

**It is an absolute pleasure** to have Sister Emily Schietzsch in our kindergarten classroom this year. With full time kindergarten beginning this fall, it's important that the students have the support needed, and Sister Emily is a wonderful nurturing addition to our young students lives. Academically, there has been a notable shift in progress with students in class all day, everyday. Everyone is very pleased!

"Everyday is something new with these students. You never know what to expect. They are so full of joy and always bring a smile to my face!"

- Sister Emily



## Coming Back to Give Back

**Immaculate Heart** of Mary School played a key role in laying the educational, spiritual, cultural and social foundation upon which I am built, and fostered the Christian values and ethics by which I live every aspect of my life. These important values include social responsibility and service to God through serving the community. Earlier this year, I was given the special opportunity to serve on the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Board of Trustees. It is truly a privilege to be able to give back to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School community that has given me so much.

- Ariadna Dlugosh ('03)



**A Bride and her Maids**

Brittany Lasko, Alexa Palaschuk, Morgan Shipley, Ariadna Dlugosh, Angela Jones (All 2003 Graduates)



**IHMS Friendships Stand the Test of Time**

Oksana Berezanski, Brittany Lasko, Morgan Shipley, Kayleigh Humniski, Dyanna Mahoney (nee Wowryk), Tianna Mager, Alexa Palaschuk, Ariadna Dlugosh, Angela Jones (All 2003 Graduates)

## From the Gym, to Riddell Hall

This fall has marked the third official year since the University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association (UWUKRSA) revival, and things are looking great! Our membership is the highest it's ever been, and our alumnae continue to show their support for our club. We feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to develop this group at the U of W and can't help but think that it was IHMS that truly initiated it all. By sending us to IHMS our parents instilled in us from a young age how important it was to keep in touch with our Ukrainian roots, and to share them with others.

Attending the same school for nine years allowed us to create and maintain close bonds with our classmates, although we rarely found ourselves socializing with those in grades other than our own. In reality, we were in elementary and in completely different stages of our lives. The kids a few years above us seemed way too cool to approach and the ones below us seemed like they just learnt the alphabet. It was safest to stick to what we knew. Fast forward to university, and the age differences quickly faded away when we were just looking to find a face we recognized.



UWUKRSA has allowed us to continue fostering the connections we made so many years ago at IHMS. The long retractable tables that we ate lunch at for those nine years in the gym have now morphed into circular tables in Riddell Hall. We now find ourselves at club meetings and events reminiscing about our days at IHMS when getting sent to "the bench" was our biggest worry. After many long chats over pizza and waves in the hall you find out that those older kids you thought were cool...actually are, and the kids that just learnt their A, B, C's can now write a paper much better than you.

Back then it was IHMS, now its UWUKRSA. As the years go by and our ties grow stronger within the Ukrainian community, we know that these friendships will continue long after our Undergrad experience has come and gone.

-The University of Winnipeg Ukrainian Students' Association

## They've Got Rhythm



This year's **Artist** in the School program brought Mr. Evans Coffie to teach the students African Rhythm and Movement. It was an exciting time at IHMS. Everyone loved moving to the traditional African beats!

The week started with everyone on their feet learning African dance movements. After a week of lessons, each class performed at a concert displaying their African drumming and dancing abilities. It was an amazing week, learning more about the rich African culture through music and dance.



## The Debate Goes On



We are thrilled to announce the Knights of Columbus - Canon Luhovy Assembly #0374 as the new IHMS Debate Team sponsor! It is through gifts like this that students are able to participate in these extracurricular activities, attending debate tournaments and competitions. The debate program has fostered their skills encouraging them to grow into confident public speakers.

The program is still in its infancy (only now in it's fifth year), and already has some major accomplishments to its name. Since it's inception, young speakers have qualified to participate in national debate and public speaking contests from coast to coast... Vancouver to Halifax!

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Wednesday, December 19  
1:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
Kindergarten - Grade 3 Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 20  
1:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
Grades 4 - 8 Christmas Concert

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