

# From The Heart

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## Generations of Family, Faith and Learning...

*"When we count our blessings, at the very top of the list exist the blessings of family and faith. As parents and grandparents we realize that these things do not happen on their own. Strong families and strong faith must be nurtured at every step along life's journey especially during the developmental years. To this end we have been fortunate to be a part of IHMS for three generations and we encourage all alumni to continue supporting the very school which has enriched each of your lives. We all need to ensure that IHMS remains strong and vibrant in order to meet the needs of future generations."*

*The Skakun family*

What a history the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have created over the past 110 years as they educated, guided and nurtured the unique talents of their students. The journey has been filled with many challenges, joys and graces. We are extremely grateful to all those who have supported us and our education ministry which spans generations.

The cost of having the privilege to be educated in an environment that promotes academic excellence, faith, culture and community continues to rise. However, the Sisters and leadership of Immaculate Heart of Mary School are committed to ensuring that all those who have a desire to be a part of the IHMS School family have the opportunity to attend the School no matter the circumstance.

The Province of Manitoba does provide a grant for each child enrolled in our school. This grant is only a portion of the overall operating budget for the School. When it comes to enhancements and extra-curricular programs or capital projects we rely on donors and fundraising programs to help provide the necessary funding needed to ensure the best well-rounded education is available to our students.

On behalf of the Sisters and the leadership of Immaculate Heart of Mary School we want to thank all of you who have unconditionally supported our ministry. You have helped us keep the doors open. In order for Immaculate Heart of Mary School to embrace the

future, we need to develop a steady stream of annual support.

As some who have experienced our School firsthand, we invite you to consider giving back to the School community. Your support can help shape the educational experiences for those at IHMS today and for future generations.

Enclosed please find a donation envelope for your convenience. Your donation may be designated to one of three areas of need for the School at this time.

- Move the Spirit Capital Fund
- School Operation Fund
- Scholarship/Bursary Fund

This Christmas season as you plan to give to others, considering giving the gift of education. Your contribution to IHMS will help yet another generation of families.

On behalf of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Lubov SSMI Foundation and Immaculate Heart of Mary School thank you for considering our invitation.

*Faith makes all things possible,  
 Hope makes all things work,  
 Love makes all things beautiful,  
 May you be blessed with all three this Christmas.*

*Sr. Patricia Lacey, SSMI*

*Sr. Patricia Lacey, Provincial Superior  
 Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate*



Jo-Ann (Holenko) '65 and Walter Skakun  
 Jo-Ann was also a IHMS teacher for 28 years



Wally '86 Skakun, Karen and  
 current IHMS students Eric, William, Kristen & Markian



Kathy '92 (Skakun), Sam and  
 current IHMS students Yelena, Tessa & Xavier



Dan '89 Skakun, Stephanie and their children Jada & Evan,  
 who attend St. Ignatius School

## IHMS Annual Giving Program

Please consider supporting IHMS by making a contribution to the Annual Giving Program directed to one of these three areas of need:

### Move the Spirit Capital Fund

Contributions to the Move the Spirit Capital Fund are used for major capital expenditures that will benefit the school community now, and well into the future. A portion of the funds are invested for the long range vision of a new IHMS campus. A portion of the funds are allocated for capital expenditures and beautification of the current school.

### School Operation Fund

Contributions to the School Operation Fund are earmarked for the day to day programs offered to the students. IHMS provides an academic program that promotes academic excellence and develops independence. Along with the curriculum there are many co-curricular and extracurricular programs for students, providing them a well rounded educational experience. Some of the co-curricular programs include: Performing Arts/Drama, Cultural Arts, Outdoor Education, Social Justice Club, School Intramural Sports, and the new Debate Program.

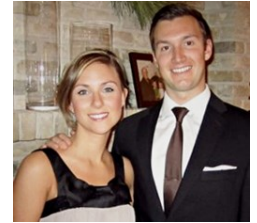
### Scholarship/Bursary Fund

Contributions to the Scholarship/Bursary Fund provide financial assistance to students to continue their education. Full and partial bursaries are available to any student, based on financial need, as determined by the Bursary Committee. Scholarships are awarded to students based on academic achievement and/or participation in school programs and activities.

For your convenience, a donation envelope has been enclosed in this issue of *From the Heart*.

## STAY CONNECTED—GET INVOLVED

*Staying Connected* is what we invite you to do. We are working with the Lubov SSMI Foundation to establish our Alumni Association with those that have attended St. Nicholas School, Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy and IHMS.



Opportunities and events are being planned to bring former classmates together. If you would like to reconnect or get involved contact us at alumni@ihms.mb.ca or call 204-942-0443.

On March 29, 2015 the IHMS Alumni Association held its first annual Alumni Floor Hockey Tournament and Jets Game. The event was a fun way to reconnect with alumni from other years, play some hockey, and cheer on our Winnipeg Jets as they made their push towards the playoffs!

After an exciting and competitive round robin tournament, the “McGregor Mustangs” and “Stella Stingers” faced off in the final game with the eventual champions being Devin Kasprick '01, Jedi Baker '01, Nick Skromeda '08, and Joseph Radawetz '10.

After the tournament was completed, many alumni joined in the festivities to have supper and watch the Jets game being projected onto the gym wall. Although the evening was built around hockey, the true “highlights of the night” were sharing stories about gym class, trying on old volleyball uniforms, looking through yearbooks and reconnecting friendships that began in that same gym.

We look forward to connecting with you.  
*Mikhas '02 & Johanna '01 (Washchyshyn) Chabluk*  
 Co-Chairs—Alumni Association

### IHMS Alumni Association 1st Annual Hockey Tournament



### IHMS Alumni Association Floor Hockey Champions

(l to r) Jedi Baker, Joseph Radawetz,  
 Nick Skromeda, Devin Kasprick







### Newest Alumni

Our most recent graduating class are now alumni! In June, 2015 a group of 24 young people completed their educational journeys at IHMS.

As they go forth may they be blessed with success as they continue to develop and share their God given gifts.

*1st row (L-R):* Diana Fraser, Tiana Werbeniuk, Gillian Malchuk, Antonette Cruz, Marta Tkaczyk, Mylana Shpurko, Ashley Hlady *2nd row (L-R):* Mary McCarvill, Gabriel Kokan, Joshua Terin, Raphael Cabeliza, Collin Argo, Nikolas Zbaraszewski, Michael Mikawoz, Edcel Abanto; Michael Baniyas (Vice Principal), Melissa DePiero (Grade 8 classroom teacher) *3rd row (L-R):* Rod Picklyk (Principal), Janine Duplak, Viktoriya Shpak, Christian Salazar, Aahandeep Johal, Ethan Waplak, Gabriel Miniano, Rachel Ann Pera, Julianna Chubenko, Nicole Misiak.

### IHMS Student Qualifies for National Public Speaking Competition

Public speaking is a fact of life and for most of us, it is something we are deathly afraid of. Many of us would love to have the confidence to stand in front of a large group of people and speak without stuttering, hyperventilating or fainting. The ability to clearly communicate our ideas in a public setting is a skill very few people possess but nearly everyone wishes they had. Shouldn't we be teaching this important life skill in school?

Last year, Immaculate Heart of Mary School initiated a new extra-curricular program for its junior high students. Working with a group of fifteen dedicated students, I piloted Immaculate Heart's first debate team. The plan was simple. Provide the time and place for students to learn about public speaking, argumentation, logic and critical thinking. After school debate meetings happened nearly once a week and the students flourished as they argued over a wide array of topics that ranged from the validity of school uniforms to Canada's military involvement in the Middle East.

The students approached every topic, or "resolution" as we call it in debate, with serious interest and a critical mind. Every issue has multiple sides and the students would often be caught outside during recess, or after

school, continuing the debate from the day before, truly sinking their teeth into whether medications should be tested on animals or whether world governments should continue to fund space exploration.

We attended city wide tournaments, with over a dozen other Winnipeg schools, hosted by the Manitoba Speech and Debate Association and our results were unbelievable. The IHMS Debate Teams consistently scored within the top six teams. Many of our students walked away from those tournaments with medals but more importantly, they walked away with the knowledge that they could stand up in front of an audience and debate against another school's team with confidence, conviction and passion.

A huge moment of pride for our team, and for our school, was when one of our students qualified for a national level tournament. Nina Hutsulak attended a public speaking competition at St. Mary's Academy where she qualified to represent Manitoba along with four other students at the National Public Speaking Competition in Vancouver. Nearly one hundred students from across Canada competed in public speaking and debating where they



tackled dozens of topics. Nina truly shone in the Persuasive Speech category where she scored 4th place overall.

IHMS is continuously striving to provide new and interesting opportunities for its students. The IHMS Debate Team has entered its second year with significant interest from students as well as a growing reputation in the Manitoba debate community. We hope to attend many more tournaments and qualify as many of our students as we can into many more national level competitions.

As we expand, building a strong debate program requires time, talent and community support. Our team of students puts in many hours developing their skills and learning about the art of debating. As their coach, I have the honour of working with them and helping them grow in their abilities and they have done nothing but impress me with their dedication and abilities. They have made me, their school, and their community proud.

*Michael Baniyas '99 (Vice Principal)*

**FONDLY REMEMBERED...NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN!**

This passed year two precious Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, that influenced generations of students fell asleep in the Lord.

**Sister Epiphany Pacshuk**, passed away April 9, 2015. She was in her 88<sup>th</sup> year and 63<sup>rd</sup> in religious life. Sister will be fondly remembered by some as a prayerful and faithful friend that unconditionally shared her soulful musical talent with many over the years.



Sister Epiphany (Ollie) attended St. Nicholas School. It is here where she came to love the Sisters and the good work they were doing. She entered the community and after profession of her First Vows in 1955, Sr. Epiphany was missioned to the Provincial Home in Toronto. It is here where she studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music, mastering piano and theory, qualifying her to be a music teacher. Her gifts poured into her teaching

career. In addition to teaching in Toronto and Ancaster she taught many young students piano, theory and harmony at the SSMI School of Music at 131 Aberdeen. Sister Epiphany also taught music and choir at Immaculate Mary Academy and Immaculate Heart of Mary School from 1960 to 1965. Handel's Messiah was one of her favourite compositions that she taught the choir.

For over thirty years, while living at Bethany Home (131 Aberdeen) in Winnipeg she delighted in using her musical talent at the piano keyboard to lift the spirits of many.

She especially enjoyed playing for the residents and their visitors at Holy Family Home. Bringing joy to others through the beauty of sound was for her a vocation within a vocation. It also kept her spirits youthful and jubilant.



Residing near Holy Family Home gave Sr. Epiphany an opportunity to launch a new apostolate: to be present to the abandoned, the sad and grieving, the lonely. She took time visiting residents at Holy Family Home as well as befriending their family members and their beloved pets. A sparkling smile, a kind word, a listening ear – these were her gifts for those she met on the last miles of her life journey. So, a devoted pastoral care giver she became, and was to the end.

In 1999 she wrote in her journal *"So many of my Sisters Servants have passed on to the Lord, some sooner than I thought they would, which made me more aware that one day, I, too, will follow in their footsteps ... In closing, I beg pardon of all those I may have hurt and I thank the Sisters that supported me in many ways, many times. Gratefully in Christ, Sr. Epiphany Paschak SSMI."*

May the memory of  
Sister Epiphany be eternal.  
Вічна Пам'ять!

**Sister Ruth Yakimishyn** passed away, June 19, 2015. She was in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year and 60<sup>th</sup> in religious life. Small in stature, Sister Ruth was a giant in generosity and a pillar in spiritual strength.



Sister Ruth (Olga) was born in Roblin, Manitoba. She attended the local school and later attended Sacred Heart Academy in Yorkton which was operated by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

She then entered the teaching profession, having taught for several years in Manitoba schools. She also attended Business College, which enabled her to teach secretarial and typewriting in later years. In 1951 she enrolled at the University of Manitoba, graduating with Bachelor of Arts and Education degrees.

She was the second vocation to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in her family.

Her younger sister, Victoria (Sister Georgina), entered the Novitiate of the Sisters Servants in 1944.

Sister Ruth's vocation to religious life had come earlier in her life, but a very difficult family situation arose. Her father was killed in a car accident on the very first day Sister Ruth (Olga) began teaching. Her mother was left to raise and provide for four children. As the oldest in the family, she decided to postpone her entry to religious life and devote her life and earnings to the welfare of her family.

However, her day would come in 1955, she entered the novitiate of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate taking on the religious name "Sister Ruth." She made her final profession on August 15, 1960.

Sister Ruth continued her studies. She upgraded her teaching of commercial courses, obtaining a certificate in 1958. She studied school administration in the 1960s. She was grateful for the opportunity to study her beloved subject, "theology" at St. Paul's University in Ottawa in the early 1970s, and afterwards, at the University of Toronto (St. Michael's School of Theology), convocating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1977. It is noteworthy that the Sisters and her family

were unaware of this distinction until her archives were opened at the time of her death.

Sister Ruth loved her religious congregation and served it wholeheartedly. Over the years she served in the Sisters educational apostolate, teaching at St. Nicholas School, Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy and at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. She also served as principal. Her major contribution to the Sisters Servants was serving as Provincial Secretary at the Provincial Home in Toronto under four different Provincial Superiors for a total of 26 years: 1968-2009. She unstintingly gave of herself, her time, energy, and God-given talents.

At her Parastas service, in his eulogy, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak reflected on the deep spirituality of the Sister Ruth. *"Being in her presence made one aware of the presence of God. A peace, gentleness and compassion emanated from her in her speech and in personal relationships. Your own soul felt enriched by each encounter with her."*

May the memory of  
Sister Ruth be eternal.  
Вічна Пам'ять!



## A VISION TO BECOME A REALITY IN TIME ...

In 2011, the Immaculate Heart of Mary School leadership along with the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate launched an ambitious \$15 million Capital Campaign to create a new school. It was hoped that the new school would be completed by this time. This was not to be.

The original business plan for the capital project was based on commitments around major gifts that have not materialized. However, we have benefitted greatly from an outstanding group of donors.

Thank you to the many individual donors, businesses, church communities and organizations who believe in the importance of this project by directing their support to the *Move the Spirit* over the past few years. They have made an important contribution to the future livelihood of our school by helping lay the foundation for our Capital Fund.

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have also endorsed their commitment by generously being the first lead gift to participate in the *Move the Spirit* Capital Campaign.

To date, the capital campaign has secured \$2,101,250 in philanthropic support. There have been a number of expenses related to the planning of this capital project including the land acquisition, environmental & feasibility studies, architectural consultants, rezoning, marketing materials, property taxes, and administrative costs for a total of \$655,750. The remaining amount of \$ 1,445,493 has been invested to continue the financial growth of the Move the Spirit Capital Fund.

Upon review and with the help of a group of community leaders, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Provincial Council have made a business decision not to proceed to the construction phase of the campaign at this time, instead focus on building the community to support our vision for the future.

### **Moving Forward**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary School leadership and the Sisters are:

- Establishing a committee from all stakeholders to go through a process to “Keep the Vision Alive”.
- Committed to continue the growth of the Move the Spirit Capital Fund.
- Maintaining the property investment, at 2501 Ferrier Street which has been purchased, for capital appreciation and as potential space for future development.
- Strengthening our IHMS community together with the Sisters’ vision and commitment by:
  - Growing and expanding our IHMS community of supporters
  - Developing our Alumni Association
  - Connecting with past school families
  - Enhancing our student/family community—increasing enrollment
- Committed to transparency and communication especially to our donor community by providing regular Move the Spirit Capital Fund updates.

### **Sisters’ Commitment**

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate continue their vision and commitment to provide the best resources for our children’s education in an environment of Academic Excellence, Faith, Culture and Community.

Contact: Lubov SSMI Foundation at 204-942-0443 if you require more information.

### **Timeline of Capital Events**

1905	SSMI founded—St. Nicholas School
1957	SSMI opened Immaculate Heart of Mary School Academy at 131 Aberdeen Avenue
1963	Current school building opened and renamed Immaculate Heart of Mary School Academy students move into IHMS
2005	IHMS Centennial Celebrations Permission to explore the idea of relocation of the School Centennial Fund established to support school relocation
2008	Purchased 6.8 acres located at 2501 Ferrier Street Architectural services hired to produce conceptual designs
2009	Fundraising Feasibility study conducted
2010	Undertook extensive process to re-zone Ferrier Street
2011	<i>Move the Spirit</i> 15 Million Capital Campaign launched at IHMS Annual Dinner
2012	SSMI Lubov Foundation created
2013	Projected opening of new school
2015	SMI Provincial Council forms Capital Campaign Review Committee

SSMI business decision not to proceed to construction phase of the campaign at this time, instead focus on building the community to support our vision for the future



## CONNECTIONS AND FRIENDSHIPS

Throughout our years at Immaculate Heart of Mary School we were taught many valuable lessons. Some lessons were concrete, like learning always to isolate the “x”. While others were less apparent, but had a deeper, lasting impression. One of the valuable lessons we learned throughout our years was the value of friendship; even though during our time at IHMS we did not quite understand that this lesson was being taught to us. Friendship is something that when I reflect back or look forward on, I recognize the value and importance of it.

Spending 9 years at the same school, with the same group of kids, explains why it is so common that friendships have endured after leaving Immaculate Heart. These are kids that we have grown up with, sharing many memories and funny stories. After IHMS, seven former classmates and I moved onto St. Mary’s Academy. In 2014, Sydney Hannesson, Sydney Loewen, Orycia Karpa, Nina Semchyshyn, Zenya Shpurko, Anastasiya Sokha, Mira Villegas, and myself graduated from St. Mary’s Academy together. The transition to high school can be a difficult one, but we always made sure to support each other through our successes and failures. We truly took on high school together. Even though we were divided amongst different classes, we always met up for lunch at what became known as the “Ukrainian” table. What became our identity at SMA was due to the tight knit community of Immaculate Heart. It encouraged us to stay connected throughout high school, and now in our university years.

The most comforting thing of being an IHMS graduate is that I have made friends beyond my graduating class. Through volunteer experiences, Ukrainian organizations, or bumping

into someone in public, I have made lasting friendships that did not exist when I was at IHMS. The common experience and values instilled in us at IHMS makes a “remember when” conversation very likely. I can recall Sr. Anne coming up to Nina Semchyshyn, Melissa Grantham (Kwasny), Dobryan Tracz, and myself at the Ukraine-Kyiv Pavilion, saying how proud she was that we were the ambassadors for 2013 and all IHMS alumni. Almost every year one of the ambassadors has graduated from Immaculate Heart.



1st day of Grade 12 with IHMS Alumna.  
Back row (L-R): Zenya Shpurko, Nina Semchyshyn, Sydney Loewen, Mira Villegas, Sydney Hanneson. Front row (L-R) Dayna Konopelny, Orycia Karpa, Anastasiya Sokha.

In 2013, I began volunteering weekly for the Kids are Creative program at The Welcome Home: a Mission of St. Alphonsus located in the Winnipeg’s inner-city. My brother had started volunteering a couple years before when Luba Michno ‘06 mentioned he should come, after being in the same Ukrainian class at university. At the time Jay Korban ‘05, Lesia Michno ‘05, Zenia Michno ‘11, and Andrew 07 all volunteered there.



Ukraine-Kyiv Ambassadors 2013  
(L-R): Dayna Konopelny ‘10, Nina Semchyshyn ‘10, Dobryan Tracz ‘92, Melissa (Kwasny) Grantham ‘99

We all attended Immaculate Heart, but none of us, except for Lesia and Jay, were in the same graduating class. Two years later, the Michnos have become good friends of mine. Last spring we all celebrated Jay’s marriage, I have attended multiple retreats with Luba in various places in Canada and the US, and have plans of going to World Youth Day in Poland with Zenia and Luba. Lesia, Luba and I all work in reception at Holy Family Home, and we all still volunteer at the Welcome Home. If you would have told me in grade 8 that our lives would intersect like this I probably never would have believed it, but I’m glad they did.



Dayna, Luba Michno ‘06, Zenia Michno ‘11  
Enjoying a moment at Joy Korban ‘s wedding.

These are just a few examples of how I keep in touch with my friends and new friends from Immaculate Heart. It is so important that we keep these connections and friendships alive. The Immaculate Heart community is like a family. Whenever you come home you will be welcomed with open arms. So I encourage everyone to keep these important friendships, and make new ones by acknowledging other graduates that you may not have known during your time at IHMS. Organize a get-together with your graduating class, attend the School’s monthly liturgy, or get involved with the alumni association. Keep the Spirit alive!

Dayna Konopelny ‘10



2005 IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL 2006  
MRS. E. HALAYDA - GRADE 4

## A LASTING IMPRESSION FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

*"When I think of my school days at St. Nicholas School, the first thought that comes to mind is...Devotion and care of the Sisters. They had to sacrifice. They lived in the same school building on the top floor, which was hot in the summer and cold in the winter with a furnace that always broke down. But I remember the care that would be given to us, to look after us and teach us. It was this devotion I remember and the friendships we developed and carried on."*

Deacon Victor Humniski '48

The Humniski family is one of many examples of how the school experience has influenced life decisions that pass from generation to generation.



Oksana Berezanski '03, Dyanna Wowryk '03, Kaleigh Humniski '03

Deacon Victor was privileged to work alongside the Sisters as a teacher at IHMS. His wife Mary spent 17 years as the school's secretary.



Humniski Family—Back Row (L-R): Don '84, Mary, Victor '48, Thomas '70, Chris '74, Lawrence '77 Front Row: Mark '75, Robert '72, Mary Ann (Humniski) Fraser '78

Their seven children and three of their sixteen grandchildren also attended IHMS. Victor also shared his leadership experiences as Chair of the School Board for many years.

Congratulations to Deacon Victor and Mary who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September. **МНОГАЯ ЛІТА!**



### Back to School – A Call to All Alumni...



It's a been an honour to have recently been asked to join the IHMS Board of Trustees. It's a very exciting opportunity to be able to give back to the place that has given me so much. And of course, it means it's time to go "back to school." Just like going back to school every fall, I expect there will be lots of new things to learn, challenges to overcome, and memories to be made. However, as I will expand on below, I do not want to go alone, I think it is time for all alumni to go "back to school" in one way or another.

As a student of IHMS, I do not remember hearing much about the Board of Trustees, and given my understanding that the board is primarily involved in high-level decision making rather than the day to day management of the school, I guess this is not that surprising. I am very excited to attend meetings in the staff room – also known as the one room in the school students rarely got to enter.

However, I accepted this invitation for more than attending meetings in a restricted area, I accepted because I believe in the mission and values of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate and how they have brought that mission to the students of Immaculate Heart every school day for well over 100 years now. I want to help ensure that every IHMS student receives the top quality education I received, with a keen eye out for continuous improvement and growth. I think that is something all alumni can support.

However, experience tells me that before looking to those who will come after us, we have to look to those who have come before us. Last year, I was a researcher at Lubov SSMI Foundation, which is the new central office for all fundraising related activity for the Sisters ministries in Canada, of which IHMS is a part. In that role, I did some alumni research for IHMS. From my research, I can say there are many distinguished alumni among us, doing great things here and around the world. But it's not just the most distinguished among us who deserve recognition, it's all alumni who are making positive contributions at home and abroad, in no small part due to the values and talents instilled in them at IHMS.

I think it's time to take that expertise, that experience, and that talent and go "back to school", to give back to IHMS in any way we can. "Giving back" sounds like asking for money, but I assure you, it's not exclusively that. Of course, donations help, but I'm getting at something more than that. Giving back can be as simple as considering IHMS as an option for one's own children and grandchildren. Giving back can mean volunteering time or specific expertise and experience to the school generally, or to students directly.

I envision something similar to the new Alumni Association at St. Paul's High School, which I have had the pleasure of being involved in the last two years. We look for ways to connect as alumni: to have a good time and reconnect, but we also find ways to give back to the school and the larger community. These are some of the ideas I hope to bring forward when I go "back to school" as a new member of the board.

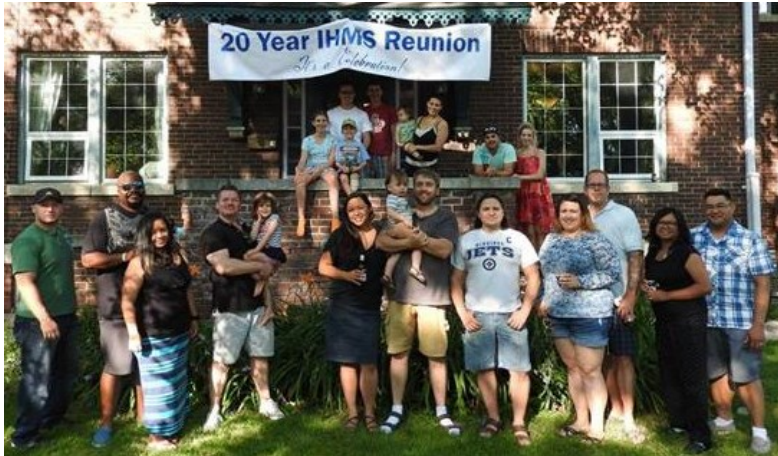
I invite you to share your ideas of how to expand the role of alumni at IHMS. Feel free to contact [alumni@ihms.mb.ca](mailto:alumni@ihms.mb.ca) or myself with these ideas. Don't be a stranger, talk soon.

Andrew Konopelny '02





## CLASS OF 1995 20 YEARS LATER



One day, Dan Sirski decided to post a school picture of his IHMS Class of 1995 on social media, the positive response from classmates, gave him the idea that it was time to get together.

This past summer Dan organized and hosted a reunion of his IHMS graduating class. What a great time it was to reconnect meet families and share stories.

Here is a photo of the class and their families.

Interested in helping plan a Class Reunion? Email: [alumni@ihms.mb.ca](mailto:alumni@ihms.mb.ca)



## IHM School Calendar

### December 17, 2015

Grades K-8 Christmas Concert

“Celebrating Ukrainian Traditions”

1:00 pm Matinee Show

7:00 pm Evening Show

### February 7, 2016

Annual School Tea beginning at 1:30 pm

### March 12, 2016

Annual Fund Raising Dinner

...with little a bit of jazz!

### May 26, 2016

Annual Family Picnic

...join us for a barbecue at the School

### Monthly Divine Liturgy

at Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral

December 18 at 1:00 p.m.

January 27, February 25,

March 23 and April 27 at 9 a.m.

June 3 at 9 a.m.

(Gr. 2 Solemn Holy Communion)

June 28 at 1:30 p.m. (Gr. 8 Graduation)

For more details about School Events  
visit [www.ihms.mb.ca](http://www.ihms.mb.ca)

## 100th Anniversary Book

*The Spirit is Strong - 100th Anniversary Book* features interviews with alumni, hundreds of photos, a unique 100 year timeline, and a cover that depicts the strikingly beautiful stained glass artwork located at the front of Immaculate Heart of Mary School.



One of the most powerful features of the Book are the excerpts from the chronicles of the Sisters. These chronicles are a beautiful window into the personal feelings of the Sisters who helped Ukrainian immigrants adjust to a new homeland. The Anniversary Book takes a look at the past ... a snapshot of the present ... and a peak into the future. Every time you pick this book off the coffee table you will see and experience something different!

Thank you to all the Alumni that contributed to this edition.  
If you have news or stories you would like to share please contact



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