

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP OPEN**

Volunteer opportunities will be posted at noon on Monday, September 18 using our ongoing 2023-2024 Volunteer SignUp Genius link: www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73372D707AFC9EACF9-202320241

Please save this link for future reference. Throughout the year, new opportunities will be posted here (by month or as they come up). Families will be notified in the E-news the week that new opportunities come up and it will typically open at noon on Monday, unless otherwise specified.

IHMS FAMILY PICNIC

Please join us for a 'Welcome Back to School Family Picnic' on Wednesday, September 27 from 3:15 - 5:30PM. Welcome back after the summer, and welcome to all of our new families! All IHMS students, families and friends are invited to attend. It will take place on the school yard. There will be games, activities, inflatable bouncer, candy floss popcorn, door prizes, face painting, a barbecued hot dog supper, and much more!!

After the children are dismissed from school, they will join the picnic on the schoolyard. Parents are invited to come as soon as their schedules permit. All you need to bring is a lawn chair, or a blanket to sit on.

PICNIC DONATIONS

Families are asked to donate a new item as a door prize for the Family Picnic. A few suggestions include: children's toy, gift cards, tickets to an event, sporting equipment, gardening supplies etc. Donations can be brought to the School Office. Please label your donation with your family name.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Just a reminder about traffic safety around the school:

- If dropping off / picking up using the front entrance on Flora Avenue, drivers are required to park your vehicle on one of the adjacent streets and walk your child onto the school yard. Please do not double park on Flora Avenue.
 - *** Please be mindful, IT IS ILLEGAL TO PARK WITHIN NINE METERS OF A STOP SIGN AT ANY INTERSECTION (including FLORA AND McKENZIE in front of the school).
 - There is no stopping / parking along the entire south side of the back lane;
 - There is no passing vehicles on the south side of the back lane as this is unsafe for our children loading into their vehicles;
 - Please be cautious and drive slowly in the school zone around IHMS... especially down the back lane;
- Please share these reminders with other drivers in your family. Thank you for your cooperation!

**PARENTS' GUILD NEWS**

On Thursday, September 14th, the Parents' Guild met in person for the first time in two years (due to the pandemic)! Online meetings have been taking place in the meantime. Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraisers last year. Please keep an eye out for our fundraisers this year: Kernels Popcorn & Gift Card Fundraiser in November, Koubassa & Cheese Fundraiser in February, Flower & Seed Fundraiser in April. Last year, with the help of funds raised, the Parents' Guild supported our school by providing a 'back to school' Picnic, staff Christmas lunch, lunches for the K-3 Field Day and the Gr. 4-8 Track & Field day. Without the help of our families, these initiatives will not be able to happen. The committee is looking for a Secretary. Commitment would be required for a minimum of a few hours, once a month, to take minutes at our meeting. This time would fulfill your voluntary hours for the school year. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL FORMS, FEES & OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Thank you to all families who have promptly returned the school forms and fees. The following items are required to be returned to school: School Acknowledgment Form, Volunteer Form, Volunteer bond cheque or fee, Acute Health Care information and inhalers or auto-injectors. If you still have forms, fees or any outstanding items to submit to the School Office, please do so as soon as possible. Notifications will be set the week of September 25, via email, for any forms or fees outstanding.

DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER BOTTLES!

IHMS water fountains are all equipped with touch less water dispensers for filling water bottles.

Students should bring a water bottle from home to use during the time they are at school.

**ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL**

Student cell phones are not permitted at school. Please respect this school rule and leave electronic items at home (they are not allowed on the school premises) ... thank you for the cooperation.

This information can also be found in our *School Handbook* under *Student Rules & Regulations*.



Check out Immaculate Heart of Mary School on Facebook ... give us a 'thumbs up'!!

<https://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmary/>

**SEPTEMBER**

27 N.U.T. Day ... No Uniforms Today!
27 Welcome Back to School Picnic!
30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER

5 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (in-person)
9 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day
11 3:00 - 5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
12 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
20 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
20 Grade 7 Babysitters Course

VOLLEYBALL PRACTICES

The volleyball teams have been selected and practices have been set. Practice schedules have been distributed to the students.

IHMS has four volleyball teams taking to the court this year.

Games will soon be posted on the school website. Come out and cheer on the Spirit!

