



PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Friday, November 27th, each student was sent home with a Report Card. The Progress Report is for parents to keep however, the envelope must be signed in the space provided, and returned to the classroom teacher so it can be re-used in the following term. At Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Parent-Teacher Conferences are a key part of our communication strategy regarding your child's progress. In-person conferences are scheduled for this week. If there are any questions, or still need to book a time, please call the school office at 204-582-5698.

BOOK FAIR JUNGLE - ELEPHANTS, TIGERS AND BOOKS , OH MY!

The Annual Book Fair is here! Come visit the Scholastic Book Fair and support IHMS! The Annual Book fair begins Monday, November 27, and runs to Thursday, November 30. Please see the attached note in the eNews for important details (in addition, a paper copy of a note and book fair brochure was sent home with each student last week).



Each grade has a designated time to shop. For younger students, please send money in a ziplock bag with the student's name, grade and any special instructions (ex. Student may purchase one book and one school tool. \$15 enclosed). The Book Fair will accept cash, cheques (made payable to IHMS), Credit and debit payment.

PIZZA LUNCH DAY!

Pizza is sold for \$2.50 per slice (cheese or pepperoni). Students bring their pizza money by Tuesday morning and order through their homeroom teacher. There is no order form for Pizza Days. Pizza must be ordered by noon - no late orders! Other food and drinks can be brought from home to supplement snack time and lunch.

ORDER day: Tuesday, November 28 **LUNCH** day: Thursday, November 30



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - IHMS FUND RAISING RAFFLE DRAW

The due date to return tickets was Tuesday, November 14th. The 2023 IHMS Fund Raising Raffle will be held in the IHMS Gymnasium at 7:00PM.

Each volunteer family was allocated 2 Raffle tickets to sell valued at \$50.00 each, with a chance to win very generous cash prizes! Additional tickets are available in the School Office. Thank you to our school community (Parishes, Alumni, Alumni Parents etc.) for all their continued support!



PYLYPIVKA - STUDENTS MAKING A CHANGE TEAM

"Pylypivka" or Philip's Fast began on November 14th. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Christmas). During the remaining 4 weeks of Pylypivka the students and staff will be preparing our hearts by focusing on the following activities: Week of November 27 - 'Service', Week of December 4 - 'Peace', Week of December 11 - 'Joy', Week of December 18 - 'Love'. Students will be doing activities in the classroom focusing on these themes.

At IHMS, we have a Students Making a Change Team, otherwise known as S.M.A.C. This year, the team is made up of Grade 7 & 8 students with the direction of two of our staff members, Ms. Shewchuk and Ms. Rowe. The S.M.A.C. Team is a student social justice club excited to focus their efforts towards helping local and global organizations through fundraising initiatives, collection, and volunteering opportunities. During the Pylypivka season, items are being collected every Tuesday known as "Giving Tuesday". If you are able to give, the following are items that will be collected on each Tuesday:

- November 28 - Socks
- December 5 - Mittens
- December 12 - Toothbrush / Toothpaste
- December 19 - Water bottles, Granola / Protein bars



NOVEMBER

- 27- Dec. 1 Scholastic Book Fair
- 28 9:00AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral
- 28 Pizza Order Day \$2.50/slice
- 28 Giving Tuesday - Socks Collection
- 29 7:00PM IHMS Fund Raising Raffle
- 30 Pizza Lunch Day
- 30 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Evening)

DECEMBER

- 1 NO CLASSES - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 5 Hot Dog Order Day
- 5 Giving Tuesday - Mittens Collection
- 6 2:00PM St. Nicholas Program & Visit
- 7 Hot Dog Orders Due
- 12 Giving Tuesday - Toothbrush/Toothpaste Collection
- 14 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 14 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Spiritual Development
- 19 Giving Tuesday - Water / Granola Bars Collection
- 20 Grades K-3 Christmas Concert
- 21 Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert
- 22 Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- 22 Divine Liturgy at Sts. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral

Christmas Break is December 25 - January 5

JANUARY

- 7 Julian Calendar Christmas
- 8 Classes Resume
- 10 3:00 - 5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
- 11 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 11 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (Online)
- 29 NO CLASSES - IHMS Professional Development

BASKETBALL SEASON

IHMS is looking for anyone interested in coaching introductory basketball. Please contact Mr. Dedio if you are interested!



Tryouts begin this week:

- Boys - Monday / Wednesday 3:15-5:00pm
- Girls - Tuesday / Thursday 3:15 - 5:00pm

VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Congratulations to all four IHMS Volleyball Teams that concluded their seasons this past week. Gratitude to the coaches for teaching the students about the great game of volleyball: Audrey Ross, Mr. Dedio, Ms. DePiero, Ms. Shewchuk and Ms. Slota.



GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER



Thank you to everyone who was able to support the Gift Card Fundraiser, organized by the IHMS Parents' Guild.

Over \$525 was raised!! An email notification will be sent when the Gift Cards are ready to be distributed. All orders need to be signed for by an adult, or parents must notify the office if their child is picking up the Gift Cards.

SHARING YOUR MUSIC TALENTS

Students and families are encouraged to share their musical talents by performing Christmas carols in the front foyer of the school during arrival and dismissal times. One carol or ten, sing, or play an instrument, simple or complex, ... all are welcome to fill the time slots!

- Please email or call the school office to schedule a time to perform, between December 11-15.
- Morning and afternoon slots are available. Slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.