

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - GIVING TUESDAYS**

The generosity of our school family is pouring in! Thus far we have collected 90 packages of socks & 104 pairs of mittens!! During the Pylypivka season, items are being collected every Tuesday, known as "Giving Tuesday". The items will be donated to charities that will assist the less fortunate and in need of these items. The following are the remaining items collected on each Tuesday:

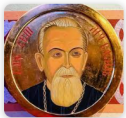
December 12 - Toothbrush / Toothpaste

December 19 - Water bottles, Granola / Protein bars

This is a Christian service project organized by our *S.M.A.C (Students Making a Change Team)*. SMAC is a social justice club and is excited to focus their efforts toward helping local and global organizations through fundraising initiatives, collections, and volunteering opportunities. This year, the team is made up of Grade 7 and 8 students under the direction of Ms. Shewchuk (Kindergarten Teacher) and Ms. Rowe (Educational Assistant).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 - HOT LUNCH DAY**

Hot Dog Day Order Forms were sent out last week and were due by 12:00PM, Thursday, December 7. If you missed this Hot Dog Lunch, please keep checking the calendar for future dates! Thank you to the Hot Lunch volunteers.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2PM / STAFF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

Please remember, after school supervision is not provided on Early Dismissal Days and all children should be picked up promptly at 2:00PM. Staff will be going off site to the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine and continuing on their spiritual journey through the inspiring life story of Blessed Vasyl.

ST. NICHOLAS VISIT

Congratulations to the students on a wonderful performance for St. Nicholas on December 6th. Thank you to Mrs. Paches & Ms. Bezhenar for preparing the children with all the songs, poems and greetings. Always very thoughtful and generous, St. Nicholas left the staff and children with special treats, and as well donated to our Pylypivka Christian service project. Thank you to the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate for also providing the children with delicious treats!

**DECEMBER**

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 1:30 & 7:00PM Gr. K-3 Christmas Concert
 21 1:30 & 7:00PM Gr. 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

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

A few volunteer opportunities will be available on Monday at noon.

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STAFFING NEWS

Welcome back to Mrs. Paulic (Resource Teacher) who is returning from her maternity leave. Thank you to Mrs. Pohl for her time spent at IHMS since September. Her care and compassion could be felt in all her work. May God's blessings continue be with her.

MUSIC TALENTS

During the week of December 11-15, enjoy the talents of IHMS students performing Christmas carols in the front foyer of the school. Performances will take place at arrival and dismissal times. There are 2 afternoon slots available. Please call the office to reserve your spot!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 - MARY'S ANGEL ORNAMENT ORDERS DUE**

During Pylypivka, the school is offering 'Mary's Angel Ornaments' for sale. The Angels are a keepsake of remembrance for deceased loved ones, or someone that is very ill. When an individual purchases an Angel, a prayer card is filled out at the school with the loved ones name. The cards are attached to an Angel ornament and placed on the 'Mary's Angels Tree' located in the front foyer of the school. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by the students and staff on Friday, December 22, for the intentions of the loved ones. Prior to the Christmas break, the angels will be sent home with each of the families that purchased an angel. A sample of the Mary's Angel ornaments is pictured to the left.



The proceeds from this project go towards Marion Hour Centre, Radio Rosary on CKJS.

Each Mary's Angel can be purchased individually for \$5.00.

See the below order form to share with your family and friends.

All orders are to be submitted by Friday, December 15.



PLEASE PRINT

Purchaser's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Seller's Name: _____ Seller's Grade: _____

Number of Angels Purchased: _____ Amount paid: _____

Name of deceased, or ill, loved ones (please print name): _____



IHMS BOOK FAIR

It's A Wrap!

Thank you to all who participated in, and supported the 2023 Jungle-themed Book Fair. This year was a great success having raised \$2055.00 for new library and classroom books!!

The book fair offered several opportunities for students to win a prize, such as:

- Coupon worth \$7 (one per classroom).
- One grand prize draw (\$25 student/ \$25 teacher).
- 'Guess How Many' contest

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Grand Prize - Noah G. (Kindergarten)
- \$7 coupons - Kindergarten, Biruk Semere; Grade One, Ivan Stetsyk; Grade Two, Zander Borbor; Grade Three, Lewhat Gebremeskel; Grade 4, Isla Asselstine; Grade 5, Yaroslav Zeleniuk; Grade 6, Edith Mariano; Grade 7, Jenna Dela Cruz; Grade 8, Sofia Pereira.
- Dominic Khomitsky in Grade 6 guessed the correct number of paperclips in the jar and took home 'Percy the Owl'!

The success of book fair would not be possible without the help of staff and volunteers! Thank you to all staff, especially Mrs. M. Pohl, who assisted with preparation, operation and wrap-up. Thank you also to all the following volunteers: Sister Georgia, SSMI, Sister Ruth, SSMI, Jeffrey Roque, Nardos Abay, Oksana Dyda, Iryna Dutchak, Feven Yohannes, Liezl Dela Cruz, Lisa Alexander, Olga Drogalchuk, Oksana Kukuruza, Oksana Chechet, Khrystyna Dmytriieva, Oksana Shablili, Liette Kelsch, Alana Chernecki, Alona Pluzhnyk, Yana Kostiuikova, Lukshveera Bhardwaj, Eleonor Valenciano and Myron Radawetz. God bless you all for your generosity!

Mrs. Radawetz

Scholastic Book Fair Chairperson



PHYSICAL EDUCATION OUTSIDE



For the rest of December, physical education classes with Mr. Dedio will be outside as the gymnasium transforms into a theatre for the Christmas Concerts. All students will be expected to go outside during this class



and should be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions: ski pants or splash pants, toques, water proof boots, waterproof gloves or mittens, scarves or neck tubes are some examples. In winter, the students stay inside only when the windchill factor is -27 degrees celsius or colder.

BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED

IHMS is looking for a basketball coach that can instruct a developmental girls team with the basics of basketball. If you are interested, or know someone that can assist, please contact Mr. Dedio (Phys. Ed. Teacher) at 204-582-5698, or kdedio@ihms.mb.ca

IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for two days of delightful children's Christmas Concerts to get in to the spirit of the Christmas season. Students are preparing to share the real meaning of Christmas! The students and staff are preparing TWO musicals for everyone to enjoy! Important information regarding costumes is coming on December 12.

Wednesday, December 20th, Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 will present *Three Wee Kings* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM

Thursday, December 21st, Grades 4 - 8 students will present *Rock'n'Roll Angels - The Nativity Musical* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM.

A lot of time and preparation has gone into preparing for the concerts and students are expected to be at both concerts. If a student is unable to attend a concert please email the School Office at ihms@ihms.mb.ca prior to December 12.

Grades 4-8 cast rehearsals will continue every morning beginning at 7:45AM. The entire cast should be in attendance for all rehearsals. The rehearsals will take place in the gymnasium on the stage.



VACATION DURING SCHOOL

The school recognizes that upon rare occasions families take trips / vacations during school time. IHMS also recognizes that regular attendance is a necessary condition for success at school, and that students who attend school on a regular basis generally achieve greater results. Since each school in Manitoba is responsible for the attendance of their students while school is in session, it is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to inform the school of the dates that their child will be away from school on trip / vacation.

For planned absences longer than 3 days, an ABSENCE REQUEST FORM FOR FAMILY TRIP / VACATION must be filled out and handed into the school office, or emailed to attendance@ihms.mb.ca at least two weeks prior. For further information including policy on missed work or tests, please see: [Family-Vacation-Protocol](#)



DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Just in time for Christmas, the Parents' Guild have decorative Christmas trees for sale. These trees were donated to the Parents' Guild so 100% of the proceeds will go straight into initiatives for staff and students. Please visit the school office to purchase. There are a few samples on display in the trophy case in the front lobby of the school. Trees are available while supplies last. Large ceramic or glass - \$3.00 & Small ceramic - \$1.00

HEARING AND SPEECH SCREENING

IHMS is pleased to provide families in Kindergarten with hearing and speech screening. A hearing screening took place on December 7th, and speech screenings will be on December 15th. Screenings are designed to provide an early identification of children who may experience even mild deficits to identify concerns early in a child's development so intervention programs can be put in place.

