

**N.U.T. DAY (No Uniforms Today)**

Ilyana Sim (Student Council President), and Emily Chernecki (Student Council Vice-President) are encouraging all the students to get into the Christmas spirit by having a couple of fun N.U.T. Days this coming week!

**Monday, December 18 - Christmas Red and Green Day!** Wear any clothing that is red, green and festive!



**Tuesday, December 19 - Crazy Sock Day (with IHMS School Uniform)** Find your craziest, comfiest, funniest, or most festive socks and wear it with your school uniform.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 - GIVING TUESDAYS**

One last "Giving Tuesday". The items will be donated to charities that will assist the less fortunate and in need of these items. Bottles of water, granola or protein bars will be collected on Tuesday, December 19. Thank you for your participation!

**IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

Join us for two days of delightful children's Christmas Concerts to get into the spirit of the Christmas Season. Students are preparing to share the real meaning of Christmas... the birth of baby Jesus! The students and staff are preparing TWO concerts for everyone to enjoy!



- Wednesday, December 20th, Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 will present **Three Wee Kings**. Concert times are at 1:30PM & 7:00PM. Students are required to be at both shows.
- Thursday, December 21st, Grades 4 -8 students will present **Rock'n'Roll Angels - The Nativity Musical**. Concert times are at 1:30PM & 7:00PM. Students are required to be at both shows.

**Important information for parents:**

- For costume items brought from home, please put them in a bag, and label the clothes and bag with the child's name. Costume requirements for each class were emailed to families on December 14th. All costume pieces that are being brought from home should be at school by Monday, December 18.
  - For evening performances, all students must be in their classroom. Dressed in costume, no later than 6:30PM.
- The Christmas Concerts are part of the school program and students are required to take part in the preparations and all performances. If a student is unable to perform, a note from parents was required to be provided to the homeroom teacher last week. Otherwise, students are required during their afternoon performance, as well as evening performance.
- On the day of the concert, the school yard will be open for parking as well as on the adjacent streets. **There is no parking in the back lane behind the school** because of City of Winnipeg rules. Immaculate Heart of Mary School also hires a security guard to patrol the area and parking lot.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 1:00PM DIVINE LITURGY**

Please join the students and staff in prayer as we end this calendar year at Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral. Special intentions will be prayed for Mary's Angels. For families that ordered a Mary's Angel ... the ornaments will be sent home at the end of the day.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Congratulations to the Grade 6 class for having the lowest number of late books since September (Library Golf). The Grade 3 class came in second place. Both classes will receive a special reward for their accomplishments. Bravo!

**LOST AND FOUND**

All items collected in the Lost & Found bin will be placed on tables in the downstairs hallway for families to look through on Wednesday and Thursday. Please take the time to claim your items.

**RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025**

Re-registration Forms for next school year will be sent home in early January. Families with a new student, registering for Kindergarten in the fall of 2024, should pick up a Registration Form from the office in the new year. The registration / tuition fees for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted in January. IHMS provides a variety of learning opportunities and experiences to ensure your child has the best start to their education as possible as well as encourage all students to make respectful and responsible choices.



Re-Registration

**DECEMBER**

- 18 N.U.T. Day - Christmas Red & Green Day
- 18 Christmas Concert costumes due at school
- 19 N.U.T. Day - Crazy Sock Day
- 19 Giving Tuesday - Water/Granola Bars Collection
- 20 Gr. K-3 Christmas Concert
- 21 Gr. 4-8 Christmas Concert
- 22 Last day of classes before Christmas Break
- 22 1:00PM 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**

There are still some volunteer opportunities available for this week under the "December" tab.

[www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73372D707AFC9EACF9-202320241](http://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/73372D707AFC9EACF9-202320241)

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**

Each of the students in the school will be participating in a colouring contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus runs the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign each year to remind society that at Christmas we honour the birth of Jesus Christ. This contest allows young people to combine their creative talents and imaginations with an understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Thank you to the St. Josaphat Council #4138 for helping us continue this tradition.

