

**HOT DOG ORDERS!**

Forms will be sent home Tuesday, December 5th. Please use the Hot Dog Order Form to place an order with the homeroom teachers. Exact change is appreciated. Orders after 12:00 noon cannot be accepted.

Single Hot Dog - \$2.50 / Full meal (Hot Dog / Chips / Drink) - \$4.50

Order Form Due: Thursday, December 7 **LUNCH** Day: Thursday, December 14

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 - GIVING TUESDAYS**

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.

December 5 - Mittens

December 12 - Toothbrush / Toothpaste

December 19 - Water bottles, Granola / Protein bars

**DECEMBER**

- 5 Hot Dog Order Forms sent home
- 5 Giving Tuesday - Mittens Collection
- 6 2PM 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 Gr. K-3 Christmas Concert
- 21 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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 - FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS / ST. NICHOLAS VISIT**

St. Nicholas will be visiting IHMS!! All parents, friends and family are invited to the St. Nicholas Program presented by the children at 2:00PM, Wednesday, December 6. The program will take place in the gymnasium. The students will greet St. Nicholas with a few songs and poems. If you have any little ones at home please bring them along. St. Nicholas is always very thoughtful and generous... he might even have a few treats for the children!

IHMS FUND RAISING RAFFLE DRAW

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for this year's Annual Fund Raising Raffle. The proceeds are so important for the children's educational program at the school. For a complete list of winners, please go to ... <https://ihms.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/FRR-Winner-2023.pdf>

**PYLYPIVKA - 'Our Road to the Nativity'**

Please see the 'IHMS Pylypivka 2023' note for information about how the students are preparing their hearts for Christmas. Don't forget to order a Mary's Angel ornament for in memory of a lost loved one or someone ill in need of prayer.

IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for two days of delightful children's Christmas Concerts, to get into the spirit of the Christmas season, as the students prepare to share the real meaning of Christmas! The students and staff are preparing TWO musicals for everyone to enjoy!

- **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.

More important information about costumes is forthcoming! The Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert cast is continuing to rehearse every morning beginning at 7:45AM. A schedule of rehearsals for this week has been emailed.

**GRADES 4, 5, 6 MINI-VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

IHMS is hosting a Mini-Volleyball Tournament for Grades 4, 5 and 6 students on Monday, December 4 from 3:30PM - 6:00PM. Students that signed up to play have been placed on a team and the schedule has been made. Parents are welcome to come and watch our young athletes play in a 'fun' tournament! All students must be picked up promptly at 6:00PM.

VOLLEYBALL SEASON WINDUP

To celebrate a great season, IHMS volleyball teams will be having a windup on Thursday, December 7 in the gym from 3:30PM - 5:00PM.

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

HEARING AND SPEECH SCREENING

IHMS is pleased to provide families in Kindergarten with hearing and speech screening. A hearing screening will take 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.

**SHARING YOUR MUSIC TALENTS**

A FEW SPOTS LEFT! Students and families are encouraged to share their talents by performing Christmas carols in the front foyer of the school during arrival and dismissal times. Please email or call the school office to schedule a time to perform, between December 11-15.