

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP OPEN**

Volunteer opportunities will be posted (including Picnic tasks) at noon on Monday, September 16 using our ongoing 2024-2025 Volunteer Sign-Up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2024ihmsvolunteer>

Please save this link for future reference or keep the QR code handy. Throughout the year, new opportunities will be posted on Sign-Up (by month, or as they come up).

Families will be notified in the E-news the week that new opportunities become available. The Sign-Up will typically open at noon on Monday, unless otherwise specified.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - LIFETOUCH SCHOOL PHOTOS**

For Picture Day each student will wear their official IHMS school uniform.

Boys: cardigan, golf shirt, navy pants, black or navy socks, black shoes ... and a smile!

Girls: cardigan, golf shirt, navy skirt, navy tights or knee high socks, black shoes ... and a big grin!

Students will be photographed individually and as well with their class. After Picture Day, families will receive a package of proofs of your child and be able to order pictures on mylifetouch.ca

**IHMS FAMILY PICNIC**

Please join us for a 'Welcome Back to School Family Picnic' on Wednesday, September 25 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. NEW for this year, please RSVP with your intentions using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2024ihmspicnicrsvp>

If you are able to attend and would like to volunteer, please use the volunteer link!

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. Donation letters are also available.

**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.

PARENTS' GUILD NEWS

On Thursday, September 14th, the Parents' Guild met in person for the first time this school year! Thank you to everyone who supported the Parents' Guild fundraisers last year. Please keep an eye out for Parents' Guild fundraisers this coming year: Kernels Popcorn & Gift Card Fundraiser in November and Koubassa & Cheese Fundraiser before Easter. 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 Parents' Guild committee is looking for a Secretary. Commitment would be required for a minimum of a few hours, once a month, to take minutes at the monthly meeting. This time would fulfill voluntary hours for the school year. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

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 *The School Handbook* under *Student Rules & Regulations*.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION BOOKLETS

A brief 'Program Description' booklet was emailed home to each grade on Friday, September 13 from your child's homeroom teacher. Please check your email inbox. If you did not receive an email, contact the student's teacher.

**SEPTEMBER**

20 Lifetouch School Photos
23 Orange Shirt Day for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today
25 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today - Summer Wear Day!
25 Welcome Back to School Picnic!
27 Student Council Elections
30 NO CLASSES - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER

7 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (in-person)
9 3:00 - 5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
10 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
14 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day
25 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
25 Grade 7 Babysitters Course

**Parents' Guild Executive Team,
welcomes you to IHMS!**

President - Lesia Wozny
Children in Gr. 5 & 8
Vice President - Bohdan Bybel
Child in Gr. 8
Treasurer - Olha Mala
Children in 1, Gr. 5 & Gr.7
Secretary - Vacant

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 do not block the staff parking lot.
Please share these reminders with other drivers in your family. Thank you for your cooperation!

VOLLEYBALL COACH WANTED

IHMS is looking for assistance with coaching introductory volleyball. For more information please contact Mr. Dedio (Phys. Ed. Teacher). Phone 204-582-5698 Email: kdedio@ihms.mb.ca

