

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - NO CLASSES**

For Canadians, September 30, 2024 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Canada has been navigating a Truth and Reconciliation journey to address some very difficult outcomes from the many generations of First Nations children who were sent to residential schools. This day is set aside to honour those children who never returned home, and for the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of this history, and the ongoing impacts of residential schools, is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

As a Christian community of believers, we have a part to play in the process. On this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, everyone is encouraged to take time for reflection, prayer, and learning. It can be an opportunity to explore the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and stories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. As we do this, we get to experience a small taste of what it will be like one day when every nation, tribe, and language is united in harmony.

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

A new IHMS Student Council will be elected on Tuesday, October 1. The Student Council is elected by Grades 5-8 students.

The Council is called on during the year to organize student spirit activities and as well represent the students at various school functions. The Student Council consists of a President (Grade 8 student), Vice President (Grade 7 student), and 5 Student Council Reps (from Grades 7 and Grade 8). Good luck to all the aspiring politicians that choose to run in the election!

**HOT LUNCH DAYS**

Hot Lunch Days are back! Parents may purchase lunch through Hot Dog Days or Pizza Lunch Days. Keep an eye on the school calendar and details in the IHMS Weekly eNews.



Hot Dog Days are organized by the Parents' Guild with revenues earmarked for busing transportation on field trips. Hot Dog Order Forms are sent home with a due date 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. Thank you to the Hot Dog Lunch Coordinators Lesia Bybel & Olga Budykevych.

Pizza Lunch Days are organized by the Grade 8 class with revenues earmarked for their graduation celebration in June. Pizza is sold for \$2.50 per slice (cheese or pepperoni). Students bring their pizza money (exact change) on the Pizza Order Day. Students place the pizza order with their homeroom teacher in the morning. Pizza must be ordered by noon - late orders cannot be accepted. The pizza will arrive on the Pizza Lunch Day. Other food and drinks can be brought from home to supplement the pizza lunch.

**VOLUNTEERING**

MORE volunteer opportunities will be **posted Tuesday, October 1 at noon** using the ongoing Volunteer Sign Up Genius [link](#).

Please carefully select the October tab at the top (or from the drop down menu on your mobile device) and read the description. Thank you for helping!

LIFETOUCH PHOTO ORDERS

Lifetouch

Lifetouch photo proofs were sent home on Thursday, September 26. Orders are due back on Tuesday, October 8. Please order by this date to avoid extra costs. There are two ways to order photos:

1. Online by visiting mylifetouch.ca and using the Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on the photo proof page. (No need to return the Order Form to school).
2. By completing the Order Form, found in the proof package, and returning it to the School Office.



All families can also log on and order a **FREE** digital Pictures2Protect Card.

If you are not pleased with your photos, you can request a retake by checking off the appropriate box on the Order Form and return to school no later than re-take day on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. If any assistance is required to order, please don't hesitate to contact the office!

UNIFORM SHOP

The IHMS Uniform Shop will be open 3:00-5:00PM, Wednesday, October 9. Families visiting the Shop must make an [appointment](#).

**GO SPIRIT GO!**

Volleyball season is underway and IHMS will have 4 teams taking to court in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association - Volleyball League. Come and cheer on the IHMS Spirit when they're playing home games in the IHMS gymnasium! All game dates and times are posted online on the IHMS Monthly Calendar. Parents can now subscribe to the calendar for the most up to date information regarding practices, games and tournaments.

**A PICNIC THANK YOU!**

Wow! ... what an amazing community event hosted at the school this past Wednesday!! Gratitude is extended to:

- ... the Parents' Guild Picnic Coordinators: Yana Kostyukova, January Luczak, Heather Stephen, Olha Tovarnytskyy and Lesia Wozny. For countless hours of planning, shopping, and obtaining donations!
- ... to Mrs. Wozny for volunteer coordination!
- ... to Mr. Picklyk & Pani Dudych for their expertise, knowledge and guidance!
- ... to the Grade 8 students' face painting skills!
- ... to Ms. Rowe and Mrs. Copp (Educational Assistants) for planning fun races!
- ... to Mr. Fil and Mr. Trokhanovskyy (School Custodians) for all their extra effort!
- ... to our parent volunteers that signed up to work hard with a smile on their face!



Thank you as well to the families and businesses who made donations: Baba's House, Isla Asselstine & Family, Balashiskul Family, Bybel Family, Brooker Family, Dyda Family, Garcea Family, Gorilla Jack, MacMillan Family, Olha Mala, Marcelino Family, Nowosad Family, Saran Family, Sim Family, Jonah Stephens, Vakaliuk Family, Tovarnytskyy Family, Starbucks (Main & Murray).