

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 - N.U.T. DAY (No Uniforms Today)**

Let's get into the Christmas spirit by starting off the week with a N.U.T Day!

Christmas Red and Green Day! Wear any clothing that is red, green and festive!

On non-uniform days students must adhere to appropriate attire. Disrespectful slogans on t-shirts, crop tops, and torn or tattered jeans are not permitted. I appreciate your cooperation.

**IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

Join Immaculate Heart of Mary School for delightful children's Christmas Concerts to get into the spirit of the Christmas season. Students are preparing to share the real meaning of Christmas with TWO musicals for everyone to enjoy!

**All students are required to attend both performances for their respective age group ... afternoon show, as well as the evening show.

Wednesday, December 18 th - Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 will present *God's Colorful Promises of Christmas* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM .

Thursday, December 19 th - Grades 4 -8 students will present *The Christmas Chronicles* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM.

**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 11th. All costume pieces that are being brought from home should be at school by Monday, December 16.
- 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 parking areas.
- Each of the Christmas will be video recorded and will be available for purchase in January, 2025.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 - ROSARY AT 12:30 / DIVINE LITURGY AT 1:00 PM**

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

**FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATES**

It is important to keep the school office informed of any new updates to relevant family information.

Information such as change in Visa status, change in address and phone numbers (including work numbers). Not only is this important for emergency situations but as well, the office must also report certain statistics to the province of Manitoba for funding purposes. Please email any changes to lwozny@ihms.mb.ca or stop by the school office.

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2025 -2026

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 2025, should pick up a Registration Form from the office in the New Year. The registration / tuition fees for the 2025-2026 school year will be posted in January. IHMS provides a variety of learning opportunities and experiences to ensure each child has the best start to their educational journey, and as well encourages all students to make respectful and responsible choices.



Re-Registration

COMMUNITY NEWS - JUBILEE YEAR OF GOD 2025

His Holiness Pope Francis has proclaimed the upcoming year the *Jubilee Year of God 2025*, and has invited the faithful of the Eastern Catholic Churches to participate in it.

Metropolitan Archbishop Lawrence Huculak OSBM has called on all the faithful of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg to take an active part in celebrating the Jubilee Year of God 2025 in accordance with the Plan of Actions and Initiatives published by the Jubilee Committee. The PILGRIMAGE SITES, where the faithful can receive full Jubilee indulgences from December 29, 2024 to December 28, 2025 are: the Cathedral of St. Vladimir and Olga in the city of Winnipeg; Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary and the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in the municipality of Cooks Creek; and Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine at St. Joseph the Betrothed Church in the city of Winnipeg.

DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR:

December 29, 2024 - Opening Liturgy for the Jubilee Year at Sts. Volodymyr and Olga Cathedral at 11AM

June 27, 2025 - Feast Day of Blessed Vasyly Velychkovskyy (Schedule to be announced), (indulgences will be granted provided the requirements are met during the Liturgy).

July 12, 2025 - Praznyk Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olga Cathedral (Schedule to be announced), (indulgences will be granted provided the requirements are met during the Liturgy).

August 15-17, 2025 - Pilgrimage at Cooks Creek (Schedule to be announced), (indulgences will be granted provided the requirements are met during the Liturgy).

**DECEMBER**

- 16 N.U.T Day - Christmas Red & Green Day
- 16 Christmas Concert costumes due at school
- 18 K- 3 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
- 19 4-8 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
- 20 1:00 PM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral
- 20 Last day of classes before Christmas Break

December 23 - January 3
Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 6 Classes Resume
- 9 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 9 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (Online)
- 15 3:00-5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
- 31 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR THRIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CIRCLE

During Pylypivka, the SMAC Team initiated a food collection for Thrive Community Support Circle.



Thank you to all the students and families classes for their participation. There are 344 non-perishable food items that have been collected!

STAFFING NEWS

Ms. DePiero (Grade 6 Teacher) will begin another opportunity in her career in the New year. IHMS wishes Ms. DePiero all the best and thanks her for sharing her wonderful teaching skills and friendly disposition with everyone at IHMS. Blessings to Ms. DePiero. Information regarding a new Grade 6 Teacher is forthcoming.

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.

Please take the time to claim your items. There are plenty of lost items waiting for their home.