

**RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

Re-registration forms for the next school year were sent home on Wednesday, January 8. The deadline for re-registration is Wednesday, January 29, 2025. Families with a new student registering for Kindergarten in the fall of 2025 should pick up a Registration Form from the office.

IHMS provides a variety of learning opportunities and experiences to ensure your child has the best start to their education. IHMS offers an excellent curriculum, supplemented by many extra-curricular activities, and encourages all students to make respectful and responsible choices.

**SADOCHOK / NURSERY PROGRAM**

IHMS operates a Nursery (Sadochok) School Program at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church (35 Marcie Street) in North Kildonan. The Lubov Nursery School has been in successful operation for nearly 20 years. IHM Lubov Nursery School is a "learning through play" experience for children ages two to five. Programs include introducing the Ukrainian language, faith, culture and customs. The qualified staff provides an enriching experience in a caring Christian environment within a bright main-floor classroom, where all children may develop socially, emotionally and intellectually at their own rate. More Information can be found on the IHMS website.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 - BLESSING OF HOLY WATER - FEAST OF EPIPHANY**

Ukrainians celebrate the baptism of our Lord on January 6th (Gregorian Calendar). This celebration is also called the Festival of Epiphany. On Tuesday, January 14, at 9:00 AM, IHMS will have a prayer service in the school gymnasium to bless the Holy Water. Part of the prayer service will also occur outside, in front of an ice cross. All parents and families are encouraged to join us for the prayer service.

Following the blessing of the water, a priest, accompanied by a few students, will bless each room in the school. Each class will welcome Father to their 'home' classroom by preparing a small table covered by a white cloth with an icon and a candle.

Students are welcome to take Holy Water home to share with their families. Students should bring a container with a tight seal to bring the Holy Water home.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 - CHRISTMAS CAROLLING**

A group of school students will go Christmas Caroling to special homes in the community... a treasured Ukrainian tradition! The students will sing a few carols and recite a couple of verses, spreading Christmas cheer and wishing the homeowners health and happiness in the New Year! As part of the tradition, one of the carollers carries a star, symbolic of the Bethlehem Star.

BASKETBALL ACTION

IHMS has four basketball teams taking to the court this year in interscholastic competition! The schedules (practices and games) are posted on the school website. Families can subscribe to the calendars for the most up-to-date information. [Click here](#) for more information. Come cheer on the Spirit at any of the home games!!

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 - UNIFORM SHOP OPEN**

All IHMS students are required to wear the official IHMS uniform acquired from the IHMS Uniform Shop. There are two ways to purchase from the Uniform Shop ... online or in-person. To get the Uniform Shop links go to: <http://ihms.mb.ca/school-life/15uniforms/>

- Families must make an appointment to visit the Uniform Shop in person. Walk-up sales are not allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.
- When visiting the Uniform Shop in person, each appointment time slot is 20 minutes. Please be respectful of the schedule.

FUNDRAISING DINNER ... SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for March 8, 2025! IHMS is pleased to say the popular Fundraising Dinner event is returning!

Families in our school community are encouraged to mark this date on the calendar and support this important fundraising event by volunteering or purchasing a ticket. This wonderful evening includes a spectacular meal, beverages, and fabulous prizes. All proceeds from the dinner will go to programs for the school's children. Gather a group of friends and book a table! More details are forthcoming.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT METHODS

The following methods can be used for paying school fees (registration, tuition, Before / After School Program Fees, etc.):

- 1) **Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)** - Fund transfers can be made online from your financial institution, direct to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School email eft@ihms.mb.ca. Please note in the memo what the payment is regarding.
- 2) **Pre-authorized Credit Card Withdrawal** - a Form is completed in the School Office for a pre-determined amount of school fees to be charged to a Visa or MasterCard credit card.
- 3) **Phone in Credit Card** - phone the School Office and provide your credit card number to pay a school fee.
- 4) **Cash or Cheque** - If sending cash or cheque with your child please email / phone the School Office to indicate your child will be delivering the cash / cheque, and the amount.
- 5) **Cash, Debit, Credit Card or Cheque In-person** - deliver the school payment in-person to the School Office.

**JANUARY**

14 9:00AM Blessing of Holy Water - Feast of Epiphany
14 IHMS Christmas Carolling Tour
15 3:00-5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
15 Hot Dog Lunch Day
21 Pizza Order Day
23 Pizza Lunch Day
28 Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral
29 2025-2026 Re-Registrations Due
31 NO CLASSES - IHMS Professional Development Day

FEBRUARY 'I Love To Read Month'

3 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (online)
4 Pizza Order Day
6 Pizza Lunch Day
10-14 Manitoba Catholic's Schools' Week
12 Uniform Shop Open 3:00-5:00PM
13 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL
14 NO CLASSES - MB Catholic Schools Day
17 NO CLASSES - Louis Riel Day
24-28 I Love to Read Week
28 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

January Volunteer opportunities will be posted on Monday, January 13 at noon using [SignUp Genius link](#)

Future coordinators will be needed over the next couple of months if you would be interested in a role that requires some organizational skills to ensure fundraisers, events or activities run effectively please let the school office know!

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 - HOT DOG DAY**

Hot Dog Day Order Forms were sent home on January 7, and orders were due on January 9. If you missed this Hot Dog Lunch, please check the calendar for the next order day!



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