

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! ЩАСЛИВОГО НОВОГО РОКУ!****JANUARY**

- 6 Classes Resume
- 7 Hot Dog Order Forms sent home
- 8 2025-2026 Re-Registration Information sent home
- 9 Hot Dog Lunch Forms due
- 9 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 9 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (Online)
- 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
- 29 2025-2026 Re-Registrations Due
- 31 NO CLASSES - IHMS Professional Development Day

THURSDAY, JAN. 9 - EARLY DISMISSAL

After School supervision is not provided on early dismissal days, and all children should be picked up promptly at 2:00PM.

**BASKETBALL SEASON**

IHMS will have four basketball teams taking to the court this season!

Players were given schedules prior to the Christmas Break. Basketball practices will be starting up the week of January 6.

**STAFFING NEWS**

A warm welcome is extended to Ms. Laurie Bryksa, who will join the IHMS faculty as the Grade 6 Teacher. We look forward to Ms. Bryksa sharing her teaching experience, as well as her kind and caring nature with the students at IHMS.

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

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. They should bring a container with a tight seal to bring the Holy Water home.

IHMS CAROLLING TOUR - TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

IHMS carollers will carry on a special Ukrainian tradition! Christmas carolling is a treasured part of Ukrainian culture, and on Tuesday, January 14, a group of IHMS carollers will go on a 'carolling tour' to special homes in the community. As part of the tradition, one of the carollers carries a star, symbolic of the Bethlehem Star.

**HOT DOG ORDERS!**

Forms will be sent home Tuesday, January 7. Please use the Hot Dog Order Form to place an order with the homeroom teachers. Orders are due Thursday, January 9. Orders after 12:00 noon cannot be accepted. Exact change is appreciated.

Single Hot Dog - \$2.50 / Full meal (Hot Dog / Chips / Drink) - \$4.50
Order Form Due: Thursday, January 9 **LUNCH** Day: Wednesday, January 15

**ONLINE PARENTS' GUILD MEETING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 at 7:00PM**

All parents/guardians who have children attending Immaculate Heart are members of the IHMS Parents' Guild and are invited to the monthly meetings. This month, the Parents' Guild Meeting will take place online, and you can participate from the warmth and comfort of your home. Meeting Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89369651391?pwd=s3ad69bgtwZq0sYOTFBzVrboa6SRbm.1>

**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 access the Uniform Shop links, go to: <https://ihms.mb.ca/school-life/uniforms/>

- 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.
- **It is very important that every family take the time to label their uniforms.** It helps tremendously when attempting to return a lost uniform item to the rightful owner.
- To be environmentally friendly, families are requested to bring their own reusable shopping bags to the uniform shop. Shopping bags are still available for those who do not have one.
- Families with slightly used uniforms can either donate them to the IHMS Uniform Shop or sell them on consignment for a fee of \$4.00.

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

Re-registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year will be sent home on Wednesday, January 8. The deadline for re-registration will be 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 School Office.

Registration / tuition fees for the 2025-2026 school year:

- \$100 Registration Fee (non-refundable)
- Full Time Kindergarten: \$2,750
- Grades 1-8 First Child: \$2,950
- Grades 1-8 Second Child: \$1,250
- Grades 1-8 third or more children: \$0.00

IHMS is proud to provide:

- a variety of learning opportunities and experiences to ensure each child has a good foundation in their educational journey;
- a nurturing environment to promote caring, respectful and contributing citizenship qualities.

**TALENTED PERFORMERS!!**

Congratulations to all the students on their exceptional performances at this year's Christmas Concerts. Not only were the students tremendous performers, but they also brought the true meaning of Christmas into our hearts.

Compliments to the staff for all their preparations. Gratitude to Mrs. Naurocki (retired staff member) and her husband for their donation of beautiful Christmas trees for the outdoor display! Thank you to the parents and guardians for their help in preparing costumes and setting up the bleachers. Acknowledgement to all the staff for their great teamwork and effort in helping with all the details for concerts. A big bouquet to Pani Paches for her musical direction & Pani Bezhenar for her help with preparations. Digital recordings of each Christmas Concert will be available for purchase. Please look for the Order Form coming soon.