



### MANITOBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK - CELEBRATING 'FAITH, EXCELLENCE & SERVICE'

This week is a chance to celebrate, and appreciate, the opportunity of Catholic education at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

the opportunity to 'live' and 'develop' our faith every day.  
 ... the opportunity for religious education and to learn more about God.  
 ... the opportunity for academic excellence.  
 ... the opportunity to learn more about the rich Ukrainian culture.  
 ... the opportunity to experience athletics and the arts.  
 ... the opportunity to be a part of a very special learning community.

The IHMS staff, along with student leaders, have created some fun activities for everyone to enjoy!

Activities include ...

#### Monday, February 10 - 'Winter Carnival'

It's a N.U.T. day (No Uniforms Today). Wear your team colour (provided by the classroom teacher), and all students will be divided into teams to enjoy an afternoon of fun!

#### Tuesday, February 11 - 'Twisted Tuesday'

You never know WHO will show up in your classroom!

#### Wednesday, February 12 - 100th Day (K-3) / Class Challenges (4-8)

So much to celebrate, including the 100th Day of school for Grades K - 3. Grades 4 - 8 will have an afternoon participating in class challenges in the gymnasium.

#### Thursday, February 13 - 'Valentine's Day'



We 'heart' Catholic schools! It's a N.U.T. Day (No Uniforms Today). Wear pink, red, or white for Valentine's Day, and students will take part in a school-wide craft activity.

#### Friday, February 14 - NO CLASSES

Staff are participating in Manitoba Catholic Schools Day, focussing on Treaty Education. As mandated by the provincial government, all Manitoba school personnel must take Treaty Education courses. The courses must be completed by December 31, 2025. The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba facilitates the course.



#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 / TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - BAKE SALE

The IHMS Student Council is having a Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Monday, February 10 & Tuesday, February 11. The cost for baked goods will be \$1/item with proceeds going to the Grade 8 Grad Fund. Baking will include a variety of items such as brownies, cookies, and cupcakes. All items will be nut free as per school policy. Happy Valentine's Day!



#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:00PM

After School supervision is not provided on Early Dismissal Days and all children are to be picked up promptly at 2:00PM.

Grades K-3 students are to be picked up on the schoolyard by the front doors of the school.

Grades 4-8 students are to be picked up in the back lane by the back doors of the school.



#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY

It's a NUT Day! ... wear pink, red, or white!

IHMS focuses on teaching students to make healthy choices when it comes to diet, and as well we need to be very vigilant to allergy concerns therefore families wishing to share a fun treat on Valentines Day at school should only bring an inexpensive toy or Valentines card ... **NO FOOD OR CANDY TREATS PLEASE.** Thank you for your co-operation!

#### LOUIS RIEL DAY - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - NO CLASSES

As the Métis leader of the Red River Resistance of 1869-70, Louis Riel was instrumental in drafting the List of Rights, which formed the basis of the Manitoba Act, which was passed by the Parliament of Canada in the spring of 1870 and brought the new province of Manitoba into Confederation.

Louis Riel was the driving force behind Manitoba becoming Canada's fifth province. His dream of a province that embraces all cultures is still shared by Manitobans today.

On the third Monday of February, get out and join other Manitobans from all across our great province to celebrate Louis Riel's vision!



#### FEBRUARY

##### 'I Love To Read Month'

- 10-14 Manitoba Catholic's Schools' Week
- 10 N.U.T Day - Team Colour
- 10-11 Valentine Bake Sale
- 12 Uniform Shop Open 3:00-5:00PM
- 13 N.U.T Day - Pink, Red or White
- 13 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL
- 14 NO CLASSES - MB Catholic Schools Day
- 17 NO CLASSES - Louis Riel Day
- 18 Pizza Order Day
- 19 Hot Dog Lunch Order Forms sent home
- 20 Pizza Lunch Day
- 21 Hot Dog Lunch Orders Due
- 24-28 I Love to Read Week
- 26 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 28 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day



#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteer opportunities for the month of February, and as well, the Fundraising Dinner will be posted on Monday, February 10, at noon using the [SignUp Genius Link](#).

More information about volunteering for the Fund Raising Dinner can be found below. As a 'Volunteer Family', **each family is responsible for providing one person, to work at one shift** to assist with preparation for the Dinner (if your family still requires volunteer hours for this year).

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - 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 our IHMS website.

Please remember...

- Families MUST book a time slot online to shop at the Uniforms Shop in person;
- Don't forget to label all uniform pieces with the student's name;
- Bring reusable bags;
- Families can donate slightly used uniforms.

#### STAFFING NEWS

Welcome back to Mrs. O. Stanowych. She has now been hired to teach Language Arts, Religion, and Health to the Grade 6 students. Mrs. Stanowych's first day will be Wednesday, February 12.

A warm IHMS welcome to Mrs. M. Horlova. She has been hired to teach Math to the Grades 6, 7, and 8 students. Mrs. Horlova's first day will be Tuesday, February 18.

#### BOYS WIN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT!

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team, coached by Mykel Caparas, on winning the St. Paul's SPORT Tournament this past weekend! Way to go Spirit!!



## IHMS FUNDRAISING DINNER - UNDER THE BIG TOP!

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

Come One! Come All!



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL  
FUND RAISING DINNER

**UNDER THE BIG TOP**

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres at 6:00PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

\$150 per ticket

Holy Eucharist Parish Centre 460 Munroe Avenue

Tickets available at IHM School Office Phone: 204-582-5698 Email: ihms@ihms.mb.ca

All proceeds support the programs for the children at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

### COME ONE! COME ALL! IT'S AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!

Families in our school community are encouraged to mark this date on the calendar and support this important fundraising event for the school. The IHMS Fund Raising Dinner is wonderful evening taking place at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre and will include a spectacular meal, entertainment, as well as, fabulous raffle prizes. All proceeds from the Dinner will be directed towards the academic, spiritual and cultural programs at Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact the School for more information regarding sponsorships.

Gather a group of friends and book a table! Tickets are \$150 each, which includes a charitable contribution receipt (issued after the event).

Ticket Order Forms were sent home on January 28 and are due to be returned on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Tickets are now available in the School Office.

### FUNDRAISING DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for being part of our school community and for helping with this fundraising and community-building event! The Annual Fundraising Dinner is independently organized by Immaculate Heart of Mary School, and all proceeds from the dinner will be used to advance programs for the children at the school.

As a 'Volunteer Family', each family is responsible for providing at least one person to work one shift to assist with preparations for the dinner (if your family still requires volunteer hours for this year). Please note that these are adult volunteer shifts (21 years of age or older), and we request that you fill in the name of the person who is volunteering on the Signup.

Signup will open on Monday, February 10 at noon using the [SignUp Genius Link](#), and the due date for this signup is February 21, 2025, at noon. If a family purchases tickets to attend the Dinner, the volunteering obligations are waived. We welcome anyone to gather a group of friends and book a table! Tickets for the fundraising dinner are available at the IHMS office.



### FUNDRAISING DINNER - RAFFLE DONATIONS

The IHMS Parents' Guild is already planning and gathering prizes for the Raffle Room at the Annual IHMS Fundraising Dinner taking place on Saturday, March 8. Thanks to your support, we are able to put together some impressive prizes for events like this!

We are looking for various donated new items for men, women, children, and teens. We gladly accept coupons, gift certificates, and cash (to purchase larger prizes). You can make a personal family donation, or if you work for a business that can donate, we can provide you with a solicitor's letter. These letters will be available from the school office. Please tag donated items with your family name and clearly label them as RAFFLE. They can be left at the school office anytime now.



Examples of prize donations are:

**GARDENING GIFT BASKET:** flower pot, seeds or plant, gardening gloves, gardening tools and supplies, etc.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT BASKET:** popcorn, treats, a variety of board games, pizza gift cards, etc.

**KITCHEN BASKET:** dish clothes, oven mitts, mixing bowls, Tupperware items, baking sheet, muffin pans, etc.

**CAMPING BASKET:** cooler, camping chairs, lanterns, sleeping bags, water bottles, air mattress, etc.

**SPA & BEAUTY BASKET:** candles, epsom salts, bath bombs, wine glasses, spa gift certificate etc.

**BBQ BASKET:** bbq tools (tongs, spatula), plug-in cooler, seasoning and spices, heat safe gloves, grill baskets, etc.

**KIDS BASKET:** variety of popular toys, museum passes, art & craft items, etc.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Parents' Guild President Lesia Wozny, or another member of the Parents' Guild Executive. We look forward to your participation!

Join us ... **UNDER THE BIG TOP!**