



I LOVE TO READ WEEK - THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORDS



Wednesday, February 26 is a 'Word Costume' N.U.T.Day!, as well as a costume Parade & Buddy Reading. For questions about the 'Word Costume', contact your child's teacher directly. Clipart was taken from Debra Frasier's website and is based on the book *Miss Alaineus*,

Throughout the week of February 24-27 IHMS will be celebrating "I Love to Read" month. The theme this year is "The Wonderful World of Words". The staff and students at IHMS will be celebrating through a variety of planned activities such as "Stop, Drop, and Read", Buddy Reading, Spot the Reader, classroom activities, and a school-wide "Word Parade". Students in Grades K-3 will also be welcoming Bernadette Smith as a guest reader to their classrooms. We look forward to engaging in these activities with the students and exploring the Wonderful World of Words as a school community! Happy Reading!



FEBRUARY 'I Love To Read Month'

- 24-28 I Love to Read Week
- 25 N.U.T Day - Winter Carnival - wear your team colour!
- 26 N.U.T Day - Word Costume Parade
- 26 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 27 9:00AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral
- 28 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day

MARCH

- 3 First Day of Lent
- 4 Koubassa & Cheese Information sent home
- 5 Boston Pizza Lunch Order Forms sent home
- 6 CANCELLED 7:00PM Parents' Guild Mtg.
- 7 Term Two Report Cards sent home
- 8 IHMS FUND RAISING DINNER
- 11 9:00AM Lenten Prayer Service
- 11 Perogy Lunch Order Forms sent home
- 12 Boston Pizza Lunch orders due
- 12 IHMS Uniform Shop Open 3:00-5:00PM
- 13 Perogy Lunch Orders Due
- 13 2:00PM Early Dismissal - Staff Spiritual Development
- 18 Boston Pizza Lunch Day
- 24-28 Ukrainian Week!!
- 25 Koubassa & Cheese Orders Due
- 21 1:00PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert Matinee
- 21 7:00PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert Evening
- 22 Perogy Lunch Day
- 22 Last day of classes before Spring Break

Spring Break March 31 - April 4



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - HOT DOG DAY!

Order forms were due last week. A delicious hot dog lunch will be prepared by some dedicated parent volunteers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - ROSARY AT 8:30AM / DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00AM

Please join us at 8:30AM for Rosary, and 9:00AM for our monthly Divine Liturgy, at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral. **Students leave promptly from school at 8:50AM.** Parents, grandparents, friends, family and alumni are invited to join us. Students serving as Altar Boys, Children of Mary or having special jobs, please arrive by 8:20AM. Remind your child to check the schedule posted at the school.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - NO CLASSES



IHMS teachers are working on preparing Report Cards, that will be sent home on Friday, March 7, 2025. Parent / Teacher Conferences for second term are by appointment.

Homeroom teachers will be contacting families with individual requests. If you do not receive a request to meet with a teacher, but wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher(s) please call 204-582-5698 to make an appointment.

BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS



Thank you to those who have been able to donate a prize for the Fund Raising Dinner!! So far we have some great prizes for a women's package, a school supply kit from *School Start*, as well as tickets to a concert!! We are still looking for prizes for men, children and teens. Examples would include: games, toys, bbq items, coolers, camping items, household items or appliances etc. 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 is able to donate, we can provide you with a solicitors 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. 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.

PUNCTUALITY IS IMPORTANT



Punctuality is an important life skill for all students to learn. Students are required to be in their classrooms and settled at the beginning of each school day no later than 8:40AM. Being punctual benefits the individual student and, in addition, does not disrupt the rest of the class. Reminder: all students arriving after 8:40AM must enter through the front doors of the school and are required to stop at the office for a late slip.

FUND RAISING DINNER VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for being part of our school community and helping with this fund raising and community building event! Please watch for a follow up email in the next couple weeks with details of your volunteer opportunity. If you need to make any changes, please contact the school office.

If you purchase tickets to attend the Dinner, you receive 2 hours of volunteer time.

***** IHMS families are encouraged to gather a group of friends and book a table! Tickets for the Fund Raising Dinner are available at the IHMS Office.**



CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPTS



The Income Tax Act allows Immaculate Heart of Mary School to issue a charitable contribution receipt for a portion of registration or tuition fees, provided a family qualifies. Letters regarding receipt information for the 2024 calendar year can be picked up from the School Office on February 26 and 27. On March 3, IHMS will send any remaining letters by Canada Post mail. Please note that Before and After School Program Fees are considered a child care expense and are not eligible for a charitable receipt.

TUESDAY, FEB. 25 - WINTER CARNIVAL

Rescheduled from Catholic Schools Week!! Wear your team colour (provided by the classroom teacher). All students are separated into different teams to enjoy an afternoon of winter fun!



CANADA STANDS WITH UKRAINE

A rally will be held in support of Ukraine on the third anniversary of Russia's unprovoked, full-scale invasion.

Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Organized by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.