

**MONDAY, MARCH 17 - SMAC TEAM BAKE SALE**

The IHMS Students Making a Change Team (SMAC) is hosting a Bake Sale on Monday, March 17. The cost for baked goods will be \$ 2 per item, with proceeds going to the Lenten service project: Community Education Development Association (CEDA). Baking will include a variety of treats, such as brownies, cookies, and cupcakes with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18 - BOSTON PIZZA HOT LUNCH DAY**

For those who ordered a Boston Pizza Lunch last week, the delicious meal will be served on March 18. The proceeds from the lunch will go towards the Grade 8 Graduation.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20 - HOT DOG DAY!**

Hot Dog Day is March 20. 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

**THURSDAY / FRIDAY, MARCH 20/21 - SMAC TEAM BRACELET SALE**

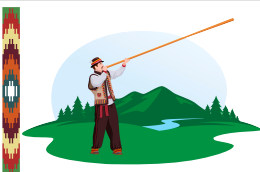
As part of the Christian service project for Lent, SMAC (Students Making a Change) will be selling friendship bracelets for \$1 with proceeds going towards CEDA. Bracelets will be sold during lunch hour for two days while supplies last.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to all the IHMS students who advanced to the Provincial Level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championships on Sunday, March 9. Special acknowledgment to: Matvii Dutchak (9-year-old boys), Sofia Basarab (9-year-old girls Provincial Champion), Ivan Sapon (10-year-old boys), Mary Kalashnikova (10-year-old girls Provincial Champion), Nathan Alexander (11-year-old boys Provincial Champion), Dallas Marcelino (11-year-old girls), Marcus DoCouto (12-year-old boys), Yovini Garg (12-year-old girls Provincial Champion), Kurt Roque (13-year-old boys), Anna Wozny (13-year-old girls).

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

There will be an inventory of volunteer hours at the end of the month and families will be notified at the beginning of April regarding their accumulated hours. Families are required to complete 10 hours of service for this school year. Keep checking for more volunteer opportunities through the ongoing SignUp Link. A few positions will be posted on Monday at noon. Don't be discouraged if spots fill up quickly; more opportunities will be available soon!

**IHMS UKRAINIAN WEEK ... Legends of the Carpathians!**

Save the date! There's going to be a concert taking place at Immaculate Heart of Mary School during Ukrainian Week on Thursday, March 27! The children are learning about the Carpathian Mountains. For the Ukrainian Concert on March 27, each student will wear a vyshyvanka (Ukrainian embroidered shirt or blouse). For students who do not own a vyshyvanka, arrangements can

perhaps be made to borrow one from a friend. IHMS has a small inventory of vyshyvanky that students can borrow. For families wishing to purchase one, please visit:

- Svitoch Ukrainian Export and Import, located at 621 Selkirk Ave.
- Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre, located at 184 Alexander Avenue East.

A note detailing all the Ukrainian Week activities will be sent home during the week of March 17. Thank you to Access Credit Union for sponsoring IHMS Ukrainian Week 2025.

After Spring Break, Ukrainian Week activities will continue, with each student participating in various Ukrainian art activities.

On April 14 and 15, all the students will bake paska. "Paska" (Паска) translates to "Easter" in Ukrainian and also refers to a traditional Easter bread, often taken to church to be blessed in an Easter basket and enjoyed during the Easter celebrations.

On April 14 and 15, all students in grades 6-8 will create pysanky, or Ukrainian Easter eggs. Pysanky are intricately decorated eggs made using melted wax, with designs "written" on the eggshell in beeswax.

**EASTER Koubassa AND CHEESE FUNDRAISER**

Order Forms have been sent home for the IHMS Parents' Guild - Easter Koubassa and Cheese Fundraiser. Workplace Order Sheets are available through the school office upon request. Orders with payment will be accepted until 4:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2025. Orders will be ready for pick-up from the school gymnasium on Monday, April 14, 2025, just in time to put into your Easter basket! Thank you for your support!

**MARCH**

- 17 SMAC Team Bake Sale \$2 / item
- 18 Boston Pizza Lunch Day
- 20 Hot Dog Day
- 20 SMAC Team Bracelet Sale \$1 / bracelet
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- 24-28 Ukrainian Week!!
- 24 Koubassa & Cheese Orders Due
- 24 N.U.T Day - Blue & Yellow Day
- 27 N.U.T Day - Vyshyvanka Day (Embroidered Shirt)
- 27 1:00PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Matinee Concert
- 27 7:00PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Evening Concert
- 28 10:30AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral
- 28 Perogy Lunch Day
- 28 Last day of classes before Spring Break

*Spring Break March 31 - April 4*

**APRIL**

- 7 Classes resume after Spring Break
- 7 Mindful Monday - bring \$2, and it's a N.U.T Day!
- 9 N.U.T Day - Lifetouch Spring Photo Day
- 9 Uniform Shop Open 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 10 Blessing of Pussy Willows Prayer Service
- 10 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Spiritual Development
- 10 7:00 PM Parents' Guild Meeting (In Person)
- 11 NO CLASSES - MB Catholic Schools Professional Development
- 14 Koubassa & Cheese Order Distribution
- 14 Paska Baking /Pysanka Activity
- 15 Paska Baking /Pysanka Activity continued
- 18 NO CLASSES - Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 21 NO CLASSES - Easter Monday
- 22 50/50 Super Spring Raffle Launch
- 25 Immunization Clinic (Gr. 6, 7, 8)
- 28 Mindful Monday - bring \$2, and it's a N.U.T Day!

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE DURING LENT**

The IHMS 'Students Making a Change' (SMAC) team is leading an IHMS Christian Service initiative during Lent and throughout the spring season. This year, Immaculate Heart of Mary School's SMAC Team will support an organization called CEDA stands for Community Education Development Association. This organization assists students in need, particularly low-income students who cannot access proper education or educational materials. Through monetary donations, CEDA helps high school students purchase school supplies, clothing, or even food for their school lunches. Please join them and support the Bake Sale, Bracelet Sale, and Mindful Mondays in April.

**BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS**

Check out the basketball playoffs action this week in the IHMS Gymnasium.

The Boys' Competitive Team plays at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19.

The Girls' Competitive Team plays at 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 20. Go, Spirit, Go!