



### IHMS FUND RAISING DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

It's not too late to get your ticket! Gather a group of friends and book a table! The IHMS Fund Raising Dinner is wonderful evening taking place at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre and will include a spectacular meal, some 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. Tickets are available at the IHM School Office.



### OBSERVING LENT AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

Lent is a special time of prayer, sacrifice, and good works in preparation for the celebration of Easter. This year during Lent, the school-wide focus of learning will be on Jubilee 2025. Every 25 years, the Catholic Church provides a time for us, as faithful, to reflect and renew ourselves. Lent begins on Monday, March 3. A beautiful Lenten Prayer Service will be held at 9:00AM on Tuesday, March 11. Pussy willows will be blessed on April 10, and the children will learn about Palm Sunday. Each student will be able to bring a blessed pussy willow home with them to share with their family. Just before Easter, the students will each create and bake a paska to take home and put in their Easter baskets. Each morning during Lent the students and staff will pray the Prayer of St. Ephrem.



#### Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life,  
Take away from me the will to be lazy and to be sad,  
The desire to get ahead of other people, to boast and brag.  
Give me instead a pure and humble spirit,  
The will to be patient with other people,  
And to love them.  
Let me realize my own mistakes,  
and keep me from judging the things other people do.  
For You are blessed, now and forever. Amen



### MARCH

- 3 First Day of Lent
  - 4 Koubassa & Cheese Order Forms sent home
  - 5 Boston Pizza Lunch Order Forms sent home
  - 5 Grade 8 Field Trip to Manitoba Museum
  - 6 Running Club Indoor Track Meet at U of M
  - 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 Hot Dog Order Forms sent home
  - 12 IHMS Uniform Shop Open 3:00-5:00PM
  - 13 Perogy Lunch Orders Due
  - 13 2:00PM Early Dismissal - Staff Meeting
  - 14 Hot Dog Lunch Orders Due
  - 18 Boston Pizza Lunch Day
  - 20 Hot Dog Day
  - 24-28 Ukrainian Week!!
  - 24 N.U.T. Day ... Blue and Yellow Day!
  - 24 Koubassa & Cheese Orders Due
  - 27 N.U.T. Day ... Vyshyvanka Day!
  - 27 1:00PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert Matinee
  - 27 7:00PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert Evening
  - 28 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



### FRIDAY, MARCH 7 - TERM TWO REPORT CARDS SENT HOME



Parent / Teacher Conferences for Term 2 are through appointment only. Homeroom teachers will be contacting families with individual requests. If you do not receive a request for a meeting, but wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher(s), please call the office to make an appointment. Phone: 204-582-5698.

### EASTER KOUBASSA AND CHEESE FUNDRAISER

Order Forms will be sent home on Tuesday, March 4 for the IHMS Parents' Guild - Easter Koubassa and Cheese Fundraiser. Interlake Packers Fine Garlic Sausage (\$9), Interlake Packers Ham Style Course Garlic Sausage (\$10) can be ordered, as well as a variety of Bothwell Cheese (4 different purchasing options available ranging from \$8 - \$35). Workplace Order Sheets are available through the school office upon request. Orders with payment will be accepted until 4:00PM 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!!



### BOSTON PIZZA HOT LUNCH

IHMS Grade 8 Graduating Class has organized a Boston Pizza Hot Lunch that will be taking place on Tuesday, March 18. Order Forms will be sent home on Wednesday, March 5 and are due on Wednesday, March 12. The proceeds from the lunch will go towards the Grade 8 Graduation.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6 - RUNNING CLUB TRACK MEET

Grades 4-6 Running Club students are participating in an indoor track meet hosted by St. Maurice School at the Max Bell Centre. All students who returned their Registration Forms last week will participate. The bus leaves IHMS promptly at 8:55 AM and returns in time for dismissal at 3:15 PM. Students must have a full day of healthy snacks, lunch, and plenty of water! Nearly thirty IHMS athletes are participating! Go, Spirit, Go!!



### IHMS WEBSITE

The IHMS website is currently down for maintenance and will be back up soon. Please reference the Monthly Calendar and the Weekly eNews for information, or call the school office.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6 - PARENTS' GUILD MEETING POSTPONED

The Parents' Guild will meet in April to discuss fundraisers for next year!

The next meeting is at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, and will be in person at the school. A childcare service is available free of charge for those bringing their children. All parents/guardians who have children attending IHMS are members of the IHMS Parents' Guild, and you are invited to the monthly meetings. The Guild plays a vital role in our school community, and we need you to become a part of it.



### BASKET RAFFLE DONATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Thank you to those who have been able to donate a prize for the Fund Raising Dinner!! The IHMS Parents' Guild continues to accept basket raffle prizes. Families can contribute a donation, or for a business that is able to donate, a solicitors letter is available. Please tag donated items with your family name and clearly label them as RAFFLE. Prizes 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.





## FUND RAISING DINNER VOLUNTEERS



Thank you for being part of our school community and helping with this fundraising and community-building event! Please watch for a follow up email this coming week with details regarding volunteer tasks. For those that may need to make any changes, please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you purchase tickets to attend the Dinner, you receive 2 hours of volunteer time. We welcome anyone to gather a group of friends and book a table! Tickets for the Fund Raising Dinner are available at the IHMS Office.

## IHMS UKRAINIAN WEEK We're going to the Carpathian Mountains!



This year, Ukrainian Week will focus on the Carpathian Mountains and the land of Hutsulshchyna! Ukrainian Week at IHMS takes place March 24-28. The children will be immersed in learning about everything that happens in the land of the Hutsulshchyna, in the Carpathian Mountains ... musicians, artistry, dancing, singers, shepherders, customs, traditions, and even a folk hero!

The children will perform a Ukrainian Concert entitled *Legends of the Carpathians! Легенди Карпат!* Make sure to save the date on Thursday, March 27.

During Ukrainian Week, all the students will be preparing for their concert and participating in various activities, including Blue & Yellow Day, Ukrainian Trivia, Vyshyvanka Day, Divine Liturgy and a delicious Verenyky (Perogy) Lunch!



In early April, the students will create beautiful pieces of Carpathian art! Grades K-3 students will create artwork on wood with an embossed vyshyvanka (embroidery) pattern. Grades 4-6 students will create a framed Carpathian Mountain image using foil art. The Grades 7 and 8 students will participate in a wood-burning activity using hutzul patterns. IHMS teachers will lead the activities, and volunteers will be requested to assist. More detailed information is forthcoming.



For the Ukrainian Concert on March 27, IHMS will supply each student with a beautiful keptar (hutzul vest). Every student must also wear a vyshyvanka (Ukrainian embroidered shirt/blouse). For students that do not own a vyshyvanka, perhaps arrangements can be made to borrow one from a friend. IHMS has a small inventory of vyshyvanky that can be borrowed to students. More detailed information regarding costuming for the concert is forthcoming. For families that wish to purchase a vyshyvanka, please visit:

- Svitoch Ukrainian Export & Import is located at 621 Selkirk Ave
- Osередок Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre is located at 184 Alexander Avenue East

Gratitude to Access Credit Union for sponsoring IHMS Ukrainian Week 2025.



## IHMS BASKETBALL TEAMS - GO SPIRIT GO!

IHMS has excellent participation in interscholastic basketball this season, with four teams taking to the court and competing against other teams in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association league. Come and cheer on the IHMS teams when they play home games in the IHMS Gymnasium. Games begin at 4:00 PM and are usually over shortly after 5:00 PM. Thank you to our talented and dedicated basketball coaches: Mr. M. Caparas (IHMS alumni 2018), Mr. K. Dedio (Physical Education Teacher), Mr. M. Marcelino (Parent Volunteer), and Ms. K. Rowe (Educational Assistant).



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

Reminder .... It's time to SPRING AHEAD and move the clock forward by one hour!



## COMMUNITY NEWS

## UKRAINIAN PARK CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S CAMP

Camp registration is open from March 1st. The Archeparchy of Winnipeg's overnight summer camp takes place each year at Ukrainian Park, located on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg just 9.5 km north of Gimli. This Archeparchial Camp provides the opportunity for children, youth, and staff to be immersed in our Ukrainian Catholic faith, build meaningful relationships, and create lifelong memories. The programming is accessible to both English and Ukrainian speakers.

## UKRAINIAN PARK KITCHEN TEAM

Ukrainian Park hosts three camps during the first two weeks of July: Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp, Plast, and CYM. That's a lot of hungry people! Will you join the team who feeds them? We are looking for a **cook, kitchen volunteers, and dishwasher**. We are also hiring a **Kitchen Administrator** to help with planning, groceries, and finances. The administrator will have flexible hours and can work from home. Please **apply by March 15th**.

For more information, please visit [their website by clicking here](https://www.archeparchy.ca).

Or contact: [childrenscamp@archeparchy.ca](mailto:childrenscamp@archeparchy.ca)

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