



MONDAY, APRIL 7 - MINDFUL MONDAY

Bring \$2, and it is a N.U.T Day (No Uniforms Today)! Mindful Mondays are a S.M.A.C. (Students Making a Change) initiative with money going towards the Lenten Christian Service Project for CEDA (Community Education Development Association). On non-uniform days students must adhere to appropriate attire. Disrespectful slogans on t-shirts, crop tops, and torn or tattered jeans are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 - SPRING PICTURE DAY ... N.U.T. DAY!



Wear your best spring outfit and bring your smile. No uniforms required. After Picture Day, you will receive a package of proofs of your child. You will be able to order pictures on mylifetouch.ca. Please be mindful of our school dress code policy for casual days: midriff tops not acceptable, shorts or skirts that are no shorter than just above the knee, jeans that are not torn or tattered. Disrespectful slogans on t-shirts, crop tops, and torn or tattered jeans are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 - UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Need new uniform pieces? ONLY THREE UNIFORM SHOP DAYS LEFT FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR!! There are two ways to purchase from the Uniform Shop ... online or in-person.

- 1) Families shopping in person at the Uniform Shop must book an appointment time. Walk-up customers cannot be accepted. [Click here to book a slot.](#)
- 2) To purchase IHMS uniform attire online go to: [Purchase IHMS Uniforms Online](#)

The IHMS Uniform Shop encourages families to bring in any slightly used uniforms, which can either be sold on consignment (for a fee of \$4.00) or donated. Used uniform items can be brought to the school office.



THURSDAY, APRIL 10 - BLESSING OF PUSSY WILLOW PRAYER SERVICE



A special blessing of pussy willows will take place at 9:00AM, Thursday April 10 in preparation for Palm Sunday (on April 13). At the end of the day each of the students will go home with a blessed pussy willow branch to share with their families.

In the Byzantine Tradition, willow branches are blessed on the Sunday before Easter to recall the triumphed entry of Jesus into Jerusalem before his death and resurrection.

In Ukrainian tradition, people will gently strike each other on the shoulder with these branches, reciting a Ukrainian verse which translates, "It is not I but the willow branch which strikes you to remind you that in seven days is the Great Day!"

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 - PARENTS' GUILD MEETING AT 7:00 PM (IN PERSON) / БАТЬКІВСЬКИЙ КОМІТЕТ

April's Parent's Guild Meeting will be in person at the school. Childcare will be available to anyone bringing their children. Children stay in the Kindergarten classroom and will be supervised by a certified babysitter from Grade 7 or 8 who has taken the Babysitters Course.

All parents/guardians who have children attending IHMS are invited to attend the monthly Parents' Guild Meetings. This month, there will be a discussion regarding revenue from the basket raffle at the Annual Dinner, upcoming Field Day and Track & Field lunches, and Parents' Guild volunteer opportunities. Interested volunteers should attend this meeting to find out more! These events cannot take place without the dedication of our parents!!



FRIDAY, APRIL 11 - IHMS SUPER SPRING 50/50 RAFFLE BEGINS



IHMS is excited to once again offer an Online 50/50 Raffle. The winner of the Online 50/50 Raffle will receive 50% of the jackpot, and the remaining proceeds will help support student programs. There will also be Early Bird Seller's Draws with fantastic prizes, and a Top Seller's Prize!! More detailed information about the Super Spring 50/50 Raffle will be sent to all IHMS families in an email from the Lubov Foundation the week of April 7.

IHMS BADMINTON TEAM

The IHMS Badminton Team will begin tryouts and training the week of April 7. A schedule of the training sessions was sent home with Grades 7 and 8 students prior to the Spring Break. The Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association Badminton Tournaments take place at the end of April. There will be an opportunity to compete in singles, doubles and mixed doubles teams.



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2PM



After-school supervision is not provided on Dismissal days and all children should be picked up promptly at 2:00PM. Please adhere to traffic safety around the school for the benefit of all our families!!

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 - NO CLASSES

IHMS teachers are continuing with their Manitoba Catholic Schools' Professional Development on Treaty Education. All educators in Manitoba are responsible for getting certified in Treaty Education. IHMS educators took part one of the training in February, and will now complete part two.



IHMS RUNNING CLUB



Training sessions for the Grades 4-8 Running Club will resume every Monday and Friday mornings. Students are to arrive by 8:00 AM, change into their gym clothes and be ready for the start. Being part of the IHMS Running Club allows students to get additional physical activity and train for the upcoming outdoor Track and Field season.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Keep checking for more volunteer opportunities using the ongoing [SignUp Link](#). A few jobs will be posted on Monday, April 7 at noon. Don't be discouraged if spots fill up; there will be more opportunities ahead! Please pay attention and be aware when choosing the button "Join Waitlist." If your help is needed, the office will confirm before the task.

Families will be notified beginning this week regarding their current volunteer hours.



**LUBOV SSMI FOUNDATION**

Did you know, the Lubov SSMI Foundation was founded by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate to help support the ministries of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, as well as, Holy Family Nursing Home and Home of Hope in Lviv, Ukraine.

The 50/50 Spring Raffle is one of the ways Lubov Foundation supports IHMS. During the week of April 7, each IHMS family will receive an email from the Raffle Chair and Administrator, as well as CEO of Lubov Foundation, Katherine Fox. For more information on the Lubov Foundation, please visit their website at <http://www.lubovfoundation.ca/>

**UKRAINIAN WEEK LEARNING CONTINUES!**

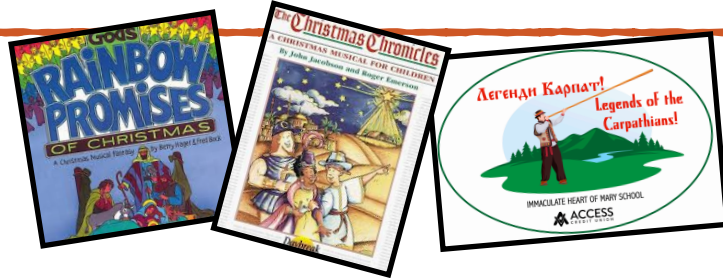
Ukrainian Week is a special time at IHMS when students explore various aspects of Ukrainian culture in greater detail. This year, Ukrainian Week took the students into the Carpathian Mountains and the land of Hutsulshchyna.

What a marvellous Ukrainian concert, *"Legends of the Carpathians!"* - *"Легенди Карпат!"*, the students performed at prior to Spring Break!

Congratulations to all the students, staff, and parent volunteers who were part of this amazing production and learning experience for the children. An order form to receive your very own video copy of the concert is below.

Each student at the school will participate in a Ukrainian craft workshop in April. Grades K-3 will create wooden artwork, grades 4-6 will focus on foil art, and grades 7 and 8 will engage in a wood-burning activity. Additionally, next week, students will participate in Paska baking and Pysanka activities in preparation for Easter.

IHMS CONCERT VIDEO ORDER FORM



On December 18,19, 2024, Immaculate Heart of Mary School performed their Annual Christmas Concerts.

Kindergarten - 3 presented *'God's Colourful Promises of Christmas'*.

Grades 4 - 8 students presented *'The Christmas Chronicles'*.

On March 27, 2025, the Grades K-8 students performed a Ukrainian Concert entitled *'Legends of the Carpathians!' - "Легенди Карпат!"*

All three concerts were filmed and are being edited into wonderful video productions to capture those special moments of a lifetime. Great close-ups, crisp wide-angle shots, and clear audio all make for a precious keepsake for your family and children to have and reminisce over for years to come!!

The videos will be sold by Immaculate Heart of Mary School on a break-even premise.

The Christmas Concert videos are \$15.00/concert (tax included).

The Ukrainian Concert video is \$20 (tax included).

Orders can be placed by completing the below Order Form and returning it to the school office, with payment, by Thursday, April 24. Delivery of videos will be available at the beginning of May.

Dubbing (copying) of the videos infringes on the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Incorporated copyrights and is illegal.

If there are any questions, please contact the School Office: 204-582-5698

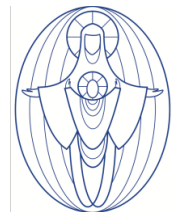
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Order and payment are due by Thursday, April 24.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Grade: _____



_____ copies of *'God's Colourful Promises of Christmas'* Grades K-3 Christmas Concert@ \$15.00 = \$_____

_____ copies of *'The Christmas Chronicles'* the Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert@ \$15.00 = \$_____

_____ copies of *"Legends of the Carpathians!" - "Легенди Карпат!"*, Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert@ \$20.00 = \$_____

TOTAL ORDER = \$_____

Payment by: check one (v):

___ Visa, ___ MasterCard, ___ debit, ___ cash, ___ e-Transfer (eft@ihms.mb.ca)

(If paying by e-transfer include in the memo: IHMS VIDEO ORDER)