



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - N.U.T. DAY... No Uniforms Today - ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In recognition of ORANGE SHIRT DAY, students are welcome to wear orange. It is a commemorative day led by Indigenous communities to raise awareness about the intergenerational impacts of residential schools on children, families, and communities. It honours Indigenous children who were lost in the residential school system. For more information please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/national-day-truth-reconciliation.html>. Homerooms will also be focusing on this topic throughout the week.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - NO CLASSES

For Canadians, September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Canada has been navigating a Truth and Reconciliation journey to address some very difficult outcomes from the many generations of First Nations children who were sent to residential schools. This day is set aside to honour those children who never returned home, and for the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of this history, and the ongoing impacts of residential schools, is a vital component of the reconciliation process.



As a Christian community of believers, we have a part to play in the process. On this National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, everyone is encouraged to take time for reflection, prayer, and learning. It can be an opportunity to explore the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and stories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. As we do this, we get to experience a small taste of what it will be like one day when every nation, tribe, and language is united in harmony.

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

A new Student Council for IHMS was elected on Friday, September 26, 2025. The Student Council is elected by Grades 5-8 students. The Council is called on during the year to organize student spirit activities, and as well represent the students at various school functions. Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council President - Dominic Khomitsky (Grade 8) and the Vice President - Nathan Alexander (Grade 7). The remaining Student Council Representatives will be selected this coming week.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 - CLERGY FROM WINNIPEG DEANERY MEETING AT IHMS



Immaculate Heart of Mary School welcomes the clergy from the Winnipeg Deanery on Thursday, October 2. The clergy will begin the day with a Moleben prayer service followed by a tour of the school and then a business meeting. The Winnipeg Deanery is a specific pastoral region within the Archeparchy of Winnipeg, a jurisdiction of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Canada's province of Manitoba. May all the clergy visiting IHMS be blessed with a pleasant visit to IHMS.

GO SPIRIT GO!

Volleyball season is underway, and IHMS will have 3 teams taking to the court in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association - Volleyball League. Come and cheer on the IHMS Spirit when they're playing home games in the IHMS gymnasium! All the game dates and times are posted online on the IHMS Monthly Calendar. Parents can now subscribe to the calendar for the most up to date information regarding practices, games and tournaments.



A PICNIC THANK YOU!

Wow! ... what an amazing community event hosted at the school this past Wednesday!! Gratitude is extended to:

- ... the Parents' Guild Picnic Coordinators: Yana Kostiukova, Heather Stephen, Olha Tovarnytsky and Lesia Wozny. For countless hours of planning, shopping, and obtaining donations!
- ... to Mrs. Wozny for volunteer coordination!
- ... to Mr. Picklyk & Pani Dudych for their expertise, knowledge and guidance!
- ... to Mrs. Radawetz (Librarian) and the Grade 8 students' face painting skills!
- ... to the Grade 8 helpers for planning fun races and games, and to the teacher supervisors Mrs. Khomitska (Grade 1 Teacher), Mrs. Slota (Grade 5 Teacher), and Ms. Rowe (Educational Assistant).
- ... to Mr. Fil and Mr. Trokhanovskyy (School Custodians) for all their extra effort!
- ... to all the parent volunteers who signed up to work their shifts with a smile on their face!



Thank you as well to the families and businesses who made donations: Akimov Family, Isla Asselstine & Family, Basarab Family, Leo Brooker & Family, Hrushytsky Family, Khomitsky Family, Konieva Family, Konopelny Family, MacMillan Family, Matsko Family, Mykilchenko Family, Politov Family, Santarsieri / Read Family, Senchuk Family, Sim Family, Jonah Stephens & Family, Zappia Family and Zhukov Family.



SEPTEMBER

29 N.U.T Day - Orange Shirt Day
29 Volunteer Bond Cheques Due
30 NO CLASSES - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER

2 Winnipeg Clergy Deanery Meeting at IHMS
6 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (in-person)
7 LifeTouch photo orders due
8 3:00 - 5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
9 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
10 Grades 6-8 Immunization Clinic
13 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day
24 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
24 Grade 7 Babysitters Course
29 Lifetouch Photo Re-takes
31 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today!
Halloween Dress-up (fun & friendly costumes)

KOATS FOR KIDS

Every year, from September to January, Winnipeggers donate over 6,000 coats to Koats for Kids. United Way then shares this winter gear with Winnipeg families. Families requiring assistance with winter wear can contact the School Office, and IHMS will initiate the process of requesting winter clothing on a family's behalf.



Have winter outerwear to share?

Visit the [Koats for Kids link](#) for drop off locations near you!

LIFETOUCH PHOTO ORDERS

Lifetouch photo proofs were sent home on Thursday, September 25. Orders are due back on Tuesday, October 7. Please order by this date to avoid extra costs. There are two ways to order photos:

1. Online by visiting mylifetouch.ca and using the Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on the photo proof page. (No need to return the Order Form to school).
2. By completing the Order Form, found in the proof package, and returning it to the School Office.



All families can also log on and order a FREE digital Pictures2Protect Card.

If you are not pleased with your photos, you can request a retake by checking off the appropriate box on the Order Form and return to school no later than re-take day on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. If any assistance is required to order, please don't hesitate to contact the office!

IHMS UNIFORM SHOP

The IHMS Uniform Shop will be open 3:00-5:00PM, Wednesday, October 8. Families visiting the Shop must make an [appointment](#). Families can also place an order online [here](#).