



### OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The students and staff begin each day with a peaceful hymn, a prayer, singing the national anthem and school announcements. The Catholic Church dedicates the month of October to Blessed Virgin Mary. During the month of October the students and staff pray Hail Mary each morning.



### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 - HOT DOG DAY

Order forms were sent out last week, and a delicious hot dog lunch will be served on Wednesday, October 22. Thank you to our coordinators Nadiia Panas and Olga Buduykevych and our Parent Volunteers.



### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 - GRADE 1 HOME READING INFORMATION SESSION

All Grade 1 students and their parents are encouraged to attend this meeting at 5:30PM at the school. The Home Reading Session is intended to inform Grade 1 parents on how the Grade 1 Home Reading Program works. Information will also be presented on helpful tips for reading at home with your child.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 - NO CLASSES - PROVINCIAL INSERVICE DAY

October 24th is a Provincial Inservice Day called Special Area Groups for Educators (SAGE). Educators across Manitoba use this day for professional development.



### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 - BABYSITTERS TRAINING COURSE



IHMS is pleased to offer, in conjunction with Dynamic First Aid, the *Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course*. The course is open for registration to Grade 7 students. There are still a few spots left. Inquire at the School Office for a Registration form.



### HOT LUNCH DAY... EXACT CHANGE ONLY

Plan ahead! Look out for future order dates on the calendar and don't forget to get your change ready! It helps things run smoothly when students have exact change when ordering pizza or hot dogs. Please note, the School Office has very limited cash on hand to break large bills.

### IHMS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

As indicated in the Fundraising section of the IHMS Handbook, one of the fundraising events for the school year is the Annual Fundraising Raffle. The Fundraising Raffle is an important fundraising activity for the school, and as well has the potential of distributing up to \$7,000.00 in prizes to the winners! Last year, 12 families in our school community were \$200.00 winners. Each family is allocated 2 Raffle Tickets to sell or purchase, valued at \$50.00 each. Tickets coming soon!



### EXTRA ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL

Whether it's athletics, arts, technology or leadership opportunities, students are encouraged to participate in activities outside of their academic coursework. There are many benefits students learn from when they take the initiative to continue learning and growing outside of their schoolwork. Extracurricular activities can cultivate leadership opportunities, promote teamwork and networking skills, develop time management skills, and foster confidence by developing a new skill. IHMS currently has many opportunities for students to participate in: interscholastic volleyball, intramural sports, Student Council, S.M.A.C. Social Justice Team, Recycling Team, School Safety Patrols to name a few and more coming during the school year.



### PARENTS' GUILD CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS

The Parents' Guild will be offering two fundraising options: Kernels Popcorn and Gift Cards ... just in time for the Christmas giving season, or St. Nicholas Day! Choose to support one or a little bit of both, the choice is yours!

The **Gift Cards** are purchased for their face value, so **purchasers do not pay any additional costs** – and the companies provide the profits to the school, which can range from 2% to 10% of the gift card values. It's a win-win-win fundraiser for the purchasers, the Parents' Guild, and the children who benefit from the activities supported by the Guild.

The **Kernels Popcorn** Fundraiser features several different popcorn flavours: Buttersalt, Ketchup, Dill, Jalapeno Jack, Salt & Vinegar, Cheesy Dill, White Cheese, Say Cheese, Thai Sweet Chilli and Low-Fat Caramel (20-78 gram bags, depending upon the flavour).

Stay tuned ... information will be provided by email to each IHMS family. Please share this information with friends and family. All monies raised contribute to several Parents' Guild initiatives such as the Annual Family Picnic, field day lunches for the students, and other school projects directly benefiting students and staff.

**Last Year**, the Parents' Guild was able to fundraise over \$1200.00 in profit from these two fundraisers. Thank you for your support!



### OCTOBER

- 22 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 22 5:30PM Gr.1 Home Reading Information Session
- 24 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
- 24 Grade 7 Babysitters Course
- 28 Grade 5 Field Trip to Manitoba Museum
- 29 Lifetouch Photo Re-takes
- 29 Halloween Bake Sale \$2/item
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- 30 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral - Grade 4 Bible Presentation
- 31 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today!
- Halloween Dress-up (fun & friendly costumes)

### NOVEMBER

- 3 6:30PM High School Info Night
- 3 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (In-person)
- 4 Pizza Order Day - \$2.50 / slice
- 6 Pizza Lunch Day
- 10 NO CLASSES - Catholic Schools Inservice Day
- 11 NO CLASSES - Remembrance Day
- 12 3:00 - 5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
- 13 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 14 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day
- 15 Pylypivka begins
- 18 Pizza Order Day - \$2.50 / slice
- 20 Blessed Josaphata Day
- 20 9:00AM Pylypivka Prayer Service
- 20 Pizza Lunch Day
- 21 First Term Report Card Sent Home
- 24-28 Scholastic Book Fair
- 25 1:00PM Sacrament of Confession
- 26 7:00PM IHMS fund Raising Raffle
- 27 9:00AM Divine Liturgy
- 27 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Evening)
- 28 NO CLASSES - Parent/Teacher Interviews

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 - N.U.T. DAY (No Uniforms Today) - HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY

This is a non-uniform day and students are encouraged to wear a fun and creative costume to school. Costumes must not depict a scary or evil character. Props such as knives and guns are not acceptable. As an alternative to a costume, students may come to school dressed in black and orange.

**Due to health and safety concerns, exchanging candy or small toys will not be able to happen at school.** Thank you for your cooperation.



### IHMS VOLLEYBALL

Check our online calendar and come see some exciting volleyball action to cheer on the IHMS Volleyball Teams.

**GO SPIRIT GO!** IHMS has three 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 home game dates and times are posted online on the IHMS Monthly Calendar.



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