

**PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Friday, November 21st, each student was sent home with a Report Card. The Progress Report is for parents to keep however, the envelope must be signed in the space provided, and returned to the classroom teacher so it can be re-used in the following term. At Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Parent-Teacher Conferences are a key part of our communication strategy regarding your child's progress. In-person conferences are scheduled for this week. If there are any questions, or still need to book a time, please call the school office at 204-582-5698.

**BRING THE BOOK JOY!**

The Annual Book Fair is finally here!!! The Annual **IHMS Scholastic Book Fair** starts Monday, November 24 and goes to Thursday, November 27, 2025. This is an opportunity to purchase books and fun school tools while supporting our school at the same time! It is also an excellent opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

Profits from the Book Fair go directly back to the school library and classroom book collections. Please refer to the note, which was sent home with every student last week, for more information about the Book Fair.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - ROSARY AT 8:30AM / DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00AM**

Parents, grandparents, friends and family are invited to celebrate with us! Children of Mary will continue to lead the Rosary at approximately 8:30AM. It is important that students come on time to school on this day as **classes leave promptly at 8:50 AM to walk to Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral**. Students serving as Altar Boys, Children of Mary or having special jobs, please arrive by 8:20AM. Students are reminded to check the schedules posted at school to see if they are serving.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - IHMS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE DRAW**

The 2025 IHMS Fundraising Raffle will be held in the IHMS Gymnasium at 7:00PM, Wednesday, November 26. Each volunteer family was allocated 2 Raffle Tickets to sell or purchase valued at \$50.00 each, with a chance to win very generous cash prizes! Additional tickets are available in the School Office. Thank you to our school community (Parishes, Alumni, Alumni Parents etc.) for all their continued support! Good luck!!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - GRADES 4, 5, 6 MINI-VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

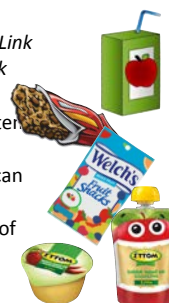
IHMS is hosting a Mini-Volleyball Tournament for Grades 4, 5, 6 students. Those that signed up to play have been placed on a team and the schedule has been made. Parents are welcome to come and watch our young athletes play in a 'fun' tournament! All students must be picked up promptly at 6:00PM.

**S.M.A.C (STUDENTS MAKING A CHANGE) NEWS DURING PYLYPIVKA**

During Pylypivka, the SMAC Team is collecting non-perishable snack items for *The Link*. *The Link* is a local initiative that provides housing for youth in crisis. Young people can stay at *The Link* while they get assistance finding a new permanent living situation. *The Link* also provides medical help, mental health resources, and educational assistance to those in need. Some items that are being collected include: Welch's Fruit Snacks, Goldfish Crackers, Granola Bars, Juice Boxes, Bear Paws, Fruit Cups, or any other non-perishable snack items that don't require a can opener or preparation. A donation box will be in each classroom to collect items brought in throughout this Pylypivka season. Additionally, SMAC will be hosting a Bake Sale in support of *The Link* later in December. We appreciate your support and thank you in advance.

~ Mrs. Walton, SMAC

At IHMS, we have a Students Making a Change Team, otherwise known as SMAC. This year, the team is made up of Grade 7 & 8 students with the direction of two of our staff members, Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Paulic. The SMAC Team is a student social justice club excited to focus their efforts on local and global organizations on fundraising initiatives, collection, and volunteering opportunities.

**NOVEMBER**

24-27 Scholastic Book Fair  
 24 1:00PM Sacrament of Confession  
 25 Gr. 5 Field Trip at Canada Life Centre  
 25 9:00AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral  
 26 7:00PM IHMS Fund Raising Raffle  
 27 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Evening)  
 27 IHMS Grades 4,5,6 Mini-Volleyball Tournament  
 28 NO CLASSES - Parent/Teacher Interviews

**DECEMBER**

2 Pizza Order Day - \$2.50 / slice  
 4 Pizza Lunch Day  
 5 1:30PM St. Nicholas Visit and Program  
 11 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Spiritual Development  
 11 Hot Dog Lunch Day  
 17 K-3 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM  
 18 4-8 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM

December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026  
 Christmas Break

**JANUARY**

5 Classes Resume After Christmas Break

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

A few new opportunities will be posted on Monday at noon for December. Please use the ongoing [SignUp here](#).

**VOLLEYBALL SEASON**

Congratulations to all three IHMS Volleyball Teams that concluded their seasons this past week. Gratitude to the coaches for teaching the students about the great game of volleyball: Mr. Dedio, Mr. Picklyk, and Ms. Slota.

**BASKETBALL SEASON**

Tryouts begin this week:

Boys - Tuesday at 3:15PM & Thursday 7:45AM

Girls - Monday at 3:15 - 5:00PM & Wednesday 3:15 - 5:00PM

**BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED**

IHMS is seeking a dedicated coach to introduce the fundamentals of the sport. Season runs January - March, 2026 with focus on teaching basic skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and fostering a positive learning environment. We welcome former players, alumni, parents, and friends of IHMS. If you or someone you know is interested in coaching, please contact us - we would love to have you join our IHMS family and help inspire the next generation of SPIRIT athletes!

**SHARING YOUR MUSIC TALENTS**

- Students and families are encouraged to share their musical talents by performing Christmas carols in the front foyer of the school during arrival and dismissal times. One carol or ten, sing, or play an instrument, simple or complex, ... all are welcome to fill the time slots! Please email or call the school office to schedule a time to perform, between December 8-12. Morning and afternoon slots are available. Slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

