

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - MINDFUL MONDAY**

Bring \$2 and it is a N.U.T Day (No Uniform Today)! Mindful Mondays is a S.M.A.C. (Students Making a Change) initiative with money going towards the Pylypivka Christian Service Project. 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. If students do not bring \$2, they come to school in their school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - K-8 CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING ACTIVITY**

The students and staff will bring Christmas greetings to the residents at Holy Family Home by making Christmas cards for them! All the students and staff will gather in the gymnasium on Tuesday morning to decorate Christmas cards. The cards will then be delivered to the residents at Holy Family Home wishing them a peaceful and joyful Christmas season. Holy Family Home is a ministry of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate caring for the elderly. Immaculate Heart of Mary School is as well a ministry of the Sisters educating and developing the unique talents of children from nursery school to Grade 8.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 - HOT LUNCH DAY**

Hot Dog Day Order Forms were sent home last week and were due by 12:00PM, Friday, December 5. Late orders cannot be accepted. If you missed this Hot Dog Lunch, please keep checking the calendar for future dates! Thank you to the Hot Lunch volunteers.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:00PM / STAFF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

Please remember, after-school supervision is not provided on Early Dismissal Days, and all children should be picked up promptly at 2:00PM. The Staff are continuing their spiritual journey this year by reflecting on the Jubilee Year of Hope. The IHMS Staff, during their 'Pilgrimage of Hope', will visit St. Boniface Cathedral, one of the named Jubilee Sites.

**MUSIC TALENTS**

THERE ARE STILL SPOTS AVAILABLE!!! During the week of December 8-12, enjoy the musical talents of IHMS students who will be singing or playing instrumental Christmas carols in the front foyer of the school. Performances will take place at arrival and dismissal times. Please call the office to reserve your spot!

**ST. NICHOLAS VISITS IHMS**

Congratulations to the students on a wonderful performance for St. Nicholas on December 5th. Thank you to Mrs. Pachec & Ms. Bezhenar for preparing the children with all the beautiful Ukrainian songs, poems and greetings. Always very thoughtful and generous, St. Nicholas left the children and staff with special treats. Thank you to Fr. Mark Gnutel (School Chaplain) for the St. Nicholas prayer cards.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - MARY'S ANGEL ORNAMENT ORDERS DUE**

During Pylypivka, the school is offering 'Mary's Angels Ornaments' for sale. The Angels are a keepsake of remembrance for deceased loved ones or someone who is very ill. When an individual purchases an Angel, a prayer card is filled out at the school with the loved one's name. The cards are attached to an Angel ornament and placed on the 'Mary's Angels Tree' in the school's front foyer. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by the students and staff on Friday, December 19, for the intentions of the loved ones. Before the Christmas break, the angels will be sent home with each family that purchased an angel.

A sample of the Mary's Angel ornaments is pictured to the left.

The proceeds from this project go towards Marion Hour Centre, Radio Rosary on CKJS.

Each Mary's Angel can be purchased individually for \$5.00.

See the below order form to share with your family and friends.

All orders are to be submitted by Friday, December 12.



PLEASE PRINT

Purchaser's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Seller's Name: _____ Seller's Grade: _____

Number of Angels Purchased: _____ Amount paid: _____

Name of deceased, or ill, loved ones (please print name): _____

DECEMBER

8 Mindful Monday - bring \$2 and it's a N.U.T Day
 9 & 10 Christmas Bake Sale - \$2 / item
 11 Hot Dog Lunch Day
 11 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Spiritual Development
 12 Mary's Angel orders due
 17 K-3 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
 18 4-8 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
 19 10:30AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral
 19 Last day of classes before Christmas Break
December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026 Christmas Break

JANUARY

5 Classes Resume
 8 9:00AM Feast of Epiphany Prayer Service
 8 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
 8 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (Online)
 14 3:00-5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
 26 NO CLASSES - Professional Development Day

DRESSING FOR WINTER

For the rest of December, Physical Education classes with Mr. Dedio will be outside as the gymnasium transforms into a theatre to prepare for the Christmas Concerts.

All students will be expected to go outside during Physical Education classes, and as well the recess breaks, and should be dressed appropriately for the weather conditions: ski pants or splash pants, toques, warm waterproof boots, waterproof gloves or mittens, scarves or neck tubes are some examples.

During the winter, the students stay inside only when the windchill factor is -27 degrees Celsius or colder.



IHMS WEBSITE
www.ihms.mb.ca



'NAMES OF JESUS' ... A SCHOOL-WIDE PROJECT

This year during Pylypivka, students will spend time learning about the different 'names of Jesus'. We recognize that each of these special names describes Jesus as a role model. We understand how these 'names of Jesus' are actually virtues we can aspire to: Jesus the Everlasting Father, Jesus the Indescribable Gift, Jesus the Friend, Jesus the Word, and Jesus the Light of the World.

IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

SAVE THE DATE! Join Immaculate Heart of Mary School for delightful children's Christmas Concerts to get into the spirit of the Christmas season. Students are preparing to share the real meaning of Christmas with TWO musicals for everyone to enjoy!

*** All students are required to attend both performances for their respective age group ... the afternoon show, and as well the evening show.

Wednesday, December 17 - Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 will present *Humbug!* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM .

For *Humbug!* music and lyrics click [HERE](#)

Thursday, December 18 - Grades 4 -8 students will present *Aloha Christmas* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM.

For *Aloha Christmas* music and lyrics click [HERE](#)

Please follow the links above for music and lyrics which can be used for practicing at home.

Important information about Christmas concert costumes is forthcoming.

The Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert cast is continuing to rehearse every morning beginning at 7:25AM. Attendance at rehearsals is very important. A reminder email was sent on December 3rd.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR THE LINK



Immaculate Heart of Mary School's social justice team, "Students Making A Change", are enthusiastic about their Christian service project during this Pylypivka season. To support The Link, IHMS is collecting non-perishable healthy snacks. Examples such as Granola bars, Bear Paws, Welch's fruit snacks or Fruitsations, Goldfish crackers, Juice Boxes and Raisins. A Pylypivka Note was sent home with more detailed information at the end of November. A donation box will be located in each classroom to collect items brought in throughout the Pylypivka season. We appreciate your support and thank you in advance.



The Link
Youth and Family Supports



IHMS BOOK FAIR



The Annual IHMS Scholastic Book Fair has wrapped up for another year. This year's Fair, which ran November 24 -27, was a huge success! We raised \$1783.76, which will be used to purchase books and teaching resources for the library and for each classroom. Our hearts are full of gratitude! Thank you!

Congratulations to the GOLDEN TICKET winner, Anna Tovarnytsky in grade two, who, along with her teacher, received money (\$25 each) to spend at the Fair. Congratulations also to the classroom coupon winners (\$8 per student - one winner per class): Makar Khamchuk (Kindergarten), Melaniia Shklyar (grade one), Khushveer Brar (grade two), Adrianna Shklyar (grade three), Veera Paches (grade four), Monique Valenciano (grade five), Ivan Horulko (grade six), Emma de Leon-Bishop (grade seven), Yoram Kifle (grade eight).

For the duration of the book fair, a "GUESS HOW MANY" contest was held. Grade kindergarten to grade three students guessed how many marbles were in a jar (102). Alisa Kukuruza in Kindergarten guessed 100 and won a prize. After completing a scavenger hunt activity, students in grades four to eight guessed how many bowtie pasta noodles were in a jar (219). Bozhena Kryshtalovych, in grade six, guessed 222 and won a prize. Congratulations to Alisa and Bozhena! Thank you to all the students for participating!

The Book Fair would not be possible without the assistance of volunteers! Special acknowledgement to the following parents who volunteered their time at the Book Fair: Liette Kelsch, Sergiy Adamenko, Olha Horshynska, Lesia Kryshtalovych, Daria Mykilchenko, Jennifer Borbor, Lisa Alexander, and Inna Akymenko. Thank you very much!!

Finally, a huge thank you to IHMS staff for their support before, during and after the fair. Of special mention, thank you to Mr. Trochanowski and Mr. Fil for assistance with set-up and take-down of the fair. Thank you to Mr. Picklyk, Mrs. Wozny and Pani Dudych for their assistance with administrative tasks!

Yours in reading,

Book Fair Chairperson Mrs. N. Radawetz and

Book Fair Committee, Mrs. O. Paulic and Miss T. Bezhenar



VACATION DURING SCHOOL

The school recognizes that upon rare occasions families take trips / vacations during school time. IHMS also recognizes that regular attendance is a necessary condition for success at school and that students who attend school on a regular basis generally achieve greater results. Since each school in Manitoba is responsible for the attendance of their students while school is in session, it is the responsibility of the student's parent/guardian to inform the school of the dates that their child will be away from school on trip / vacation.

For planned absences longer than 3 days, an ABSENCE REQUEST FORM FOR FAMILY TRIP / VACATION must be filled out and handed into the school office or emailed to attendance@ihms.mb.ca at least two weeks prior. For further information including policy on missed work or tests, please see [Family Vacation Protocol & Form](#).



KERNELS POPCORN FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all the families that were able to order Kernels Popcorn in support of the IHMS Parents' Guild and all the good work they do to support staff and children's programs at the school.

Kernels offers a coupon on every bag. Look carefully before you throw it out.

