



## HAPPY NEW YEAR! ЩАСЛИВОГО НОВОГО РОКУ!

### BLESSING OF HOLY WATER - THURSDAY, JANUARY 8



Ukrainians celebrate the baptism of our Lord on January 6th (Gregorian Calendar). This celebration is also called the Festival of Epiphany. On Thursday, January 8, at 9:00 AM, IHMS will have a prayer service in the school gymnasium to bless the Holy Water. Part of the prayer service will also occur outside, in front of an ice cross. All parents and families are encouraged to join us for the prayer service. Following the blessing of the water, Fr. Mark Gnutel (School Chaplain) accompanied by a few students, will bless each room in the school. Each class will welcome Father to their 'home' classroom by preparing a small table covered by a white cloth with an icon and a candle. Students are welcome to take Holy Water home. They should bring a container with a tight seal to bring the Holy Water home.

### TALENTED PERFORMERS!!

Congratulations to all the K-3 students on their exceptional performances at this year's Christmas Concert, entitled Humbug, on December 17. Not only were the students tremendous performers, but they also brought the true meaning of Christmas into our hearts.



### GRADES 4-8 CHRISTMAS CONCERT



After being postponed due to the blizzard on December 18, the grades 4-8 students are anxiously looking forward to performing their Christmas Concert, entitled Aloha Christmas, at 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 8, 2026. Students are required to be in their classroom, in full costume, no later than 6:30 PM on the evening of the concert. See you at the show!

### IHMS CAROLING TOUR - THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

IHMS carollers will carry on a special Ukrainian tradition! Christmas carolling is a treasured part of Ukrainian culture, and on Thursday, January 15, a group of IHMS carollers will go on a 'carolling tour' to special homes in the community. As part of the tradition, one of the carolers carries a star, symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem.



### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 - UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

All IHMS students are required to wear the official IHMS uniform acquired from the IHMS Uniform Shop. There are two ways to purchase from the Uniform Shop ... online or in person. To access the Uniform Shop links, go to: <https://ihms.mb.ca/school-life/uniforms/>

- Families must make an appointment to visit the Uniform Shop in person. Walk-up sales are not allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Families who make a **purchase online** BEFORE January 14th, will receive their purchased starting January 15th.
- When visiting the Uniform Shop in person, each appointment time slot is 20 minutes. Please be respectful of the schedule.
- It is very important that every family take the time to label their uniforms.** It helps tremendously when attempting to return a lost uniform item to the rightful owner.
- To be environmentally friendly, families are requested to bring their own reusable shopping bags to the uniform shop. Shopping bags are still available for those who do not have one. Families with slightly used uniforms can either donate them to the IHMS Uniform Shop or sell them on consignment for a fee of \$4.00.



**READING THE IHMS WEEKLY ENEWS** All IHMS families are strongly encouraged to read the IHMS Weekly eNews. The eNews is published each week and sent via email to every family in the school to keep them informed about important school events and activities. If you're reading this message ... thank you! You have a chance to win a fun prize! Simply reply by email to this Enews that your family received and say 'Happy New Year'. All entries received by 3:00 PM, Wednesday, January 7, will be entered for a random draw!

### RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-registration forms for the 2026-2027 school year will be sent home on Friday, January 9. The deadline for re-registration will be Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Families with a new student registering for Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 should pick up a Registration Form from the School Office.

Registration / tuition fees for the 2026-2027 school year:

- \$100 Registration Fee (non-refundable)
- Full Time Kindergarten: \$2,850
- Grades 1-8 First Child: \$3,050
- Grades 1-8 Second Child: \$1,350
- Grades 1-8 third or more children: \$0.00

### JANUARY

- 5 Classes Resume
- 8 9:00AM Blessing of Holy Water - Feast of Epiphany
- 8 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 8 7:00PM Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert
- 9 Grade 8's at Holy Family Home
- 9 2026-2027 Re-Registration Information sent home
- 13 Hot Dog Order Forms sent home
- 14 3:00 - 5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
- 15 Hot Dog Orders due
- 15 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting
- 21 2026-2027 Re-Registrations Due
- 26 NO CLASSES - IHMS Professional Development Day
- 27 Hot Dog Lunch Day



### THURSDAY, JAN. 8 - EARLY DISMISSAL



After School supervision is not provided on early dismissal days, and all children should be picked up promptly at 2:00PM.

### ONLINE PARENTS' GUILD MEETING - POSTPONED

We will be moving our January Parents Guild Meeting to Thursday, January 15. Stay tuned for more details in next weeks eNews.



### BASKETBALL SEASON



IHMS will have four basketball teams taking to the court this season! Players were given schedules prior to the Christmas Break. Basketball practices will start up the week of January 5. Schedules will be posted soon.



### GRADE 8'S CHRISTIAN SERVICE AT HOLY FAMILY HOME

IHMS Grade 8 students will participate in a volunteer program at Holy Family Home, a long-term care facility, through a partnership with the Catholic Health Association of Manitoba (CHAM). Much like IHMS, Holy Family Home is also a mission of the Sisters of Servants of Mary Immaculate. The goal of this program is to foster intergenerational connection and service, reflecting the school's faith-based mission of compassion and community engagement. Students will engage with the elderly residents through games, crafts, music, conversation, and other approved non-clinical activities. The Grade 8s will visit their Holy Family Home friends on January 9, February 6 and March 13.



IHMS is proud to provide:

- a variety of learning opportunities and experiences to ensure each child has a good foundation in their educational journey;
- a nurturing environment to promote caring, respectful and contributing citizenship qualities.

