

**IHMS FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

It's not too late to get your ticket! Gather a group of friends and book a table! The IHMS Fundraising Gala Dinner is a wonderful evening taking place at Holy Eucharist Parish Centre and will include a spectacular meal, some entertainment, as well as fabulous raffle prizes. All proceeds from the Dinner will be directed towards the academic, spiritual and cultural programs at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Tickets are available at the IHM School Office.

**HOT DOG DAY!**

Hot Dog Order Forms will be sent home Monday, March 2nd and are due Wednesday, March 4th. Please use the Hot Dog Order Form to place an order with the homeroom teachers (not the School Office). Exact change is needed. Orders after 12:00 noon cannot be accepted.

Single Hot Dog - \$2.50 Full meal (Hot Dog / Chips / Drink) - \$5.00
Order Forms Due: Wednesday, March 4 **Lunch Day:** Tuesday, March 10

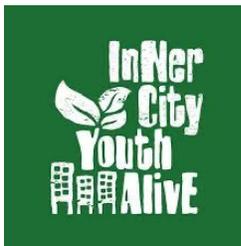
**FRIDAY, MARCH 6 - NO CLASSES**

IHMS teachers are working on preparing Report Cards that will be sent home on Friday, March 13, 2026. Parent / Teacher Conferences for the second term are by appointment. **Homeroom teachers will be contacting families with individual requests.** If you do not receive a request to meet with a teacher, but wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher(s), please call 204-582-5698 to make an appointment.

STUDENTS MAKING A CHANGE (SMAC) LENTEN INITIATIVE

During this Lenten season, the SMAC Team has chosen to support *Inner City Youth Alive*, an organization that works with children and youth in the North End. ICYA provides a safe, nurturing environment for young people, many of whom face challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, and limited access to supportive programs. Through initiatives such as drop-in programming, mentorship, meals, educational support, and leadership opportunities, ICYA helps youth build confidence, develop life skills, and experience a strong sense of community. To support this important work, our school community will take part in several Lenten initiatives. Students will host a bake sale, participate in Mindful Monday, and collect non-perishable food items to donate. Together, these efforts allow us to live out our Lenten call to service by supporting local youth and helping bring hope and care to our wider community. Lent at IHMS:

- A Lenten Prayer Service was held on Friday, February 20.
- This year's school-wide Lenten focus is Stations of the Cross.
- Pussy willows will be blessed for Palm Sunday at Divine Liturgy on March 27. Each of the students will be able to bring a blessed pussy willow home with them to share with their family.

**IHMS BASKETBALL ACTION**

IHMS has four basketball teams taking to the court this year, playing in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association. Come and cheer on the IHMS Spirit for their home games. Game time is 4:00 PM. Thanks to the coaching team: Mr. Dedio (Phys. Ed. Teacher), Ms. Rowe (Educational Assistant), and three parent volunteers: Mr. Mike Marcelino, Mr. Elton DeMelo, and Ms. Heather Stephen.

IHMS UKRAINIAN WEEK - TOUR UKRAINE ON A TRAIN!

This year, Ukrainian Week will focus on learning about Ukraine's regions. Ukrainian Week at IHMS takes place March 23-27. The children will be immersed in learning about everything that happens in each of the different provinces (oblasts) in Ukraine ... music, artistry, dancing, songs and traditions.

The children will perform a Ukrainian Concert on Thursday, March 26. Make sure to save the date! All students will be required to participate in both the Matinee Show at 1:00 PM and the Evening Show at 7:00PM.

During Ukrainian Week, all the students will be preparing for their concert and participating in various activities, including Blue & Yellow Day, Ukrainian Trivia, Vyshyvanka Day, Divine Liturgy and a delicious Verenyky (Perogy) Lunch!

In early April, the students will create beautiful pieces of Ukrainian art! IHMS teachers will lead the activities, and volunteers will be requested to assist. More detailed information is forthcoming.

For the Ukrainian Concert on March 26, every student must wear a vyshyvanka (Ukrainian embroidered shirt/blouse). For students who do not own a vyshyvanka, perhaps arrangements can be made to borrow one from a friend. IHMS has a small inventory of vyshyvanky that can be borrowed to students. More detailed information regarding the concert's costuming is forthcoming. For families that wish to purchase a vyshyvanka, please visit:

- Svitoch Ukrainian Export & Import is located at 621 Selkirk Ave
- Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre is located at 184 Alexander Avenue East
Gratitude to Access Credit Union for sponsoring IHMS Ukrainian Week 2026.

**MARCH**

- 2 Hot Dog Forms sent home
- 4 Hot Dog Lunch forms due
- 6 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day
- 7 IHMS FUNDRAISING GALA DINNER
- 10 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 11 IHMS Uniform Shop Open 3:00-5:00 PM
- 12 2:00 PM Early Dismissal - Staff Spiritual Development
- 13 Term Two Report Cards sent home
- 13 Grade 8 at Holy Family Nursing Home
- 17 MCSAA Indoor Track Meet (Running Club) at U of M
- 20 Koubassa & Cheese Distribution
- 23-27 Ukrainian Week!
- 23 N.U.T. Day ... Wear blue and yellow day!
- 26 N.U.T. Day ... Wear a vyshyvanka day!
- 26 1:00 PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert Matinee
- 26 7:00 PM Grades K-8 Ukrainian Concert Evening
- 27 Verenyky (Perogy) Lunch Day
- 27 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral
- 27 Last day of classes before Spring Break
Spring Break March 30 - April 3

APRIL

- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 NO CLASSES - Easter Monday
- 7 Classes Resume after Spring Break
- 8 IHMS Uniform Shop open 3:00-5:00PM
- 9 2:00PM Early Dismissal - Staff Spiritual Development
- 9 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (In Person)
- 24 Immunization Clinic (Gr. 6, 7, 8)

NO PARENTS' GUILD MEETING IN MARCH

The Parents' Guild will meet in April to discuss fundraisers for next year. The next meeting is at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, and will be in person at the school.



A childcare service is available free of charge for those bringing their children. All parents/guardians who have children attending IHMS are members of the IHMS Parents' Guild, and you are invited to the monthly meetings. The Guild plays a vital role in our school community, and we look forward to you becoming involved.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS ON SUNDAY,
MARCH 8, 2026**

Reminder It's time to **SPRING AHEAD** and move the clock forward by one hour!

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VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you for being part of our school community and helping with this fundraising and community-building event! Please watch for a follow-up email this coming week with details regarding volunteer tasks. For those who may need to make any changes, please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you purchase tickets to attend the Dinner, you receive 2 hours of volunteer time.

