

**UKRAINIAN ART EXHIBIT ON NOW!**

During the week of April 13, all students at the school participated in a Ukrainian art activity focused on copper tooling, led by Mrs. Kravtchouk, our kindergarten teacher. An art exhibit showcasing the students' creations is currently on display in the front foyer. Parents and family members are encouraged to visit the exhibit on April 27 and 28 to admire the students' spectacular artwork. Art projects will be sent home on April 29.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - GRADE 7 & 8 BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**

This year, Manitoba Catholic Schools will host the Grade 7 and 8 Badminton Divisional Tournament all day on April 28 at Dalkota Fieldhouse. The IHMS Badminton Team will travel to and from the tournament by school bus. A permission slip has been sent home with the participating students. Good luck to all our athletes! A special thank you to Mr. Dedio for coaching the IHMS Badminton Teams!

PIZZA LUNCH DAY!

Pizza is sold for \$2.50 per slice (cheese or pepperoni). Students bring their pizza money by Monday or Tuesday morning and order through their homeroom teacher. Pizza must be ordered by noon on Tuesday - no late orders! Other food and drinks can be brought from home to supplement snack time and lunch.

ORDER Day: Monday & Tuesday, April 27 & 28 **LUNCH** Day: Thursday, April 30

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AT 1:00 PM**

Every month, on the day before the school's Divine Liturgy, priests visit the school to offer the Sacrament of Confession to students in Grades 3-8 and staff. Teachers discuss the importance of preparing for Confession, encouraging students to reflect on their choices, thoughts, and behaviours, and to consider what they would like to ask Jesus for forgiveness.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - ROSARY AT 8:30 AM / DIVINE LITURGY AT 9:00 AM**

Join us at 8:30 AM for the Rosary, followed by our monthly Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral. Students will leave the school promptly at 8:50 AM. Parents, grandparents, friends, family members, and alumni are invited to attend.

Students serving as Altar Boys, Children of Mary, or in any special roles should arrive by 8:20 AM. Students are reminded to check the schedule posted at the school to see if they are serving.

**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

All IHMS families should have received an email regarding volunteer hours on April 20 & 21, 2026. New volunteer tasks will be posted on Monday, April 27 at NOON. If your family still has volunteer hours to complete, please sign up for a shift [HERE](#). Thank you!

**WINNIPEG STORYTELLING FESTIVAL - GRADES 5 & 6**

The Grades 5 and 6 classes have a special opportunity to participate in the Winnipeg Storytelling Festival at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People on Wednesday afternoon, April 29. The students will participate in storytelling workshops and hear from local and international storytellers.

**IHMS ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST**

The Grades 6-8 students will be participating in a public speaking contest over the next few weeks. Public Speaking is a tremendous life skill, and the IHMS Oratorical Contest promotes and encourages its development. Teachers have provided a choice of topics, along with instruction and guidance, as the students develop and present their speeches. Three representatives from each of the 6-8 classes (a total of 9 finalists) will present their speeches at 9:00 AM in the school gym at the Annual IHMS Oratorical Contest on Thursday, May 28. Public speaking ... it's a great life skill!

**IHMS LOST AND FOUND**

The IHMS Lost and Found area in the gym is getting quite full, including winter ski pants and jackets. Please take the time to check the lost and found in the gym for lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity at the end of June. Any IHMS uniform apparel remaining at the end of June will be transferred to the Uniform Shop and sold as used.

**CONCERT VIDEO ORDERS DUE**

The two Christmas Concerts and the Ukrainian Concert were filmed and are being edited into wonderful video productions that capture those special moments of a lifetime! If you missed the Christmas Concert Order Form in January, you can still order your copy of the Concert(s). Please see the attached Concert Order Form. The form and payment to the office by Thursday, April 30.

**MAY DEVOTION TO MARY**

It is a centuries-old tradition for Catholics to dedicate the month of May to our Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout this month, the students and staff will be offering devotional prayers to Mary. On Friday, May 29, a special rosary celebration will take place, during which the entire school will come together to pray as a community.

**APRIL**

- 27 Pizza Order Day \$2.50/slice
- 27 Ukrainian Art Display in the front foyer
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- 28 MB Catholic Schools Grades 7 & 8 Badminton Tournament
- 28 Pizza Order Day \$2.50/slice
- 28 1:00 PM Sacrament of Confession
- 29 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Cathedral
- 29 Gr. 5 & 6 Field Trip - Winnipeg Storytelling Festival
- 30 Pizza Lunch Day
- 30 Concert Video ordering due date

MAY

- 1 Super Spring 50/50 Early Bird Draw \$120.00!
- 4 Kindergarten Orientation Meeting for 2026-2027
- 5 Hotdog Order Forms sent home
- 5 Spring Time Spirit Days - Crazy Hair Day!
- 6 Spring Time Spirit Days - Funky Sock Day!
- 7 Spring Time Spirit Days - Silly Hat Day!
- 7 Grade 8 Grad Parent Meeting 5:15 PM
- 7 Parents' Guild Meeting - In Person 7:00 PM
- 8 Student Council Popcorn Sale \$2/bag
- 8 Super Spring 50/50 Early Bird Draw \$120.00!
- 11 IHMS Annual Track & Field Meet (Grades 4-8)
- 13 IHMS Uniform Shop Open 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 13 IHMS Track & Field Meet Rain Date
- 14 Hotdog Lunch Day
- 14 2:00 PM Early Dismissal - Staff Meeting
- 15 Super Spring 50/50 Final Draw
- 18 Victoria Day - NO CLASSES
- 20 MB Catholic Schools Soccer Tournament

SUPER SPRING 50/50 RAFFLE

Congratulations to our first Early Bird Draw winner of \$120.00 on April 24, 2026— Michelle Esguerra! Ticket purchasers have two more chances to win in Early Bird Draws on May 1st & 8th.

All IHMS families who sell tickets have a chance to win the 'top sellers grand prize' of an Apple iPad! All IHMS families that sell tickets are entered into the 'sellers draw' and can win a \$100 Roblox Gift Card! For every \$50 worth of tickets a 'family team' sells, a ticket is entered into the 'seller's draw'. Good luck to all the 'family teams'!

A reminder email will be sent at the beginning of May to families who have not yet had any tickets purchased under their Family Team.



YOU CAN WIN BIG IN THE IHMS SUPER SPRING 50/50 RAFFLE!

LAST YEAR'S POT WAS OVER \$18,000

BUY EARLY FOR

3 CHANCES TO WIN \$120 CASH! EARLY BIRD FRIDAYS: APRIL 24, MAY 1, MAY 8

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FINAL DRAW

50% POT MAY 15, 2026

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