

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:00 PM**

On the second Thursday of each month, dismissal is at 2:00 PM. **After-school supervision is not provided on early dismissal days**, and all children should be picked up promptly at 2:00 PM.

IMPORTANT EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURE - Please share with all drivers in your family!

****Grades K-3 students** will be lined up in their class lines by the front doors of the school. Parents should park on an adjacent street around the school and walk onto the schoolyard to pick up their child.

****Grades 4-8 students** will be lined up in their class lines on the east side of the school. Parents can use the back lane to pick up their child.

****Families with children at both pick-up locations** should: Park on an adjacent street around the school; Walk onto the schoolyard to pick up their youngest child in front of the school; Walk to the east side of the school to pick up their older child.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - PARENTS' GUILD MEETING AT 7:00 PM AT THE SCHOOL**

All IHMS parents are welcome to attend!! All parents become members of the IHMS Parents' Guild by virtue of their child/children being enrolled at the School. This Guild supports the School's volunteer needs and also organizes fundraisers to support school initiatives.

Meetings are indicated on the monthly calendar, as well as on the Annual Calendar of Events. Monthly meetings offer a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents, learn about school events, and have your voice heard in the decision-making process. Currently, the Guild is in the process of planning the 'Back to School' Family Picnic for September 23, with the help of the Picnic Planning Committee.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - FAMILY PICNIC

Everyone is welcome to the 'Back to School Family Picnic'!!

3:15 - 5:30 PM, Wednesday, September 23

On the IHMS schoolyard.

It's a great opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new people. Bring your own lawn chair or a blanket to sit on.

Free Hot dogs, Salads, Watermelon! Bouncy Castle! Games & Prizes!!

Volunteer information and donation opportunities are coming soon!

**ALLERGY ALERT!!**

There are students in our school community who have a variety of life-threatening allergies: avocado, peanuts, all nut products, fish, shellfish and eggs. **Notices will be sent home this week to each class specifying the exact food allergens in that grade.** Please be mindful when packing snacks and lunches especially as we begin to have students eating their lunches in a common area (their respective classrooms).

IHMS IS A NUT-FREE SCHOOL, which includes products such as Nutella. All children in the school are cautioned to not share their lunches or snacks with other students. Although their intentions are good, the results could be serious. The staff will caution all students, but please reinforce the message with your child at home as well. Your cooperation is most appreciated! For students with medical needs, don't forget to return all ACUTE MEDICAL FORMS to the office, as well as drop off inhalers and auto-injectors for safekeeping in a central location.

**HOME AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

Building trust and a strong relationship between home and school is very important at IHMS. Student needs are paramount, and open, honest dialogue helps meet them. The school's website and E-News are primary sources of general information about the school. For students in grades 3-8, the Student Agenda Book is a convenient communication tool regarding day-to-day assignments.

For additional information about the school:

1. Call the school office for general school information.
2. Call the particular teacher of the subject for specific information about your child's progress.
3. Contact Mr. Picklyk, Principal, if you feel your concerns have not been addressed, or if there are questions/concerns about school matters.

**ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL**

Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices in their possession during the school day. Electronic devices may include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smartphones, tablets, MP3 players, digital cameras, electronic gaming toys, etc. These electronic devices are expensive and can distract students during the school day. These devices are be/er leG at home. In August 2024, MB Education introduced new provincial cellphone guidelines for schools to help reduce distractions and support student learning. Under these guidelines, students in Kindergarten to Grade 8 are not permitted to use cell phones during the school day. If a student must bring a phone to school, the device must be turned off and brought directly to the office for safekeeping.

**TEENAGERS DAY - SEPTEMBER 17**

His Beatitude Sviatoslav has proclaimed Teenagers' Day in the Ukrainian Catholic Church to be observed annually on September 17—the feast day of the Holy Martyr Sophia and her three daughters, Faith, Hope, and Love. The Decree states that adolescence is a special and important period in a person's life: a time for discovering one's calling, forming one's personality, searching for truth, strengthening one's faith, and discerning God's plan for one's life. His Beatitude Sviatoslav calls on parents to lovingly accompany their children during this important period of life, to be an example of faith, hope, and love for them, to listen attentively, to support them, and to help them discover God's plan for their lives. His Beatitude addresses the teenagers themselves: "Do not be afraid to seek Christ, to listen to His voice, and to open your lives to God's grace. Remember that the Lord calls each of you to a great life in truth, love, and service."

**SEPTEMBER**

- 14 All Kindergarten students attend
- 17 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 17 7:00 PM Parents' Guild Meeting
- 19 Lifetouch Photo Day - students wear the official school uniform
- 23 Welcome Back to School Picnic!
- 23 N.U.T. Day ... No Uniforms Today! Summer Picnic Wear Day!
- 30 NO CLASSES - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER

- 2 Student Council Elections
- 8 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 9 NO CLASSES - MB Catholic Schools In-service
- 12 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day

IHMS UNIFORM SHOP

The IHMS Uniform Shop will be open 3:00 - 5:00PM, Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Appointments must be made to visit the Uniform Shop in person. To book an appointment, visit the October Uniform Shop Sign-Up. Please save the Uniform Shop Link to your favourites to book a time to visit the shop. Families may also purchase uniforms online. The uniforms will be available for pickup from the school office on Thursday, October 15. For more information, please visit [Uniform Shop](#).

**MILK / JUICE PROGRAM**

The canteen is operated out of the office during the lunch period. Students can either pay cash or purchase bulk drink tickets through the office. White / chocolate milk AND juice are sold for \$1.00. Students just need to let their homeroom teacher know during lunch hour.

**VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS**

Volleyball practice schedules were given to the students who signed Up. Tryouts begin Monday, September 14! All grade 7 & 8 students are welcome to attend. Mr. Dedio (Phys. Ed. Teacher) is excited to begin a new season! Families can access [the sports schedules here](#) once the season gets underway. Volleyball coaches are needed! Please let Mr. Dedio know if you can help!

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

September 14 is a Feast Day on the Liturgical Calendar. The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and His Church is the cross. On this day we celebrate the feast of the triumph of the Cross. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and pray:

'To your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.' (3 x)