



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - IHMS 'BACK TO SCHOOL' PICNIC

Join us for a 'Welcome Back to School Family Picnic' from 3:15 PM - 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 23. All IHMS students, families and friends are invited to attend. It will take place on the schoolyard. There will be games, activities, an inflatable bouncer, candy floss, door prizes, face painting, a barbecued hot dog supper, and much more!! After the children are dismissed from school on September 23, they will join the picnic in the schoolyard. Parents are invited to come as soon as their schedules permit. All you need to bring is a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. If it rains, we will send an email on September 23 with a rain date of Monday, September 28.

SCHOOL PICNIC VOLUNTEERING

The Parents' Guild Picnic Committee has been busy planning this event and we need your helping hands! Thank you to all who have signed up! There are no spots left. On the day of the Picnic, please go to the Volunteer Sign-In table to sign in and out of your task and for further instructions. If you have questions regarding the volunteer duties, please contact Mrs. Mala in the school office.



PICNIC DONATIONS

Families are asked to donate a new item as a door prize for the Family Picnic. Suggestions include children's toys, gift cards, event tickets, sporting equipment, gardening supplies, etc. Donations can be brought to the School Office. Please label your donation with your family name. Thank you for your generosity!



SEPTEMBER

- 23 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today...Picnic Wear Day!
- 23 Welcome Back to School Picnic!
- 28 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today - Orange Shirt Day
- 29 School Photo Day - wear official school uniform
- 29 Volunteer Bond Cheques Due
- 30 NO CLASSES - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

OCTOBER

- 2 Student Council Elections
- 8 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM Parents' Guild Meeting (in-person)
- 9 In-service Day - NO CLASSES
- 12 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day
- 14 3:00 - 5:00 PM Uniform Shop Open Registration
- 16 Grades 6-8 Immunization Clinic
- 23 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
- 23 Grade 7 Babysitters Course
- 31 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today!
- Halloween Dress-up (fun & friendly costumes)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - NUT DAY ... No Uniform Today



In celebration of the 'Welcome Back to School Family Picnic', students are encouraged to wear their favourite summer outfit (make sure to check the weather!). 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. Thank you for your cooperation.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - VOLUNTEER FORMS & BONDS DUE

Each family is required to contribute ten (10) volunteer hours during the school year. All volunteer hours will be recognized and may be contributed by either parent/guardian, or other family members (18 years and older).

As part of the school registration/re-registration process, every family must provide one bond (deposit) with a postdated cheque (credit card authorizations also available by request), or make a non-volunteer payment if opting out of volunteering. The bond cheque, or the non-volunteer fee, is due September 29. The amount for the post-dated bond cheque is \$400.00 (dated June 15, 2027). Families may choose at the beginning of the school year to opt out of volunteering by paying a \$400.00 non-volunteer fee. Families opting out of volunteering are still obligated to sell/purchase tickets for fundraising.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS



The school halls will soon be filled with fun and witty posters announcing that Student Elections are coming soon! A new IHMS Student Council will be elected on Friday, October 2. The Student Council is elected by Grades 5-8 students. The Council is called on throughout the year to organize student spirit activities and represent students at various school functions.

The Student Council consists of a President (Grade 8 student), Vice President (Grade 7 student), and five Student Council Reps (from Grades 7 and Grade 8). Good luck to all the aspiring politicians who choose to run in the election!

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

During the first few weeks of school, staff and students are reviewing emergency response procedures. Fire drills and in-school lockdown drills are being rehearsed.



TRANSIT BUS PASSES

The Manitoba Government is partnering with the City of Winnipeg to provide free transit bus passes for students in grades 6,7,8. Information will be sent home the week of September 21 with an order form to request a free bus pass.

EARLY READING SCREENING AND NEW MANITOBA CURRICULUM

- Kindergarten to Grade 4 Universal Early Reading Screening: mandatory rollout across all Manitoba schools for the 2026/27 school year
- English Language Arts: pilot phase in the 2026/27 school year
- Science: mandatory rollout across all Manitoba schools for the 2026-2027 school year
- Physical / Health Education: two-year pilot program beginning in September 2026, mandatory rollout across all Manitoba schools by the 2028-2029 school year.

UNIFORM SHOP

The next day the Uniform Shop will be open is 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Wednesday, October 14. Don't forget, all families must book an appointment before visiting the Uniform Shop by going to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026ihmsWELCOMEuniform#/> (be sure to select the correct month at the top of the page). Uniforms can also be purchased online by visiting <https://ihms-uniform-shop.square.site/> Online orders will be available to pick up from the office on Thursday and Friday of the same week.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION



Monday, September 28, will be Orange Shirt Day at IHMS. The entire school community is encouraged to wear an orange shirt on this day. Orange Shirt Day marks an annual day of remembrance for the victims and survivors of the Indian Residential School system. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on Wednesday, September 30. It is a national holiday. It is a day when Canadians wear orange to honour residential school survivors, their families, and the children who never returned home. There are no classes on September 30. Did you know ... While Orange Shirt Day started in Canada, it is also observed in the United States and has a growing global impact.

LABEL THE UNIFORM *mabel's labels.*

Please remember to label your child's school uniform. There are already a few lost cardigans in the school office without a label which makes it difficult to return it to the rightful owner. Here's the solution! ... Personalized name labels can be ordered from Mabel's Labels as a part of Parents' Guild fundraising initiative: <https://mabelslabels.ca/en-CA/fundraising/support>