



Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I hope your summer was filled with rest, joy, and beautiful memories with your loved ones. Whether you are returning to our school community or joining the IHMS family for the very first time, we are truly blessed to have you here with us.

As a Ukrainian Catholic community, our mission goes beyond academic excellence. We are dedicated to nurturing the spiritual, intellectual, and cultural growth of every child in a faith-filled environment. This year, we look forward to walking alongside your children as they discover their God-given talents, deepen their love for our faith and traditions, and grow in kindness and respect for one another.

We deeply value the partnership between home and school, and we thank you for entrusting us with your children's education. Together, let us make this school year a vibrant time of learning, community, and faith.

May the Lord's blessings continue to be with your family for peace and guidance as we begin this exciting journey together.

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Mr. R. Picklyk, Principal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - ORIENTATION DAY / MEET THE TEACHER

Teachers and staff are looking forward to seeing all the students! If you haven't already, please set up your appointment online by going to the Orientation Day 'Sign-Up' link and choosing the correct tab at the top of the page: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026orientationW>

Don't forget to read over the attachments in the SignUp: **IHMS Handbook, IHMS Back Lane Safety, School Acknowledgement Form and IHMS Volunteer Form** (to be completed and returned to the School). Please note the following:

- The school uniform is not required for Orientation Day.
- Upon arrival, enter through the side gym doors (adjacent to the playground)
- Leave any of the completed school forms with Mrs. Mala (Administrative Assistant), who will greet you in the gym when you arrive. Forms include: **School Acknowledgement Form, Acute Medical Forms (if applicable) and Volunteer Forms**. These forms will be available at school if you need a second copy. Please arrive early if you still need to fill out forms.
- Respect the time allocated for your meeting to keep the schedule on track.
- If you have business in the School Office, please do so after your appointments with the teacher(s).



SEPTEMBER

- 7 NO CLASSES - Labour Day
- 8 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day
- 9 Gr. K-8 Orientation Day - NO CLASSES
- 9 2:00 - 6:00 PM Uniform Shop Open
- 10 First Day of Classes Grade 1-8
- 10 First Day of Classes K (staggered start)
- 11 First Day of Classes K (staggered start)
- 14 First Day of Classes for all K Students
- 17 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 17 7:00 PM Parents' Guild Meeting
- 23 Welcome Back to School Picnic!
- 29 LifeTouch School Photo 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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (DAY 3 ON THE SCHOOL CYCLE)

Grades 1-8 classes begin for their first full day of classes. The uniform dress code is in effect.

Kindergarten classes have a staggered start. Half the students will attend on Thursday and half on Friday. Please refer to your Welcome Letter for your child's start date.

2026-2027 ANNUAL CALENDAR



Mark your personal calendars! The Annual School Calendar is available on the school's website. For a listing of upcoming events, in-service days, early dismissals, and other activities, please visit the [Annual Calendars](#) link.

Families can subscribe to our school calendars to stay up to date with the latest information.

VOLLEYBALL COACHES

Inter-school volleyball season is starting! There is great participation by the students and IHMS will have a few teams taking to the court. IHMS is looking for coaches that can teach and guide the young athletes that have signed up to play. Anyone interested in coaching (introductory, basic volleyball, or perhaps knows of a person who would like to coach, can contact Mr. Dedio (Phys. Ed. Teacher) at 204-582-5698.



EMAIL

Email is the school's primary form of communication. Please ensure the IHMS Weekly eNews is being received and not going into trash emails. Mark all emails from ihms.mb.ca as safe. This includes the school email (ihms@ihms.mb.ca), emails from Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Dudych (odudych@ihms.mb.ca), and the Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Mala (omala@ihms.mb.ca).



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Students are required to wear uniforms on the first day of school (Thursday, September 10). Official IHMS School uniforms must be purchased from the school's Uniform Shop (135 McGregor Street). If you missed the two shop open days at the beginning of this year, there is still time to place an online order and receive it after school on September 10. There are two ways to purchase from the IHMS Uniform Shop:

1. In-Person shopping requires an appointment. To book an appointment, please visit our ongoing Uniform Shop link for 2026-2027. Please use the new 2026 link [here](#) and bookmark it for future use!
2. Online shopping is available at <https://ihms-uniform-shop.square.site/>. Orders will be ready for pickup in the school office on Thursday and Friday after the Uniform Shop days.

ATTENDANCE EMAIL

In the case of a planned absence, parents/guardians are asked to notify the office by emailing attendance@ihms.mb.ca. A note submitted to the teacher or a phone call is required to explain ALL ABSENCES, including any Religious Holidays. The note should include the dates of absence and be received from the parents. In the case of a known absence longer than three days, please see *Family Trip / Vacation Protocol* below.

In case of an **unplanned absence**, parents/guardians are asked to notify the office by emailing attendance@ihms.mb.ca, or by calling the school office no later than 9:00 A.M. If the school office has not received any notification by 9:30 A.M., personnel will be contacting the respective home, checking whether the child is indeed at home or in need of help somewhere between home and school.

Family Trip / Vacation Protocol: [Family Vacation Protocol link](#)

The school recognizes that on rare occasions families take trips during school time. IHMS also recognizes that regular attendance is a necessary condition for success at school and that students who attend regularly generally achieve better results. Students who miss a significant number of days are at risk for lower achievement in the classroom. Teachers begin new material each week, and the instruction and classroom discussion cannot be duplicated with make-up work.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- The **Before School Program** is for any student arriving at the school prior to 8:15 AM (opening at 7:15 AM). They must go to the gymnasium, using the front doors, where a supervisor will be present.
- The **After School Program** is for anyone staying past 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Families using the After School Program will use the back doors of the school between 3:45 and 6:00 PM. Parents will wait in the back landing until supervisors bring the child(ren) to the parents. Families that pick up their children after 6:00 PM will be charged an incremental late fee of \$5.00 for each 10-minute interval. Example: pickup between 5:16 - 5:25 PM = \$5.00, 5:26 - 5:35 PM = \$10.00, etc.

The cost for each program is as follows:

\$8.00 drop-in fee/child/day/program \$60.00 / month/program (1 child) \$85.00 / month/program/family

NATIVITY OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - FEAST DAY

On September 8, the Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrates the Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God (Theotokos), marking the birth of the Virgin Mary to her parents, Joachim and Anne. Priests wear blue vestments, the traditional colour honouring the Mother of God. Parishes often hold special water-blessing services and bless icons of the Virgin Mary.

