

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 - NO CLASSES**

May your Thanksgiving be filled with joy and blessings! Happy Thanksgiving weekend!
Щасливого Дня Подяки!

IHMS FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

As noted in the Fundraising section of the IHMS Handbook, one of the school year's fundraising events is the 2026 Fundraising Raffle. The Fundraising Raffle is an important fundraising activity for the school, and it also has the potential to distribute up to \$7,000.00 in prizes to the winners! Last year 12 families in our school community were \$200.00 winners ... and one IHMS family won the \$3,000 grand prize! Each family is allocated 2 Raffle Tickets to sell or purchase, valued at \$50.00 each. Tickets will be distributed in mid-October. The ticket stubs and money are due on Thursday, November 12. The Raffle takes place on Wednesday, November 25. Thank you for your support!

**HOT LUNCH DAYS**

Hot Lunch Days are back! Parents may purchase lunch through Hot Dog Days or our Pizza Lunch Days. Keep an eye on the school calendar and details in our eNews. Plan ahead! Look out for future Hot Lunch dates on the calendar and don't forget to get your change ready! It helps things run smoothly when students have exact change on Order Day. Please note, the School Office does not have cash on hand to break large bills.

Hot Dog Days are all thanks to two dedicated parent volunteers. This year's coordinators are Nadiia Panas and Julie Zappia. Hot Dog Days are organized by the Parents' Guild with revenues earmarked for busing transportation on field trips. Hot Dog Order Forms are sent home with a due date to place an order with the homeroom teachers.

Exact change is appreciated. First Hot Dog Day is Thursday, October 29. Forms will go out on Tuesday, October 20 and are due on Thursday, October 22. Orders after 12:00 noon cannot be accepted.

Pizza Lunch Days are organized by the Grade 8 class, with revenues earmarked for their graduation celebration in June. Pizza is sold for \$2.50 per slice (cheese or pepperoni). Students bring their pizza money (exact change) on the Pizza Order Day (Tuesday, October 13). Students place the pizza order with their homeroom teacher in the morning. Pizza must be ordered by noon - no late orders. The pizza will arrive on the Pizza Lunch Day (Thursday, October 15) and be delivered to the classroom. Students may bring other food and drinks from home to supplement the pizza lunch. **The first Pizza Order Day is Tuesday, October 13, and Pizza Day is Thursday, October 15.**

**STAFFING NEWS**

IHMS is proud to welcome Mr. Hryhorii Dutchak to the staff. Mr. Dutchak has been hired to be the school's evening custodian after the retirement of Mr. Ivan Fil. We welcome Mr. Dutchak and wish him well in this new opportunity.

IHMS welcomes Father Yaroslav Buduykevych as the school's new School Chaplain. Fr. Yaroslav is currently the parish priest at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church. He is very familiar with the Immaculate Heart community. He recently had two children who graduated from the school, and he has also assisted at many Divine Liturgy celebrations and prayer services. We look forward to Father Yaroslav's spiritual direction.

**PARENTS' GUILD**

SAVE THE DATE! At the next Parents' Guild meeting on Monday, November 2, 2026, there will be an information session on the admission process for Catholic high schools led by Mr. Picklyk. Free child care is available for those who need to bring their children.

JOIN OUR MEETINGS! We would love to meet class representatives at our meetings. Class representatives can be recurring or change monthly. To facilitate this, please look for opportunities on the Volunteer Sign Up.

DISMISSAL TIME

Help keep dismissal safe and organized. Supervisors at dismissal time work hard to ensure every student is safely dismissed to their parent or guardian. To assist, we kindly ask all families to exit the schoolyard promptly after collecting their child, rather than staying to play. When children remain in the school yard after pick-up, it can lead to confusion about who is still under staff supervision. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our yard safe at the end of the school day!

**PRESCRIBED MEDICATIONS**

Any prescribed medication to be administered during school hours shall only be permitted upon receipt of a completed *Administration of Prescribed Medication Form* by the student's parent/guardian. This form is available at the school office. All medications must be in the original pharmacy labelled container which clearly identifies the medications.

FAMILY INFORMATION

As soon as possible, families are reminded to bring back **finalized Acknowledgment Forms** and any other updated information to the school office regarding:

- home address and phone numbers
- immigration status (work visa, study visa, permanent residence, etc.)
- custody information.

Please reach out to Mrs. Mala if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you.

**OCTOBER**

- 12 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day
- 13 Pizza Order Day \$2.50/slice
- 14 3:00 - 5:00 PM Uniform Shop Open
- 15 Pizza Lunch Day
- 15 Grade 7 Babysitter Course registration deadline
- 16 1:00 PM Grades 6-8 Immunization Clinic
- 20 Hot Dog Order Forms sent home
- 22 Hot Dog Orders due
- 23 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
- 23 Grade 7 Babysitters Course
- 29 Hot Dog Day
- 30 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today!
- Halloween Dress-up (fun & friendly costumes)

**VOLUNTEER FORMS AND BOND CHEQUE**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the reminder to submit the Volunteer Bond Fee (\$400)!! Please continue to submit Volunteer Forms and bond fees by cheque or credit card authorization.

PREPARING FOR HALLOWEEN

On October 31, students may wear a fun and creative costume to school, or students may come dressed in black and orange. Costumes must not depict a scary or evil character. Due to health & safety concerns, no food or candy treats please.

**VOLUNTEERING**

MORE volunteer opportunities will be posted **Tuesday, October 13 at noon** using the ongoing [Volunteer Sign Up link](#). Please carefully select the October tab at the

top (or from the drop-down menu on your mobile device) and read the description.

Thank you for your helping hands!

**ELECTRONICS AT SCHOOL**

Student cell phones are not permitted at school. Please respect this school rule and leave electronic items at home (they are not allowed on the school premises). Thank you for your cooperation. This information can also be found in the *School Handbook* under *Student Rules & Regulations*.

**VOLLEYBALL ACTION!**

IHMS has four teams participating in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Volleyball League this season!



Players love it when fans come to cheer them on. All of the home games for the volleyball teams are noted on the Monthly Calendar.