



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - PARENTS' GUILD MEETING AT 7:00 PM AT THE SCHOOL

All parents/guardians who have children attending IHMS are members of the Parents' Guild and are invited to attend the monthly meetings. At the last meeting in September, it was decided to continue with in-person meetings while the weather is still warm. Child care is available for parents who need to bring their child(ren).



Lifetouch

Lifetouch photo proofs were sent home on Friday, October 2. This year, there are two ways to order photos: **ONLINE** by visiting mylifetouch.ca, or **SCANNING the QR CODE** on the proof. Place the order within 30 days of picture day to avoid shipping charges. All families can also log on and order a FREE digital Pictures2Protect Card.

If you are not pleased with the photos, you can request a retake by checking off the appropriate box on the Order Form and returning it to school no later than retake day on Wednesday, November 4th. If any assistance is required to order, please don't hesitate to contact the office.

STUDENT COUNCIL

A new Student Council for IHMS was 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. Congratulations to the newly elected Student Council President, Nathan Alexander (Grade 8), and Vice President, Janoah Stephen (Grade 7). The remaining Student Council Representatives will be selected on Monday, October 5.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 - EARLY DISMISSAL 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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 - UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

All IHMS uniforms are official school attire and must be purchased from the IHMS Uniform Shop (135 McGregor Street). Navy pants purchased at another store are not part of the IHMS uniform.

There are two ways to purchase from the IHMS Uniform Shop ... shopping in-person at the Uniform Shop or online. Families shopping in person at the Uniform Shop must make an appointment before visiting. The in-person appointments for October are now full. Appointments for the next Uniform Shop open date, Wednesday, November 18, can be made beginning Thursday, October 15. Online orders placed before 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 14 will be ready to be picked up in the school office on Thursday, October 15. Online shopping is available at: [Purchase IHMS Uniforms Online](#)



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 - IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Manitoba school-based immunization program through the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) is offering students in Grades 6-8 a chance to receive their immunizations and/or catch up on missed immunizations. Immunizations will be available in the afternoon on Friday, October 16. Please call the Public Health Nurse at 204-792-6765 if you have any questions.



MB CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the IHMS Girls' and Boys' Flag Football teams who competed in a Manitoba Catholic Schools tournament on October 1! The Boys' Team made it to the semifinals. The Girls' Team won the tournament championship! Way to go! Congratulations to the girls on this amazing achievement! It was wonderful to see both teams support one another, work hard, and reach new goals. A big thank you to Mr. Dedio and Mr. Szun for coaching and supporting the teams.



GO SPIRIT GO!

Volleyball season is underway, and IHMS will have 4 teams taking to the court in the Manitoba Catholic Schools Athletic Association Volleyball League. Come cheer on the IHMS Spirit when they play home games in the IHMS Gymnasium! All home game dates and times are posted online on the IHMS Monthly Calendar.



KINDERGARTEN ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Kindergarten students have now had time to adjust to classroom routines and structure. They are ready to take the next step toward greater independence and confidence. At morning drop-off and end-of-day dismissal, Kindergarten students will now be outside with the rest of the school. Please see the note sent home to Kindergarten families on Friday, October 2, for more detailed information.



OCTOBER

- 8 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM Parents' Guild Meeting (in-person)
- 9 NO CLASSES - MB Catholic Schools Inservice Day
- 12 NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Day
- 14 3:00 - 5:00 PM Uniform Shop Open
- 15 Grade 7 Babysitting Course registrations due
- 16 Grades 6-8 Immunization Clinic
- 23 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
- 23 Grade 7 Babysitters Course
- 30 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today!
- Halloween Dress-up (fun & friendly costumes)

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL

Throughout the school day, the doors are locked. The front doors (facing north) will be unlocked between 7:15 AM and 9:00 AM, and 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Families using the After School Program use the back doors and will be admitted using the buzzer and the monitored security system. All visitors to the school throughout the day must buzz into the office via the monitored security system and report to the School Office. The school morning announcements begin at 8:45 AM. Any students who arrive after 8:45 AM must come to the school office for a late slip.



PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Every fall IHMS assesses each Grade 3 child's reading and numeracy skills (numeracy skills are the ability to work with numbers in various ways and to solve math-related problems). This report is part of a province-wide assessment. It is called the PROVINCIAL GRADE 3 ASSESSMENT. The report tells parents if their child's skills in reading and numeracy are at the expected level for their grade. If the child needs assistance in reaching this level, the report can serve as the basis for programming.

Look for the GRADE 3 ASSESSMENT report to be distributed along with the IHMS Progress Reports in November.



KOATS FOR KIDS

Every year, from September to January, Winnipeggers donate over 6,000 coats to Koats for Kids. United Way then shares this winter gear with Winnipeg families. Families requiring assistance with winter wear can contact the School Office, and IHMS will initiate the process of requesting winter clothing on a family's behalf.

Visit the [Koats for Kids link](#) for drop-off locations near you if your family has have outwear to share!

