

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 - NO CLASSES - PROVINCIAL INSERVICE DAY**

October 23rd is a Provincial Inservice Day called Special Area Groups for Educators (SAGE). Educators across Manitoba use this day for professional development. There are **NO CLASSES** on Friday, October 23.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 - BABYSITTERS TRAINING COURSE

IHMS is pleased to offer, in conjunction with South Winnipeg Family Information Centre, the *Babysitter's Training Workshop*. This course is open for registration to Grade 7 students. Participants must be 12 years of age as of December 31, 2026. Only a few spots remain.

BABYSITTER**HOT LUNCH DAY...EXACT CHANGE ONLY**

Plan ahead! Look out for future order dates on the calendar and don't forget to get your change ready! It helps things run smoothly when students have exact change on Pizza or Hot Dog Order Day. Please note, the office does not have change on hand in exchange for large bills.

IHMS UNIFORM SHOP

Please use the Uniform Shop link to book your November appointment. Choose a month on the dashboard and find an open timeslot: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2026ihmsWELCOMEuniform#/>

IHMS is blessed to have volunteers that give generously of their time to provide the uniform service for our school families. Treating volunteers with respect is crucial for ensuring the success of the Uniform Shop operation. We appreciate your courtesy when shopping for school uniforms.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 - GRADE 1 HOME READING INFORMATION SESSION**

All Grade 1 students and their parents are encouraged to attend the Home Reading meeting at 5:30PM, October 28, in the Grade 1 classroom. The Home Reading Session is intended to inform Grade 1 parents on how the Grade 1 Home Reading Program works. Information will also be presented on helpful tips for reading at home with your child. The meeting will be held by Mr. Picklyk and Mrs. Khomitska.

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!

**EXTRA ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL**

Students are encouraged to engage in extracurricular activities, whether in athletics, the arts, technology, or leadership opportunities, beyond their academic coursework. Participating in these activities offers numerous benefits, allowing students to take the initiative in their personal and academic growth.

Extracurricular activities can enhance leadership skills, promote teamwork and networking, improve time management, and boost confidence by helping students develop new skills. At IHMS, students have many opportunities to get involved, including interscholastic volleyball, intramural sports, Student Council, the S.M.A.C. Social Justice Team, the Recycling Team, the Debate Team, and School Safety Patrols, among others. Additional opportunities will also be available throughout the school year.

**PARENTS' GUILD CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISERS**

The Parents' Guild will offer two fundraising options: Kernels Popcorn and Gift Cards, just in time for the Christmas giving season or St. Nicholas Day! Choose to support one or a little bit of both; the choice is yours!

Purchasers buy Gift Cards at face value, so they pay no additional costs, and the companies donate profits to the school, ranging from 2% to 10% of the gift card value. It's a win-win-win fundraiser for the purchasers, the Parents' Guild, and the children who benefit from the activities supported by the Guild.

The **Kernels Popcorn** Fundraiser features several popcorn flavours: Buttersalt, Ketchup, Dill, Jalapeno Jack, Salt & Vinegar, Cheesy Dill, White Cheese, Say Cheese, Thai Sweet Chilli, and Low-Fat Caramel (20-78 gram bags, depending on the flavour).

Stay tuned ... information will be provided by email to each IHMS family. Please share this information with friends and family. All money raised supports several Parents' Guild initiatives, such as the Annual Family Picnic, field day lunches for students, and other school projects that directly benefit students and staff.

Last Year, the Parents' Guild raised over \$1,448.31 in profit from these two fundraisers. Thank you for your support!

**OCTOBER**

- 20 Hot Dog Lunch order forms sent home
- 22 Hot Dog Lunch orders due
- 23 NO CLASSES - Provincial Inservice Day
- 23 Grade 7 Babysitters Course
- 27 1:00 PM Sacrament of Confession
- 28 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral
- 28 5:30 PM Grade 1 Home Reading Program Session
- 29 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 30 N.U.T Day - No Uniforms Today!
- Halloween Dress-up ... fun & friendly costumes

NOVEMBER

- 2 6:30 PM Selecting a Catholic High School Presentation
- 2 7:00 PM Parents' Guild Meeting (In-person)
- 3 Pizza Order Day - \$2.50 / slice
- 4 LifeTouch Photo Retakes
- 5 Pizza Lunch Day
- 10 10:30 AM Remembrance Day Service Assembly
- 11 NO CLASSES - Remembrance Day
- 12 2:00 PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 12 Fundraising Raffle tickets and money due
- 13 NO CLASSES - IHMS Inservice Day
- 17 Pizza Order Day - \$2.50 / slice
- 18 Uniform Shop Open 3:00-5:00
- 19 Pizza Lunch Day
- 20 Blessed Josaphata Day
- 20 9:00 AM Pylypivka Prayer Service
- 20 First Term Report Card Sent Home
- 23-27 Scholastic Book Fair
- 25 7:00 PM IHMS Fundraising Raffle \$50/ticket
- 26 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Evening)
- 27 NO CLASSES - Parent/Teacher Interviews

HOT DOG DAY

A delicious hot dog lunch will be served on Wednesday, October 29.

Hot Dog Lunch order forms will be sent home on Tuesday, October 20, and are due back on Thursday, October 22. Thank you to our coordinators, Nadiia Panas and Julie Zappia, and the parent volunteers.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 - N.U.T. DAY (No Uniforms Today) - HALLOWEEN SPIRIT DAY**

This is a non-uniform day and students are encouraged to wear a fun and friendly costume to school. Costumes must not depict a scary or evil character. Props such as knives and guns are not acceptable. As an alternative to a costume, students may come to school dressed in black and orange.

Due to health and safety concerns, exchanging candy or small toys will not be allowed at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

**IHMS VOLLEYBALL**

GO SPIRIT GO! Come and cheer on the IHMS Spirit when they're playing home games in the IHMS Gymnasium! All home game dates and times are posted online on the IHMS Monthly Calendar.



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