



DISCIPLE DISPATCH

April 23, 2021

Looking for Spring

A Look Ahead:

Fri April 23- 25	Junior High Youth Ministry Retreat	
Mon April 26-Fri	5th Gr Franciscan Farm	All week
Tues April 27	Disciples for LIFE Day!	
Wed April 28	School Mass Gr 1,6,7,8	9:00 am
	Touching Safety Gr K-8	
Thurs April 29	School Mass Gr. 2,3,4,5	9:00 am
	2 nd Gr. First Communion Retreat Day	
Fri April 30	\$1 Jeans Day	
Sat May 1	First Communion Mass	5:15 pm

Mrs. Sova's "Kinders" went on a scavenger hunt earlier this week, searching for signs of Spring. The surprise snow squall was NOT included on their list of warm weather indicators. Seasons Greetings—Easter Greetings that is!

YEP, WE'RE GOING OUTSIDE It's springtime dress code (short pants, etc) but on some days, it still feels like February. (*picture, right*) Please have your kid dress appropriately as we are ALL going outside for recess.

HOT LUNCH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES The Catholic Central (CC) Food Service, **has two immediate openings**; one for 10 hours per week and another for 15 hours per week. Employees will cover shifts at CC and IHM and will train now for next year. After one year of employment, workers are eligible for tuition discount at Catholic Central (only). Call Eileen McCaffrey O'Brien at 616-516-5655 for compensation information and details.

AT LAST! After 16 months of no-performances, Immaculate Heart of Mary 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands will combine with other Catholic schools for a Spring Concert that is sure to beat the band! **Save Thursday May 13 at 7pm in the Catholic Central Gym.** Under the direction of Mrs. Ann Reinhard, it will be a night of in-person music and celebration!



4TH GRADERS PREPARE TO PLAY On Friday May 7, Mrs. Ann Reinhard will hold a band-fitting clinic at Catholic Central High School during the school day for current IHM 4th graders interested in playing an instrument next year. Permission slips will come home next week and transportation is being provided via GRSS bussing.

LIFE IS A CORONA CABARET!! IHM Choir kids in grades 5-8 will present a **Corona Cabaret Musical** performance on **Monday May 3 at 2:00pm**, on-line. Students will present a repertoire of show-tune parodies, recounting this past year and all we've endured. Link will be provided next week to those families in particular to view live. All others will be able to access the recorded version upon request.



GRRTL STUDENT ACTIVISM TUESDAY In conjunction with The Grand Rapids Chapter of Right to Life Student Activism week, Claire K. (6th grade) asked if we could share in the **Tuesday National Prolife T-Shirt Day**. You Bet! **If your kids have a prolife t-shirt, they may wear it to school with a uniform bottom. Shirts may be home made, too.** (This weekend's craft?) All kids will receive a **Disciples for Life** sticker that day, which they may stick to their uniform shirt or any place else! (The bumper of mom's car?)

SAVE THE DATE! All IHM families are invited to celebrate Fr. Troy's 25th Anniversary of Ordination on **Sunday May 30**. On that day, there will be NO 11:00 am Mass, but there will be a 3:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving followed by an outdoor BBQ Dinner/ reception. Invitations are forthcoming. RSVP's are very important so we may be sure all are fed!



YIKES!!!! The new IHM playground equipment installation dates are **Friday June 4 and Saturday June 5, and we need help!** BIG TIME! 20-30 volunteers are needed for Friday and 10-15 for Saturday. Volunteers need to be 16+ years old and will assist with digging holes, unwrapping equipment, and some pre-assembly. Plan to get dirty. We'll work rain or shine but not in lightning. Sign up here to work and/or provide refreshments <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a49abab2ca0ff2-ihmplayground> **We cannot install the equipment if we don't have enough volunteers! PLEASE!**

SCRIP NEWS Did you know you can pay for your kids braces with SCRIP? Cha, Ching! Check out participating Orthodontists! If you haven't enrolled in this EASY PEASY way to whittle down your tuition bill, go here: www.shopwithscrip.com The IHM enrollment code is **LL555BE813L8**



CONSIDER BEING LAVISHED WITH GRACE The traveling devotion to Our Lady of Fatima has brought grace upon grace to numerous families of IHM. How about yours? No experience necessary. Praying the family rosary each day for a week next week April 26 will be **The Naltner Family**. The weeks of May 24 and May 31 are still open. Sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4FAEAE2EA4F85-traveling3>

CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY IHM's Spiritual Growth Committee is grateful for those moms providing fresh flowers for the statue of Our Lady outside the office. Caring for Mary the week of May 26 **Mrs. Karen Ouellette**. **Keep in mind, on May 5, our May Crowning Day, each student is encouraged to send in fresh flowers from your garden to honor Our Lady.**

Hello IHM Families!



What a wonderful week we have had despite that white stuff coming down a couple of days. I thought it was so beautiful but many people disagreed with me! We enjoyed celebrating Mrs. Colleen Lowe, Mrs. Karen DeChant and Mrs. Kara Ziedins this week for Administrative Professionals Day.

I just want to publicly thank the three of them for all they do each day for the kids, families, and staff at IHM. Father told me how wonderful they all were when I started here at IHM and I think they are even more amazing than he articulated! We are so blessed by their witness to our faith every day with all the students and their

organization and love and care! This year has added many, many tasks to what they do every day, and they have happily taken on whatever is needed to have the kids here safe and in-person! THANK YOU!

Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake

Principal

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