



Disciple Dispatch

October 1, 2021

Respect Life Month

A LOOK AHEAD:

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| Tues Oct 5 | Blessing of the Pets | 2:50pm |
| Wed Oct 6 | ALL-SCHOOL MASS | 9:00 am |
| | Moms w Little's Bible Study | 9:45 am |
| | Jr High EDGE NIGHT | 6:30 pm |
| Thurs Oct 7 | Fall Re-Gathering | 6:30 pm |
| Fri Oct 8 | Men's Ministry TMIY | 6:00 am |
| | 8 th Grade Leadership Retreat | All Day |



BLESSING OF THE PETS! In honor of St Francis' Feast Day (the day before) **meet us on the IHM sports field this Tuesday October 5 at 2:50pm with your pet** as Fr. Troy plans to bless them all! **Please park in the CHURCH lot**, so the school lot is still open for the pickup carline. Also be sure your pet(s) are leashed or contained and of course, curbed 😊 **The IHM Leadership Council** has a number of **St Francis-related** activities for the entire month of October including a visit from Ambassador Dogs, a canine toy making project for the Humane Society, finding hidden St Francis replicas, fun facts around campus and more.



IHM FALL RE-GATHERING THIS Thurs, Oct 7, 2021 6:30pm at Cascade Hills Country Club \$40 per person. Proceeds go towards the Parish Maintenance Fund. (Think parking lot, grounds, repairs etc.) Heavy hors d'oeuvres included with tickets. Drink tickets will be available for purchase. Call for tickets: Bryan and Monica Reeder 634-4902

IHM PRINCIPAL TAILGATE! Look for the IHM flag at the CAT parking lot, **TONIGHT Friday Oct 1** before the Catholic Central football game. Mr. and Mrs. Lake will be cooking up **VIKING** hot dogs for all who stop by!



IMPORTANT IHM CHILDCARE BILLING INFORMATION: Child Care statements are sent home via EMail every two weeks. The first statement was sent on September 13, 2021 and was due on September 20, 2021. It originates from the address schoolofficescan2021@gmail.com or kdechant@ihmschoolgr.org and "Your Child Care Statement" is highlighted in red. **The current statement was sent today and is due on October 8, 2021.** Just a reminder that a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed if the payment is not made by the due date. (It was not added to the first statement~ a back to school special.) In addition, please refer to the Child Care Handbook that outlines the Removal Policy should your account be in arrears. If a family's Child Care account is not kept in good standing, their attendance may be limited or barred. Payment Options: **Credit cards** are encouraged! See Barb in the parish office or call 616.241.4477. **Online payments via Paypal** are welcomed ([paypal.me/ihmchildcare](https://www.paypal.com/ihmchildcare) type in amount and in the "add a note section" list your child(ren)'s name(s). **Payment via check** may be handed to a Child Care Staff person, or deposited in the box in the main school lobby marked Child Care Payments. **Payment by mail**, please send a check made out to IHM to 1951 Plymouth Ave SE Grand Rapids MI 49506. We do not accept payments via Kidmail. Thank you! ~ Questions? Mrs. Karen DeChant 616.241.4633

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: Immaculate Heart of Mary Child Care Program **Substitute aides** are needed to fill in when a staff member is ill (Child Care is open M-F 7-6) **A regular child care aide** is needed on Mondays & Fridays 10:45-1:45 After School Volunteers would be welcome, M-F 3:15-4:00/5:00 (senior citizens to play indoor games and/or help supervise, or college students to play out door ball games with older children Contact Mrs. Holly Lake 241-4633

PROTECTING YOUNG EYES PARENT PROGRAM **Thursday, October 14. 6:30-8:00pm** IHM DeMazenod Room. This evening of information is **INVALUABLE** if you have kids on a computer! **Parents attending will receive FREE JEANS DAY PASSES for their kids.** (Yes, it's a bride but one of great merit) Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/top-digital-safety-tips-and-trips-sponsored-by-immaculate-heart-of-mary-tickets-171410893597>

TECH CORNER

WELCOME to The Tech Corner, the quarterly update from the IHM Technology Committee!

IHM School has a technology committee?

Yes! A group consisting of staff, parents, and board members meet every other month and to address issues directly related to technology topics. Think of the Avengers but with computers and internet.

Why do we need a technology committee?

Technology directly impacts students and staff for almost every minute that the school is in session. As such it was determined that a group of tech savvy people would be formed to ensure that IHM school continues to strive to provide students with the tools necessary to be a disciple first working towards their diploma.

What specifically has the technology committee worked on?

Many things: Determining the best computers, upgrading the internet, helping with technology aspect of IHM's accreditation, improvements to the school app, and ensuring that the students stay safe through their use of technology.

What are we doing to stay safe?

There are a few programs that IHM uses to help protect students and foster a safe learning space. Two of them are Protect Young Eyes and Bark. For more information visit the websites: <https://protectyouneyes.com/> <https://www.bark.us/> <https://goguardian.com>

What are we working on this year?

Continued internet safety education for staff, students and parents; Setting appropriate lifecycles for all technology; Determining long term needs for our school; Evaluating technology for afterschool care staff for easier parental payments.



Hello IHM Families!

What a beautiful week! We have been blessed with some gorgeous weather this week and especially after all the rain last week it's been so nice to see the kids enjoy some time outside!

*Please keep in mind that cases of COVID have been increasing in our families lately, and we appreciate your extra vigilance in terms of symptoms. **If your child is not feeling well, especially if they have a fever, are coughing or have an excessive runny nose, please keep them home from school until you see/call the doctor's office or there is a clear alternative diagnosis.** We know there are other things going around right now besides COVID, but we

need to stay cautious so we don't end up having to close down any classrooms. I do have rapid tests in the office and I'm happy to do those if you request it. Thanks for your help!

I can't wait to tailgate tonight at the CAT! It will be so fun to gather there as an IHM community before the game and enjoy some hot dogs! I hope to see you there!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake ~ Principal

SAVE THE DATES!

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PARENT PRESENTATION

Thursday October 21, 6:30pm in the DeMazenod Room. Theology of the Body (TOB) Parent Books will be distributed that evening with an explanation of the program and how valuable YOUR participation at HOME will be.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING CHANGE

The regular meeting date - the first Wednesday of the Month- is being moved to **Tuesday October 19, 7pm** in the parish Hearts and Hands Room. 8th Grade Confirmation on the 8th was the reason for the change. Please make a note of it.

PUMPKIN CARVING WITH YOUR FAVORITE GUY

Sunday, September 24 at Noon. Bring your Dad, grandpa, uncle, big brother, or the parish priest, some pumpkins and carving knives. Join us after Mass for cider and donuts too!



TRAVELING LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY DEVOTION

Consider hosting the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima in your home. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Instructions included! Pray the family rosary each day for a week and receive Grace upon Grace. This week, the **Kevin DeBruyn Family** will make this devotion their own. Sign your family

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-traveling>

CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY

This week: **Mrs. Korey Wilson** will make sure our Lady is properly adorned: Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-caring>



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