

December 3 2021

Wisemen Prepare

Sun Dec 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Mon Dec 6 Feast of St Nicolas

Jr High NET RETREAT ~ All Day

SPIRIT DAY! Student Free Jeans Day

Tues Dec 7 7/8th Gr. Choir Concert 6:30 pm

Wed Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

All School Mass 9:00 am

Book Fair Shop Before/After School

Thurs Dec 9 Book Fair Shop Before/After School

Book Fair Shop 4:00 – 7:00 pm

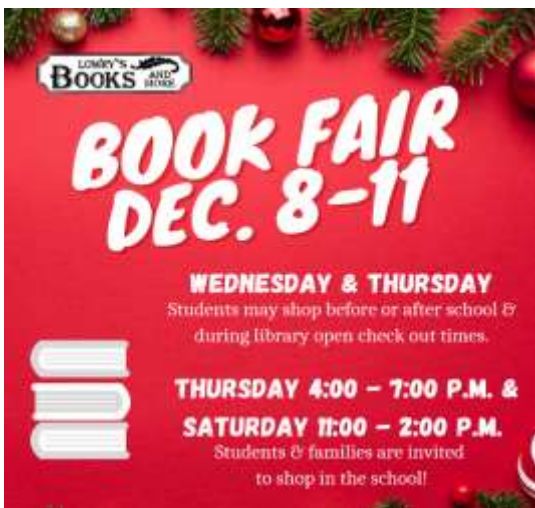
Kindergarten Dress up Day

Fri Dec 10 Principal(s) for A Day Kakaty Kids

Sat Dec 11 Book Fair Shopping 11:00 am-2pm



Even these three kings of our IHM All-School Christmas Musical Movie know Advent is all about preparation. Now that the filming of *The Mystery of Simon Shepherd* is complete, it now goes into production. We'll have to wait for the finished product and when it will be available to view online. Happy Advent!



IHM BENEFITS WHEN YOU BUY BOOK FAIR BOOKS! Check out the times Lowry Books will be available for sale in the school library. IHM receives a portion of each book sold!

SQUEEKIE CLEAN What a happy day Thursday was! Students in grades 2-8 celebrated the gift of Reconciliation and for our 2nd graders, it was for the first time. Not since their baptism have they been this free! All of Heaven rejoices when our souls “become white as snow” and we reconnect with the flow of grace! *Why would we wait for an entire year to feel such joy? Make it a monthly date and celebrate as a family!*



COVID 19 UPDATE: IF ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY IS **AWAITING** A COVID TEST RESULT: the rest of the household, if **unvaccinated** (adults and children), should quarantine until results are in. **Vaccinated** members of the household (adults and children) do not need to adhere to this protocol and may still come to school. If the test results are negative, all may return to school. If the test results are positive, please call the school office for assistance calculating the date of your children's return.

HELP WANTED: IHM School is in need of lunchroom workers for our hot lunch program. This is a paid position 10-15 hours per week, Mon-Thurs., 9am - Noon. Flexible days and hours. Email eileenobrien@grcatholiccentral.org or call Eileen O'Brian at 616-516-5655 with interest or questions.

HELP WANTED: IHM CHILDCARE EMPLOYEES Flexible hours, darling kids, you get a super hero cape after your first 30 days. Contact Mrs. Holly Lake with your interest. principal@ihmschoolgr.org

MORE HELP WANTED: Catholic family with 4 children seeking Full time nanny. Salaried with paid vacations, holidays sick time. M-F start asap. Two kids are full time students. SUV available for use. Contact Kate Kate.Spielmaker@gmail.com

AND MORE HELP WANTED: Part-time Nanny/babysitter to begin in January. Indian Village location. 6-month old and three-year-old boys. Help wanted during the work day. Contact Erin: 616-264-9765



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; Next week, **the Solt Family** will be praying the family rosary in which we ALL benefit! Sign your family up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-traveling>

CARING FOR MARY MINISTRY This week: **Ms. Kelly DeVries** will make sure our Lady is properly adorned: Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ba8ac2fa1fe3-caring>

From the Principal:
Hello IHM Families!



*I pray you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break!
It was a very fast week back!*

*The kids look great today in their costumes for the musical! I can't wait to see it when it's done- it's been so much fun! Thank you so much to **Mrs. Quynh VanHouten** with all of her hard work WAY beyond her normal music teacher responsibilities! And thank you to the theatrical director **Linda Chervenka** for all her time and attention over the last couple of months to teach and prepare the kids. You are all in for a treat!*

As we continue to navigate this pandemic and recent surge, we appreciate all your help with keeping kids with symptoms home or keeping them home if someone is getting a test. It has been a difficult road, and one that is much longer than we ever thought it was going to be. Please continue to pray for faculty and staff at IHM to stay healthy, physically and mentally. Everyone is doing many, many extra things.

Thank you to the Home and School Hospitality Committee that is working on organizing sign-ups to keep our staff lounge stocked with beverages and treats along the way. We all appreciate the extra thoughtfulness!

*Blessings,
Mrs. Holly Lake
Principal*

First grade IHM angels and fourth grade saints strike a post on the way to filming this morning. Many thanks to Joe and Karli Simon who now have the job of producing the movie which is our Christmas Gift to you!



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