

August 26 2022

## WELCOME (BACK) TO THE IHM FAMILY!

### The week ahead:

Sun Aug 28 Welcome Mass and Reception 11:00 am

Mon Aug 29 Millions of Monicas Church 7:00 pm

Wed Aug 31 All-School Mass Church 9:00 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Gr Band Instrument Rental

Fri Sept 2 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

Mon Sept 5 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

### PRAISE GOD FOR NEW FAMILIES!

All of Our IHM School Families are invited to worship our good and gracious Father *together*, **THIS Sunday August 28 at the 11:00 Mass at IHM**. In thanksgiving for the start of this new school year and most specially to **welcome our 25 NEW to IHM Families!** Mass will be followed by an **all-world Coffee and Donuts on the lawn**. Be sure to **introduce yourself to our newest members!**

- The Mike and Jennifer Culp Family
- The Jennifer and Lawrence Duthler Family
- The Urban and Jennifer Studer Family
- The Abby and Daniel Hillary Family
- The John and Radka Superson Family
- The Kalinda and Carl Webb Family
- The Jason and Julie Balgavy Family
- The Deidre and Adam Hilger Family
- The Walter and Valeri Maciejewski Family
- The Jessie and Kenneth Marotte Family
- The Christopher and Liz Owen Family
- The Katherine and Timothy Swords Family
- The Peter and Carmen Marantette Family
- The Sara Saganski Family
- The John and Esther Tureh Family
- The Julie and Brian Falther Family
- The Karly and Stephen Hiser Family
- The Conner and Erin Doyle Family
- The Daniel and Ann Marie Talbot Family
- The Andrew and Bridget Stauffer Family
- The Jason and Kelly Wender Family
- The Betsey and James Caldwell Family
- The Dylan and Elizabeth Streb Family
- The Apolinar and Maria Garcia Family



Our school year kicked off Tuesday with an attitude of gratitude! First the All-Parent Rosary, followed by the All School Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance (pictured above). Our enrollment is up to 315, with more to expected to come.



**HOT LUNCH ENROLLMENT** Go to your child(ren)'s **Infinite Campus Account**. Go to the credit card symbol to set up a lunch account *for each child*. Those new to IHM will need to create a new parent account on **Infinite Campus** to access their children's grades, attendance, and now lunch accounts. Contact Mrs. Kelly DeVries to set up your account, or if you forgot how to access your existing accounts

at [kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org)

**DOWNLOAD THE IHM APP** Get last minute cancellations, announcements, report your kid's absences/tardies/leaving early, access the website and this newsletter. Go to your APP store and look for Immaculate Heart of Mary School and our RED "swoosh" cross! **Be sure to set up push notifications!**

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**SCHOOLADMIN ACCOUNTS:** Is your completed? Please sign into your account and finish the enrollment process this weekend! The most important elements of the online registration is the **Registration Form and The Enrollment Acknowledgement.**



**DISCIPLE DEN IS THE NEW NAME FOR IHM BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE** You must be registered EACH YEAR to use this service. Fill out the paperwork found at this link <https://ihmschoolgr.org/programs/child-care/forms/> for **each** child and return it to the school office with an enrollment check for \$10. Only those families who have made prior arrangements with Mrs. Lynda Davis or have called ahead to make sure there is room may use the Disciple Den.

[ldavis@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:ldavis@ihmschoolgr.org) or 616-241-4633 ext 204. **Disciple Den is open from 7:00 am-8:00 am and 3:00 pm-5:30 pm**

**NOW HIRING** Extra staff is needed in our Preschool and Disciple Den Building: **A Part-time Teachers Aide, Monday through Friday Noon until 3:00 in the Preschool and A Childcare Assistant Monday through Friday 3-5:30 in the Disciple Den. Got a College kid living at home or in town?** Easy pease hours and the kids are terrific! Contact Ms Karen Gawronski for the Preschool Aide position [kgawronski@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:kgawronski@ihmschoolgr.org) or Lynda Davis for the Disciple Den position [ldavis@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:ldavis@ihmschoolgr.org)

**PARKING LOT PROTOCOL** Just a reminder: parent wishing to walk their children from school to their car must park in the CHURCH lot and wait for them (PLEASE) **in front of the gym lobby doors.** Waiting right next to the kindergarten door R has caused for some pretty thick congestion with the entire student body exiting those doors. Also remember to pull to the farthest cone when in the carline! Correction to earlier instructions: There is **no** merging into the pick-up line from the church lot after school. Thank you for your patience!



**Family Car Cards** Each family will receive two laminated CAR CARDS **next week for use after-school in the pick-up carline.** Place it clearly on your dashboard so staff can identify you and corral your kids your way.

**Save the Date!** Join us at the 2022 IHM Autumn Auction for **A Night Under Canvas**, Saturday, November 5, 2022. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This is IHM Home and School Association's primary fundraiser.

Through the continued generosity of parents like you, we have been able to maintain annual needs such as technology updates, classroom supplies, field trips and library updates. This year, our goal is to fund a large-scale project that will enhance the current security system at IHM. We are currently seeking donations and sponsorship at many different levels. Information about both will be forthcoming. Also feel free to check out the **IHM Auction 2022 link in the IHM APP** for additional information. Thank you in advance! Lindsay Lowery & Niccole Kakaty 2022 Auction Co-Chairs

*A Night Under Canvas*  
2022 IHM AUCTION



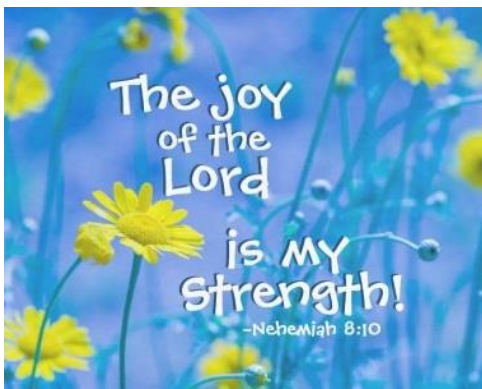
**YOU ARE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY'S HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** By simply being an IHM parent, you are already part of the exceptional team of volunteers that make our Home and School Association tick. We are now recruiting **Classroom Coordinators** (Think 'room mom or dad') Here's the link. Go for it! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADAC2EA2FCC52-classroom1>

**7/8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS MAKIN' A SPLASH** There's a seventh and eighth grade social TOMORROW NIGHT Saturday, August 27 from 8 to 10 PM at the Ridgemore Pool. \$5 includes pizza, pop, and ice cream treat! Be there!

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How 'bout that Magazine sent home with your oldest and only this week? Don't wait to save 40% off the cover price. Order a year subscription before Sept 8 for only \$30 at [embodiedmag.org](http://embodiedmag.org) and use the promotional code of **IHM30**. You may also get a discount if you order as a gift!

**SPEAKING OF OLDEST AND ONLY...** To save paper, flyers are usually sent home ONE PER FAMILY and we are counting on your oldest or only child here at IHM to deliver that information to you. If you didn't get it, have them check their backpack.



**THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH!** It's our theme for this school year and every week we ask for your submission of joyful things happening in your family. Already we are pleased to celebrate the July birth of **Baby Michael**, #4 for the **Mancewicz** family; **Baby Schemper** #4 is due in November; the **Naltners** welcomed **baby Beatrice** on July 31; one of our new families is due with twins in December, **Betsey and James Caldwell**; another new family is due with a baby girl, #2 for the **Tureh Family**; the **Sum family** is not to be outdone, expecting triplets in November; The **Host family** finally caved this summer and brought home a puppy; Junior High Teacher **Aide Mrs. Joanne Grantham** just found out she is to become a Grandma in February! Send your submission to Mrs. Colleen Lowe at [clowe@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:clowe@ihmschoolgr.org).

**MILLIONS OF MONICAS** Formed by IHM mothers concerned about the well being of their child(ren)'s souls, Millions of Monicas invoke the intercession of St Monica to pray for their own "St Augustines." Come pray for your kids, grandkids, Godchildren and or Confirmands who have wandered from the faith, or for those kids still practicing by being tempted by the ways of the world. Monday nights in the church, 7pm

**THAT MAN IS YOU** IHM Men's Ministry fires up for the school year beginning Friday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance as a son of the King. Doors open for breakfast at 6:00 am, program (short video) begins at 6:30 am, followed by small groups at 7:00 am and everyone off to work by 7:30. You won't find a better group of mentors than these fine men! From singles and newly weds, to the very married and widowed, they meet to support each other, their families, in their walk with the Lord. Contact Paul Dymowski or Andrew Walsh for details.

**DATE NIGHT IS BACK!** A happy marriage is an everyday choice to love. Strengthen yours with a regular DATE NIGHT! Held once a month after the 5:15 pm Saturday evening Mass, couples meet in the DeMazenod room for a night out of dinner, drinks, encouragement and fun. First Date is set for September 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elena Arends to RSVP or go to this link and sign up [www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4baea1ff2-couples](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4baea1ff2-couples)



Hello IHM Families!

*It has been so great to be back this week! I have loved the smiling faces and excitement! We added lots of new students and it's so exciting! Our preschool and preschool enrichment programs are full with waitlists and our Disciple Den is quite full too! If anyone would like to work in that building either during the day or after school please let me know!*

*The teachers have spent lots of time this week going over expectations and procedures. I went over the Mass expectations on Wednesday right before our first school Mass, and the kids were so excellent! First, they came in quietly before I even went over anything. Then they responded loudly and sang loudly and paid attention. It was wonderful! Here is what I covered if you want to reinforce on the weekend!*

- Keep kneelers down except for communion or put them up or down quietly with hands instead of kicking them.
- Close books quietly.
- Think about who needs your prayers when you get to Mass and during Mass pray for them.
- When you approach the Eucharistic Minister for communion, make a throne for Jesus nice and high and make sure He is placed in your hand before you move your hand away.
- Participate! Loudly and clearly say responses and sing the songs.
- The older prayer partners assist the younger ones and are good examples of focusing and participating.
- Listen and focus by keeping your eyes on Father or whomever is speaking.

*I am so proud of our kids and their reverence and participation. It was a beautiful way to start the year! I'm looking forward to a wonderful year!*

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake, Principal

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