

December 2, 2022

Looks Like Advent

The week ahead:

Sat Dec 3	4th Gr. Robotics Competition	9:00 am
	Date Night	6:30 pm
Sun Dec 4	Mass	8:30 am / 11:00 am
	ACCLAIM Family Praise/Worship/Rosary	6:00 pm
Mon Dec 5	Lowry Book Fair Week Begins	
	Parent Morning Rosary	8:00 am
Wed Dec 7	All School Mass	9:00 am
	All School Christmas Concert	6:30 pm
Thurs Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	9:00 am
	LAPTITUDE/OPEN GYM	10:00/10:45am
Fri Dec 9	7/8th Gr. Christmas Social	6:00 pm



From PreK to 8th grade, IHM Disciples of Christ know it is Advent; a time of active preparation and waiting. Donations to Cathedral Outreach this week helped us make physical room; our Dec. 15 Day of Reconciliation will do the same for our souls. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

IHM ALL-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT is next Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 pm in the Gym. Students are asked to wear their Christmas best and should report to their homeroom that evening no later than 6:00 pm. Coats will be left in the classroom and may be picked up after the ~1 hour concert.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA COMING SOON! IHM Troop 2010 of **The American Heritage Girls** and our **IHM Knights of Columbus** are happy to present this annual Christmas tradition, **Sunday December 11** immediately following the 11am Mass. Crafts, games, a **BOOK FAIR** and a tasty pancake breakfast are all on the menu. A goodwill offering would be nice too.

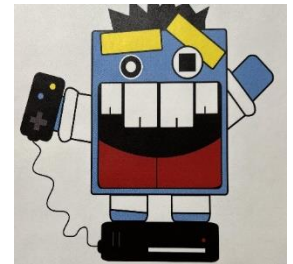
IHM 7/8TH GR. CHRISTMAS SOCIAL is slated for **Friday December 9** from **6-8:00 pm** in the Gym/DeMazenod room. Prizes will be awarded for the most obnoxious Christmas attire. Open gym, games, pizza, are all on the menu. Bring a \$5 **WRAPPED** gift for a White Elephant exchange. Direct your thanks and/or questions to Chairpersons Trisha Meinert and Kellie Berkemeier!

JUNIOR HIGH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 6th-8th graders are encouraged to celebrate the season by giving back! The American Heritage Girls need volunteers to help the run the craft tables, serve the pancake breakfast and help with set up and clean up at the **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA EVENT**. Here's the link to sign up ahg2010ihm@gmail.com or call Mrs. Becker at (this corrected) 616-886-7260

JUNIOR HIGH EXAMS for IHM students in grades 6,7,8 will be on Monday December 12, Tuesday December 13, and Wednesday December 14. **These grades only will dismiss at 11 am on said days.** Please make arrangements now to have your junior high student picked up at 11 on Dec 12, 13 and 14.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE! Save the date and tell your friends with "littles:" **Thursday January 5 2023 at 6:00 pm.** Parents will have the opportunity to save their preschooler's spot for Fall 2023 that evening!

IHM 4th GRADERS CRAZY CODERS are competing tomorrow at the Gerald R Ford Academic Center in a city-wide competition. Ours is a rookie team but with no less heart and determination than the other 25+ teams competing. Many, many thanks to **Mr. and Mrs. Pettinger** for the dedication to excellence and for leading our IHM Crazy Coders in this after school club.



HOT LUNCH UPDATES: Many families have not yet signed up for hot lunch accounts for their kiddos. You must go to your child's individual Infinite Campus account and create a hot lunch account for each child. Over drawn accounts receive a notice from Catholic Central Food Services. Please add to your account today. If you need help setting up on Infinite Campus, contact Mrs. Kelly DeVries at kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org

APPLY NOW FOR ROUND 1 OF BISHOP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FALL 2023 The **Deadline is SUNDAY December 4** for this first round. Other rounds of financial aid will be available in the Spring until the funds are exhausted but best to be on top of the list. Go to <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school> to create an account, entering your primary email address as your username. A verification link will be sent to that email. *If you do not click on that link, you will not be able to log in or reset an existing password.*

AFFORDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Save the Date: Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 for casual hour of Q&A with presentations about Tax-free educational accounts, SCRIP, the Killgoar Foundation, the Bishops scholarship Fund and other means of financial aid. *Wine and appetizers will be served and parents attending will get free jeans day passes for their kids.*

VIRTUE FOCUS AT SCHOOL: Generosity; the giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others.



GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: **The Spirit** is alive and prompting us in every classroom this first week of advent; **The Sum Triplets** arrived last Friday, each 5lbs or more, two boys and a girl, all healthy and happy, and overwhelmed parents by your **generosity** (Diaper Drive donations); The rosary prayer blanket for **Mrs. Sandy Lowery** has had (at least) three families *every day* offering their family rosary for her intentions and healing; **7th and 8th graders** experienced the **National Evangelization Team (NET)** retreat early this week and grew a little closer to Jesus; The arrival of baby **Swords #3** scheduled for this Monday, as we keep **Tim and Katherine and their IHM kinder kid Evelyn** in our prayers for a safe delivery; the entire Diocese of Grand Rapids is being encouraged to **adore our Lord, in all our churches,** simultaneously, on Tuesday December 13 from 7-8pm as part of the National Eucharistic Revival; **He** is closer than you think.



*Hello IHM Families!
Advent blessings to you all! This time between Thanksgiving and Christmas always goes by super quickly. I pray that you all make the time to be still and enjoy the preparation. The classrooms have Advent*

wreaths and nativity scenes to remind the kids of this special time preparing for the birth of Jesus. I'm excited for our Christmas concert next week! It will be so nice to have this and be together again.

Once again, the IHM families were so generous this week for the Cathedral Outreach project. What a gift! Seeing the whole school come together to fill a need in our community helps keep our focus during this time.

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Blessings,
Holly Lake
Principal*



The triplets are here!!!!!!

Left to right:

Baby A = Angela Pau Sian Nuam;
Baby B = Joshua Pau Sian Khual;
Baby C = Caleb Pau Sian Siam