



Disciple Dispatch

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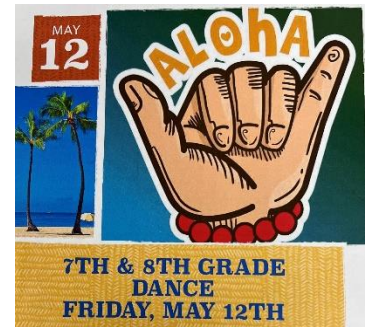
First Holy Communion 2023



Looking Ahead:

Fri May 12	Junior High 7/8 th Grade Dance	7:00 pm
Sat May 13	Confession 4:00 pm Mass	5:15 pm
Sun May 14	Mothers Day! Mass	8:30 am 11:00 am
Wed May 17	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast	7:15-8:45am
	Home and School Assoc Mtg	8:00 am
	All School Mass	9:00 am
	After-School Choirs Rehearsal	
Fri May 19	2 nd Gr. Field Trip AIR ZOO	All Day
	4 th Gr. Living Wax Museum	12:45-3:00 pm

SWEET! Part One of the 8th grader's World's Finest Chocolate Bar Fundraiser is complete as those who placed orders were to receive them today. Part Two of the Fundraiser includes cash and carry sales from the school office, before the 8 am school bell and after the 3:15 pm bell only. Chocolate bars are \$1 each and will be sold until they are gone!



LAST DAY TO ORDER FROM THE IHM SPIRIT STORE IS TODAY, Friday May 12. Delivery is guaranteed before June 9! www.revbusinessstore.com/ihm/

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST IS THIS WEDNESDAY! Those who responded to our invitation may drop in anytime between 7:15 am and 8:45 am for an enhanced Continental Breakfast and fellowship with other parent volunteers. Let us treat YOU for all you have done to make IHM the Blest Place to Be!



LAST HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR is also this **Wednesday May 17 at 8 am** also in the DeMazenod room. (Volunteers may have their breakfast and eat it too at the meeting!)

USED UNIFORM CLOSET UPDATE: We can always use your outgrown skirts, skorts and jumpers and any ¼ zips and sweaters that no longer fit. There are a number of young ladies this Spring in need of longer “uniform plaid.” To visit the closet, check in at the office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) needs someone to lead the Bible Adventure Station!* This is a great way to get involved in the school and parish, to get to know other children besides your kids own friends and to grow in your faith! Please contact Kellie Berkemeier if you'd like to find out more info. Kellieberkemeier@gmail.com *Volunteering, in any form,



for IHM's VBS counts as parish involvement with regards to your active IHM Parish Membership. Vacation Bible School 2023 at IHM will be held the week of **Aug 9-11th from 9-11:30 am** each day. Registration opens to participants and volunteers on **Monday, June 5 at 9 am. IT FILLS UP VERY QUICKLY!**

IMPORTANT VIRTUS INFORMATION The Diocese of Grand Rapids has changed background check companies and is running new background checks on the 8000+ active in our diocese for a low, introductory price of \$1/background check. **In order to keep your VIRTUS status active/current, please log in to your VIRTUS account at www.virtus.org and complete the background check by May 31, 2023. If you do not complete the background check by May 31st, your account will be made inactive and you will not be able to volunteer with IHM School.** In addition, you will be responsible to pay for the increased fee to complete an updated background check when you reactivate your VIRTUS account: **NOTE: You do not have to complete VIRTUS training again - just simply complete the updated background check.** If you need any assistance contact Mrs. Kara Ziedins kziedins@ihmschoolgr.org



GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: 35 IHM Second-graders are now, as Fr. Troy likes to say, “walking tabernacles,” having received Our Lord at their First Holy Communion Saturday; IHM Kindergartener **Hoih S.’s** triplet baby siblings will become children of God this weekend as they are baptized into the Faith and The Caldwell twins joined the family of God just weeks prior; **The Erin and Connor Doyle family** welcomed child #3 **Gracie** on May 8, with a *Meal Train* link below so you may join in celebrating their joy*; **The chickens have hatched** in our Kindergarten class and next week we get to hold them; **Our 6th graders** returned from an two day overnight at Camp Henry exhausted, tanned, happy and with nary a bump or bruise; the word is out the good ladies of the **IHM Parish Divine Mercy Cenacle** will be bringing back the **Divine Mercy Kids Club** next January; 2nd

grade teacher **Mrs. Karli Simon** presented her Master’s Thesis and just received her Master’s Degree in ESL from Aquinas College; a possible new student joining us next fall will be shadowing in Mr. Hummels class Monday. And...its Mother Day Weekend. Thanks be to God for them carrying us into this world and choosing LIFE!

*<https://takethemeal.com/BSYS6943>



Hello IHM Families!

What an absolutely gorgeous week we have had! God rewards us here in Michigan after we deal with so much winter weather!

Thank you for all you did for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week! The teachers have enjoyed many treats and prizes and appreciate all the attention and love. Thank you especially to Home and School and Elizabeth Beams and Monica Reeder and all that helped them to spoil the teachers this week! We had so much fun with the FRIENDS theme! We have some really

amazing teachers and you all do a great job making sure they know that!

As we work on planning for next year, after many, many years of service to the IHM community, Jaymie Perry has accepted a position with Catholic Central. We will miss her so much here. Please join me in praying for her and her family in this transition. We will be posting for that position right away. Please also pray for our next IHM staff family who will be led here.

Have a great weekend!

Holly Lake
Principal

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