



Disciple Dispatch

May 19, 2023

LIFE Lessons

Looking Ahead:

- Sat May 20 Catholic Man Event 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Confession 4:00 pm Mass 5:15 pm
- Sun May 21 **Mass 8:30 am 11:00 am**
- Tues May 23 **FREE JEANS DAY!**
 Principal for a Day 8th Grade!
- Wed May 24 **NO 9am MASS (Moved to Thursday)**
 7th Field Trip Michigan Adventure
 After-School Kids Choir Party!
- Thurs May 25 **ALL SCHOOL MASS 9:00 am**
 Kent CO Canine Unit Demo K-4th
- Fri May 26 3rd Gr Field Trip State Capitol All Day



Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body (TOB) is woven into every subject, in every grade here at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Kinder kids in Mrs. Sova's class (pictured right) were finally able to hold and express gratitude for God's gift of little chicks (and ducks!) this week. Very early on, our Disciples of Christ learn life is a gift of God and is so very precious...and "so fluffy!"

BRING TOB HOME! The first of its kind mini magazine for busy families who want to teach their children about the purpose and gift of personhood through the lens of Pope St John Paul II' Theology of the Body. Five different age-appropriate **TOB Monthly Kids** magazines are available for only \$25: Littles (2-5), Kids (6-9), Middles (10-13), Teens (14-18), Campus (19-22). Order online <https://www.tobparentschool.org/tobmonthly>



THAT'S A WRAP The IHM Home and School Association held their final meeting for the 2022-23 school year with all the Committee Chairs positions filled! New next year: **Reading Friends** will welcome adult readers to partner with junior reading buddies; a new Discipleship subcommittee was formed; there is room for new members to fill classroom coordinator roles in the fall!

FIELD DAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Our IHM Home and School Association presents **Field Day 2023** on Monday June 5 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. This event is a full day of fun and end-of-year comradery. Volunteer for a little or a lot. Here is the sign-up genius. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cadac2ea2fcc52-field1#/>





GIRLS ON THE RUN RETURNS! IHM PE Coach Schadler is looking to bring back this running program for girls in grades 3-5 and (possibly) 6-8 next year. The program calls for 2-3 dedicated adult coaches, required to assist each team of 8-15 girls. The teams meet twice a week throughout the 10-week season beginning the end of February. **NO experience necessary!** For more information about the program, visit <https://www.girlsontherun.org/>. Please contact Coach Schadler at amyschadler@dognschools.org if you are interested in volunteering.

SURVEY SAYS... It's time for the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Grand Rapids **Program Effectiveness Survey**. Please take the time to share your responses here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XBDKNZG>

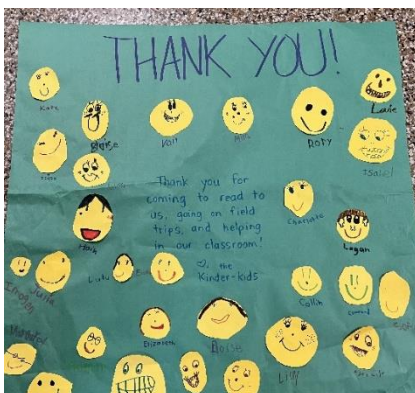
8TH Grade Graduation Mass on Wednesday June 7 is at 6:00 pm not 6:30 pm



THE COLOR RUN Returns June 8th at 2:15 pm. Flyer coming home next week with the link to volunteer!



NEWS AROUND CAMPUS: IHM music minister **Mrs. Liz Owen** is pregnant with their third child, due this December; Former IHM Music teacher **Mrs. Quyen Van Houten** is expecting twins, also in December; The grandfather of **Mrs. Kellie Berkemeier** beheld the face of Christ and was laid to rest this week, surrounded by his faithful family; our **25 fourth graders** presented themselves as famous historical people in their Living Wax Museum today (see picture below); our preschoolers seeds have sprouted for sunflowers to bloom this summer; Maintenance man Mr. Doug Nowak returned from moving his daughter and her family from Alaska to South Carolina last week and if you ask he will tell you about the angels that paved the way; we celebrate Christs Ascension into Heaven this weekend at Mass. See you there!



THANK YOU, AGAIN, TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS for your time, talent and treasure! Your devotion to our students and staff is exceptional. We appreciate all you do!



Hello IHM Families!



We are down to three weeks of school left! Even less for the 8th graders! You can certainly feel the excitement in the building!

We are looking forward to next year! You are aware of the openings in middle school for math and history/religion. We are so grateful to Mr. Emmett McDaniel for filling in for middle school math for the last several months. He has decided to pursue other opportunities next year. I hope he will be able to be back to sub occasionally! Last week I let you know that Mrs. Jaymie Perry was heading to a position at Catholic Central. We are making good progress with these positions. We are also hiring a

full-time preschool teacher to accommodate our growing program over there and a part time teacher to share 6th grade responsibilities (as there will be 2 groups next year).

As both a teacher/administrator for the last 27 years and a parent for the last 16, I want to share the process the teachers go through each year to place children in classrooms for the next year. First, there is a lot of praying, then the teachers look at several factors in placing students including the balance of the class, teaching styles, special needs, and mix of personalities. This is just a few factors to consider. Please trust in this process for your child as the teachers know them very well in the school setting. We have amazing teachers in this building. They are all gifted in different ways and the kids learn different things from each of them.

Here are the classroom assignments for next year. Keep in mind that this could change based on enrollment or other circumstances. Our shared time teachers could conceivably move around a bit, but we're pretty confident with those placements. Please pray for those who are to join our IHM family.

Preschool 3's:	Ms. Karen Gawronski, Mrs. Alyse Claunch
Preschool 4's:	Ms. Karen Gawronski and TBD
Young 5's:	TBD
Preschool Aides:	Mrs. Maria Weber, MRs. Angela Bayes, Mrs. Jamie Keesee, TBD
Disciple Den and Preschool Enrichment:	Mrs. Lynda Davis, Ms. Lore Carmody, Mrs. Kathie Southerington, Mrs. Angela Bayes
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Carrie Sova, Mrs. Lauren Host / Mrs. Jennifer Aagesen
1st Grade:	Ms. Dawn Stockholm, Mrs. Theresa Gordon
Kindergarten/1 st Aide:	Mrs. Debbie Sremba
2nd Grade:	Mrs. Karli Simon, Mrs. Rachel O'Hearn
3rd Grade:	Ms. Christina Frey, Mr. Mike Jacobs
2nd and 3rd Grade Aide:	Ms. Jan Elliott
4th Grade:	Mrs. Karen Pettinger, Ms. Katie Hile
5th Grade:	Mrs. Cathy England
6th Grade: Homeroom:	Mr. Stephen Hummel and TBD (2 groups for Science (Mrs. Kathy Menno) and Math (TBD))
7th Grade: Homerooms:	Mrs. Kathy Menno and TBD (2 groups for Science (Mrs. Kathy Menno) and Math (TBD))
8th Grade: Homerooms:	Ms. Josephine Savillo and TBD (2 groups for Science (Mrs. Kathy Menno) and Math (TBD))
4th through 8th Aide:	Mrs. Joanne Grantham
Student Support:	Ms. Jennifer Savillo, Ms. Peggy Campbell
Title I Tutors:	Mrs. Alyse Claunch, Mrs. Meredith Tallman, Mrs. Marianne Berkemeier
Art:	Mrs. Emily Dafoe
Computer/Technology:	Ms. Kelly DeVries
Library:	Mrs. Wendy Kuzma
Music/Choirs:	Mrs. Kaylynn Hire
Band:	Mrs. Ann Reinhard, Mr. Bill Bier
P.E.:	Ms. Amy Schadler (Coach)
Spanish:	Mrs. Debbie Dymowski

We are so excited for a wonderful year (after some rest and sunshine for everyone)!

Blessings,

Holly Lake
Principal

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, immersed in the teachings of the Catholic Church, is dedicated to providing excellent spiritual and academic formation in the development of well-rounded individuals centered in Christ