



Disciple Dispatch

August 25, 2023

Happy New School Year!



The Week Ahead:

Sunday, August 27

Mass 8:30 am and 11:00 am
 Virtues in Sports Presentation + FREE Pizza Lunch Noon Gym

Monday, August 28

Preschool 4's and Young 5's First Day of Class!
 Preschool Enrichment Classes Begin!

Tuesday, August 29

Preschool 3's First Day of Class!

Wednesday, August 30

First All School Mass 9:00 am

Friday, September 1

No School Labor Day Weekend

Monday, September 4

No School, Labor Day Holiday

Praise God for Our New Families!

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| Lintner Family | Anderson Family | Cichno Family |
| Mitchell Family | Cunningham Family | DeWildt Family |
| Aung Family | Gonzalez Family | Hmung Family |
| Ntwari Family | Benedict Family | Hoerner Family |
| Lauppe Family | Maslanka Family | Kazen Family |
| Kolean Family | Allen Family | Lin Family |
| Amato Family | Murray Family | Paas Family |
| Zelenik Family | Racinski Family | Sear Family |
| VandenBerg Family | Stankiewicz Family | |

Welcome to our IHM Family!



Hello IHM Families!

Welcome to the 23-24 school year! It's been a bit of a bumpy start with the half day for heat Thursday and so many having to get ready for school today without power! I heard so many kids yesterday complaining about having to have a half day again and they were so excited to come all day today! I'm so grateful for the energy and love in the building and seeing so many joyful faces! Teachers have been working diligently with their classes establishing routines and relationships, and we're off to a great start!

I'm grateful for our newest Disciples in training and a very full preschool program with an exceptional staff! I'm grateful for a dream team of teachers, and a new Assistant Principal* over in the big school too! We are so fortunate to have people who are passionate about our Catholic mission; those who have been here serving families for a long time, our new teachers, and everyone in between. It is a blessing to have that all around me again as we begin the school year. I'm grateful for all of you and your precious kids! This is truly a special community and it takes a village! Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake, Principal

WELCOME MRS ANNE BROWN! We are pleased to announce the addition of our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Anne Brown back to the Staff at IHM. Many years ago, Anne was an Immaculate Heart of Mary teacher and more recently, a past Board of Education President. Read more about Anne and her family in the letter attached to this newsletter

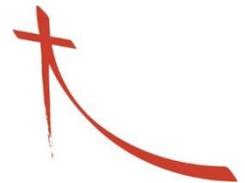


HOT LUNCH NEWS: Balances from last school year have been rolled over into this school year and those paying their 2023-24 tuition in full by June 30 should have received their incentive credit as well. Those new to IHM should contact Ms. Kelly DeVries to set up your Infinite Campus Account(s) which is where you will set up lunch accounts. (kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org) Consider the AUTO REPLENISH feature on your child(ren)'s account(s), so they will never be without lunch money! Applications for Free and Reduced Cost Hot Lunches are available in the school office. Call if you would like us to send one home. 616-241-4633



SMILE! School Picture Day is Friday September 8 for students in grades PreK 4's -8th grade. It will be a non-uniform, Dress up day (No jeans, jerseys, hoodies etc. please) **PRK 3's Picture Day** is scheduled for the morning of **Thursday October 12**. No need to send in cash or checks this year. You may see their pictures and decide on your packages ONLINE! Details forthcoming.

ARE YOU UP ON THE IHM APP YET? The alert about Thursday's ½ day was no surprise to those who received early-night-before-notifications of the schedule change. Go to your APP store and look for **Immaculate Heart of Mary School Grand Rapids** and our Red "swoosh" Cross



PARKING LOT PROTOCOL:

- 1- **PLEASE to pull to the farthest cone in the carline when dropping off or picking up!**
- 2- *When dropping off*, you may merge into the school lot entering off of Burton Ave
- 3- *When picking up*, there is NO merging into the school lot from Burton.
- 4- *When picking up*, enter only off of Plymouth Ave, form 3 lines, that will merge.
- 5- *When picking up* your child(ren) **in person**, parents must park in the CHURCH lot and wait for them (PLEASE) **in front of the gym lobby doors**. Please escort them all the way back to your car. Do not let them be unattended.



BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL CHILD CARE The Disciple Den Staff is looking to hire part time help, most especially during 3-4:00 pm hour. Please inquire via the Director, Mrs. Lynda Davis at ldavis@ihmschoolgr.org.

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') Contact Mrs. Lindsay Lowery lowery.lindsay@gmail.com



See the attached Newsletter from Home and School Association!



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Hello IHM families!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Anne Brown, the new Assistant Principal here at Immaculate Heart of Mary. I have spent the last 32 years teaching in Kentwood Public Schools and just retired in June. Coming back here is a full circle moment for me as my first four years of teaching were spent right here at IHM. It feels like I am coming home, and I couldn't be happier to be here. I have a deep love of this school and parish. My husband, Lee, and I joined the parish right after we were married in 1992, and our three children Ryan, Kevin, and Eliza are proud IHM and Catholic Central graduates.

In Kentwood, I spent the first half of my time at Glenwood Elementary. I was a reading specialist and taught 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade. For the last 15 years, I taught Language Arts for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade at Crestwood Middle School. In those 32 years I have had a wide variety of experiences. I am hoping that I am able to bring that experience to IHM to help Mrs. Lake continue making Immaculate Heart of Mary such a special place.

Like I mentioned earlier, my husband and I have three children. Our oldest son, Ryan, lives with his wife and daughter in Washington, DC. Our son Kevin and his fiancé live in Chicago, and our daughter, Eliza, lives here in GR. My favorite pastime would be spending time with any of them, but especially my new granddaughter, Meredith Rose. When my family is not around, I'll read anything, but I especially love books about our faith and historical fiction. I have recently started playing golf, and purchased a new ebike that is kind of fun. I love most crafts and want to learn how to knit a sweater this winter. I have



been involved with the parish in many ways. I spent many years on the School Board, I make cheesy potatoes for the funerals, and have recently become the president of the Women's Guild. Please come see me about getting involved. All women belong by simply being a member of the parish. However, the third week in April, you will find me in the gym as I have been co-chair of the Second-Best Sale for the last 17 years. If you have never been, you must come check it out this year.

I am thrilled to be here at Immaculate Heart of Mary! I look forward to getting to know all of you! Please feel free to come up and introduce yourself. I will do my best to remember everyone's name. This is a special place here on the corner of Plymouth and I feel blessed to be a part of it once again!



See you on Sunday (we are 8:30 people 😊🏠)

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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