

December 1, 2023

You did it for Me ~ Jesus

Looking Ahead:

Sat Dec 2	4 th Gr Robotics Competition!	
	Confessions	4:00 pm
	Mass	5:15 pm
	Family Advent Rosary	6:00 pm
Sun Dec 3	Mass	8:30/11:00 am
	Breakfast with Santa	12:00 pm
	And Book Fair!	
Mon Dec 4	Women's Advent Service	7:00 pm
Wed Dec 6	All School Mass	9:00 am
	2 nd Gr. First Reconciliation Retreat	
	EDGE Night	6:45 pm
Thur Dec 7	Lap Time/Open Gym	10:00 am
	2 nd -8 th Reconciliation	12:30 pm
	Athletic Assoc. Mtg	8:30 pm
Fri Dec 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
	All School Mass	9:00 am
	Mass	6:00 pm

Young Disciples making a big difference! The IHM community will once again be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing His love in the form of warm clothing and personal care items to the indigent and homeless of our city. A shout out to the IHM Student Leadership Council for organizing and delivering your donations. Little things with Great love! Thank you!



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS INVITE YOU TO BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! Join us **THIS SUNDAY December 3** right after the 11



SANTA!

O'clock Mass in the gym for a free pancake breakfast (thank you Knights of Columbus!) crafts for the kids, HOT COFFEE, and of course, Santa! **The Book Fair** will be open to all in the library too! In support the efforts of the American Heritage Girls, **a \$1 Jeans Day will be held on Dec 15!**

GET 'ER DONE THIS WEEKEND: Applications for **round one** (of three) the Bishop's Scholarships are due **this Sunday, December 3!** Currently, the Office of Catholic Schools has 430 active applications in Blackbaud, which is 50 less than this time last year. Jump on this! Go to <http://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school> . If you are applying for the very first time, create an

account. If you already have an account, your application will roll over into this next school year 2024-45. Your user's name and password will be the same. **Our school code ID is 12006**



WHAT A GIFT THAT WOULD BE! Joining other men of IHM for a weekly hour of encouragement, prayer and building up the kingdom of God on earth! Gift yourself and ultimately your family! Men of all ages and stages of life meet on Friday mornings, starting with breakfast at 6:15 am (optional) in the DeMazenod room, followed by a brief video and time to share. **They will be leading a family rosary for Advent this SUNDAY Dec 3 at 6 pm in the church.** They've also lined up Kevin Matthews in January for his presentation "Broken Mary" on January 14th at 6pm. Details forthcoming!

"I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High." ~Psalm 9:2



Since the late 19th century, "Lessons in Carols" has been a Christian service celebrated during the advent season. There are nine short readings telling the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Between stories, the congregation sings a variety of Christmas Carols. This year, in place of our typical Christmas music performance, our students will be leading us all in this beautiful worship service. Different from the past, the students will be facing the altar, in praise, as they lead each song. As St. Augustine says, "Singing is praying twice." We look forward to seeing you all in church on Dec. 11th.

NEEDED: GRAPHIC DESIGNER! The 2024 IHM Auction Chairpersons are seeking the help of a professional who can design the print materials needed for the auction (invites, programs, etc). The donation of your time and talent would be greatly appreciated and recognized at the auction! Please email ihmschoolauction@gmail.com for more information



NEEDED: ADULT HOT LUNCH PERSONEL The staffing shortages in our State have hit so many industries, including our lunch program. If you know of adults looking for full or part-time work, kindly direct them to Mrs. Eileen O'Brien eileenobrien@grcatholiccentral.org



IHM LAP TIME/OPEN GYM THIS THURSDAY! Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas, and caregivers--bring the "littles" to an hour of singing songs, story time, and a whole lot of run-around-the-gym time **this Thursday, December 7 at 10 am in the GYM.** (Enter via the GYM lobby where you'll be greeted by our one of our volunteers) It's a great time to chat with other Moms of Littles. Coffee and treats, too!

SQUEEKIE CLEAN SOULS! Nothing like that *starting-over-fresh-feeling* after our Lord has pardoned our failings. Per Fr Troy's homily last week, the best way to stay in top spiritual shape is frequent Sacramental Confession. There is nothing you or your kids will tell the Lord which he doesn't already know. There is nothing to fear! Your kids, grades 2-8 will be offered that Sacrament this coming Thursday, December 7 during the school day. Help them prepare well by encouraging them to make a good examination of conscience. We end each day here at school with a brief examination and the Act of Contrition. Help them (and you!) to develop a beautiful lifelong habit Here's a resource: <https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/help-kids-prepare-for-confession-with-an-examination-of-conscience/>

SQUEEKIE CLEAN FACES Please be reminded, make-up is not allowed to be worn at school, per the IHM Dress Code. This includes mascara. If your child comes to school with make up on, they will be asked to remove it.

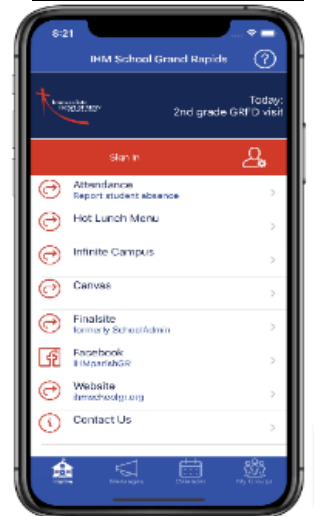


Hello IHM Families!
I pray you all had a delightful Thanksgiving break with family and friends!
We are ready to hit the ground running with December!
The Outreach from this week was a huge hit as usual! What an amazing outpouring of support for those in need. It was a fun week with all our

dress up days!
We were excited to have new cameras installed around the campus this week and last week. We now have more cameras and clearer pictures! This is thanks to School Safety Grant money from the state. Our new phones from our Home and School auction Fund-A-Need will be installed in all the classrooms next week. We have come a really long way with our school safety initiatives. The School Safety Grant is annual, and it requires community input, which is why you received a survey to take with any ideas you might have. Know that we have formally had the campus evaluated for safety and security by professionals and law enforcement twice since I have been here. We use all that information to decide what priorities to set for purchases and upgrades related to school safety. This includes mental health initiatives. Your part of the safety and security is to make sure you only enter the school through the office, get a visitor badge if you are going further into the building, and never prop open doors. This also includes following all drop off and pick up designated procedures. Thanks so much! Have a great weekend!

Blessings,
Holly Lake , Principal

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