

Disciple Dispatch

February 9, 2024

They Grow Old So Fast



Looking Ahead:

Sat Feb 10	Confessions	4:00 - 4:50 pm
	Mass	5:15 pm
	Guys and Dolls Dance	6:15 pm
Sun Feb 11	Mass	8:30 am / 11:00 am
Tues Feb 13	Valentines Day Parties (Early)	
Wed Feb 14	ASH WEDNESDAY	
	Mileage Club	7:30 am
	All School Mass + Ashes	9:00 am
	NO EDGE Night	
Thurs Feb 15	Divine Mercy Kids Club	Recess
Fri Feb 16	Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm

Don't Blink. They'll be 8th graders before you know it. IHM Kinder kids celebrated the first 100 days of school this week with greying hair, wrinkles, and back pain, whilst their teachers took a geriatric fashion nosedive. All in good fun! We are now more than ½ way through with this school year!



IHM 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT OPENS FEBRUARY 21.

In advance of Open Enrollment, please note: the non-refundable **Registration fees** are due upon signing of your contracts. (see rates to the right) Current IHM families will be able to access contracts for each of their children, online at their SCHOOLADMIN accounts, beginning Feb 21. **Current families adding a new student** (ex. new preschooler) should take this time to “add a student” to their family account and upload necessary forms now. **No student will be considered enrolled for the coming year without a signed contract and all necessary paper work uploaded.** Enrollment for families new to IHM will open March 6 so don't delay in saving your child(ren)s spot.

REGISTRATION FEES 2024-25

Preschooler (per child)	\$80
1 Child (K-8)	\$180
2 Children (K-8)	\$255
3 Children (K-8)	\$305
4 or more Children (K-8)	\$330

IHM ONLINE SPIRITWEAR SHOP IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS! Shop now until **March 23** for all things IHM! Note: the ever popular “¼ Zips” MAY be worn during the school day. www.revbusinessstore.com/lhm



KINDERGARTEN OPTIONS!

Full days, ½ days, or a mix of both! All are Catholic!

SAVE THE DATE PARENTS OF INCOMING KINDERGARTNERS Kindergarten Round up is scheduled for **Wednesday March 6** during the school day. This is an opportunity for our Kindergarten staff to assess your current Young5 or PK4's readiness for “the big school.” Please make arrangements so your PK 4 or Y5 student doesn't miss this day due to appointments etc. Kindergarten at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School offers three “flavors” of Kindergarten: 5 full days, 5 ½ days or a mix of both. All are delightfully Catholic!

BUY SCRIP = REDUCE YOUR TUITION BILL=ENJOY SPRING BREAK You can use SCRIP gift cards to pay for many of your Spring Break needs. Flights, hotels, food, and gasoline are all great ways to earn back money to put toward your student's tuition. **Here's How it works:** Create an account at: <https://www.raiseright.com/shop> and use the enrollment code **LL555BE813L8**. Purchase gift cards for your everyday needs (**Ship to Home or e-cards only**). With each purchase, you will receive a rebate that goes directly toward your tuition account! Questions: Contact Mrs. Karli Simon at ihmscrip1935@ihmschoolgr.org



SAVE THE DATE! St. Vincent DePaul Society Annual Pasta Dinner is to be held **Saturday, March 9, 2024 Following 5:15 Mass!** \$10/Person - \$20 / Immediate Family. Feed your family for \$20 bucks? Such a deal you cannot pass up! Menu: Pasta, Deluxe sauce w/sausage, Salad, Rolls, Cheese, Dessert, Wine, Beer, and Soda. Take-out available. **RSVP's required!** Signup after weekend Masses on Feb. 17-18, Feb. 24-25, Mar. 2-3

7/8th GRADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PASTA DINNER Round out the kids service hour requirement for this quarter. Have them sign up to serve their parish family here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AA2AA3F58-47805998-serving#/>.

CHANGE THE DATE: The Annual Diocese-wide 4th grade Song Fest Date has been move to March 6. It was Feb 29.

BRING YOUR PALMS TO MASS THIS WEEKEND They will become the ashes we receive on Wednesday!

STREP THROAT ON THE RISE A growing river of Strep Throat has been meandering its way through various grades these past two weeks. Kids complaining of sore throats and or fever, could benefit from a strep test. Helpful hint: throw away the kid's toothbrushes after they have been diagnosed and recover. Reinfections are possible via toothbrushes!



HOLY MOMENTS Right now, we are all equipped to collaborate with God and create a number of Holy Moments. Click on the link below and join us in our parish offering of Holy Moments-- in celebration of our 75th Jubilee Year of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish!

[Directions for Holy Moments](#)

IHM HISTORY TRIVIA DID YOU KNOW? New parishioners or visitors to IHM church may wonder why *we all* kneel at the end of Mass to pray. It is a lovely custom instituted in 1978 when pastor Fr. Gerry Flater, OMI asked us to linger a bit longer after the closing hymn, to take a few moments "to pray for the sick and dying of the parish." It stuck! Since that time, other "asks" have been made: that we pray for the unborn, and for an increase in vocations.

Hello IHM Families!



What a beautiful week! It was nice to have some vitamin D in the middle of February! I think winter returns next week!

Just an update on our enrollment/registration process. We have learned from the last two years that we have used SchoolAdmin (now called Finalsite) that we need to have everything for each student and family marked in the system BEFORE parents go in to do the registration.

So we are working hard (especially Heather at the business office) to get entered in the system all the parishioner discounts and financial aid and Bishop's scholarships from the diocese. That way when you all log in to complete the registration process, everything should already be correct and mostly completed. If you have a preschooler or Kindergartner, you will have to choose your programs. Our preschool and preschool enrichment filled up quickly this year, so don't delay in registering. Preschool enrichment has a limited number of spots due to licensing, so we will be watching those come in and the system keeps track of who registers first. Students are NOT considered fully enrolled until ALL paperwork is complete in the system. We plan to be ready for registration to begin for current families on February 21. Thank you for your patience! Hopefully it makes the process even easier as we have learned! Have a great weekend

Mrs Holly Lake,
Principal

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Kentwood, MI 49548
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\$5.00 Skate Mates
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