

April 19, 2024

**Our  
IHM Family School  
Showcase is for  
everyone!**

Join your school and parish family at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, April 28**, to kick off the **IHM Family School Showcase!**

Student greeters, student lectors, student choir and altar servers will use their gifts in worship. IHM parents, siblings, grandparents, alumni, and parishioners will be welcome to celebrate the gift of our Catholic school.

Immediately following Mass, all will be ushered to the gym for coffee, donuts, cookies and to explore the **all-school art show and science display and the entire school!**



## Sweet Fundraiser!

IHM 8th grade students are selling World's Finest Chocolate Bars with



proceeds benefiting all their myriad year-end activities. Order forms went home last week. They are due to your child's homeroom by next Friday, April 27. Candy will be sent home the following week.

## **The Office of Catholic Schools Wants YOU!**

An important survey regarding our Catholic identity was sent via email on April 15 to all Diocese of Grand Rapids households with Catholic school students.

The online survey takes approximately 2-5 minutes with an area for written feedback should you have thoughts to share. This information is so valuable to their office and our school community. Your students in grades 5-8 were also surveyed.

Deadline for all is Friday, May 24.  
Don't wait!



Immaculate Heart/St. Paul

# Skating Party

GR SKATE

& EVENT CENTER

FRIDAY APRIL 26TH 4:00P - 6:00P



2 Hours  
Roller Skating  
Reg Skate Rental  
**\$8** Blade Rental  
\$5 Additional  
(Requires \$400 minimum)  
Kentwood Location  
14 52nd Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49548



**\$5**  
Slice of Pizza or Hot Dog  
Soft Drink  
Chocolate Chip Cookie



## News

Reasons to Rejoice!



Second-grade teacher **Mrs. Karli Simon** delivered a healthy baby BOY, Luke, on Holy Thursday morning, March 28. #8 for the Simons!

**Mrs. Colleen Lowe** became Grammie to 9 lb Patrick Bird Lowe on March 1.

Teacher aide **Mrs. Debbie Sremba** became a grandma to a 3rd grandson, Yuki, on March 29.

IHM mom **Mrs. Janet Gawkwaya** is to deliver baby #3 within any day!

IHM mom **Mrs. Jessie Marotte** is due with her 2nd child this autumn.

IHM music director **Chris Jensen's** wife Lexi is due with their second child this fall.

IHM mom **Mrs. Lexi Hoerner** is due with her 3rd child also this fall.

Teacher Aide **Mrs. Joanne Grantham** recently found out grandchild #2 is a boy, due late summer!

One of our students, **Enola N.**, is to be baptized just hours before her brother **Hugo** receives his first holy Communion here at IHM on May 4.

Fourth-grade teacher **Miss Katie Hile** is to be married to Jordan Alexander this weekend here at IHM!

Good news is contagious. Let us know how we may celebrate the joy



## ESTATE PLANNING 101

Come join us on April 30th at 7 pm in the DeMazenod Room for a FREE Estate Planning Seminar presented by parishioner and IHM parent, Attorney Bryan Reeder, from Reeder Murphy. Enjoy a complementary dessert bar and array of beverages while he reviews wills, trusts, power of attorney, etc... all the “must knows” for planning your future and protecting your loved ones through a customized Estate Plan. Use your phone to scan the QR code :



Sign up link: <https://reedermurphy.com/estate-planning-seminar-event/>

Thank you very Grandly!

The IHM Divine Mercy Kids Club closed out its year last week with so much fun! We are grateful for the grandparents who made leading this weekly club their mission from January to April. Your wisdom, joy, and love of the Lord shared with our 90+ student club members has been priceless.

Grandparents pictured are **Marianne Berkemeier, Barb Gengle, Cheryl and Dan Heintz, Maria Haley, Diane Rizik, Mary Kay Schumar, and John and Martha LaVoie.**



## **Intro to Altar Serving at IHM next Wednesday!**

This informational meeting is for all 4th graders interested in being trained to serve, as well as those current servers in need of a refresher.

Mrs. Christina Brown will meet with **current 4th graders on Wednesday, April 24, right after the all-school Mass**. A letter of expectations will be sent home with each potential or returning student server and **must be reviewed, signed, and returned to the school office by Monday, May 13**.

Current trained altar servers wishing to be excused for the refresher on May 13 may pick up the letter and permission slip from the school office.

**The training will take place during school hours on May 13.**

Questions? Contact altar server ministry coordinators Christina and Paul Brown at [christinabrown77@gmail.com](mailto:christinabrown77@gmail.com).

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Saturday, April 20**

Last day Second Best Sale 8:00 am-noon

Student volunteers to load trucks 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Confessions 4:00-4:50 p.m.

Mass 5:15 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 21**

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Mass 11:00 a.m.

## Monday, April 22

5th grade pizza party -- Winners of the Souper Bowl Challenge  
Kids Heart Challenge Dance Party 3:00- 4:30 p.m. Gym

## Wednesday, April 24

All School Mass 9:00 a.m. Church  
4th grade introduction to altar serving 10:00 a.m.  
St. Gregory Choir practice 4:00 p.m. Church  
Middle School EDGE Night 6:45 p.m. -- 5th Graders included!

## Thursday, April 25

American Heritage Girls 3:30 p.m.

## Friday, April 26

Men's Ministry 6:00-7:30 a.m. deMazenod Room  
7-8th grade Science Fair 1:00-2:30 p.m. Gym  
All School Skate Party with St Paul's 4:00-6:00 p.m.

View our Calendar for more  
events

## WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

We are grateful for the extra time, talents, and treasure you have shared with our IHM School family this year.

This morning we celebrated **Parent Appreciation Day** with a sweet token of thanks in the carline. Knowing we missed some of you, please let us know so we may send one home to you!  
[clowe@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:clowe@ihmschoolgr.org)



## From the Principal's Desk

Hello IHM Families!

Things are starting to get busier as we start with all the end of the year activities and plan for next year. It's a busy time for everyone!

As both a teacher/administrator for the last 28 years and a parent for the last 17, I want to share the process the teachers go through each year to place children in classrooms for the next year. First, there are many prayers for guidance, then the teachers look at several factors in placing students including the balance of the class, teaching styles, learning styles, special needs, and mix of personalities. These are just a few factors to consider.

Please trust in this process for your child as the teachers know them very well in the classroom setting. They know what will make them the most successful in the classroom and that is everyone's goal. We have amazing teachers in this building. They are all gifted in different ways and the kids learn different things from each of them. It's important to realize that even one request in a grade level impacts the rest of those students. Teachers are not free to make the best decision for each child when those are present. With this information in mind, please do not make a teacher request for your child for next year. Student support and classroom teachers are already working to plan for those classes next year.

Have a great weekend!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Holly Lake

## Stay Connected



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Please be advised:

Unsubscribing from emails sent from IHM will remove your account from our email lists, including communications from our administration.

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