



# Disciple Dispatch

June 13, 2024

## Looking Ahead

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*IHM 8th graders celebrated their graduation last week and while looking ahead to High School, looked back on a photo reel of their time spent here. Always bittersweet. Always with so much HOPE for their future!*



2024 Fall Sports  
Registration Happening  
Now

Do not delay!



**Fall registration ends July 1st!**

The Grand Rapids Area Christian Ecumenical Athletic Council (GRACEAC) has been working to limit late registrations. As a deterrent, there is now an earlier-than-usual cutoff date and a late fee imposed after July 1. This late fee must be paid by the family of the athlete before you can register on **Teamsnap**.

Information regarding start dates/practice times/games/ dates is not yet available.

Please remember that your athlete will be one grade advanced for the fall of 2024, if your athlete is in 5th grade now remember to sign her up for a 6th grade sport for the fall.

**Gus Wasinski, Athletic Director**  
[athleticdirector@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:athleticdirector@ihmschoolgr.org)

Sign up here:  
<https://graceac.com/fall/>

## Summer Meals and Snacks for Kids

Through the USDA's summer nutrition program for kids **Meet up and Eat Up** program, children of all ages can eat meals and snacks during the summer at no extra cost at schools, parks, and other neighborhood locations.

This tax-payer funded program is open to every child aged 18 and under, to enjoy these *meals at the location they are being served*.

Find a location near you here:

<https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/>



## Mrs. Kuzma's Summer Reading Challenge

Students in grades preK-8th grade have the opportunity to participate in a summer reading challenge. Color in a square after every chapter or picture book read on the 100 Book Challenge sheet. Read 100 books or chapters (or a combination of both of these) by the end of the summer and return the sheet to Mrs. Kuzma in the library.

You will receive a goody bag and a free book of your choice along with being entered into a drawing for some Barnes and Noble gift cards. Print off and complete a second sheet to have your name entered into the drawing a second time.

Our local bookstores and public libraries also offer summer reading incentives. For more information on these programs, click on the links provided.

[Grand Rapids Public Library - Summer Reading](#)  
[Schuler Books Summer Reading Club](#)  
[KDL - Summer Reading](#)  
[Barnes and Noble Summer Challenge](#)

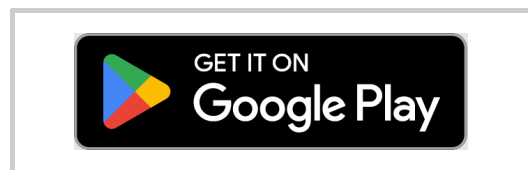
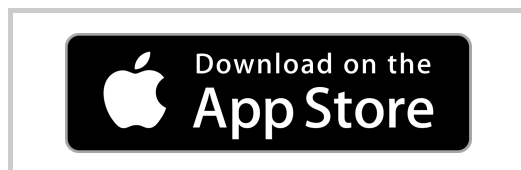
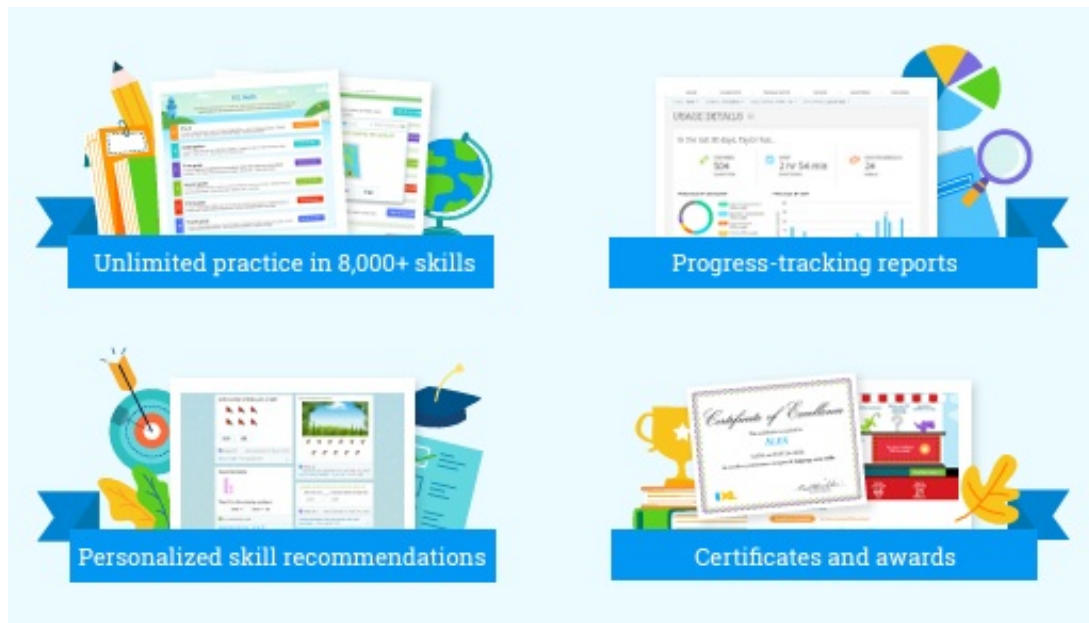
[Read to 100 Challenge](#) \*You only need to complete the number grid on page 1 of this link

## Learn with IXL this summer

Looking for an extra resource to keep your students sharp while out of school? Check out IXL!

IHM students who will be in 1st-8th in the fall each have their own logins with personalized skill suggestions for review or for new challenges.

Need student login information? Contact Ms. Kelly DeVries: [kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org](mailto:kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org).



Also available:

Kindle Fire  
*Amazon Appstore*

Your device's browser  
<https://ixl.com/signin/ihm>



## **IHM Vacation Bible School August 5 - 7**

The participation list is full! 100 lucky registrants will be admitted to this year's VBS Scuba: Diving into Friendship with God.

Adult and High School students are still needed to volunteer for these three days of Jesus fun! Sign up on the parish website: [ihmparish.com](http://ihmparish.com) and scroll down to the VBS page. Thank you, in advance!

## **News**

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## **Reasons to Rejoice!**



**Our enrollment** for the Fall is VERY healthy, with more families in wings ready to take the leap of faith into Catholic School education. Praise God!

**IHM celebrates the 25 anniversary of our Adoration Chapel this Friday, June 14.** The most recent fruits of this community's private prayers before the Blessed Sacrament have been three ordained Priests; two Women Religious; numerous seminarians; vocations to married life, single life, and parenthood too many to count; His peace in our church and school and our homes. Let His praise never stop here!

**IHM High Schoolers** will be making their way to Steubenville Ohio tomorrow for a weekend retreat with thousands of other Catholic teens. Let His praise ring out there!

**The change in weekend Mass times**, albeit a source of sacrifice for many, has made worshiping more joyful with fuller pews, louder responses, and a reunion of sorts for IHM members who haven't seen each other because of their old Mass-time preference. Let us praise Him in our challenges

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**When We Return to School**

Monday, August 19

Meet and Greet your teachers 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Drop off your school supplies, then head over for Popsicles on the playground

**Tuesday, August 20**

**First day of Classes for all K-8th graders**

Doors open at 7:40 am for all K-8 students

Class begins at 8:00 am

**Parent Back to School Rosary 8:00 am at the Mary Statue in front of the school**

**Parent Coffee and Back to School Parent Meeting 8:30 am**

Early Dismissal 11:00 am for everyone

Disciple Den is open until 5:30 pm for those who prearranged with Mrs. Davis

**Wednesday, Aug 21**

Full Day of School for grades 1-8

1/2 Day for all Kindergartners regardless of enrollment selection

**All School Mass 9:00 am**

**Thursday, August 22**

**PreK 3 Orientation Day 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Preschool**

**Friday, August 23**

**PreK 4 AM Classes Orientation Day 9:00 - 10:00 am in the Preschool**

**Young 5's Orientation Day 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm in the Preschool**

**Monday, August 26**

This week, Kindergartners begin K-Enrichment or Full Days as enrolled

**First Day PreK 4 AM classes**

**First Day Young 5's Classes begin**

**Enrichment Classes begin**

**Tuesday, August 27**

**First Day PreK 3 Classes begin**

[View our Calendar for more events](#)

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## From the Principal's Desk

Hello IHM Families!  
What a blessing the 2023-24 school year was! Thank you for a great year!



We are looking for someone who would be part of our Disciple Den program and take the 4th through 8th graders who are registered for Disciple Den after school and do some homework and other things with them more tailored to their age group. We'd love to be able to offer something like this and open up spots in the Disciple Den for more of the younger children. If you know anyone who would be interested and really good at that, please have them contact me.

Praying for all of you and your families to have a safe, happy and healthy summer!  
See you in August!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Holly Lake

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