



Disciple Dispatch

August 26, 2024

A Blessed Beginning



A crystal clear blue sky; a crisp morning breeze; our Parent back to school rosary; opening day prayers by Our Blessed Mother statue; and the Pledge of Allegiance. The 2024-25 School year is off to a great start.

Pictured here are a few of our Kinderkids, taking their first leap into the Big School. Look for more information regarding our expanded prayer partner program starting this fall!

IHM Home and School Association is Calling YOU!

Classroom Coordinators (think room mom/dad) are needed in each classroom PreK - 7th grade. Coordinators assist the teacher with class parties, miscellaneous activities, and getting other parents on board for Home and School activities. A detailed list of "duties" to follow. Bless you for signing up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4CADAC2EA2FCC52-50779206-classroom>



Grace upon Grace is Yours!

The Spiritual Growth Committee of the IHM Home and School Association is pleased to offer opportunities throughout the year for



parents to grow their family's faith at home. **The Traveling Mary of Fatima Rosary Devotion** has been a favorite for over 15 years. Sign up to "host" the 2' statue in your home for a week and promise to pray the rosary, as a family, once a day or night for 7 days. The peace you crave can be found in making this a habit of grace. Sign up here for details.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADAC2EA2FCC52-50708874-host>

Caring for Mary

Another way to grow your family's devotion to our Blessed Mother is the **Caring for Mary Ministry**. Sign up to provide fresh flowers for the Blessed Mother Statue inside the school office. Bring them from your garden or a small bouquet from the grocery. It need not be elaborate, just done with love. (We have vases)



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CADAC2EA2FCC52-caring1>

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, August 27 NO SCHOOL DUE TO HEAT INDEX

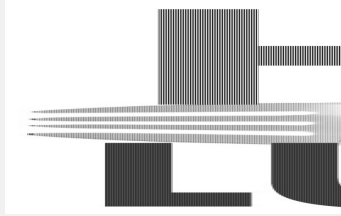
Wednesday, August 28 All School Mass 9:00 a.m.
5th Graders to receive blessed bibles

Thursday, August 29 PreK3's First Day of Class

Friday, August 30 NO SCHOOL Long Holiday Weekend

Tuesday, September 3 Classes Resume

Friday, September 6 Picture Day PreK 4, Young 5, K-8th



Parents! Load your child's lunch accounts now. Those new to IHM should contact Ms. Kelly DeVries to set up Infinite Campus accounts (our student information system) where they will also find their child's lunch account.

kdevries@ihmschoolgr.org

**Cost for Hot Lunch Meals
\$3.50
Extra Milk is available for .50**



GYM SHIRTS FOR SALE

Students in grades 5-8th are required to wear a **gym uniform** consisting of navy mesh shorts and an IHM t-shirt.

Gym shirts are still available for sale out of the school office for \$10 each.

Gym shorts may be purchased anywhere athletic shorts are available.



Celebrate IHM's 75th!

Save September 8 for a family celebration of our 75th year as a parish. Bishop David Walkowiak will celebrate the 10:30 am Mass, followed by a family group picture then its on to the food and fun! There will be something for everyone!

Sign up for a dish to pass [here](#).

Sign up to volunteer for games and or clean up [here](#).

Cell Phones/Smart Watches Reminder:

No cell phones of any kind or smart watches are permitted in the classroom or lockers during school hours. If you wish your child to carry either, they are to drop them



off at the school office on the way into school and pick them up on the way out after school.

Neither is to be used until students are in your car or off of the IHM school/parish campus



ART TEACHER NEEDED

IHM Catholic School is looking for a full or part time Art Teacher for the 2024-25 School year. This teacher would be employed through the Brighton Public School Shared time program. Ideal candidate would teach 4 days at IHM and 1 day a week at Holy Spirit Catholic School. Please inquire/apply at this link:

<https://www.applitrack.com/sharedservices/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Teachers+Elementary+K-8&subcategory=Art&AppliTrackJobId=2194&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1>



Catholic Central Hot Lunch Program serves Immaculate Heart of Mary School. We are in need of hot lunch personnel who may serve here and/or at Catholic Central High School. Position is for three days a week: Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 AM-1 PM for lunch preparation and cashing. Starting pay is up to \$14 per hour. Apply at this link: [application](#).



CHILD CARE HELP NEEDED:

Adults are needed for our IHM Disciple Den program . We are looking for someone to supervise 4th through 8th graders who are registered for Disciple Den after school to assist with homework and other things more tailored to their age group. If you know anyone who would be interested and really good at that, please have them contact Mrs. Lake principal@ihmschoolgr.org

From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

Welcome back!! It is so great to see you all back last week! Oh my, have our students grown and changed over the short summer!

We are in the process of putting our NEW Mission Statement on all our documents and posting it in the school. It is much shorter than



the old one, and therefore, easier to remember and understand! We take very seriously our motto: **Disciples first, then diplomas!** That is what sets us apart- our focus on our Catholic faith. It's so much more than the religion textbook or curriculum standards for us. It is such a gift to learn together as a community during the week and then share the Mass on the weekend. The students have an adoration time every week so they can get used to having quiet time with Jesus, and what a gift this week to have school Mass back together! I encourage you to come to school Mass if you haven't before. So we wanted our mission statement to reflect that motto as well. Our new mission is:

"Guided by Mother Mary, our patroness, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School learns, leads, and serves as disciples of Christ."

Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

Blessings,

Mrs. Holly Lake

Stay Connected



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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