



Disciple Dispatch
December 20, 2024
Christmas Break!

Merry Christmas, Everyone!



Christmas joy has found a home at IHM School! Concerts, and caroling, parties and a lot of sugar! IHM Preschoolers performed their Christmas carols for parents with

First Things:



Christmas Masses at IHM

Tuesday, Christmas Eve 4:00 pm and 10:30 pm

Wednesday, Christmas Day 10:00 am

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COMMON CALENDAR 2025 - 2026 School Year - (12-2-2024)

August 2025					September 2025					October 2025				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
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4	5	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26 27	27	28	29	30	31
25	26	27	28	29	29	30								

November 2025					December 2025					January 2026				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
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17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	14	15	16
24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23
					29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30

February 2026					March 2026					April 2026				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
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					30	31				27	28	29	30	

May 2026					June 2026				
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F
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4	5	6	7	8					
11	12	13	14	15					
18	19	20	21	22					
25	26	27	28	29					

^a Ash Wednesday

No School Days

TOTAL:
student days
8 possible PD days

Half Days

First Quarter
Second Quarter
Third Quarter
Fourth Quarter

Aug 20 - Oct 24 45 days
Oct 27 - Jan 16 47 days
Jan 19 - Mar 27 46 days
March 30 - Jun 42 days

August 12	Back-to-School Celebration
August 13-19	Local/Regional Inservice & Diocesan potential training days
August 20	First Quarter Begins - Half Day of School
Aug 29 - Sep 1	Labor Day holiday - No School
Sept 15 - Oct 10	Fall NWEA MAP Testing Window
September 27	Annual Diocesan Assembly & Catechetical Conference
October 1	Public School Count Day (Must be in session)
October 3	Diocesan PD Day- No School Details TBD
October 24	First Quarter ends
October 27	Second Quarter begins
November 7	Half day- afternoon conferences
Nov 26 - Nov 28	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
December 19	Half day to start Christmas break
Dec 22 - Jan 2	Christmas Vacation - No School
Jan 12 - Feb 6	Winter NWEA MAP Testing Window
January 16	Second Quarter ends
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No School
January 20	Third Quarter begins
Jan 25 - 31	Catholic Schools Week (Mass 1/27 at 10:00 am)
February 11	Public School Count Day (Must be in session)
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 16 - 17	Mid-Winter Break - No School
March TBD	4th Grade Songfest
March 6	Diocesan PD Day - No School. Details TBD.
March 27	Third Quarter ends
March 30	Fourth Quarter begins
April 3	Good Friday - No School
April 6 - April 10	Spring Break - No School
April 20 - May 15	Spring NWEA MAP Testing Window
May TBD	Catholic Schools Art Show
May 25	Memorial Day holiday - No School
June 4	Half Day - Last Day of School

The Week When We Return

Monday Jan 6 Classes resume

Monday Jan 6 Pseudo Farm Week 5th Grade

Wednesday Jan 8 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 8 Edge Night! 6:45 pm Gym

Thursday, Jan 9 Lap Time/Open Gym 10:00 am Gym

Thursday, Jan 9 American Heritage Girls 3:30 pm All Purpose Room

Thursday, Jan 9 Preschool Open House 5:00 - 6:30 pm Preschool

Friday, Jan 10 Men's Ministry 6:00 am DeMazenod Room

View our Calendar for more events



From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

What a beautiful blessing this week has been! The Christmas program was just beautiful on Monday! The kids looked and sounded great! It was so nice to come together as a whole community to celebrate this third week of Advent, marked by JOY! Father Troy did a great job at school Mass this week talking about how, after two weeks of getting ready, as it gets closer to the birth of Jesus, we anticipate with JOY! I hope you are all filled with Joy at the gift of Christ's birth!

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students worked hard studying and completing exams this week. They did a great job! That should help them have a restful Christmas vacation.

We all look forward to seeing you after break on January 6. I pray you all have a wonderful time celebrating with family!

Blessings,

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