



Disciple Dispatch

January 11, 2025

2025 Already?

Buckle up; it goes fast!



Times flies when you're having fun...or kids. Blink and you're enrolling your baby for preschool. Blink again and they are graduating high school. Joy is found in living the moment, getting from behind the camera, and being present to the ones we are with. Take in these next 5 months of the school year. It'll be June before you know it.

First Things:



Enrollment For 2025-26

**Current IHM families!
Mark your calendars!**

End of January/Beginning of February: Enrollment for the coming 2025-26 school year commences. Current IHM school families will have 2 weeks to re-enroll their children, saving their spot(s) for the coming school year.

2 Weeks Later: Open Enrollment begins for the general public.

Our preschool hosted a steady flow of new and returning families Thursday evening, with the majority wishing to enroll their little tikes in our PK 3's classes for the Fall.

Current IHM families with an in-coming PK3 student should be sure to enroll their child before we open enrollment to new families. Do this by clicking "Add a student" in your Finals site account.

Details regarding all tuition costs, Disciple Den Before and Afterschool Care, Enrichment programs and the reenrollment process coming soon.

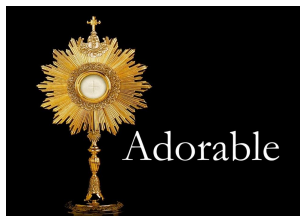
ACTIVE PARISH MEMBERS HAVE PRIVILEGES...AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The three pillars of an active parish membership at Immaculate Heart of Mary are 1~ regular weekend Mass attendance at IHM; 2~ Involvement in a PARISH ministry, large or small; and 3~ tithing on a regular basis. Those applying for **parish tuition support** should be active in all three. Listed below are just a few possibilities you should consider taking part in to fulfill your Parish ministry role:



MUNCH AND MINGLE

Grateful to belong to such an engaging and loving parish? Foster the spread of Christ in this community by volunteering to serve coffee and donuts a couple of times during the year! So easy...and delicious!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Your kids adore Our Lord on a weekly basis during the school hours. How about you during the weekday/evening? Signing up for a regular hour will bring peace to you and your home and it benefit us all! No



GIFT BEARERS

This ministry is not about you but about you representing us! When your family presents the gifts during offertory, you are symbolically taking our prayers and hopes, our longings and sufferings to HIM at the altar. What a privilege!

Sign up here:

DRESS CODE ALERTS!

Students are **not permitted to wear boots (Uggs, Tasman or any other brand of slip-ons, slippers, boots, booties, or fashion boots** during the school day.

Manicured **natural** nails are permitted only with 1 color on all nails. **No artificial nails, designs, multiple colors etc.** are allowed.

Please make these corrections before the return to school on Monday!

IHM'S CALENDAR FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26

Immaculate Heart of Mary-Diocese of Grand Rapids - Office of Catholic Schools COMMON CALENDAR 2025 - 2026 School Year - (12-2-2024)

August 2025		September 2025		October 2025		August 12		Back-to-School Celebration									
M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	M	T	W	Th	F	August 12-19	Local/Regional Inservice & Diocesan potential training days	
				1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	August 20	First Quarter Begins - Half Day of School
11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Aug 29 - Sep 1	Labor Day holiday - No School	
18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Sept 15 - Oct 10	Fall NWEA MAP Testing Window	
25	26	27	28	29	29	30									September 27	<i>Annual Diocesan Assembly & Catechetical Conference</i>	
															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	

November 2025		December 2025		January 2026										
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February 2026		March 2026		April 2026										
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^a Ash Wednesday

May 2026		June 2026							
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18	19	20	21	22					
25	26	27	28	29					

No School Days	Half Days
TOTAL:	First Quarter
## student days	Second Quarter
8 possible PD days	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

FEED OUR PAPERGATOR!

Beginning this month, IHM will have the chance to earn rewards by increasing our paper recycling volume. The Papergator location that shows the greatest improvement will be rewarded with fantastic prizes. **All participating**



**PAPERGATOR
CONTEST**

FILL THE BIN & WIN

RECYCLE PAPER IN THE
PAPERGATOR BIN & EARN FUNDING
FOR OUR SCHOOL

**GRAND PRIZE
\$5,000**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: WWW.PAPERGATORRECYCLING.COM/EARTH-DAY-CONTEST

locations will earn double the usual payouts during the contest period.

Bring your papers and magazines to the IHM paper gator located by the gymnasium on the NE corner in the wooden enclosure.

No plastic, cardboard or hardcover books please!

The Week Ahead Looks Easy

Sunday Jan 12 Mass 8:30 am /10:30 am Munch and Mingle to follow

Sunday Jan 12 Take Down of Christmas Decorations 11:30 Show up to help please!

Monday, Jan 13 MAPS Testing Window Opens- Feb 7

Wednesday, Jan 15 Home and School Association Meeting 8:00 am Hands Room

Wednesday, Jan 15 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 15 Edge Night! 6:45 pm Gym

Friday, Jan 17 Men's Ministry 6:00 am DeMazenod Room

Friday, Jan 17 Spelling Bee 1:30 pm GYM

View our Calendar for more events



From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

It was so great to be back at school this week in the new year! Kids were smiling and excited to be back- as I'm sure parents were! I hope everyone enjoyed their family time over the holidays.

We had a wonderful preschool open house this week! We are diligently preparing to open up the enrollment for next year already. It was so much fun to see some familiar faces and some new faces- all excited for preschool at IHM!

We are excited for some new faces in our staff over here too! Mr. Scott Paniwozik is our new maintenance technician following Mr. Duane Gerritts retirement. We have Mr. Jake Beckon serving as music teacher as well as music director over at the parish with the resignation of

Mrs. Kaylynn Hire. And we have Ms. Valerie Reyna who is currently teaching art to our students two days a week. We are so grateful for these additions, and for those who left and their hard work and dedication to Immaculate Heart of Mary. You will learn more about each of them in the coming newsletters.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Blessings,
Holly Lake
Principal

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