

## *Principally speaking, it takes a lot!*



*It takes more than one person in charge to steer this ship we call Immaculate Heart of Mary School. The Daniels kids found that out first hand today as winners of the Auction PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY entry. Fighting for the rights of kids to be free of homework; to indulge in donut morning snacks and lunch with their pals; and follow in the footsteps of the REAL lady in charge, these IHM Vikings won't receive a paycheck but rather our sincere thanks for bringing JOY to our Friday!*

## First Things:

### LUMINARIES FOR LIFE

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have declared January 22 as the **National Day of Prayer for the Legal**



### Protection of the Unborn.

Formerly recognized as the somber day abortion was legalized in the US, the day took on new meaning when Roe v. Wade was reversed in 2022 and was handed to the states to decide. We continue our IHM tradition of praying for the unborn in the early hours of Jan 22 and invite you to do the same. Don't let the cold deter you! (We also could use help setting out the candles at 6am.)

Mass at 9:00 is being said for the Legal Protection of the Unborn as well. Please join us.

The IHM SCRIPS SPELLING BEE was held this afternoon and taking the honor of Spelling Champion, 8th Grader Darren O. (pictured left) Second in line for kudos is 7th grader Stephen M (center) and rounding out the winning trio, 8th grader John F. Well done gentlemen!



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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 25-31

Preparations are being made for this years' week of celebrating all-things-Catholic-Schools. Kids are looking forward to the Annual Catholic Bee, a Eucharistic Procession throughout the school, prayer partner activities and the 8th grade led Pep Rally! A full list of activities will be out next week. Our Home and School Association is

planning a teacher luncheon of which you are invited to support. See the sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0544ABA92DA5F49-54314571-catholic>

*Raising Kids*  
 IN TODAY'S WORLD IS *Hard*  
 ...BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."  
 PROVERBS 22:6

## JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF OUR PARENT SPEAKER SERIES RENEWING THE CATHOLIC FAMILY

St. Thomas the Apostle, St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools invite you to join our parent speaker series this 2024-25-26 school years. The goal of this series is to educate, equip, and support parents in navigating key issues affecting children today, specifically technology and morality, through the lens of our Catholic faith.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
6-8:30 PM | CATHEDRAL SQUARE**

360 Division Ave. S | Grand Rapids, MI 49503

6:00 pm **COMPLIMENTARY  
RECEPTION WITH WINE  
AND HORS D'OEUVRES**  
6:30-7:30 pm **PRESENTATION**  
7:30-8:30 pm **CONVERSATION &  
FELLOWSHIP**

### DR. THOMAS LICKONA

Thomas Lickona, Ph.D., is a developmental psychologist and professor emeritus at SUNY Cortland. As founding director of the Center for the 4th and 5th Rs (Respect and Responsibility) from 1994 to 2022, he earned national recognition for his work in character education and teacher/parent training.



Dr. Lickona's presentation will focus on children's moral development. We are excited to offer *How to Raise Kind Kids* and *Raising Good Children* for purchase at the presentation.

for more information on these books and more visit Dr. Lickona's website [thomaslickona.com](http://thomaslickona.com)

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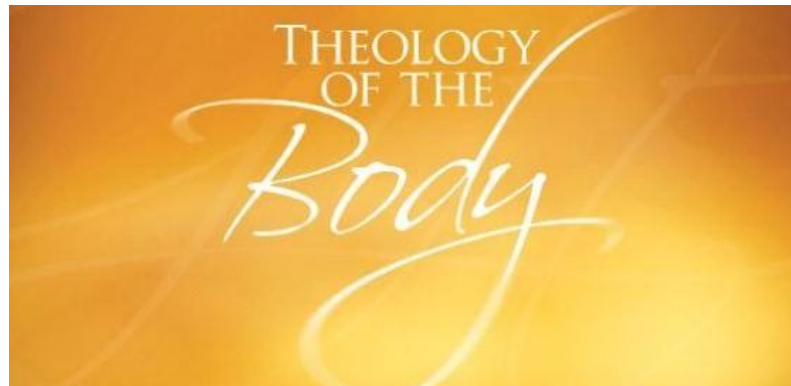
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**QUESTIONS?**

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*"T.O.B." stands for Theology of the Body and Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a T.O.B. Campus. T.O.B. is a lens in which we, as Catholics, are called to view the world. Each week we will be highlighting a different aspect of the teachings of St. John Paul II on Theology of the Body, assisting you as parents to become familiar with what your children are exploring here at school.*



All Creation is a gift from God. This includes all things in nature and each of us. Our bodies are a gift from God. It is important to be thankful for this gift and to understand that we are made for union with him. Each person is unique and unrepeatable. God created us because he is Love and all creation is good. Our lives are good not because of what we do but who we are. We are called to treat all creation with reverence, honor, and respect. By loving God's creation, we are loving God.

“Man cannot fully find himself, except through a sincere gift of himself.”

~St. John Paul II *Gaudium et Spes* 24

(Information taken from the Parent Handbook based on *Rooted: T.O.B. K-12 curriculum*)

## 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!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45A5A922A31-54243657-mingle#/>



### 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 experience necessary. Sign up here: <https://www.adorationpr.org/ihammi>



### 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:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BA8AC2FA1FE3-gift#/>

## 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 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

Saturday, Jan 18 Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 19 Mass 8:30 am /10:30 am Munch and Mingle to follow

**Monday, Jan 20 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day**

Wednesday, Jan 22 Luminaries for Life 6:30 - 8:00 am Outside around the campus

Wednesday, Jan 22 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 22 Edge Night! 6:45 pm Gym

Thursday, Jan 23 LAP TIME/ OPEN GYM 10:00 am Gym

Friday, Jan 24 Men's Ministry 6:00 am DeMazenod Room

Friday, Jan 24 2nd Quarter Report Cards available online at Infinite Campus

Saturday, Jan 25 Killgoar Winter Social 6:15pm Gym

View our Calendar for more events

### From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

PLEASE remember when dropping off your children in the morning to pull ALL the way up to cone #1 or as far up as you can if you are behind other cars. We just have too many cars trying to drop off in the morning and it gets backed up quickly! Remember that there is only the one area to drop off in the morning that is monitored. Please do not drop children off by the corner of the gym-- there is not an adult right there and it is dark still in the morning. If you park



in the parking lot, you must bring your child across it to the safe sidewalk in front of the gym. After school you can pick up in car line, or, if you park you need to walk over to the gym lobby to collect your children. When you leave the gym lobby, please keep your kids close to you. There is not good visibility when cars are driving around over there and backing up. Kids should not be running around by themselves in the parking lot. If you want to chat with some other parents, there is the safe area in front of the gym. Now that we are halfway through the year, it's important to remember these procedures so that the kids are safe.

Thanks so much and have a GREAT long weekend!

Blessings,  
Holly Lake  
Principal

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

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