

Celebrating our BEE-autiful Faith



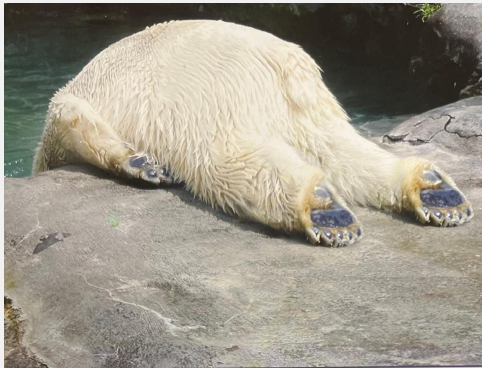
Catholic Schools Week 2025 at IHM was one of faith, service and fun. A highlight of every CSW for the last 13 years is the IHM Catholic Bee--an IHM original quiz-bowl like event. Winner Charlie H took top honors, flanked by second place winner Ellie F (left) and third place winner Seraphina K (right). Fr Troy quizzed and tamed the enthusiastic audience, while Deacon Dave joined the panel as an honorary judge. So grateful for them and our Catholic faith!

First Things:



Let the Children Come to Me

Enrollment for the coming IHM 2025-26 school year is right around the corner. Final approval of tuition costs have been made, financial aid and parish support is being applied, and contracts are being generated. ALL CURRENT IHM FAMILIES will be afforded the opportunity to re-enroll their students (and add new ones) before we move to OPEN ENROLLMENT. Be sure to read ***From the Principal*** at the end of this newsletter.

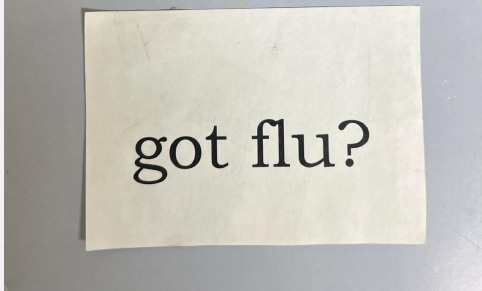


Let the Children Stay Home

Seems like a perpetual flu season this year! Help lessen the spread of illness and germs leading to, by adhering to the following common protocols:

Students experiencing digestive or intestinal distress (vomiting, diarrhea) should not return to school until they have been symptom free for 24 hours without preventative medicine.

Students with a fever should remain at home until they have been fever free, without preventative medicine, for 24 hours. Please and thank you!



"Specials" Subs Needed!

All subs are wonderful, but not all the same! Our need is especially great for substitute teachers who are registered through **Edustaff and Brighton** so they can cover for our specialist teachers (Art,

Music, Technology, P.E., Spanish,
Library/Media)

The Shared Time program we use ,
(Brighton) will only pay their subs for the
specialist classes through Edustaff .
Currently we have only 2 substitutes from
the Edustaff AND Brighton systems from
which to call upon. If they aren't available,
we either have to cancel the classes or pay
our IHM subs through our budget, which
creates a shortfall.



Edustaff/Brighton subs get paid more than
IHM subs. Edustaff /Brighton requires any
4-year-degree, and does not require a
teaching certificate.

Anyone willing to register to be a specialist
sub through Edustaff/Brighton , please
email kdechant@ihmschoolgr.org for
instructions.

SOUPER BOWL FOOD \ DRIVE

A One-day Canned-Food Drive Friday February 7

The **GRADE** that brings in the most weight of canned food or other
non-perishable food items, per student in that grade, wins a **PIZZA
PARTY** from the Knights of Columbus! All donations will be passed on
to the St Francis Xavier Food Pantry. Disciples of Christ Serve!



**REGISTRATION FOR IHM
SPRING SPORTS IS NOW
OPEN**

**Check out the MANY
opportunities for your child(ren)
to participate this Spring at the
link below:**

IHM ONLINE SPIRIT SHOP OPEN 24/7/365!

The days of limited ordering times are over! As of today, Friday Jan. 31 at 5:00 pm, purchase IHM Swag , 1/4 Zips, and more ANYTIME and have it delivered right to your home. Check it out now...and later as new items are to be added!

<https://ihm.aether-stores.io/products>

<https://graceac.com/spring/>

Registration will close

FEBRUARY 15th!

THIS CUT-OFF DATE IS REAL.

There will be no exceptions made for missed/late registration!



Welcome to IHM School

Yet another new staff member joined our ranks this winter. Jake Beckon brings his musical talents to our liturgies and the classroom as the New Director of Liturgical Music at IHM. A graduate of Central Michigan University and a native of Escanaba Michigan, Jake is very happy to make Grand Rapids his new home. He will be directing the St Gregory After School Choir, (which began rehearsal this week); the IHM Adult Choir; as well as instructing your kids during the school day as our vocal music teacher. Introduce yourself to him after the weekend Mass or Wednesday morning School Mass. Better yet join the adult choir ... they rehearse on Wednesday evenings.



To Jesus Through Mary

Host our Traveling Lady of Fatima Rosary Devotion Statue in your home and see the difference it can make in your family life. Display the 15" statue of our Blessed Mother in a prominent spot and promise to pray a FAMILY rosary each day (or night) for one week. No experience is necessary! And Our Lady has made 15 promises to those who will say the rosary...such promises you cannot afford to ignore! Sign up here:

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

Raising Kids

IN TODAY'S
WORLD IS

Hard

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

...BUT WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

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

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QUESTIONS?

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Through the Michigan Catholic Conference, Bishop Walkowiak has joined with his brother bishops in the state of Michigan in composing a Pastoral Note to Migrants. In the note, the bishops express their fraternal closeness with immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. Please take time to read the full pastoral note below:

<https://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/news-room/news-releases/2025/a-pastoral-note-to-migrants/>





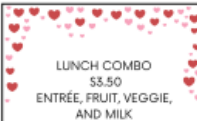

T.O.B. Tidbit #3

It can be tempting to dismiss the accounts of creation as just fictional, irrelevant stories. However, many treasures await to be

uncovered from within these accounts of creation. When we hear the word “solitude” we generally think of loneliness, we imagine that there was nothing good about Adam’s life when he was alone. However, by being alone among the animals, Adam realizes that he is different from the rest. He realizes that there is something spiritual about him because only he was made in God’s image and likeness. So “original solitude” shows us that Adam was in a unique relationship with God. To have God as the only reference in one’s life means that only God can reveal fully who a person is; He is the one with the key to discover one’s true identity.

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

HOT LUNCH MENU FOR FEBRUARY

| FEBRUARY 2025 | |   | | | |
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| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | NOTES |
| 3 CHICKEN & WAFFLE GRAHAM SNACK CELERY APPLESAUCE MILK | 4 BEEF & BEAN BURRITO TEX MEX RICE FRUIT CUP MILK | 5 BAGEL SANDWICH (HAM, EGG, & CHEESE) VEGGIE JUICE ORANGE MILK | 6 POPPIN CHICKEN BOWL (CHICKEN, POTATO, CORN, & GRAVY) GRAPES MILK | 7 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK |  LUNCH COMBO \$3.50 ENTRÉE, FRUIT, VEGGIE, AND MILK EXTRA ENTRÉE \$2 MILK ONLY \$5.50  QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? EILEEN O'BRIEN (616) 233-5863 EILEENOBRIEN@GRCATHOICCENTRAL.ORG |
| 10 CHICKEN TENDERS SMILEY FRIES SUGAR COOKIES STRAWBERRY CUP MILK | 11 BEEF TACO BITES REFRIED BEANS ORANGE MILK | 12 CHICKEN POT PIE BISCUIT APPLESAUCE MILK | 13 BEEF HOT DOG WHOLE GRAIN BUN CARROTS GRAPES MILK | 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK | |
| 17 MID WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL | 18 MID WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL | 19 CHEESE OMELET MUFFIN TATOR TOTS APPLESAUCE MILK | 20 CRISPY CHICKEN SANDWICH RUFFLES CARROTS PEARS MILK | 21 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK | |
| 24 MAC & CHEESE BREADSTICK BROCCOLI GRAPES MILK | 25 CHICKEN CRISPITOS SALSA CUP MANGO CHUNKS MILK | 26 WAFFLE SAUSAGE LINKS VEGGIE JUICE BLUEBERRIES MILK | 27 MEATBALL SUB WHOLE GRAIN BUN SMILEY FRIES APPLE SAUCE MILK | 28 PIZZA FRUIT & VEGGIE BAR MILK | |



GOOD NEWS AROUND CAMPUS

2nd Grade teacher **Mrs. Rachel O'Hearn** delivered son # 2 this week. Grayson arrived Monday morning in all his 9lb glory!

2nd grader Lilly M. donated her gorgeous auburn hair to Wigs4kids this week. The



Michigan based organization creates wigs for children going through chemotherapy at no charge to parents. Disciples serve!

2nd Grade teacher **Mrs. Karli Simon and her husband Joe** are on the move. Their family of 10 stumbled into a larger home for sale. Ask her about the remarkable thread of God-incidences that lead to an accepted offer the next day!



More than a few of our ch-IHM-ers had their tonsils out with in the last month...and they all came through with flying colors.

Gavin S. made it back to school this week after a successful heart procedure, thanks be to God.



PK4's were invited to their first **All School Eucharistic Procession** here in the Big school this week. On their knees and folded hands, with nary a sound or movement. Would that we all had their awe and reverence!



St Mary's Food Pantry will be the recipients of the 188 boxes of cereal our families graciously donated during CSW. Ask your kids about the domino maze they created.

IHM Divine Mercy Kids Club begins next Thursday during the lunch and recess hour. Led by scores of our IHM Grandly Grandparents, your kids (grades 2-8) will be in good (and fun!) hands, learning how show Mercy through His.

IHM Mom Mrs. Maria



Bostic appreciates your prayers as her due date with # 6 (a girl!) draws nearer.

Fourth grade Teacher Mrs. Katie Alexander is due with her first just as school is ending in June. She would appreciate your prayers as well for a safe delivery and healthy happy baby!

The Week Ahead

Saturday, Feb 1 Confessions 3:30pm - 4:30pm Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb 2 Mass 8:30 am /10:30 am Munch and Mingle to follow

Monday, Feb 3 Jeans Day: students who wore School Uniform to CSW Weekend Mass

Monday, Feb 3 Baby Bottles for LIFE/ Coins for Kids due to be returned to School

Monday, Feb 3 Kids Heart Challenge Assembly 2:30 pm GYM

Wednesday, Feb 5 All School Mass 9:00 am

Wednesday, Feb 5 Seedling Choir Practice 3:30 pm Church

Wednesday, Feb 5 St Gregory Choir Practice 4:00 pm Church

Wednesday, Feb 5 Edge Night! 6:45 pm Gym

Thursday, Feb 6 Principals for the Day

Thursday, Feb 6 LapTime/Open Gym 10:00 am GYM

Friday, Feb 7 Souper Bowl Canned Food Contest

[View our Calendar for more events](#)

2025-2026 Tuition Rates

Preschool (per child):

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| PK3 (T, TH 8-11AM or 12-3PM*) | \$1,700 |
| PK4 (M, W, F 8-11AM or 12-3PM*) | \$2,053 |
| Young 5's (M-F 12-3) | \$3,765 |
| Preschool Enrichment ½ Days | \$775 for each ½ day enrolled |
| Preschool Enrichment Full Days | \$1,550 for each full day enrolled |

*if enrollment warrants a PM class

| Regular Tuition | Parishioner | Non-Parishioner |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Kindergarten ½ day mornings | \$3,765 | \$4,658 |
| Kindergarten + Enrichment (every AM + T/TH PM) | \$4,558 | \$6,345 |
| K (full time)-8 1 child | \$5,532 | \$8,576 |
| 2 Children | \$9,858 | \$17,152 |
| 3 Children | \$12,390 | \$25,728 |
| 4+ Children (K-8) | \$14,273 | \$34,304 |

Registration Fees (Non-refundable):

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| Preschool (per child) | \$80 |
| 1 Child (K-8) | \$180 |
| 2 Children (K-8) | \$255 |
| 3 Children (K-8) | \$305 |
| 4 or more Children (K-8) | \$330 |

Disciple Den

(\$10 non-refundable registration fee)

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|---------------|----------------------|--|
| Before School | 7:00-8:00 AM | \$200 per scheduled day for entire school year |
| After school | 3:00 (3:15) -5:30 PM | \$570 per scheduled day for entire school year |

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, immersed in the teachings of the Catholic Church, is dedicated to providing excellent spiritual and academic formation in the development of well-rounded individuals centered in Christ.



From the Principal:

Hello IHM Families!

We are working to get the registration for the 2025-26 school year open! There are many things to have in place so that when you log in and see your registration form it is all correct. Some of you may remember when we moved to this Finals site (formerly SchoolAdmin) platform we had many growing pains. We want it to all be there for you. So we are working to put in parishioner statuses and any applicable financial aid before it is open. We will alert you as soon as it's ready- it will likely be a week or two. Current families will have two weeks to complete their registration before we open it up to new families. Those of you needing preschool

enrichment or before or after school Disciple Den will need to make sure you register right away. A couple of VERY important notes around registration:

- If you receive support from **ANOTHER** parish where you are parishioners, you CAN log in now to request parish support from that parish. When you go to your child's record and scroll down you can see that option. We do not put in that discount until it is approved by the other parish, so if you don't request that support, your contract will show full, non-parishioner tuition.
- If you are an IHM parishioner, you do **NOT** need to request parishioner support on Finals! You should have already filled out your PAPER form and turned it in. **PLEASE** do not send requests to Father Troy or anyone else in the parish office or school office.
- If you are an IHM parishioner and have not filled out your parishioner form, your contract will show the **full, non-parishioner** rate for tuition. If you were denied parishioner support, that will show on Finals as well.
- Once we open registration, please direct questions about your contracts to the Business Manager, Heather Jablonski, at the parish office.
- **Disciple Den registration is now part of the enrollment process.** If you check the box that you need before or after school care, a message will pop up for you to choose before school and/or after school and which days of the week. A charge PER DAY for the entire year will automatically be applied to your contract and then spread out for however many payments you choose throughout the year. This eliminates our costs and time associated with Brightwheel and issues around constant fluctuating attendance in our Disciple Den. We will be able to monitor which days fill up more accurately. We would still like to find another teacher for after school so that the older kids have the opportunity for homework and older activities over in the big building.

Thank you so much! It's so exciting to look forward to another wonderful year at IHM!
Blessings,

Blessings,
Holly Lake
Principal

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communications from our administration.

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