



MARK YOUR CALENDARS- UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic Schools Week Teacher lunch - Thursday,
01/29/26

Guys & Dolls Dance - Saturday, 02/07/26

Mother Son Bowling - Saturday, 03/21/26

Open House/Family Showcase - Sunday, 04/26/26

Teacher Appreciation Week Teacher Luncheon -
Tuesday, 05/05/26

Field Day - Monday, 06/01/26

WELCOME BACK! HELLO 2026!!

BY HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break spending time with friends and family. It is such a wonderful time to take rest and celebrate the coming of Jesus. We're excited to share a quick look back at the first half of our school year—what a fun and full few months it has been! As you will see Home & School had a busy fall with lots of activities and involvement. We look forward to a fun winter ahead with a schedule of activities to follow below! Thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered, donated, and made all these fun experiences possible this fall! We are grateful for YOU!

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to supporting our community for the second half of the school year with Catholic Schools Week coming up at the end of January! I would love to give a huge thank you to all of the parents and their incredible support and help putting on so many fun events in the first half of the school year. We could not do it without you all. It is so special to be a part of this IHM community and I am so grateful to work with amazing parents and grandparents who care so much for this school. HSA will have some openings for the 2026-27 school year, please consider being a part of the HSA magic!

-LISA GRABIEL

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

HSA OPENINGS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:

- Secretary (Executive Officer Position)
- Plan Skating Party during winter break/Plan another school-wide socials such as looking into SkyZone for one social event
- Need more committee members to help plan St. Nicholas' Secret Shop to join in with Radka Superson
- Plan Saints and Sweets Trunk-or-Treat

These positions and committees are not very time intensive and most of them are coordination of details, flyers, and scheduling. If interested please email the president through the HSA email at homeandschool@ihmschoolgr.org

The fall HSA raffle raised \$6,600 for our association. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and congratulations to all the winners!

Thank you Home & School!

Home & School was able to provide funding for two field trips this fall. The Kindergarten classes were able to visit Heidi's farmstand and pumpkin patch. The third grade class visited the State Capitol and Michigan History Museum.

We were also able to provide:

- Prayer Partner T Shirts to the entire school,
- New classroom supplies (Specifically more STEM items age appropriate for 1st grade) for Mrs. O'Hearn's 1st grade
- Sensory Tile Mats for Ms. Gawronski's Preschool Classroom
- Materials to Mrs. Simon's 2nd grade classroom to enrich reading habits



- Front row seats for Children's Christmas Mass: Snyder & Grabiell Families
- Reserved Parking Spot for 8:30 am Mass: DeWildt Family
- Reserved Parking Spot for 10:30 am Mass: Wood Family
- Class Pizza Party with Fr. Troy: Talbot Family - 1st grade
- Principal for the Day: Sam Broaddus
- School Spirit filled Cooler: Lizzy Naltner
- Preschool 3's Platter: Iacopelli Family
- Preschool 4's & Y5's Platter: Thomas Family
- Kindergarten Platter: Anderson Family
- 1st Grade Platter: Lopez Family
- 2nd Grade Platter: Naltner Family
- 3rd Grade Platter: Lopez Family
- 4th Grade Platter: Iacopelli Family
- 5th Grade Platter: Keesee Family
- 6th Grade Platter: Wilson Family
- 7th Grade Platter: Jeakle Family
- 8th Grade Platter: Broaddus Family (on behalf of Bob Wolf)

IHMTailgate 2025

Our 2025 Catholic central tailgate was a huge success! Kids had a blast running around with friends and our staff served up hotdogs fresh off the grill! Thank you to everyone who could join us! It was great to join together with the other Catholic elementary schools in the area for a time of comradery and fellowship!



Saints, Sweets and Treats!

IHM students and staff celebrated All Hallow's Eve with a day celebrating "Saints & Sweets". Elementry students enjoyed class parties, a costume parade and a trunk-or-treat. Middle schoolers enjoyed a pizza lunch and each recieved a treat bag. We thank all the parent volunteers for making it such a special celebration. Our Saint costume contest was a great success and our winners hit it out of the park.



Pickleball Social

Our Pickleball Social was a smash hit! Players enjoyed a lively evening of friendly rallies, lots of laughs, and just a touch of healthy competition. Whether you were a seasoned pro or picked up a paddle for the very first time, it was a great night of community and connection. Thanks to everyone who came out and made it such a fun event! Big congratulations to our winners Joel Lopez & Kevin Jeakle!




ST NICHOLAS SECRET SHOP

Our St. Nicholas Secret Santa Shop was full of Christmas magic! Students were thrilled to browse the tables and choose the perfect gifts for family and friends. Watching their excitement (and adorable seriousness!) as they shopped was truly heartwarming. Thank you to our volunteers for helping create such a joyful tradition for our kids!




Krispy Kreme Fundraiser running through January 19th! Don't miss out!

<https://grouprai.se/krispykreme67903sa>





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MORE THAN DOUGHNUTS**

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 **50% DONATED BACK**

 **ORDER BY January 19**

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\$7.50 per dozen will be donated back to IHM.

If 400 dozen donoughnuts are purchased, the school will receive \$3000 to put towards technology upgrades, teacher mini-grants, and the library and literature fund.

Home and School Association helps fund school field trips and events, classroom necessities, and upgrades to the school.

Please consider buying a couple dozen this holiday season. Give them to the office or eat them yourself! Click the link below to purchase and redeem at any Krispy Creme location!

<https://grouprai.se/krispykreme67903sa>



IHM SPIRIT SHOP

Do you need some new IHM spirit wear?! New products have been added to the IHM spirit shop and it is open 24/7 online! A portion of all purchases come back to our Home & School Association!
[Shop now!](#)

Just another Sipzee plug...

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Go to Sipzee.com to schedule someone to pick up your deposits. 50% will be donated back to IHM. We now have a Sipzee bin at school. Feel free to bring in your deposits as well.



We are always looking for fresh new faces and ideas. Come volunteer or join a committee. There's something for everyone. Attend our first meeting of the new year, or contact homeandschool@ihmschoolgr.org to learn more!