



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL



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Mission Statement

IHM Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: "In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: 'The Lord our justice.'" Jeremiah 33:16

A WORD FROM MRS. HICKS

Parking Lot Safety

We continue to struggle with safety procedures in the parking lot. The major concerns continue to be student drop off, students walking through the parking lot alone, and cars not following the parking lot routines. If you are picking up your child/children after school, we are asking that you meet your child/children (kindergarten through 5th grade) at the school entrances waiting with their teacher. Similarly, if you are dropping off your child/children at school in the morning, use the entrance on Rosemont. This is the drop off location if children do not need additional assistance. If more assistance is needed, please park and walk your child/children to one of the safe areas near the school entrance. **Do not let your child/children run through the parking lot alone.** After school, our 5th grade safeties are present at the corners to help students cross the street. Thank you for your understanding with this matter. Keeping our students safe is one of our top priorities.

Out of Dress Code

ODC is a wonderful way to reward students for a job well done. To make sure that we are all on the same page, I'd like to review the types of clothing we'd like to see on ODC days. The School Committee has determined that modest clothing is our guide at all times. This is a good reminder that we are a Catholic School focused on the spiritual and academic growth of our students. Even though our children have many influences from outside factors, we strive to impart a foundation of a virtuous life. Also, please make sure your children wear the appropriate shoes to school.

Outside Clothing and Outside Play

In order to be safe and warm outside, our elementary students need to have snow pants, boots, gloves, and a hat. It is great to see the students actively play in the snow, but we also want to make sure they are warm and dry. Without outdoor clothing, we will ask students to play on the pavement instead of in the snow. Many of our middle school students are coming to school without a winter coat, only a sweatshirt. At lunch recess, they are often very cold. Please help us keep our students safe by having them wear the appropriate outdoor clothing.

Blessings,
Karen

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Christmas Alms/Court Families: Please remember to send in your donation by next week Friday so there is plenty of time for the room reps to shop and wrap for our families. We appreciate your help in getting this done. I know it is a busy time, but the needs are great. Thank you for your kindnesses.

Alice in Wonderland, Jr./Middle School Play: Plan on joining us for the middle school presentation of Alice in Wonderland Jr. This shortened form of the full-length play is perfect for your family. The students will be performing at LCHS auditorium on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm, and again on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 pm.

There is no cost, but donations are appreciated at the door. The cast, crew and directors are positive you will be delighted!

Blessings, Mary Margaret Utess

UPCOMING EVENTS: **Check out the Google Calendar on the ihmlansing.org homepage for more....**

December 7, 7:00 pm: Middle School Play, "Alice in Wonderland." LCHS

December 8, 2:00 pm: Middle School Play, "Alice in Wonderland." LCHS

December 18, 2:15 pm: K-5 Nativity Assembly, Gr. 5 Band, MS Band & Choir & Elem. Bday Assem.

WEEKLY LITURGY: Mass Wednesday, 8:00. Adoration Friday morning.

SCHEDULE: December 4: MS Play Practice, Cast and Crew, LCHS, 7:30-3:30. Dec. 6: St. Nicholas Day. Advent Prayer Service, 2:15. Dec. 7: Progress Notes Posted.

EVENTS: Dec. 7: Christmas Almsgiving Due. Dec. 7: MS Play, LCHS, 7:00 pm. Dec. 8: MS Play, LCHS, 2:00 pm. Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: We have a long-standing tradition here at Immaculate Heart of Mary school to work with the area family court to provide Christmas gifts for several families who are working hard to improve their situation, but struggling enough that they will not be able to have Christmas gifts at their house. You have received an envelope in your family envelope **marked Christmas Collection, Due Dec. 7.** Please discuss with your family how you would like to respond to this need. Maybe children can take on extra chores at this busy time of year. Be sure and take advantage of this teachable moment to discuss gratitude and sharing with those less fortunate. Mark your calendar to join us for morning Mass on Wednesday, December 19, when the court reps share a bit of the story of our adopted families. It will be an amazing time of the true spirit of Christmas.

DOUBLE MATCH DAY AT MEIJER: If you purchase Simply Give cards at S. Pennsylvania Meijer **on Friday, December 7, Meijer will DOUBLE MATCH** your gift to the IHM St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry (yes, if you spend \$10, the donation to the pantry will be \$30! If you spend \$20, they receive \$60!!!) This is an amazing opportunity to be generous! Don't miss it!

GRADE 8 POINSETTIA SALE: Grade 8 students will be selling poinsettias to raise funds for their Washington, D.C. trip. There are two sizes available, 4.5 inches for \$10 and 8 inch pot for \$22. Colors are red, pink or white. If you would like to place an order, be sure and call DeDe Hayes, 202-7384 by Monday, December 3, 5:00pm. Thank you!

POSITION AVAILABLE: Immaculate Heart of Mary's after school program is in the process of taking resumes for an after school supervisor. The supervisor would assist the director with supervision for children ages 3-13 for the after school program. You would provide a clean, safe and fun program along with assisting the children in different science, math, pretend-play, games and arts and craft activities. Previous child care experience and education desired. This is a part time, afternoon position and could possibly lead to full time. Please send resume to maherm@ihmlansing.org

SPRING 2019 MSU GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB: THIS EVENT IS FULL – AS OF 11/29 – BUT YOU CAN BE PLACED ON A WAITING LIST IF INTERESTED!!!

We are thrilled to invite your daughters and students to participate in our Spring 2019 Spartan Girls Who Code Club! Girls Who Code is a national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology. Our programs educate, equip, and inspire girls with the computing skills they'll need to pursue 21st century opportunities. Girls learn to use computer science to impact their community and join our sisterhood of supportive peers and role models. If you don't know how to code, we'll teach you. If you do know how to code, we'll teach you to code better.

Our Club's Program is free and open to 6th to 12th graders. We will be meeting weekly on Saturdays from 10am-noon at Michigan State University from January 12 - April 6 (with the exception of March 2, 9, and 30). All

participants are expected to attend at least 8 of the 10 club meetings. If your daughter or student is interested in participating, please fill out the registration form by clicking [HERE](#) or by copy and pasting the link below:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlYa8qw5GlaXVpfoeewahUOJiPdhhgkcvJoGE1QVw/viewform>

Applications will be accepted through November 2018. If the number of applicants exceeds capacity, we will use a lottery to allot seats to applicants. You will be notified by December 17 of the status of your application. Check our website (<http://www.spartangwc.org>) for more information, and don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions!

K of C CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: Saturday, December 8, 1-3:00 pm, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas party for children up to 11 years old at the Hall at 5300 N. Grand River. Christmas story, games, snacks, gifts, and Santa. Participants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate and make a craft for a local nursing home.

CAPITAL AREA LITERACY COALITION: Volunteers are available to help children and adults strengthen their reading, writing and English speaking skills. Do you need a tutor? Do you know someone who wants to improve their English? FREE services to struggling students, adults who want to improve their literacy or prepare for GED. Contact them today to start the services! mail@thereadingpeople.org or 485-4949.

LCHS CORKS AND CUISINE: Don't miss the party of the year...the fundraiser that brings together our entire Lansing Catholic community! Lansing Catholic's Corks & Cuisine will showcase palate-pleasing food from local restaurants and sips of wine and beer from area distributors and brewing companies. Save the date!! Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at Impression 5 Science Center. For more info: <https://lansingcatholic.org/content/corks-cuisine>

4TH AND 5TH GRADERS SKI FREE: Michigan Snowsports Industries is once again sponsoring Cold is Cool! Get out, have fun, get healthy! Visit goskimichigan.org or call 248-620-4448 for details about free skiing opportunities and low cost lessons.

In the month of December, we have focused on the virtues of Generosity and Self-Control.

The Glory Be will be our focus prayer in December.