



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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever....you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." Baruch 5

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!

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.

Building and Playground Procedures

We continue to establish consistent procedures at school. We would like to ensure that our students are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe at all times. As new procedures are established, we'll make sure our families are informed. Please continue to reinforce respectful, responsible, and safe behaviors with your children at home. Your consistent guidance can be seen at school.

Blessings,
Karen

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Lost and Found: Our Lost and Found table, outside of the copy room (near the E/W room) is overrun with things - coats, books, shirts, etc. Please stop by, or have your child(ren) stop by, before break. On Thursday, December 20 at 3:30 pm, the items will be tossed or donated as needed. There are too many things on the table at this time. Thank you for your cooperation in tidying this area.

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. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 12:45 Gr. 3-5 Reconciliation. Wednesday, Dec 12, 12:45 Gr. 6-8 Reconciliation.

SCHEDULE: December 7: Progress Notes Posted. Dec. 13 Advent Prayer Service, 2:15.

EVENTS: Dec. 7: Meijer Double Match Simply Give. 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 the 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!

TRIP – SAVE WHILE YOU SHOP: Order dates until Christmas Break: December 11 & 18! Might as well earn tuition credits while you shop. Don't forget Amazon is a choice....you can save while you shop at home!

SPIRITWEAR SWEATSHIRT AVAILABLE: A size youth Large hoody is available to purchase if you missed the spiritwear sale. A family found this size to be too small for their child. \$24.00 Available in the office.

PTO POSITIONS AVAILABLE: The following volunteer positions with PTO need to be filled. Are you the one to fill a position and make this school the BEST! For questions on any position or to volunteer speak with Emily Crockett, PTO President, 303-5576.

****Bookfair Chairperson:** This person coordinates the three Bookfairs each year with the parish office, Scholastic and school office. They update the forms to go out and coordinate volunteers for the shopping times. Heather Fields is stepping down, but available to work with the new coordinator.

****Volunteer Coordinator:** Someone needed to sort through the volunteer forms that parents turned in and list who is available for each activity. This is a do at home task.

****Recess Equipment Coordinator:** Someone is needed to keep an eye on the playground balls and replace as needed. We are stocked ahead, but the new balls need to be inflated and added to the rotation in a timely manner. Timing is at your convenience.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to sign up for Basketball! Registration forms are coming home in the family envelopes today and are due Monday, December 17. We need the early lead time to get teams formed and coaches secured. Practices will start in January. Thank you for your prompt reply. Parent coaches are appreciated. For questions, reach Bill Devine, Athletic Director, 484-6344 or wedevine26@gmail.com.

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

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>

HANDS OF MARY ROSARY MAKERS: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Rosary Makers would like to invite you to mention them when you shop at Rosary Book and Gift on Saginaw. When you do this, they will receive a credit of 10% of your purchase in support of their good work. Thank you for remembering them in this easy way.

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

In the month of December, we are focusing on the virtues of Generosity and Self-Control.

The Glory Be will be our focus prayer in December.