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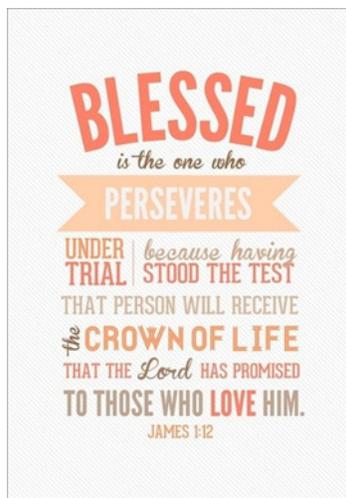


Mission Statement: IHM Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.

Third Sunday of Advent: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27

A Word From Mr. Weber

The virtue of the month is **Perseverance**



Fr. George told us in his homily Wednesday that Jesus makes our troubles light. As weary as 2020 has been for each and every one of us, we can be relieved in the faith, hope, and joy of Christ Jesus and his promise.

NOTICE: After numerous attempts with online learners to engage with teachers, students who refuse to turn cameras on will be dismissed by the teacher from the virtual meeting, and receive a zero for the day. *The expectation remains for all students, for all virtual meetings for the cameras to be on and face is visible.*

Teachers will be restructuring office hours for January. They will be available for one hour each day. We will communicate teacher office hours next week

Middle School progress notes will be posted to PowerSchool this Friday. This is the only way middle school progress notes will be communicated. Elementary progress notes will be distributed the same way the teachers did earlier in the year. Most elementary teachers sent

home paper reports in the family envelopes, but if your student's teacher did something different during the last quarter, expect the same for the this quarter.

We will be filling the Tech position with a permanent sub for the time being.

Should your students, yourself, or a household member test positive for COVID-19, please continue to report this to Mr. Weber as we head to virtual learning. Also, if you **travel out of state**, please adhere to quarantine guidelines by the CDC to return to school.

Christmas parties this year will be similar to the Halloween parties. PTO will provide milk and cookies for the class, and the teachers will plan a small activity, or movie etc. for the class to enjoy. This year we ask parents to stay home due to the Covid-19 protocols in place in our school.

Go Eagles! B. Patrick Weber V

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Advent: Thank you for any donations you were able to make to our court families this week. Please know that we will be giving the gifts this week Wednesday - if you have anything to add on Monday, I'm sure our families will be able to use it. Speaking of Generosity, that was our G word for Saturday. Were your kids able to come up with G and H last weekend? This weekend, remember to ask again - Saturday is N and Sunday is O. This has been fun to do on morning prayer Zoom when we had it, and now this week in the classrooms. Please help us to keep this Advent message alive with our kiddos.

Rejoice! Mrs. Utess

TUITION CONSULTANT

FINANCIAL AID OPEN: Applications are now being accepted being accepted for tuition assistance for 2021-2022. All families MUST fill out an application through FACTS Management Online. The deadline is March 1. There is a \$30.00 fee payable to FACTS through their online application process. Applicants can complete the online form by clicking the FACTS line here: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid> Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation and TANF.

The link will close March 1, 2021. **The deadline for applications is March 1, 2021. DO NOT MISS THIS DATE!**

Please be aware, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are additional questions specific to the financial impact you may have experienced this year.

Applying through FACTS is an application to the Diocesan Grants at LCHS and Immaculate Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary School Goeddeke fund.

May 2021 bring you abundant blessings! Liz Putman

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

December 11: Progress notes going home or posted

December 18: Last day of school before Christmas break

December 18: ODC

January 4-8: Remote Learning Days

WEEKLY LITURGY: MS Mass Wednesday, 8:00. Gr. 2-5 Mass Thursday, 8:00.

December 16: Grade 3-8 Reconciliation 12:30.

SCHEDULE: Normal schedule

EVENTS: The last Meijer Simply Give Double Match Day will be Saturday, December 12, 2020.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: We are open for preschool from 7:50-11:00 am and child care from 11-5:30 pm. If you are interested in sending your child to preschool starting January 11 please contact Mary Maher maherm@ihmlansing.org anytime!

We have been fortunate to have a healthy program and it is our goal to keep the children safe and healthy. We are washing our hands, playing outside, practicing social distancing, having fun, learning, socializing and making new friends.

Please keep us in mind for preschool for your 3, 4 and 5 year old child!

JANUARY LUNCH ORDERS: Attached to this bulletin is January's hot lunch menu. Ideally, it would be best to have your filled out Bridget Norris at bridget.norris@lansingcatholic.org. If that's not possible, please try to have it to Bridget before December is over.

TRIP: There is just one week left to order TRIP before the Christmas holiday. Make your money work for you this year as you shop, and earn money off tuition at the same time. Order and payment are due Monday by noon. This year, you can have gift cards mailed directly to you, for a small additional cost. You must order and pay online through the RaiseRight app. Also, many gift cards are offered in \$5 and \$10 increments for the holiday season. For more information contact Amy Sanborn at (517) 281-0478.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES: Nativity Joy: Parishioners are invited to take a picture of their Nativity and send it in with an answer to this question: Who is Jesus for you? They will be displayed on our IHM parish website as Christmas gets closer. Send submissions to Jen Brown at brownj@ihmlansing.org.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD: Did you grow up with a heritage outside of the United States? What was Christmas like in the country you grew up in or what traditions did your parents and grandparents hand down to you? IHM is inviting parishioners to share what the Catholic faith and Christmas traditions look like from around the world. For more information go to IHMLansing.org and click on the Christmas Around the World picture.

ROBO CALLS: To clarify a couple of points on our Robocall system; calls will come from the IHM School number, 517-882-6631. Some carriers will not allow robo-voice mails to be left on their system; it is not an error in our system. We will always try to leave a second message on Facebook or with an email from SchoolBulletin@ihmlansing.org. The system isn't perfect, but we keep trying to get it as accurate as possible.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS CONTEST: In the next coming weeks, students will have the opportunity to win a couple books from Scholastic. In each wing of the school there will be a jar of candy, and the student who comes the closest to the correct number of pieces of candy will win a book from Scholastic. Thanks, Mrs. Romero, for setting this up and working hard to bring Scholastic book fairs to our school each year.

HOUSEKEEPING: The lost and found is growing with sweaters and jackets with no name in them. At this time of year, especially, students are dropping off their layers and leaving them behind. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN EVERYTHING!!! **ALSO: Please provide your children with a fresh mask and backup mask in their bookbag each day.**

MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE & OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Now through Jan. 2, 2021, IHM St. Vincent de Paul will be partnering with the Meijer store on Pennsylvania Ave. to help feed the needy on the south side of Lansing. Your generous donation of \$10 or any multiple of \$10 will be matched by Meijer to help those in our community. Simply pick up the card at the register or in Customer Service or tell the cashier you would like to donate to the Simply Give Program. Thank you for your continued generosity. **Double Match Day will be Saturday, December 12, 2020.** What a great way to donate to a worthy and needed cause while also making your money work twice.

BIGGBY NOW AVAILABLE: You can now order Biggby through TRIP and get back 7%!! Woo hoo! Check out the over 750 merchants at ShopwithScrip.com.

POP CANS: The eighth grade class is collecting pops cans for the potential end of the year eighth grade experience. Cans can be left in the school breezeway, or you may contact Katie Young at 517-898-7671.