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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.*

Fourth Sunday of Advent: "Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.'" Luke 1:30-32

## A Word From Mr. Weber

The virtue of the month is **Perseverance**



Change is the only thing constant in life. I do not need to spend this column reviewing the numerous ways our lives have been changed since March. There have been highs and lows; however, the strength of our community, the collective efforts of our parents, students, staff, and our faith ---- have produced breakthroughs, primarily that our students are able to learn in a safe environment, in the most consistent ways possible --- be it online or in person. I will never be able to give thanks enough to our teachers who have been pushed completely out of their comfort level to rise above (as always) to meet the needs of our kids with grace and love, as humanly possible in these conditions. The words flexible, nimble, fluid, and patient have seemed to grow overused, yet our community has been a beacon for the area as to how this can make the most of a lousy situation.

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Ms. Kathryn MacGown as a permanent substitute for Technology. She is a parishioner of IHM and has taught Technology prior in the Hastings School District. We have had her substituting over the last year, and this has been a seamless transition each day with our students.

My sister Emily made me familiar with a quote from Anne Dillard: "How we spend our days, is, of course, how we spend our lives." Chris Wilcox is the epitome of serving others. She has spent day after day giving love to students and staff for the last dozen years. You all know she is the backbone of our office and I have learned so much from her over the last year and a half by her love for the school, its students, and families. She exhibits all the qualities of a disciple of Christ - humble, kind, caring, faithful. I have had many outstanding teammates in my life: an All American College Linebacker, an Olympic wrestler, US Supreme Court clerk --- yet Mrs. Wilcox has been the most profound co-worker I can think of, because we are on the same path, to love and serve God. We will miss her; we know she will not be a stranger, and we are so glad she has been in our lives.

I pray that you have the best Christmas this year. I am confident 2021 will be a year of progress and the year of the Eagle!

Merry Christmas

**Go Eagles! B. Patrick Weber V**

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Advent:** Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who contributed to the Court Families effort - going in to school to find all those treasures for those families, including mattresses and a bike were truly amazing. Please continue to build your Advent Alphabet. It was a fun project for me. As I write this on December 15, the letter is Q and the suggested word is Quiet - truly it is as the students are home in middle school. I miss the Louder - or at least the less Quiet. This weekend, then, is U and V, with Monday through Thursday being W, X, Y, Z. Not our easiest letters, but let your prayer and your imagination soar. God bless you with an amazingly happy, holy Christmas, with at least a few moments of Quiet.

The middle school had a virtual assembly Friday where the Student, Citizen, and Worker of the month were announced for November and December. Students of the Month for November are David M. for religion, Juliana F. for math, and Keira W. for language arts. Citizens of the month for November are Aden F., Allisyn L., and Kurt P. Our workers of the month for November are Michael E., Berto P., and Owen C.

Our Students of the month for December are Mario S. for religion, Jayce C. for language arts, and Erin C. for Math. Our Citizens of the month for December are Katie E., Isabella T., and Maylay O. Finally, the Workers of the month for December are Addison P., Vivian S., and Michael T.

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

## NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY EMERITUS

Dear Each and Every Member of this School Community:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my 15 years here as secretary at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. I am ready to have more flexibility and time to choose what I do, but I will miss all of you so much. This was such a wonderful part of my life journey. God definitely led me here and is leading me forward. I will continue to pray for all your families and all of our Saints-in-the-Making in my intercessory prayers. Thank you for all your kind words and smiles.

When I write my book do you want to be anonymous?

See you in church! With all Thanksgiving! Chris Wilcox

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:** [Check out the Google Calendar on the ihmlansing.org homepage for more....](#)

**December 18: Last day of school before Christmas break**

**January 4-8: Remote Learning Days**

**January 11: Return to Face to Face learning**

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

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

**SCHEDULE:** Christmas break

**EVENTS:** Rest and relaxation

**THANK YOU:** A huge THANK YOU to Chris at Mattress Source on Grand River Avenue in East Lansing, who donated 2 full size beds to one of our court families free of charge!

**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](mailto: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 order filled out and sent to Bridget Norris at [bridget.norris@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:bridget.norris@lansingcatholic.org) before Christmas. If that's not possible, please try to have it to Bridget before December is over.

**TRIP:** There will be no TRIP during the Christmas holiday. Our next TRIP order will be processed January 4, 2021. The TRIP orders must be in by Noon on January 4 to be included in that week's order. There will be someone in the school office on January 4 if you want to drop off a physical order form. 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

**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.

## **SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:**



Lots happening at Immaculate Heart of Mary this last week before Christmas break. Our second graders met with Father John this week to discuss the parts of the mass as well as the different colors of vestments and how they relate to the liturgical year. We are so blessed by Father John, and his dedication to our school.

The second picture is all of the gifts we gifted our four court families this year (minus two full mattresses that were also donated). What a generous community we belong to! Thank you to all who donated, shopped, and wrapped. The court representatives were blown away by the amount we had, and stressed how grateful their families would be. What a gift to be able to bless these four families in what has been an especially challenging year.

