



# Saintly News

August 30, 2018



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your cooperation in getting the 2018-2019 school year off to an amazing start! We want the positivity to continue as we await the Blue Ribbon Announcement that will come later this month. We hope many of you have made plans to come to our IHM Curriculum Night this evening. Students in grades 1-5 will meet in their child's classroom at 6:00. Junior High students will meet in their child's homeroom at 7:20, get his/her schedule and travel to their child's first block. The evening will wrap up at 8:30pm. As always, we know your evening family time is valuable and we appreciate you taking the time to make your child's start to the school year the best it can be! Our school theme this year is Saints As Superheroes #whatisyoursuperpower. We will focus on five well known saints and the strong character traits they exhibit:

Saint	Character Trait Focus	Month
St. Michael	Courage	August, September
St. Therese	Love	October, November
St. John Paul II	Humility	December, January
St. Maximillian Kolbe	Determination	February, March
St. John Bosco	Empathy	April, May

Looking in the near future, there will be a Spirit Wear Sale with apparel that spotlights our school theme. Be on the lookout for that! It will come in the form of an email.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation with our road construction. Know that there will be future changes in our parking lot traffic pattern as we adjust to the next phase of construction. As we get more information from them, we will pass it along to you. Thank you again.

Our first PTO meeting is Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Tuemler, PTO President, has lots of exciting things in the works and would love your support! Come to the PTO meeting and get involved!

Finally, if you don't already, please like our school page, **Immaculate Heart of Mary School**, on Facebook. Share this with grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and any potential family. We share many pictures of what is going on in the building, post important reminders, communicate delays/closures during inclement weather and share good news about our students. It will help you stay connected to what is going on! Please like and share any posts to get them out there!

God Bless Your Day!

Mrs. Nancy Marcos & Mrs. Kristin Harper



Dear IHM School Parents:

Thank you for your investment in Catholic education! As you know from personal experience, it is not easy to afford a Catholic education today. For many years, our parish has looked for ways to help subsidize the cost of our parish school. Of the many sources of income developed, the Friday night bingo has been one of the more reliable and simple methods that, nevertheless, has significant financial success. Last year, bingo helped offset school expenses to the tune of \$263,500.00. If we didn't have that income, what would we lose? This amount is equivalent to the expense of **6** teachers' salaries. Another way of looking at it: it's equivalent to the total annual expenses for Textbooks, Testing, Office Operations, Technology Support, Water, Classroom Supplies, Phone & Internet, Janitorial Services, Gas & Electric, Teacher Continuing Education, Computer Equipment, and School Maintenance combined! Of course, we couldn't do without most of these things in reality—we'd just have to charge you more tuition to cover them. But thank God for bingo and the people who don't mind spending money to have a weekly night of fun and support our parish!

Because of the valuable way in which bingo helps to subsidize your children's tuition, we expect you, as school parents, to volunteer in support of our bingo. Failure to do so without a communicated, legitimate reason will call into question your in-parish tuition status. It is not that we expect a great deal of time commitment from you. If we all work together, none of us will need to offer more than a five hour shift of time, once a year (5:30 P.M.—10:30 P.M.). To help make it easy to support our bingo, we have developed the following schedule. Each family will find its name (arranged by the grade level of your oldest child) listed once on the schedule. Due to privacy concerns, we have not included contact information; however, all parish families already have a parish directory which we encourage you to use. That way, if you are unable to be present at your scheduled time, you will have the resources necessary to switch times with another family. Only one adult of the family household is expected to be present for the family shift, although more are certainly welcome. If questions or difficulties arise, we have provided a coordinator to you. We are grateful to Ms. Peggy Anderson for her willingness to volunteer as our scheduling coordinator for bingo. You may reach her at her house by calling (859) 817-0179 or by emailing her at <[bingo@ihm-ky.org](mailto:bingo@ihm-ky.org)>. Please do not contact the school office with questions or scheduling changes. We recognize that those who are coming from work may not be able to arrive promptly by 5:30 P.M. Please simply come as soon as you are able.

As a reminder, for every time you volunteer at bingo, you may ask the bingo manager for one out-of-uniform pass for each of your children. Also, food and babysitting are provided free of charge to you during your shift. Snacks are available to children in babysitting; however, their dinner is not provided free. Again, thank you for your cooperation in providing for our school and the education of your children. As Bishop Foys always says, "There are alternatives to Catholic schools, but there is no substitute."

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Pastor

## Dates to put in your Calendar

- August      30<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Night –K-5<sup>th</sup> 6-7:15pm, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 7:20 – 8:30pm  
31<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip to SHDHS Crusader Day
- September    3<sup>rd</sup> – **No School - Labor Day**  
4<sup>th</sup> - First day of Pre-School for 3yr olds  
5<sup>th</sup> – First day of Pre-School for 4yr olds  
10<sup>th</sup> – Tag Day for NJHS (out of uniform for .50 a student or 1.00 a family)  
10<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting at 7 pm in Library  
11<sup>th</sup> – Tear & Share for grades K-2 ( more details to come)  
14<sup>th</sup> – Fall Pictures – taken by Lifetouch  
17<sup>th</sup> – Dessert Social for 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
20<sup>th</sup> – Spirit wear Day  
24<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> IHM Dine Out at Burlington Chipotle from 4-8pm to benefit our School  
(more information to come)
- October      1<sup>st</sup> – IHM uniform sale opens (Link will be sent out via email)  
5<sup>th</sup> – **No School**  
7<sup>th</sup> – IHM uniform sale Ends  
8<sup>th</sup> – **No Bus Service – private transportation**  
8<sup>th</sup> – Tag Day for Seminarian Fund (out of uniform for .50 a student or 1.00 a family)  
16<sup>th</sup> – Start wearing Winter Uniform today  
18<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Wear Day  
19<sup>th</sup> – Fun Run (more information to come)  
27<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat ( more information to come)  
28<sup>th</sup> – SHDHS Open House (check out SHDHS website for more details)  
29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders go to Camp Joy  
31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parties (students may wear orange & black) **NO COSTUMES PLEASE!**
- November     1<sup>st</sup> – **No School – All Saints**  
5<sup>th</sup> – Tag Day for Academic Team (out of uniform for .50 a student or \$1.00 a family)  
6<sup>th</sup> – **No Bus Service – private transportation**  
12<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting at 7pm in Library  
13<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends  
16<sup>th</sup> – Report cards will be released electronically (No paper copies will be sent home)  
20<sup>th</sup> – **Noon dismissal (no pm bus service, Private Transportation)**  
20<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-9pm (more information to come)  
21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> - **No School – Thanksgiving Break**
- December    3<sup>rd</sup> – Tag Day for CLC  
8<sup>th</sup> – High School Placement Test at SHDHS for 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Parties  
20<sup>th</sup> – **No Bus Service – Private Transportation**  
21<sup>st</sup>- Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - **No School – Christmas Break**

## Items in the Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Family Folder

- Partners in Faith Newsletter
- Life touch Picture order forms
- September Lunch Menu
- Ed Colina's Annual Celebration & Dance Flyer
- Carnegie Fall Art Workshops
- St. Vincent de Paul Flyer

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## IHM's St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs our help!

The IHM-St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in URGENT NEED of the following food and personal care items, so that we may help our clients in need in the Burlington, Hebron, and Petersburg areas.

If you can help us replenish our pantry to help those in need, please send the following items in to school with your child, to be put in the bin in their classroom.

**We will be collecting these items from now until Friday, September 7th.**

**Preschool:** toilet paper

**Kindergarten:** shampoo

**First Grade:** bar soap/deodorant

**Second Grade:** hamburger, tuna, or chicken helper

**Third Grade:** canned tuna or chicken

**Fourth Grade:** canned fruit

**Fifth Grade:** pancake mix/syrup

**Sixth Grade:** peanut butter/jelly

**Seventh Grade:** spaghetti/spaghetti sauce

**Eighth Grade:** canned meat (ravioli, beefaroni, spaghettios, etc.)

Thank you all so much for helping to stock our pantry shelves, so that we may help those in need in our area.

**The Ed Colina Foundation Annual Celebration & Dance!**  
**Friday, September 7, 2018**  
**6:30 – 11:00 p.m.**  
**Receptions in Erlanger**

Come to the Dance! On Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> The Ed Colina Foundation will hold its annual benefit dance and fundraiser at Receptions in Erlanger. Come and support Ed's projects in Kenya and dance the night away to the sounds of Looking East! Entrance is \$25 per person (\$30 at the door - \$20 with College ID) There will be plenty of food and a cash bar. Hope to see you there! You can obtain reservations online at [www.edcolinafoundation.org/reception](http://www.edcolinafoundation.org/reception) or simply send a check with names to: The Ed Colina Foundation, PO Box 199, Burlington, KY 41005. Free-Will offerings accepted at Event!

**IHM School Picture Day – Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Lifetouch will be here to take school pictures on September, 14<sup>th</sup> during school hours. Students may be out of uniform.

**Girls may not wear skirts. Students may wear jeans without holes.**

A picture packet for each child will be in today's family folder. Purchasing school pictures is optional. Spring pictures, a more casual pose, will be taken in March or April. You are under no obligation to purchase photographs.

**\*Picture Forms went home in today's Family Folder. One per student. Extra forms are in the office in case you need one!**

**Winter Uniform will start October 16, 2018 and go through March 29, 2019**

Starting October 16<sup>th</sup> students must start wearing their winter uniform. Please Log into the IHM School Website and go to the handbook for the winter dress code.

## Counselor's Corner - Helping your child succeed in school!

### Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Parents play a vital role in the success of their child in school. Listed below are some tips to help parents make this school year successful for their child:

- **Encourage Your Child to Read:** Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school—and in life. The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects and it is the key to lifelong learning.
- **Talk with Your Child:** Talking and listening play major roles in children's school success. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk that young children begin to pick up the language skills they will need if they are to do well. For example, children who don't hear a lot of talk and who aren't encouraged to talk themselves often have problems learning to read, which can lead to other school problems. In addition, children who haven't learned to listen carefully often have trouble following directions and paying attention in class.
- **Monitor Homework:** Let your child know that you think education is important and so homework has to be done.
- **Monitor TV Viewing and Video Game Playing:** American children on average spend far more time watching TV or playing video games than they do completing homework or other school-related activities.
- **Encourage Your Child to Use the Library:** Libraries are places of learning and discovery for everyone. Helping your child find out about libraries will set him on the road to being an independent learner.
- **Help Your Child Learn to Use the Internet Properly and Effectively:** The Internet has become an important part of how we learn and of how we interact with others.
- **Encourage Your Child to Be Responsible and to Work Independently:** Taking responsibility and working independently are important qualities for school success.
- **Encourage Active Learning:** Children need active learning as well as quiet learning such as reading and doing homework. Active learning involves asking and answering questions, solving problems and exploring interests. Active learning also can take place when your child plays sports, spends time with friends, acts in a school play, plays a musical instrument or visits museums and bookstores.

For more information and activities to help your child succeed in school, please visit

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/succeed.pdf>

Source: U.S. Department of Education Office of Communications and Outreach Helping Your Child Succeed in School Washington, DC, 2005

## CLC (Creating Leader Crew) News: Attn: 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### CLC Applications

Creating Leaders Crew (CLC) is currently seeking students in grades 6-8 to participate in the 2018-2019 school year activities. Students must have a strong desire to work independently and with others to become Christian leaders in our school, parish and community. Students will participate in various service projects and activities such as Red Ribbon Week, Blessing Backpacks and Family Game Nights. Interested students can pick up an application outside Mrs. Williams' office or on the IHM webpage under Student Life.

**Applications are due by Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### Game Donations

CLC is in need of board games for family game night. If you have any games you would like to donate, please send to the school to the attention of Ann Williams.

## Virtus Training for all School Adult Volunteers, Scout Leaders, & Coaches

### **HAVE YOU BEEN VIRTUS TRAINED?**

### **HAVE YOU BEEN READING YOUR MONTHLY VIRTUS BULLETINS?**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at IHM School. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, parishioner or community member your involvement can make a positive influence in the lives of children. So please be aware that, if you wish to participate in school activities that involve the presence of children, you need to be trained and be in compliance at all times with the Safe Environment program in the Diocese.

### **THE VIRTUS PROCESS - THE FIRST STEP**

- Go to your parish/school office. Tell them that you have downloaded (from [www.covingtondiocese.org](http://www.covingtondiocese.org) under Safe Environment) and reviewed the 2017 Policies and Procedures for Addressing Sexual Misconduct manual.
- Receive and review two forms:
  - 1) Volunteer Application Form used for Background Checks; and
  - 2) The 2017 Policies and Procedures for Addressing Adult Sexual Misconduct Acceptance Form.
- Fill out the two forms with full first, middle and last names and leave them with the person in charge to give to your coordinator to process through the Diocese.
- Once you have completed the forms and turned them into the person in charge at your parish you will register with VIRTUS to open an account and choose a live training session and submit a background check.

### **BULLETINS**

Bulletins will begin only after you have completed your live training and ALL PAPERWORK HAS BEEN ENTIRELY PROCESSED. Look for your bulletins after the first Sunday of the month. You will have 30 days to complete each bulletin to stay compliant.

**In order to be compliant, you must complete the bulletin by the due date. The due date is based on a 30 day time period. You must keep up to date with your bulletins in order to appear on the volunteer, employee or sub list at your location.**









