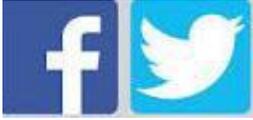


Saintly News

January 10, 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!! We hope your family enjoyed a restful, peaceful and rejuvenating Christmas Break! We're back at it in 2019!

MAP testing will be going on this week and next. This is our second benchmarking period and we can't wait to see our students' growth since the beginning of the school year! This is one of the most rewarding parts of our job as teachers! Encourage your child to take his/her time on the test and try their hardest! Get them plenty of rest and a well-balanced breakfast to set them up for success!!!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 27th from 1:30-3:00!! We will host our winter Open House on that day. Word of mouth and your own testimonials about your love for our IHM School is the BEST way to bring in new families! If you have a neighbor, friend or relative that may potentially be interested in our school or preschool, please personally invite them to come to our Open House. They can get a personal tour, meet faculty/administration, see our STEAM lab in the works, meet PTO members, meet some IHM students and even hear about the extra-curricular activities offered for students at IHM. If there is anyone you know of that we can personally reach out to from the school, please let us know and we'd be happy to invite them.

Along with the Open House on January 27th, our school is sponsoring the 12:30 Mass that day. We will be asking students to take an active role in the Mass by being part of the Welcoming Committee and taking up the gifts. Our IHM Choir will also sing that Mass, as well. Please remember to have your child bring his/her envelope; they can list a good deed, prayers that are offered or money they have earned. We want the students to know that it isn't just money that makes a difference. Mark your calendar for the following 12:30 Masses each month: Feb.24th, March 31st, April 21st and May 18th. Your children can turn in their envelope at any Mass each week, but these will be the Masses with our IHM Choir and IHM students taking part in the Mass. We are hoping that by singing the songs used at school on Sunday, our students and their families will share in the joy that we feel at our weekly school Masses. Hope to see you there!

God Bless Your Day,
Nancy & Kristin

Dates to put in your Calendar

- January
- 10th – **IHM Re-Registration is due**
 - 16th – Dine out at City BBQ fundraiser – **Flyer sent home in Family Folder**
 - 17th – Spirit Wear Day
 - 21st – **No School – Martin Luther King Day**
 - 22nd – Tag Day for Brad Fritz – .50 a student or 1.00 a family- **explanation below**
 - 27th – IHM Ministry Fair / New Family Open House 1:30 – 3:00 pm.
 - 28th - Feb. 1st – Catholic Schools Week (more information to come)
- February
- 1st – Tag Day for the Mary Rose Mission - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family
 - 1st – IHM Cyclones Night – **Flyer sent home in Family Folder**
 - 4th – Tag Day for Ed Colina - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family
 - 4th – IHM Uniform Sale begins
 - 7th – STEAM Night – 7:00 – 8:30pm – **Flyer sent home in Family Folder**
 - 9th – Father/Daughter Dance
 - 11th – PTO meeting at 7:00pm in the Library
 - 14th – Valentine Parties at 1:00 pm
 - 15th -17th - IHM Drama Club Play “Shrek Jr.”- **Tickets may be purchased through IHM School beginning Tuesday, January 22nd. Flyer to purchase tickets will be sent out via email on January 22nd.**
 - 15th – 2nd Trimester Ends
 - 17th – Uniform Sale Ends
 - 18th – **No School – Presidents Day**
 - 22nd – Report Cards will be released electronically (No Paper Copies will be sent home)

January 22 Tag Day -

Our tag day on January 22 is for motivational speaker, Brad Fritz, who visited our school in October. Brad was a 15 year-old Covington Catholic football player when he was in an alcohol-related car accident that forever changed his life. He remains disabled, but with the assistance of a voice-assisted computer, he shared with our students how he overcomes his struggles. For more information, please visit <https://www.bradfritz.org/my-story>.

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Items in the January 10th Family Folder

- City Barbeque fundraiser Flyer
- IHM STEAM Night Flyer
- **IHM School Re-Registration Form- Please return form ASAP! Due Date is TODAY!**
- Cincinnati Cyclones Flyer
- CLC – Help the Homeless
- Partners in FAITH Newsletter

2019-2020 IHM School Re- Registration Due Today, January 10th

Please turn in your Re- Registration form along with Registration fee by the deadline, January 10th. We have placed a copy in this week's Family Folder. Thanks to all of you who have turned it in already it really helps us for next year's projection of students returning for the 2019-20 school year. As of tomorrow January 11th Registration will be open to the public.

**Annual IHM Family STEAM Night
Saints are Superheroes**

February 7th 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



February 7th – Annual Family STEAM Night – 7 – 8:30

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 24. Flyer was sent home in today's Family Folder.

Attending families will be entered to win a STEAM activity kit and an Ozobot kit.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The IHM Junior High Drama Club presents.....



At the Creative and Performing Arts Center at Notre Dame Academy

Friday, February 15th at 7pm

Saturday, February 16th at 7pm

Sunday, February 17th at 2pm

All tickets are \$8

Children (under 3)

Free (if sitting on parent's lap)

Tickets may be purchased through IHM School beginning Tuesday, January 22nd.

Flyer to purchase tickets will be sent out via email on January 22nd.

From the Counselor's Corner

Family Resolutions for the New Year

We often think of New Year's Resolutions as being something for the individual. Goals like losing weight or learning a new skill typically come to mind. But have you ever considered creating New Year's Resolutions for your whole family?

Family goals can be an important part of keeping your household on track. They help parents keep their focus on the family as a whole while helping children learn to work with others towards a common goal. Ultimately, family goal setting brings families closer and enriches family life.

There's a wide variety of goals suitable for families. Examples include healthier eating, committing to family meals (with no TV!) and weekly Mass attendance. I also encourage you to include one very important goal—pray together. It may be awkward at first, but prayer brings the focus of the family on God and puts everything else in perspective.

How can you start praying as a family? First, ask your spouse and children for ideas on when and how you will pray together. Ideas might include: praying the blessing before meals, praying together at bedtime, saying a morning prayer, praying an Our Father together, or praying the rosary...the ideas are endless

Another family goal I encourage you to set is committing to weekly Mass attendance. Mass affords us the opportunity to be in the living presence of Christ, and receiving the Eucharist strengthens our charity and wipes away our venial sins.

Making a family commitment to pray together and going to Mass can strengthen your family.

When we pray as a family, our children learn how to pray and their faith grows. Our children feel more secure and families become closer. Our relationship with Jesus becomes stronger. When we have a relationship with Jesus and receive the Eucharist, we break the bonds of destructive behaviors and receive grace to strengthen ourselves and our families.

With all these good great reasons to add prayer and Mass time to your family goals, what are you waiting for? Happy New Year!

CLC Blessing Backpacks

Our Creating Leaders Crew (6-8 leadership club) will be putting together backpacks to be distributed to the homeless in our community. If you have any of the items below that you would like to contribute to this project, please send them to school to the attention of Mrs. Williams by January 14th. Questions? Email Ann Williams at awilliams@ihm-ky.org.

Toiletry Items (Travel-size)

Lip balm

Moisturizer

Comb

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Mouthwash/floss

Deodorant

Body wipes

Shampoo/conditioner

Food

Tuna packages (not cans)

Protein powder packets

Instant coffee packets

Hot chocolate packets

Any other small food items

Beef jerky (individual

packs)

Dried fruit (individual

packs)

Trail mix (individual

packs) Peanut butter

(individual packs)

High protein foods

Granola bars

Cracker packs (individual)

Mints

Clothing Items (Adult Sizes)

Gloves

Wool Beanies

Wool Socks

Socks

Deck of Cards

Miscellaneous

Small Tarps

Small fleece blanket

Hand/foot warmers

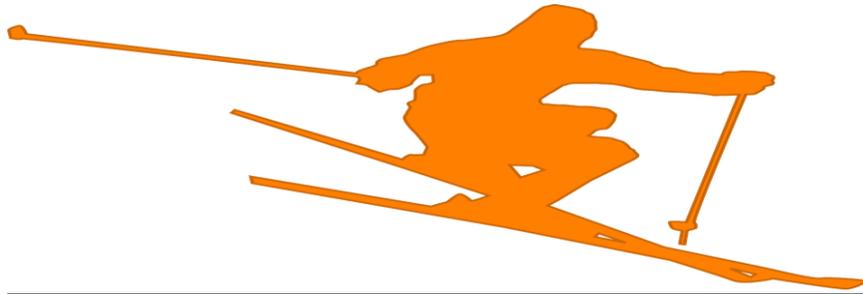
Rain Ponchos

*****The Dollar Tree carries many of these items**

Earn Money for IHM!



Did you know that you can earn money for IHM simply by shopping on Amazon without paying a penny more? Just click on the [link to access Amazon](#) for your on-line shopping and IHM will get a small percentage of the sale!



2019 Diocesan Ski/Tubing trip
grades 6-12
to Perfect North Slopes
Saturday, January 12th from 8-midnight .

NO DINNER WILL BE SERVED THIS YEAR. Participants can either bring their own food or buy it there.

Each participant needs Forms C, D and E and the liability form from Perfect North Slopes to give to their chaperones. Forms C, D, and E can be found online at IHM website under youth ministry or on the Diocese of Covington website under catechesis and formation. The deadline to turn in forms and money has been extended to Friday.

We will meet at IHM at 7:15pm. and return around 12:45am..

The prices for skiing and tubing are listed below:

- Ski/snowboard rental: \$20 (a savings of \$8)
- Lift ticket: \$29 (a savings of \$10)
- Food card (optional): \$8 (a savings of \$2).
- 2 hr. Tubing: \$20 (savings of \$2)
- 3hr. Tubing: \$25 (savings of \$2)

**You will only need a lift ticket if you are skiing or snowboarding and don't have a pass. Perfect North ski passes can be used if they are good for weekends. You do not need a lift ticket for tubing.

Virtus approved rivers/chaperones are needed. If you are Virtus approved and can help out, please contact Karen Gutzeit at kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org



**2019 IHM Annual Children's Carnival
Sponsored by youth ministry
Saturday, February 2nd from 2-8pm.**

Each student will be given 20 raffle tickets to try to sell or buy. Grand prizes include a LG UHD 4K 49 inch TV and \$300 Gift card to Cincinnati Netherlands Plaza, 5 pc. Luggage set and Amazon Echo.

For the silent auction, we are still in need of regular 2-liters, cakes, baked goods, Pringles, new toys and silent auction items such as electronics, home goods, décor, outdoor items, camping supplies, services, gift cards. 8th grade needs fun food for their booth. Pick up a flower from the donation Palm Tree in the gathering space or contact Karen Gutzeit at kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org. to let her know what you can generously donate.

We also need high school students and adults to help set up on Friday afternoon into the evening and Saturday morning (8am-2pm) and to help clean up from 7:30-11:30pm.. We are in need of volunteers (6th- adults) from 1:45-5 and 4:45-8 on the day of the carnival. Contact Karen Gutzeit at kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org if you can help out.

All proceeds benefit IHM youth ministry's retreats, mission trips and service projects. Since 1999, youth ministry has seen 3 priests, one nun, two campus ministers, two current seminarians, three religion teachers, teachers, social workers, doctors, nurses and countless other professions come through its program who are raising their children Catholic. Nine couples met through youth ministry and eventually married. You are making a difference by supporting the efforts of youth ministry. Thank you!

Father/Daughter Dance
February 9th



Let's Glow CRAZY!!!!

Please join us Saturday February 9th 7-10pm for the Father/Daughter Dance in Britt Hall!

There will be music, dancing, pizza, drinks, games and a glowing good time!

Please send in \$10 (checks made out to IHM) & the following info in an envelope to Wendy Ferris. Please contact Wendy with any questions or if you are interested in helping or donating snacks for this fun event.
wendyllynnferris@gmail.com

Name(s):

Grade(s):

Total # attending:

SAVE THE DATE
SPRING FLING Saturday March 23rd

Online registrations and tickets will be available soon. For those of you new to IHM, Spring Fling is a fundraiser event for the IHM PTO that includes dinner, drinks, dancing, silent and live auctions. The funds raised directly benefit IHM school.

If you would like to help with the planning and donations, please reach out directly to: carriestover@hotmail.com or Alanabitikofer@gmail.com

We would love to have you on our team!

