



## What's Happening at I.H.M.

October 11-19 2007  
~Repect for Life Month~

### Of Special Interest:

Friday Oct 12      **All-School Mass**  
                         **Welcome Bishop Hurley!**

Saturday Oct 13      7/8 grade Social 7:30

Tuesday Oct 16      Sloppy Jo's- Hot Lunch

Thurs Oct 18      Spaghetti- Hot Lunch

Friday Oct 19      **NO SCHOOL!**

### Happy Birthday to You!

**12 Emily Eggleston,**  
**13 Andrew Passinault, James Rohen**  
**14 Noelle Kessler**  
**15 Michael Church, Luca Licari**  
**16 Ryan Sheeran, Catherine Tepper**  
**17 Carrienne Calderon**  
**18 Nicole Rauch, Elizabeth Schumar**

### From the Principal:

Our annual auction, "A Night on Treasure Island" will be held on Saturday, November 3 at 6:15pm in the school gym. The auction committee has been working very hard to insure the success of this event. **All** the money that is raised that night goes right back to the school. The money from the auction goes to the Home and School budget which includes some of the following items:

- Technology – future and present needs
- Art supplies and library books
- Science Olympiad
- Math Counts and the music program
- Teacher supplies for the classroom
- Mini-grants which allow curriculum enrichment for your students
- Teacher In-service
- Special programs – The Bucketfillers Program was paid by the H&S Assoc.

With any extra revenue, the money will go towards:

- Purchasing more playground equipment
- Replacing the Virgin Mary statue in the front hallway of school
- Bringing more programs into the school
- More curriculum enrichment programs
- Replacement of desks and chairs in the classrooms

**The auction committee is also looking for donations.** If you have a question about what to donate, give one of the committee members a phone call for ideas. I hope everyone can make it to the auction. It is a lot of fun and I truly enjoy socializing with everyone.

We have decided to allow the purchase of uniforms **from either Educational Outfitters or Lands End.** Every family is receiving the Lands End catalog today with this newsletter. When you call the toll-free number to Lands End, tell them you are from Immaculate Heart of Mary School and they will let you know what items may be purchased that are part of our uniform. We hope this helps with your uniform decisions.

Have a blessed week,  
Kathleen Vafadari

**"What to wear...hmmmm..."** Tomorrow we will have a special visit and celebrate Mass with the Bishop. As a sign of respect, we're asking young ladies to please wear their jumper, skirt or skort with their very nicest uniform blouse. Young men are asked to wear their uniform SLACKS (the ones in the nicest condition) with their best uniform shirt. (no shorts allowed, please).

**P.S. Monday, uniform code changes to long pants instead of shorts.**

**Special Invitation to Parents from Father Troy:** “The great thing about having a Catholic School is the ability to come together in the worship of God during the school day. If you or your family members are able to join us for the school Masses on Thursday's or Friday's, please sit with the children. You are wonderful examples and can assist in the mentoring process through your singing, responding, standing, sitting and kneeling. Plus, with only one teacher per class, your presence in the midst of the children helps monitor when a need arises. It also makes great dinner conversation! Thank you, Fr. Troy”

**“WHAT’S HAPPENIN’”...ONLINE!** Go to [www.ihmschoolgr.com](http://www.ihmschoolgr.com) every Thursday by noon, and we’ll have the latest newsletter available online! Print your own copy from home or the office. Access the week’s information and our detailed calendar day or night. **After today, the only hard copies sent home will be to families making a specific request. There will also be a small number of copies available in the rack outside the office door.**

**CORRECTION**—the October calendar you received last week has an error. The Youth Rally scheduled on the 27 is incorrect. **The JOY youth rally is scheduled for NOV 3.**

**Hot Lunch Volunteers for:** Oct. 16 - Sherry Bowen, Jane O’Farrell, Caryn Rossi, Rose Erickson, Cindy Murphy, Eileen McCaffrey - Supervisor; Oct. 18 - Lori Baas, Karen Ingle, Frances Wojtczak, Elizabeth Jamieson, Shannon Richards - Supervisor. If you can’t work your shift, please find a sub to take your place. Thanks!

**A reminder for all Junior High Parents:** The seventh and eighth grades will take **IOWA TESTS** on Monday-Friday, October 22-25. In order to prevent make-up testing, please make sure your child does not have any out-of-school appointments on these days. Thank you for your understanding!—Junior High Staff

The Hospitality Committee for **A Night on Treasure Island** has not filled the galley yet with 1 hour workers. Kudos to those that joined the roll-call from last week. More are needed. Sling some gruel for an hour whilst still mingling with your Mates. Holler for Caryn Rossi @ 682-4897-- the curse of Davy Jones is lurkin’!

**Sally Foster Delivery Day.** Thank you to all who purchased and sold Sally Foster and Entertainment Books this year! Our orders will be ready for delivery on **October 18th**. If you have a large order please plan on picking up your box in the DeMazenod room in the afternoon. Any one interested in helping to sort and stack orders please show up in the DeMazenod room around 8:00 am next Thursday. Thank you so much!!

**The 7th/8th Grade Social is this Saturday!** October 13 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. in the Gym. Immaculate Heart of Mary School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only. Admission is \$1. Food, dancing, and special activities round out the evening. **7th GRADERS** with last name beginning with A-L: please bring a bag of chips or snack food; last name M-Z: please bring cookies or bag of candy. **8th GRADERS:** bring one 2-liter bottle of soda. Any leftover items will be donated to Gilda’s Club. **Dress code for the evening:** indicative of what “temples of the Holy Spirit” would wear—modest and casual. Nothing strappy, tight-fitting, slouchy-bumish or of the spandex family.

**FYI Picture Retakes: are scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month.** If you’d like another chance at capturing *the true essence of your child on film*, they may dress up on that day and should **bring the entire package** of “*the not so true essence*” photos for return. **This photo day will also include those that were absent on the first picture day and our 3-Year-old- Preschoolers** who have not yet had their first photo op.

**Is your 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grader a potential scientist?** The National Science Academy for Young Scientist is sponsoring a special program for your “tween” at Calvin College. Small groups of students will be doing hands-on research and science activities. Talk with Mrs. Foote or Miss Dauphin for details.

#### **IHM CRAFT SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

The IHM Women’s Guild wants YOU! We’re now enlisting our army of volunteers to work a one to two hour shift at the **Holiday Craft Show on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. We’re also looking for that special someone to answer the call of Co-Chairperson. The Craft Show is the only fundraiser that the Women’s Guild has and an army of “saints and angels” is needed for the show to be a success. That means YOU! The proceeds from the craft show purchase items for the church and parish center. Job descriptions include: admissions, cookie sales and kitchen workers. Call Kim Melcher at 241-0528, Maria Weber at 475-8148 or Pam MacDonald at 243-0816 to sign up for a shift.

**Operation Christmas Child:** Our first mission is to collect **PLASTIC SHOE BOXES**. Thank you to those ultra-efficient parents who answered the call immediately by sending a good number of boxes to school already. Blessings on those whom God has gifted with other talents...**you still have time to send a dollar or a box.** Our second part of the Mission to be announced soon!—Mrs. Dolan

**IT'S BOX TOPS TURN IN TIME!!** Please send all that you've collected to the office. We will be submitting them at the end of October! Thanks!!

**Those ever-so-fun women of the IHM Women's Guild** are planning a **Bus Trip to Chicago on Friday, November 16th**. Their 'Shop til you Drop' extravaganza will depart from the IHM Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. and will return around 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 and includes the driver gratuity. Coffee, bagels and muffins provided for the trip to Chicago and light appetizers & munchies will be provided for the return trip. Limited seats are available so reservations will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. They invite you to sign your group of friends up and join them for this fun day in the Windy City! Please note the names of attendees and make checks payable to the IHM Women's Guild and **kid-mail** to Kim Melcher care of Morgan (rm.8-8). Reservations/checks due by October 26th. Questions?.call Kim @ 241-0528.

**Q: What is Kidmail and how do we use it?**

**A:** A great way to save postage by making your kids the messenger! Use it if you have information that needs to go to another parent/person within the school. Mark the envelop with the name of the recipient, care-of the name of their kid, then the name of their kid's teacher or the room number.

**Q: How do I know the name of their kid or their room number?**

**A:** Reference the **Student Directory** coming out next week!

**Hot Lunch order slips due tomorrow, Oct 12.**

**Please include the following intentions in your daily family prayers:**

For **Courtney Wayer** and **Will Richard**, (two new students) and for their families as they make the transition into our school family; **For our seventh and eighth graders, who were active witnesses of our Faith this week**—they planted crosses in memory of and promised to pray for, babies in danger of abortion and for their mothers; **For our altar servers, as they train and prepare to assist with reverence, at the table of Our Lord; For Conor, Max and Ivan Farrell's grandma** and those caring about and for her; for **Lauren Pangle's grandma** as she has bounced back remarkably from her cancer surgery; for **Nicki Joseph's mom, Jennifer**; for **Zach, Anna, Connor and Sarah MacLachlan's aunt.**; for a family's special intention.

Pope John Paul II recommended this prayer be used by all Catholics as a prayer *for the Church* when he said:

*"May prayer strengthen us for the spiritual battle we are told about in the Letter to the Ephesians: 'Draw strength from the Lord and from His mighty power' (Ephesians 6:10). The Book of Revelation refers to this same battle, recalling before our eyes the image of St. Michael the Archangel (Revelation 12:7). Pope Leo XIII certainly had a very vivid recollection of this scene when, at the end of the last century, he introduced a special prayer to St. Michael throughout the Church. Although this prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against forces of darkness and against the spirit of this world."*

***"St. Michael the Arch Angel, defend us in battle.***

***Be our protection against the wickedness and the snares of the devil.***

***May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, cast into hell, satan and all evil spirits that prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen"***