



# Saintly News

*September 28, 2017*



Dear IHM Parents,

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, with it comes the excitement of the new school year and all of the fun activities of the season!

We have started taking the MAP practice test this week and we are scheduled to MAP test next week in grades 2-7. Our goal is to complete testing by October 13<sup>th</sup>, the testing window will remain open the following week for makeup test.

MAP is a computer adaptive test, which means every student gets a unique set of test questions based on responses to previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions get harder. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions get easier. By the end of the test, most students will answer about half the questions correctly. MAP can follow students wherever they are starting from, regardless of the grade they are in. For instance, if a third grader is actually reading like a fifth grader, MAP will be able to identify that. Or, if a fifth grader is doing math like a third grader, MAP will identify that. Both things are incredibly important for a teacher to know, so that they can plan instruction efficiently. In same way MAP makes accomedations throughout the testing in all 3 areas (reading, language usage, and math). This first round of testing serves as our baseline and therefore we will closely monitor the effectiveness of the accommodations throughout the testing process.

This a website that will provide additional information about MAP <https://www.nwea.org/map-growth/>

### Reminders for successful testing!

- Get at least 8 hours of sleep each night
- Eat a good breakfast
- Bring a healthy snack
- Positive encouragement each day

God Bless Your Day!  
Nancy Marcos

## Dates to put in your Calendar

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – IHM Uniform Sale opens through Idlebrook  
5<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field Trip – Farm Frenzy  
9<sup>th</sup> – Edge for 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> graders 7:00 -8:30 pm, \$3  
8<sup>th</sup> - IHM Uniform Sale Closes through Idlebrook  
11<sup>th</sup> – RSVP Form Due for K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grandparents & Grandfriends Day  
13<sup>th</sup> – **No Bus Service – private transportation**  
16<sup>th</sup> – **No School – Professional Development**  
17<sup>th</sup> - Start wearing Winter Uniform today  
19<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Wear Day

### Corrected Date 21<sup>st</sup> - **Trunk or Treat – (more information to come)**

23<sup>rd</sup> - EDGE for 6th-8th Halloween Social, Wear your costume, 7-8:30pm, \$3  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Box tops will be collected in each classroom  
25<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Field Trip – Ky. Symphony Orchestra  
27<sup>th</sup> – Booster Thon/Fun Run (more information to come)  
27<sup>th</sup> - Estimated date of delivery from Idlebrook for the Oct.2nd-8<sup>th</sup> Uniform Sale  
29<sup>th</sup> – SHDHS Open House – 1:00-3:00p.m.  
30<sup>th</sup> – Tag Day for Seminarians - .50 per student/\$1.00 per family  
31<sup>st</sup> - K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Grandparents & Grandfriends Day – 8:00 – 10:00 am  
31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parties - students may wear orange & black - **NO COSTUMES PLEASE!**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – **No School – All Saints**  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Picture Make up Day & 3yr old Preschool Picture Day  
13<sup>th</sup> – Box tops will be collected in each classroom  
13<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library  
16<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Wear Day  
17<sup>th</sup> – End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
20<sup>th</sup> – Tag Day – for the Mary Rose Misson - .50 per student/\$1.00 per family  
21<sup>st</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conference (more information to come about sign-ups)  
21<sup>st</sup> – Dismissal at 12:30 – No PM Bus Service  
22<sup>nd</sup>- **No School – Professional Day**  
23<sup>rd</sup> – **No School – Thanksgiving**  
24<sup>th</sup> – **No School**  
27<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair Week (more information to come)

## Items in the September 28<sup>th</sup> Family Folder

- Partners in Faith newsletter
- Box Tops for Education information
- October Lunch Menu
- Save the Date for the IHM Boosterthon/FunRun

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## Box Tops for Education

An easy way to earn a dime at a time. Box Tops for Education helps raise money for IHM by simply sending in the Box Top for Education coupon on many products we use every day.

Clip the Box top and send to your child's class today! Box Tops will be collected from the classrooms monthly. Thanks to the JNHS for providing the service of helping count the box tops!

More info on the Box Tops for Education program can be found on BTFE.com or you can download the BTFE app today!

The JNHS will once again collect and count the box tops.

**The dates of the collections are:**

OCT 23

NOV 13

DEC 11

FEB 26

MARCH 26

APRIL 9

Questions feel free to contact Jennifer Ihrig at [ihrig@fuse.net](mailto:ihrig@fuse.net)

## Note from Fr. Rottman

I want to take an opportunity to thank all of you, our school parents, for your resounding support for our Friday night bingo! I'll admit that I was a little fearful that putting together a parent volunteer schedule would not make any difference and could possibly get my head taken off, metaphorically speaking. But the overwhelmingly positive support that I have received and the number of volunteers that we've been getting shows me that my fears were for nothing. I am grateful to see, once again, the deep commitment that you have made to helping IHM parish, particularly our school, succeed. I know that I speak for Mrs. Peggy Wells and all of our regular bingo volunteers when I say again: thank you, thank you thank you! Please continue to support our bingo, and let me know if there are ways that we can improve our volunteer system. May God bless you and all of us as a parish family.

Gratefully Yours,  
Fr. Rottman

## Counselor's Corner: Bullying – What's a Parent to Do?

Your child comes to you and you suspect someone may be bullying them. Don't panic! Many times situations may give the appearance of bullying but often are simple conflicts between two students. The definition of bullying is an intentional act that causes harm to or hurts another physically, mentally, emotionally, or socially. The behavior may be overt or covert. It is usually repetitive. There is usually an imbalance of power between the persons involved. The student with the bullying behavior may be physically stronger, have a higher social status, or be emotionally intimidating.

If you do suspect that bullying is taking place, it is important to report it. If the school is unaware of the concern, we are unable to address it. It is also very important that you follow the proper protocol in notifying the school by either directly contacting only the principal, assistant principal or school counselor or by completing the online form "REPORT IT" found on the IHM webpage at <http://ihm-ky.org/report-it>. All reports are thoroughly investigated by a member of the administrative team and someone will contact you about the situation. If for some reason you do not hear back from staff, please contact us.

## IHM Cafeteria Volunteers Needed – Parents & Grandparents are all welcomed!

“Dear Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners:

You would be welcomed by the students as well as our entire staff when you sign up for the exciting adventure of volunteering in the IHM Cafeteria during our school lunch break. Just a little of your time goes a long way when it comes to our students' lunch enjoyment. Help with opening drinks and yogurts, talk about table manners and the courtesies of socializing, encourage responsibility with cleaning up and having respect for each other.

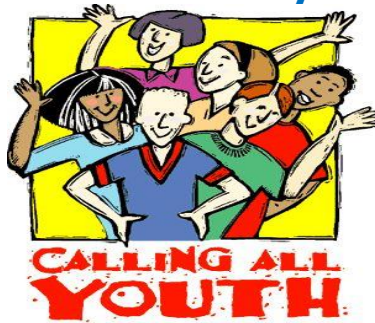
How often you volunteer is certainly up to you, but for every three times you do so your child will receive an OUT OF UNIFORM PASS!

One volunteer is needed per day. Scheduling your days ahead of time is essential for our planning calendar. Please contact me at the options below to set up your agenda.

**Virtus trained required.**

CALL ME – Karen Koeppel : 859-689-4303 EXT 238 or EMAIL ME: [kkoeppel@ihm-ky.org](mailto:kkoeppel@ihm-ky.org)”

## IHM Youth Minstry News



### EDGE Youth Minstry Night is now expanded to include 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

The opening of the newly expanded EDGE was a huge success with 122 youth in attendance. Thank you, parents, for supporting this. We are in need of a couple of parents to help with pizza baking during EDGE nights. Please contact Karen Gutzeit if you can help out at [kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org](mailto:kgutzeit@ihm-ky.org). Below is the October youth ministry schedule.

**Sunday October 1:** High School LifeTeen, **7-8:30pm**. \$3

**Sunday October 8:** High School LifeTeen, **7-8:30pm**. \$3

**Monday October 9:** EDGE for grades 6-8th **7-8:30pm**, \$3

**Friday October 13 – Sunday October 15:** Diocesan Youth 2000 Retreat at SHDHS \$50 for junior High through young adults. Forms can be found in the gathering space.

**Saturday October 21:** High School Karoke/Game Night, **8-11pm** at Knights of Columbus \$3

**Monday October 23:** EDGE for 6th-8th Halloween Social, Wear your costume, **7-8:30pm**, \$3

**Saturday October 28:** High School Halloween Outing/Bonfire, location TBA, \$10-15

## PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED

Field trips and holiday parties are starting up and I am looking for photos from each grade for the yearbook. If you are lucky enough to accompany your child on a field trip snap a few pictures. Clear, fun, group photos work best. I know that there are many great photographers among our parents so have fun and be creative. The Community Upload site allows you to upload images for consideration in the year book.

Register at <http://community.lifetouch.com/>. The Community Upload Activation Code is: **MEHFWY**

- Upload 5 images at a time (10 mb or smaller).
- Enter a description for each image so I can easily identify what is happening in the photo.

If you have any questions or would like to help with the yearbook you can contact the IHM Yearbook Coordinator via email at [spfarwick@hotmail.com](mailto:spfarwick@hotmail.com)

Thank you  
Sherry Farwick  
859-468-2873

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

### **HAVE YOU READ YOUR MONTHLY VIRTUS BULLETIN?**

#### **Safe Environment for our Children Requirements:**

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 with the safe environment program in the diocese. Your first step is to sign up for a VIRTUS Training class. To sign up for the class go to [www.covingtondiocese.org](http://www.covingtondiocese.org) or [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). After attending the class contact Kathy Donahue, IHM church secretary. She will give you the application form for the back ground check and the Policy and Procedure booklet. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Kathy at 689-4303 X224 or [kdonahue@ihm-ky.org](mailto:kdonahue@ihm-ky.org)

#### **Compliance:**

- Received the diocesan policies and procedures and signed the 2007 Acceptance Form
- Submitted information (Application Form) for and been cleared through a background check (see below\*)
- Registered online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), signed up for and attended a VIRTUS training class
- Read the bulletins. Must first take the training class.

**(To remain compliant, volunteers must complete online monthly VIRTUS bulletins. Bulletins are posted at the beginning of each month. Volunteers have 30 days to complete the bulletin. Bulletins must be kept up to date in order to appear on the volunteer, employee or substitute list at your parish or school.)**

A hotline number for the state of Kentucky is 1-800-752-6200. This hotline number is available to report an incident 24/7. When you call this number it will then reference a caller to the appropriate county.

#### **\*A little background on the history of Virtus background checks:**

Our goal always has, and always will be, to keep our children safe. Since the Virtus program started around 2003, there has always been the policy in the Diocese of Covington that background checks are to be renewed every five years. I have, as IHM Virtus Coordinator, been the person in our parish (as is done in every parish of the diocese) that has resubmitted the background checks for every volunteer and employee in our parish. When the program first started, the background checks were submitted to the state of Kentucky at no cost. After state cuts, they could no longer keep up with the demands. The diocese began using background companies, eventually costing up to \$15 per person. We still had to renew every background check every five years. It was determined that the company the diocese was using did not adequately report findings beyond the state level. The diocese found that this new company, Selection.com, does comprehensive reports on each person. The cost of the background checks with Selection.com is \$25; however, with this new company the background check never needs to be renewed again as long as you keep your account active. With over 800 volunteers, we simply cannot afford the cost, and so we ask you to pay this one-time fee when you transition from the old system to the new. We do not see these reports. The pastor and, if needed, the principal, are only alerted if necessary, pending the outcome of the background check. All background checks are confidential.

## Winter Uniform will start October 16, 2017 and go through March 31, 2018

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.

## Boosterthon/FunRun - October 27th

Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the **Boosterthon/FunRun!** It's a 9-day program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on **October 18th**. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on **October 27th**. With our big goal of raising **\$22,000** for **Math & Science Program**, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **CASTLE QUEST!** An English castle theme all about being brave and living with character. On their quest to regain Bravemore Castle, students will learn the "SIX VIRTUES of a TRUE HERO" from a cast of colorful characters.

Donations will go toward **Math & Science Program** and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!

## K- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Grandparents' & Grandfriends Day – Tuesday, October 31st

RSVP Form was sent home with students in grades K- 2<sup>nd</sup> this week. They are due by Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Any questions please email [jreynolds@ihm-ky.org](mailto:jreynolds@ihm-ky.org) , [jkelly@ihm-ky.org](mailto:jkelly@ihm-ky.org) , [ajellison@ihm-ky.org](mailto:ajellison@ihm-ky.org) , [spanoushek@ihm-ky.org](mailto:spanoushek@ihm-ky.org) or [tfillhardt@ihm-ky.org](mailto:tfillhardt@ihm-ky.org)

## IHM St. Vincent DePaul needs of our HELP!!

**The IHM St. Vincent de Paul pantry is in urgent need!** Please help us restock with the following food items and personal care items:

toilet paper  
shampoo  
peanut butter  
jelly  
pancake mix/syrup  
boxed mashed potatoes  
tuna/chicken helper  
canned chicken  
canned tuna  
pork and beans  
canned fruit  
spaghetti sauce

**Please place your items in the food barrels in the gathering space.  
Thank you for helping us to help those in need.**

