



Saintly News

January 11, 2018

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Dear IHM Families,

We welcome everyone back after what we hope was a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year! The third grade welcomed our students back with a beautiful January Faith Assembly focused on our Lady of Providence, their Marian title. The third graders invited Sr. Armella, who passionately spoke about Mary as the mother of Jesus and illustrated for the students how much the infant Jesus depended on His mother, Mary. Providence comes from the word, “to provide,” and for that reason, Mary was chosen as the Mother of Our Lord. Sister Armella encouraged all students to make Mary the “Queen” of their homes. She reminded us that Mary will intercede for us when we need her. The Faith Assembly ended with the third grade teaching the school the words and motions to the song, *Mary, Did You Know?* It was a meaningful way to remind our students just how important Mary is in the life of Jesus. We pray that Mary, our patroness, will continue to bless our homes and our school.

We want to thank our PTO and Sports Committee for making our request for a filtered water bottle filler a reality! We were able to get two in the building! We have one in the upper hallway by the Art room and another in the lower Gathering Space. The students seem very excited to fill their water bottles!

We would like to extend the invitation for all families to personally invite any family or student that you know who might be interested in our amazing school to our Open House on Sunday, January 21st from 2:00-4:00pm. This Open House is for potential students and their families. We are excited to show off our school!

Finally, Catholic Schools Week is Monday, January 29-February 2nd. We have a teacher committee busy at work planning this exciting week for our students; more information will come in the near future. The theme this year is: *Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.* We look forward to this week, as a school, to celebrate what makes us so special!

Thank you for all you do to help make our school the **BEST** it can be!

God Bless!

Mrs. Harper & Mrs. Marcos



Dates to put in your Calendar

January

- 15th – **No School – Martin Luther King Day**
- 19th – Burlington March for Life
- 21st - **New Family** Open House – 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- 22nd – Tag Day – .50 a student or \$1.00 a family
- 25th – Spirit Wear Day
- 29th – Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools Week

February

- 5th – No Bus Service – Private Transportation
- 5th – Tag Day – Student Council - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family
- 12th - PTO meeting in Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 13th – Valentine Parties – 1:00 p.m.
- 14th – **Ash Wednesday – mass times – 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm**
- 16th – 2nd Trimester Ends
- 19th – **No School – Presidents Day**
- 22nd – Spirit Wear Day
- 22nd – Club Pictures by Lifetouch
- 23rd – **Report Cards will be released electronically only (NO PAPER COPIES)**

Items in the January 11th Family Folder

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Box Top of 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:

FEB 26

MARCH 26

APRIL 9

Questions feel free to contact Jennifer Ihrig at ihrig@fuse.net

Counselor's Corner – Raising Kids in the Technology Age

Today's parents are faced with several unique challenges when it comes to raising children of the technology generation.

Consider this: Parenting skills are typically learned based on the way our own parents raised us. But literally none of today's technology was around when we were growing up. As a result, we're basically sailing the ocean without a compass when it comes to parenting children and their tech use.

The rapid pace of change also presents a big problem. By the time we figure out the latest app, social media platform or gadget, it all changes. Finally, we can't use our own childhood history as a guide when it comes to understanding the potentially damaging effects technology use could be having on our children's physical and mental health.

As parents, our job is to protect our children. We lock the doors at night to keep everyone safe, but giving our children free reign of the internet and social media can actually be much scarier.

What can you do? A good first step is to attend the upcoming workshop: ***Protecting Our Children: Social Media 101*** with Stephen Smith of A Wired Family. This is a school sponsored event designed to help parents understand our children's digital footprint and the consequences of the misuse of technology.

What: Protecting Our Children: Social Media 101
When: Monday, February 12, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: IHM PTO MEETING

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 19th. 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
Disposable razor/shaving cream

Food

Tuna packages (not cans)
Protein powder packets
Instant coffee packets

Beef jerky (individual packs)
Dried fruit (individual packs)
Peanut butter (individual packs)

Granola bars
Cracker packs (individual)
Mints

Clothing Items (Adult sizes)

Gloves
Wool beanies
Wool socks
Socks

Miscellaneous

Small tarps
Small fleece blanket
Hand/food warmers
Rain poncho

Youth Ministry News – See Flyers in Family Folder

Children's Carnival – Saturday, February 3rd
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

IHM Father/Daughter Dance – PAJAMA PARTY!! – January 27th

Father/Daughter Dance this year will be held in Britt Hall on Saturday January 27th from 7-10pm. All girls from preschool to eighth grade are welcome to attend! There will be a DJ, food and drinks and games! The theme this year is PAJAMA PARTY!!!! The cost is just \$10 per family. Please send cash or check made out to IHM in an envelope to the office with your daughters names and grades marked Wendy Ferris. You will not receive actual tickets but will be checked off at the door. Also, if anyone is interested in helping or donating a snack to this event please contact Wendy at wendyllynnferris@gmail.com

