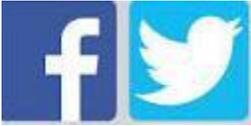




Saintly News

December 14, 2017

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Dear IHM Families,

It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the Christmas Season and not find time to focus on the reason for the season. Throughout the Advent season teachers have been gathering each morning to prepare for Advent through the Rediscover Advent Series by Mathew Kelly. The readings and reflection for today focused on the Quest for Happiness and it explained that this is actually a Quest for God. He goes on to say that this longing for happiness is the ultimate homing device that leads us to God. At the conclusion of the gathering today, I was making my rounds through the classrooms and was able to see the quest for happiness come to life in many of the classrooms I visited. In several of the rooms the students were making Christmas gifts to give to others, in Mrs. Volz's room they were retelling the story of Jesus birth and finally as I made my way back to my office I was visited by (the 3 spirits of Christmas) it was actually 3 of our CLC students excited to share the news that they have collected 310 winter clothing items to give to those in need. All of this reminded me of how blessed we are to be able to share in our student's Quest for true happiness in Christ everyday here at IHM!

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Mrs. Marcos and Mrs. Harper



Dates to put in your Calendar

December	14 th -15 th – NJHS Bake Sale - .50 an item 18 th – Tag Day – Academic Team - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family 18 th – 19 th Santa’s Workshop in the Library 19 th – Christmas Parties – 1:00 pm 20 th – Dismissal at 12:00 - No Bus Service 21 st – Jan. 2 nd – No School – Christmas Break
January	3 rd – School Resumes 8 th – Tag Day – for NJHS - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family 15 th – No School – Martin Luther King Day 19 th – Burlington March for Life (flyer in Family folder) 21 st – New Family Open House – 2:00 - 4:00 pm 25 th – Spirit Wear Day 29 th – Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools Week
February	5 th – No Bus Service – Private Transportation 5 th – Tag Day – Student Council - .50 a student or \$1.00 a family 12 th - PTO meeting in Library at 7:00 p.m. 13 th – Valentine Parties – 1:00 p.m. 14 th – Ash Wednesday – mass times – 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:30pm, 7:00pm 16 th – 2 nd Trimester Ends 19 th – No School – Presidents Day 22 nd – Spirit Wear Day 22 nd – Club Pictures by Lifetouch 23 rd – Report Cards will be released electronically only (NO PAPER COPIES)

Items in the December 14th Family Folder

- 2018-19 Re-Registration Form
- IHM School GIFT Program flyer
- Net Cetera booklet
- Burlington March for Life flyer
- January Lunch Menu

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National Junior Honor Society – Bake Sale December 14th & 15th

The National Junior Honor Society is having their annual bake sale on Thursday, Dec. 14th and Friday, Dec. 15th, at lunch time.

All treats will be priced at 50 cents each.

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:

FEB 26

MARCH 26

APRIL 9

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

Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

I'm becoming increasingly alarmed by things I'm hearing our students are involved in - both on the internet and on social media - and the harmful impacts they have on student behavior and emotional well-being.

Many students are watching inappropriate things on YouTube that have the appearance of being kid friendly or harmless. These videos may even use puppets or cartoons but contain foul language, show risky behaviors and promote general disrespect for others. Children are often unable to discern why these behaviors are inappropriate, and they may imitate them to be funny or get attention.

Navigating social media is also challenging for students. People can make hurtful comments and share private information.

Messages can be spread around quickly and things spiral out of control.

The research about the use of technology and children is quite disturbing. According to multiple national surveys, between 2010 and 2015 the number of U.S. teens who felt useless and joyless (classic symptoms of depression) surged 33 percent. Teen suicide attempts increased 23 percent and the most troubling, the number of 13- to 18-year-olds who committed suicide jumped 31 percent. The reason for these jumps in numbers point to one thing—the screen.

Research shows teens who spent five or more hours a day online were 71 percent more likely to have at least one suicide risk factor (depression, thinking about suicide, making a suicide plan or attempting suicide) when compared to those who spending less than an hour a day online. Overall, suicide risk factors rose significantly after two or more hours a day of time online.

As parents, it's vital we keep a close watch on what our children are doing online and limit the time they spend online. We need to have an understanding of how our children's privacy and well-being are impacted by the use of technology.

Navigating through this is new territory, especially when technology changes daily. I've included a couple resources below that can help you keep up with these changes and I urge you to use them. **In addition, Stephen Smith of A Wired Family will be coming to IHM on February 12 to speak with our students. He will also speak with parents at the PTO meeting that night.** He will also be at Boone County Library Main Branch on January 9th to talk with children and parents. I encourage you to make plans to attend one of his presentations.

A Wired Family: www.awiredfamily.org

Cell Phone Parenting: <https://www.common sense media.org/cell-phone-parenting>

Social Media Contract: <http://www.imom.com/printable/social-media-contract-for-kids/#.WiBhCkqnHcs>

Wait Until 8th: <https://www.waituntil8th.org/why-wait>

If you have any questions or concerns, I am happy to help out.

Ann Williams- Counselor

awilliams@ihm-ky.org

Fundraiser for Mr. Colina's Journey Foundation

The Lions have arrived and are available for purchase starting Friday December 1st!



Each beaded animal is uniquely handcrafted in Africa and sells for \$12 each. The proceeds from your purchase go to help support Mr. Colina's Journey Foundation.

There are still some other safari animals available for purchase for \$10.

Students may stop by the Preschool room before school or during your lunchtime (starting December 1st) to purchase.

Re-Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year

The Re-Registration form was sent home again today, December 14th Family Folder. It is important for each family to complete the form and attach a check made out to IHM School. **The Deadline is Jan. 11th, 2018.** The cost is \$75.00 for each student. The cost for three or more children is \$200.00 Please send the form back even if your child **will not be returning** in August. The information helps as we plan for the future.

Include new students name on the re-registration form. An application will be sent after the re-registration is returned. All Applications for new students must be received by January 19th. The 2018-2019 tuition will be announced in late April or early May.

Recommend a new family to Immaculate Heart of Mary School (Pre School-8) through the G.I.F.T. Program and receive \$500 off your tuition! (Flyer was sent home in 12/14/17 Family Folder)

Santa's Workshop is Coming – December 18th & 19th

Kids will be able to come to Santa's Workshop set up in the Library
(kids who bring money will come with their class)

All gifts are \$1/\$3/\$5/\$7

All gifts will be wrapped and sent home with the students the day they shop.

Please contact Jennifer Drees (jdrees@terraceholdings.com) with questions!

Santa's Workshop Schedule:

The students will be visiting during school hours.

Monday, December 18th

K-4th grade

Tuesday, December 19th

5th - 8th grade

Junior High Governor's Cup Try Outs- December 19th

Governor's Cup will be held on Monday, January 16 and Saturday, January 20. If your student(s) would like to try out for the Written Assessment portion, **tryouts will be held Tuesday, December 19.** Each students can choose from Composition (held Monday), Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Language Arts, and/or Arts & Humanities. They may try out for no more than 2 different subjects. Please let Mrs. Britt know if they are interested and will attend.

If your student(s) wants to try out but this date will not work, please contact Mrs. Britt at ebritt@ihm-ky.org to arrange another time.



**2018 Annual Diocese of Covington
Ski/Snowboarding/Tubing Trip
To Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg, Ind.
For 6th-12th grades
Saturday, January 13th**

Begins with dinner at 6:00pm. at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Burlington and ends with skiing /tubing at Perfect North until midnight, when slopes close

Permission forms C, D and E (**2 forms need to be notarized**) and Perfect North Waiver (unless you have a pass) are required. **All forms can be downloaded through the diocesan website and IHM website and the waiver through Perfect North Slopes.**

All money and forms need to be turned in later then Wednesday, January 10th. No exceptions

Packages 1-5 include dinner. All non-skiers and non-tubers must pay the minimal of \$7 for dinner.

1. Skiing/Snowboarding/Tubing/Rental/Lift ticket: \$60
2. Skiing/Snowboarding/Tubing/Lift ticket(only for those who have skis): \$40
3. Skiing/Snowboarding/Tubing/Rental(only for those with pass): \$30
4. 2 hour Tubing:\$27
5. 3 hour Tubing: \$32
6. Dinner for non-skiers: \$7

*****Virtus trained adults are needed to help with transportation and chaperoning. Skiing and tubing is not requires. All chaperones eat dinner free of charge *****

Perks of going with the diocese: Costs are cheaper attending as a group then going on your own. Costs include diocesan insurance coverage. Please consider going with us as a diocesan group so our youth of the diocese can evangelize to each other and see the whole church.

Because of this event, the EDGE bowling scheduled for January 13th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled.

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY

Next EDGE youth ministry meeting for 6th-8th is **Monday, January 9th from 7-8:30pm**. Cost is \$3 and includes pizza, drinks and ice cream. Each youth who attends receives house points and a ticket for a chance to win a tablet at the end of May.

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

More Important Information to add to your Calendar

January 9th The Boone County Library Main branch will be hosting a presentation on the dangers of Social Media by Stephen Smith

Event Type: Adult

Start Time: 4:00 PM

End Time: 7:00 PM

Description:

The court designated workers and the Boone County Alliance have partnered to bring Stephen Smith with A Wired Family to have a workshop for parents and kids. His workshop covers social media and the impact it has on mental health. **Library:** Main Library **Location:** Meeting Room A

Mr. Stephen Smith is also scheduled as the Guest Speaker for our **Feb 12th PTO meeting here at IHM at 7:00 PM to address the challenges of a Digital Society and Keeping Our Children Safe.



*Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year !*

