



# Saintly News

*August 31, 2017*



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Dear IHM Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made it to our curriculum nights, we had a great turnout each night and a lot of valuable feedback as a result. If you were not able to attend Curriculum Night please email your child's homeroom teacher so they can send you the information that they shared at Curriculum Night.

The Diocese continues to check on the processing of all of our schools' Terra Nova test scores and have been informed that we will receive them. Due to the continued delay and other issues we will be switching to NWEA MAP testing this year.

What is MAP and what does it measure? You may be familiar with paper and pencil tests where all students are asked the same questions and spend a fixed amount of time taking the test. MAP is different. 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. MAP covers reading, language usage, and math. MAP tests are given to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year to students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Our School theme for this year is **To Jesus through Mary**. To facilitate the deepening of our connection with Jesus through Our Blessed Mothers intercession our teachers have added a Daily Family Prayer. During this time the students are able to share their joys and concerns with each other and to ask Mary to help them on their Faith Journey. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers have been preparing to lead our Faith assembly Friday which is focusing on the Our Lady of Sorrows. They will be teaching the school the song Forever along with the sign language motions to the song! A special thank you to Mrs. Terrene Dillon who came in and helped the 4<sup>th</sup> students and teachers practice the song.

God Bless Your Day!  
Nancy Marcos

## Dates to put in your Calendar

- August 31<sup>st</sup> – First day of Pre-School for 3yr. olds
- September 1<sup>st</sup> - First day of Pre-School for 4yr. olds  
4<sup>th</sup> – **No School – Labor Day**  
11<sup>th</sup> - Tag Day for Valerie McNamara (wear Valerie Shirt if you have one)  
12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Junior High Auditions for the School Play – 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
15<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day  
18<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cookout – 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (remember to turn in RSVP)  
18<sup>th</sup> – PTO meeting in the Library – 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
21<sup>st</sup> – Spirit Wear Day
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – IHM Uniform Sale opens through Idlebrook (link will be sent out through email today)  
8<sup>th</sup> - IHM Uniform Sale Closes through Idlebrook  
13<sup>th</sup> – **No Bus Service – private transportation**  
15<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat – (more information to come)  
16<sup>th</sup> – Start wearing Winter Uniform today  
16<sup>th</sup> – **No School – Professional Development**  
19<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Wear Day  
27<sup>th</sup> – 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  
30<sup>th</sup> – Tag Day for Ed Colina  
31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parties (students may wear orange & black) **NO COSTUMES PLEASE!**

## Items in the Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> Family Folder

- Partners in Faith Newsletter
- Life touch Picture order forms
- September Lunch Menu
- IHM Bingo Schedule booklet

## Topics covered in this Newsletter

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## Academic Team Tryouts for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 p.m.

Academic Team tryouts for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be held on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in Miss Ries's room at 2:30. We will contact parents if there is a need for buzzer tryouts. If we have buzzer tryouts, they will be held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30-3:30 in Miss Ries's room. Our practices will be held on Mondays 2:30-3:30 and our matches are held on Wednesday's at 4:00. Each match lasts about 1 hour. Please only tryout if this schedule is something that can work for you.

**DISCLAIMER:** If you try out and do not make the team, it does not keep you from competing in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Showcase or Governor's Cup. Those tryouts will be held at a later date.

## **THE ED COLINA FOUNDATION- Annual Celebration & Dance!**

Friday, September 8, 2017

6:30 – 11:00 p.m.

Receptions in Erlanger

Come to the Dance! On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> The Ed Colina Foundation will hold its annual benefit dance and fundraiser at Receptions in Erlanger. Come and support Ed's projects in Kenya and dance the night away to the sounds of Looking East! Entrance is \$25 per person (\$30 at the door - \$20 with College ID) There will be plenty of food and a cash bar. Hope to see you there! You can obtain reservations online at [www.edcolinafoundation.org/reception](http://www.edcolinafoundation.org/reception) or simply send a check with names to: The Ed Colina Foundation, PO Box 199, Burlington, KY 41005. Free-Will offerings accepted at Event!

- In the church Gathering Space there is a cardboard tree with reminder cards you can take home if you would like to purchase a Gift Card to be used in one of the raffles during the evening. Simple buy a gift card and send in to the Foundation by August 25<sup>th</sup> or drop off at the school office. Attached is the invitation. Thanks for your consideration!

## **IHM Drama Club Presents - The Wizard of OZ - Junior High Auditions**

September, 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

2:30 p.m. -6:00 p.m.

Auditions for this year's play--The Wizard of Oz, The Young Performers Edition--will be September 12--14 from 2:30-6:00pm. Any junior high student who is interested in auditioning, must see Mrs. P for an audition packet and materials and to sign up for an audition time.

## **IHM School Picture Day – Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Lifetouch will be here to take school pictures on September, 15<sup>th</sup>, during school hours. Students may be out of uniform.

**Girls may not wear skirts. Students may wear jeans without holes.**

A picture packet for each child will be in the August 31<sup>st</sup> family folder. Purchasing school pictures is optional. Spring pictures, a more casual pose, will be taken in March or April. You are under no obligation to purchase photographs.

## 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.

## Counselor's Corner - Helping your child succeed in school!

### Helping Your Child Succeed in School

Parents play a vital role in the success of their child in school. Listed below are some tips to help parents make this school year successful for their child:

- **Encourage Your Child to Read:** Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school—and in life. The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects and it is the key to lifelong learning.
- **Talk with Your Child:** Talking and listening play major roles in children's school success. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk that young children begin to pick up the language skills they will need if they are to do well. For example, children who don't hear a lot of talk and who aren't encouraged to talk themselves often have problems learning to read, which can lead to other school problems. In addition, children who haven't learned to listen carefully often have trouble following directions and paying attention in class.
- **Monitor Homework:** Let your child know that you think education is important and so homework has to be done.
- **Monitor TV Viewing and Video Game Playing:** American children on average spend far more time watching TV or playing video games than they do completing homework or other school-related activities.
- **Encourage Your Child to Use the Library:** Libraries are places of learning and discovery for everyone. Helping your child find out about libraries will set him on the road to being an independent learner.
- **Help Your Child Learn to Use the Internet Properly and Effectively:** The Internet has become an important part of how we learn and of how we interact with others.
- **Encourage Your Child to Be Responsible and to Work Independently:** Taking responsibility and working independently are important qualities for school success.
- **Encourage Active Learning:** Children need active learning as well as quiet learning such as reading and doing homework. Active learning involves asking and answering questions, solving problems and exploring interests. Active learning also can take place when your child plays sports, spends time with friends, acts in a school play, plays a musical instrument or visits museums and bookstores.

For more information and activities to help your child succeed in school, please visit

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/succeed.pdf>

Source: U.S. Department of Education Office of Communications and Outreach Helping Your Child Succeed in School Washington, DC, 2005

## CLC (Creating Leader Crew) News: Attn: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Creating Leaders Crew (CLC) is open to students in grades 6-8. Our mission is to develop young Catholic leaders by providing them the guidance, skills and opportunities to serve our school, parish and the local community. Students will participate in leadership and service activities, as well as create and implement their own service project as approved by CLC leaders. Interested students should stop by Mrs. Williams' office to let her know of their interest.

## 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.