



Saintly News

April 26, 2018

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Dear IHM Parents,

It is a busy time of year as we head into May! It is hard to believe we are in the final stretch! Thank you for all of your support of our Spring Fling! It was a success and our goal was met! These funds will directly impact our students and their learning, so thank you for attending, donating and purchasing! We want to send a heartfelt thank you to the Spring Fling Committee; these ladies worked tirelessly and were very dedicated to this fundraiser! Thanks for your hard work; we're already looking forward to next year!

Currently, we are working hard to make plans for next school year. We are still very excited about being a finalist for the National Blue Ribbon and anxiously await the final phase of selections. We have some very exciting changes in the works. Although we can't share all that will take place just yet, we can let you know of a few:

- **All students in grades K-8 will attend STEM as a special once a week next year**
- **Our 7th and 8th grade students will attend Spanish twice a week to prepare for the rigors of high school foreign language requirements**
- **We will expand the writing curriculum across the school**
- **We plan to add a Makerspace lab (STEM lab)**

Please spread the word about these changes to your friends, family or anyone who might be interested in IHM School! We'd love to give them a tour!

Finally, as many of you know, Mrs. Marsha Jones has been our awesome PTO President for the last two years! She has done many great things for our school and has been wonderful to work with. She will be stepping down for next year, but would be happy to help someone transition into this position. We ask all parents to prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you are interested and/or have a question about the position, feel free to reach out to her. We can't wait to partner with you to benefit our students!

As always, thank you for your dedication to our school! Happy May!

God Bless,
Mrs. Harper & Mrs. Marcos

Dates to put in your Calendar

- April 27th – 29th – School Play – The Wizard of OZ
30th – Tag Day – For the Earls Family .50 a student / \$1.00 a family **or any Donations are welcomed**
- May 3rd - Last Day for 3yr. old Preschool
3rd&4th – 5th Grade - Overnight Field Trip to the Zoo
4th – Last Day for 4yr. old Preschool
4th - Rosary and May Crowning after 8 am mass
7th – Tag Day for CLC
8th – 4yr. old Preschool Graduation in Britt Hall at 7 pm (Date Correction)
11th – 8th grade Field Trip to Kings Island
11th – 2nd grade Field Trip to Newport Aquarium
15th – 4th grade Field Trip to Frankfort
16th – IHM Talent Show – 6:00 p.m. in the gym
18th – 8th grade Field Trip to Town & Country
19th – 8th grade Graduation 1:00 pm (8th graders are to arrive by 12:10)
22nd – **No Bus Service – Private Transportation**
22nd – Track & Field Day (Volunteer Form in Family Folder)
23rd - Rain Make up for Track & Field Day
24th - **Students Last Day of School – Dismissal at Noon (no p.m. bus service)**
24th - Report Cards will be released Electronically only (no paper copies)

Items in the April 26th Family Folder

- Very important Bus Information – **1 form per student for K-7th grade**
- Track & Field Day Volunteer sign up form
- Partners in Faith
- Lunch menu for May
- Yearbook order form
- Letter from the IHM Café'
- Enriching Kids Flyer

Shopping at Amazon?

Don't forget to click on [this link to access Amazon.com](#) for your on-line shopping. When you purchase items, Amazon will pay a referral fee directly to IHM school. You get all the convenience and great prices of the Amazon shopping experience, and IHM School reaps the rewards!

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Art Room News - Spring Cleaning



It's that time of year again. Art department is collecting gently used books, CD, DVD, board games, and Legos. All money raised will go towards art supplies. Donations can be drop off at the school office. Please mark for art room.
Please no old or texted books.

Aftercare help needed for the 2018-19 School Year

Hours: 2:00-6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday
2:00-4:30 p.m. Fridays

Off all holidays, weekends and snow days
Must be over 21 to apply

If interested, please contact Jean Krzywonos at jkrzywonos@ihm-ky.org

Youth Ministry News

JUNIOR HIGH (6th-8th grades) DODGEBALL GAME NIGHT

Saturday, May 5th 8-10pm in IHM gym. Cost \$5 which includes pizza, snacks, drinks. Youth will be randomly picked to play in games. Each person who wants to play will be guaranteed play time. Come socialize, eat and have fun!! Bring a friend! Sponsored by youth ministry.

NO EDGE NIGHTS THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. EDGE Youth Ministry Summer program will come out late May.

IHM HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP JUNE 25-29

Any 8th grader who is interested in attending this year's high school summer mission trip to Pikeville, Ky. needs to get their \$50 deposit to Mrs. Gutzeit as soon as possible to reserve a space. Total cost \$175 which includes transportation, 4 nights in Hampton Inn, all meals, snacks and drinks, evening activities such as bowling, cookout as well as the Friday free day (last year we went boating) and t-shirt. During the day, youth will work with other youth and trained leaders to build handicap ramps and paint outside of houses. Very rewarding and fun trip.

The Counselor's Corner—More on Media

Why Having a Family Media Plan is Important

Many of us probably haven't given much thought to having a Family Media Plan. This is a relatively new concept in parenting. But as with everything in parenting, life is easier if rules and guidelines have been established early, rather than trying to implement them after things are out of control. Having a Family Media Plan means creating a set of rules and guidelines around how the family will use online media. Establishing areas of the home where technology is allowed, free screen times, device curfews, safety rules, device manners, allowable media and games, and a plan to balance on and off screen time can help keep your child and healthy and safe. A great on-line resource to develop a printable family plan can be found here:

<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/media/Pages/default.aspx#wizard>

Should I Allow My Child to Play Fortnite?

Fortnite is a game that has garnered a lot of attention recently. This is a first person shooter video game that centers on weapon-based combat. While Fortnite isn't as visually graphic as some first person shooter games, there's still reason for concern. According to the American Psychological Association, "scientific research has demonstrated an association between violent video game use and both increases in aggressive behavior, aggressive affect, aggressive cognitions and decreases in prosocial behavior, empathy, and moral engagement." This isn't based on one study but is based upon "research findings across multiple methods and multiple samples with multiple types of measurements."

Does this mean everyone who plays violent video games will act aggressive? Not necessarily, but we do know they can affect some people's behavior. These games, if allowed at all, should have strict time limits and parents should closely monitor behavior changes.



Parents can now order yearbooks for the current school year on line!
Yearbooks are still only \$25 each!

Go to the website www.ybpay.lifetouch.com and use the yearbook ID Code: **2046418**

Paper order forms have been passed out in class if you prefer to send a check (payable to IHM) or cash.

Yearbooks will be printed and delivered over the Summer and will be available by the beginning of next school year. They will be distributed and sent home with the child that you placed the order through.

I will be taking orders until **May 18!**

Want to help with the yearbook? The Community Upload site allows the school's community to upload images for consideration in the year book. I am looking for photos from Preschool, the first day of school, class holiday parties, field trips, Graduation, First Reconciliation, First Communion, the last day of school and any candid photos. Clear, fun, group photos work best. I know that there are many great photographers among our parents so have fun and be creative.

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 the yearbook staff can easily identify what is happening in the photo.
- The adviser will determine which images are used in the yearbook

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

Thank you
Sherry Farwick

