



THE IHM WEEKLY

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a Community of Faith in which school and parents join together in the formation and education of each child to achieve a balance of faith, character, and academic excellence.

*We strive to provide a curriculum infused with a **spirituality** which nurtures openness, growth, the ability to adapt to change, and a gentleness and respect toward all God's creation.*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
JANUARY 12, 2022

Dear IHM families,

I pray that you all had a fun and relaxing Christmas vacation. As we enter this new year, I pray that God will continue to bless you all with happiness and good health. I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to begin this new year with you.

I can't thank you enough for your patience with the added layer of safety that we implemented with our return to school protocols. I know that it has been difficult scheduling testing appointments, waiting for results, participating in distance learning, and managing your own health (and sanity). Your support and help in keeping our school safe are truly appreciated. Please continue to monitor yourselves for symptoms and keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell.

For those who are in quarantine, I pray that your symptoms (if any) are mild. The teachers and I understand if students are feeling ill and are unable to participate in Zoom classes. Please take some time to rest and recover so that you can be back with us in person soon. For those who are asymptomatic, we encourage you to join us on Zoom so that you can continue to learn and grow with your peers. Nonetheless, we acknowledge that distance learning is not the ideal learning experience for our students. While we want to accommodate you as much as possible, we do hope that those who are cleared to return to campus in-person will do so.

Blessings,
Ms. Bautista



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!
IMPORTANT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Sucgang will be administering **COVID testing and vaccines** again this Friday, January 14th. We understand that testing demands are high in Los Angeles County, so Dr. Sucgang has graciously offered to open up testing to family members of those in our school community. Any non-students interested in testing must fill out this form - <https://forms.gle/MxP1DFZhoyWcmi7XA> - by tonight at midnight.
- Additionally, there are a limited number of COVID vaccines for children available. If you would like to reserve one, email kbautista@ihmla.org. It will be first come, first served.
- Before the break, we had a free yoga demo. If interested in participating in **after-school yoga enrichment**, please fill out this form - <https://forms.gle/4JZL7AHemCzowJWi7>.
- The **after-school sports program "ASISA"** has begun this week. Practice will take place Mondays and Thursdays from 3-5 PM. Participating students should bring an extra change of clothes. Students must have submitted a permission slip to participate.
- Out of an abundance of caution, **we will not be attending Mass at the church for the month of January**. We are hoping to resume Mass by February 4th. Students will still be reading the Mass readings and practicing their Mass responses in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding.
- Student council** will be holding a few events throughout the month of January:
 - Jan. 14 free dress day for free!
 - Jan. 19 break the rules day for \$5; popcorn sale for \$1
 - Jan. 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day (school-wide day of prayer)
 - Jan. 28 National Lego Day! Bring your Legos for \$0.50
- As a reminder, this Monday, January 17th is the **Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday**. The school and school office will be closed.
- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles mandates that all adults who work in any capacity with or around children complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults program. It is mandatory that all volunteers working with our students are **VIRTUS trained and fingerprinted**. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/> and <https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/>.



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