



# 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.

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Graduates of Immaculate Heart of Mary strive to become:

*Children as Lifelong Learners*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
OCTOBER 26, 2022

Dear Eagles,

On Monday, October 31st, the student council will be hosting a **Halloween parade**. The parade is scheduled to happen from 8:30-10 AM. Students and parents are invited to wear costumes and join us for the festivities. For your costumes, please refrain from having blood, weapons of any kind, scary witches/costumes, or short skirts/tight or revealing clothing.

The parade will include a **Costume Contest and a Pumpkin Decorating Contest**. The costumes will be judged on the following categories with a \$50 cash prize for the best in each category: Most Creative, Funniest, and Religious. All costumes entering the contest must be homemade. Further, the Best Group Costume Contest will receive a \$50 cash prize to be split amongst the members of the group. A special prize will be given to the best Parent Costume, so come prepared to join our fun. There will also be a pumpkin decorating contest in which pumpkins will receive a monetary prize for the following categories: Most Creative, Funniest, and Religious.

We must also take the time to recognize **All Saints Day**, which falls on Tuesday, November 1st. The saints are more than the heroes of our faith or role models for holy living. They are people who care for and love us; who actively lead us to follow Christ. When we take the time to get to know them, we are learning about our own unique call to do what they did: live as if the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Getting to know the saints involves more than learning facts about them. We want to develop a relationship with them. Throughout the month of November, I urge you to “get-to-know” the saints at home and to discuss with your children how saints can (and should) be their role models.

See you this **Saturday, October 29th** from 3-8 PM for our **Oktoberfest!**

In His Service,  
Ms. Bautista



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!  
WHAT'S GOING ON AT AND AROUND IHM?

- Our school has secured free **socio-emotional/mental health counseling!** So many children are still recovering from the hardships of the pandemic and could benefit from additional support through these difficult times. Contact Ms. Bautista if interested in having your child receive these services.
- Beginning tomorrow, all are invited to bring a 5 x 7 or smaller picture of your deceased loved ones to be part of our **church's Day of the Dead altar**. Please bring your picture directly to the altar or the parish office during office hours. We ask that you include your name and phone number behind the frame. *Please note, IHM is not responsible for pictures or items left behind after the altar has been removed.*
- The 1st/2nd grade class is hosting a **jack-o-lantern float** fundraiser! Enjoy a creamsicle flavored float - orange soda with vanilla ice cream - tomorrow for \$2! Thank you for supporting the 1st/2nd grade class.
- Our **World's Finest Chocolate** sale is also coming to a close. We are making one final order for chocolates before our sale ends on November 4th. If you are interested in requesting more boxes, please email me by Friday, October 28th so that we can order accordingly.
- **All Saints Day** and **All Souls Day** are both Holy Days of Obligation. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will have Masses on both November 1st and 2nd at 7 AM and 5:30 PM in English as well as 7 PM in Spanish.
- We are taking votes for the Faculty/Staff member for the month of October! Let us know who you would like to vote for as the faculty/staff member for the month of October [here](#) (clickable link).
- The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church parish office will be closed on November 24th for the **Thanksgiving holiday**. There will only be one Mass on this day at 8 AM. The school office will also be closed from November 23-28 for Thanksgiving break. We are so grateful for our IHM community!
- The annual parish fiesta to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be held on Sunday, December 4th from 9 AM-5 PM. Please join us on the school yard for delicious food and a raffle. The Guadalupan festivities include a Novena of Masses to Our Lady of Guadalupe from Dec. 3-11 at 7 PM (1 PM on Dec. 4 and 11), mañanitas with mariachi on Dec 12th at 4 AM, and a Holy Mass with mariachi on Dec. 12th at 5 AM and 7 PM.



- **Oct. 29:** Oktoberfest
- **Oct. 31:** Halloween Parade; TK-3 Carnival at Immaculate Heart Middle School
- **Nov. 1:** All Saints' Day; 6:30 PM PTA meeting (in person)
- **Nov. 2:** All Souls' Day
- **Nov. 8:** Fall Portraits Make-Up Day
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day - No School
- **Nov. 23-25:** Thanksgiving Break - No School
- **Nov. 27:** First Sunday of Advent



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