



Dear Catholic School Community Members,

I pray this correspondence finds you well. With the new school year in full gear, I'd like to update you on the state of public health conditions in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles (ADLA).

Since mid-September cases of COVID-19 have steadily declined across our region. Our schools have navigated the complexities of returning to in-person instruction and have kept caseloads lower than our large public school district counterparts. This is a testament to the leadership of our principals, teachers, staff and pastors whose continued dedication and commitment to the ministry of Catholic education. They deserve an extraordinary amount of gratitude for what they have done to keep our school communities safe.

As a result of this week's decision by the FDA and CDC to extend Emergency Use Authorization (EAU) to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 5 years old and up, we want to share that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is not requiring students ages 5 and up to receive the COVID19 vaccine. We continue to encourage parents and guardians to seek advice from a health care professional about the COVID-19 vaccine for their child.

We anticipate the state legislature will take up a bill in January 2022 to decide if the COVID-19 vaccine should be added to the existing list of 10 required vaccines. It's fair to say that this legislation will receive a great deal of debate as it moves through the state assembly and senate. The public will have an opportunity to voice their opinion to their respective state representative throughout the legislative process. In addition, the FDA and CDC must still consider full general use approval of the vaccine for individuals 5 to 15 years old. We will continue to monitor these developments.

This is a Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, celebrating the 250th anniversary of Mission San Gabriel Archangel. We also celebrate the year of St. Joseph, adopted father of Jesus. As such, we recognize St. Joseph as a man who loved, taught and protected his son from birth and throughout his life. We pray for his intercession and ask that he shield us from adversity and aid us at this critical time as we seek to protect our children and our neighbors. In the words of Pope Francis, getting vaccinated is "an act of love."

Thank you for your continued patience, support and advocacy for Catholic education.

Yours in Christ,
Paul M. Escala
Superintendent of Schools



Adopt-A-Family this Thanks **GIVING**



For thirty-one years, the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels Adopt-A-Family Program has brought the Light of Christ and the magic of Christmas to families with children living in one of the poorest parts of our city, the Skid Row and downtown area.

Residents of these neighborhoods face great challenges on a daily basis, and the coronavirus pandemic has heightened the risks and dangers. Life for the children living in these circumstances is even more bleak. Now, more than ever, families need our support.

Because of COVID-19 health and safety restrictions put in place by the State, City, County, and Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Adopt-a-Family Program is not able to operate in the usual fashion. Meeting with families, gathering to fill food boxes and wrap gifts, and delivering packages directly to families are simply not possible this year. After much prayer and consultation, we have made some changes that will enable us to provide the needed support, while at the same time protect the health and safety of all. But to make this happen, they need our help!

This year, instead of collecting food and other necessities to donate to those in need, **the Immaculate Heart of Mary School community will be collecting grocery store gift cards (minimum \$5 per gift card)** to donate to this incredible organization. Through their partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department and other social service agencies, the Adopt-a-Family Program will ensure that the cards safely reach the intended families.

Please give all donations to your classroom teacher by **Friday, November 19th**. Your continued generosity and consideration of others is truly appreciated.



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

- Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our Fall Fest last Saturday! This was one of our mandatory volunteer PTA events for those signed up for Plan A. If you were not able to fulfill this requirement, the \$50 fee will be added to SMART tuition.
- There will be **no school tomorrow, November 11th**, in commemoration of Veteran's Day.
- Dr. Sucgang is graciously offering **COVID vaccines for the students**. Please email kbautista@ihmla.org to reserve and obtain a permission slip. Reservation is subject to availability. Vaccines will not be administered without prior receipt of a permission slip.
- Please RSVP for the **PTA's Christmas party** by this Friday, November 12th. Remember that this event is adults only. Each family is permitted 2 guests. <http://evite.me/zHTrZAxhgr>.
- The **first trimester ends this Friday, November 12th**. Be sure to check Schoolspeak for an update on your child's grades. Reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.
- We need volunteers to help with swabbing for our **COVID testing event this Friday, November 12th**. Further, a new online registration will be required from all parents that will replace the old paper registration system. This is a one time registration done here: <https://novadiagnosticslabs.com/novasystem/jotform/add/32/149>
- In light of the announcement regarding COVID vaccines from our superintendent, Dr. Sucgang would like to offer a town hall to answer all your vaccine related questions. Please join us on **Monday, November 15 at 6 PM**. A Zoom link will be provided.
- All money for the **World's Finest Chocolate** sale is due on Friday, November 19th.
- Want to complete your service hours but can't commit your time? Check out our **Schoolspeak wishlist** for ways that you can help or items to donate.
- The **California State Park Adventure Pass Program** waives the day-use fees across 19 state parks for fourth grade students and their families for a full year. For detailed information on the program, please visit parks.ca.gov/AdventurePass.
- I am in discussions with Emily Phillips (<http://www.emilyphillipsyoga.com/>) about offering an **after-school yoga enrichment program** for students beginning in January. Practicing yoga helps "students cope with stress and build physical and mental strength," a skill that would be useful for many after so much time spent remote learning. If you are interested or would like to read more about the benefits, please email Ms. Bautista.

Have a wonderful rest of your week!
Ms. Bautista



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT IHM?

Christmas in Paris

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL
THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US

Friday, December 3, 2021
At 7:00 in the evening

Immaculate Heart of Mary School
1055 N. Alexandria Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90029

Please **RSVP by Nov. 12th, 1 pm** at [eVite](#)

Reservations will be closed after this date.

CHOCOLATE SALE PRIZES!

Prizes are cumulative – the more you sell, the more you earn! Click for each prize to watch an online video of it!

<p>GOLDEN COOP BONUS! </p> <p>Get the GOLDEN COOP and become Principal-For-A-Day!!!</p> <p></p>	<p>COOP MADNESS! </p> <p>Coop MYSTERY Keychain For EVERY Case Sold! Collect Them All!</p> <p>Assorted Styles – Coops Come in Sealed Mystery Bags</p> <p></p>
<p>A Sell 1 Case earn Level A (Total of 2 prizes) Coop Keychain +</p> <p>Homework Pass!</p>	<p>B Sell 2 Cases earn Levels A-B (Total of 4 prizes) Coop Keychain +</p> <p>Attend the PIZZA PARTY at school!</p> <p></p>
<p>C Sell 3 Cases earn Levels A-C (Total of 6 prizes) Coop Keychain +</p> <p>MYSTERY Whiffer Sniffer!</p> <p> Assorted Styles! Whiffer Sniffers Come in Sealed Mystery Packs! Which One Will You Get???</p>	<p>D Sell 4 Cases earn Levels A-D (Total of 8 prizes) Coop Keychain +</p> <p>Flying Kung-Fu Chicken!</p> <p>Some may have a BONUS PRIZE hidden inside!</p> <p></p>
<p>E Sell 5+ Cases earn Levels A-E (Total of 10 prizes) Coop Keychain +</p> <p>Silly String the Principal!</p> <p></p>	<p>TOP SELLER! </p> <p>\$100 Gift Card To Your Choice Of:</p> <p> iTunes TILLY'S amazon Game Stop H&M Abercrombie & Fitch BEST BUY foot Locker AMC THEATRES Target </p>

WANT TO LEAVE YOUR MARK AT IHM?

WE ARE HAVING A "BUY-A-BENCH" FUNDRAISER IN AN EFFORT TO REPLACE OUR SCHOOL LUNCH TABLES.

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SPONSOR THE PURCHASING OF A NEW LUNCH TABLE.

THE COST OF A NEW LUNCH TABLE IS \$1,200.

THROUGH YOUR DONATION, WE WILL PURCHASE A LUNCH TABLE, AS WELL AS A PLAQUE TO ATTACH TO THE TABLE TO COMMEMORATE YOUR GENEROSITY.

MULTIPLE PEOPLE CAN TEAM UP TO PURCHASE THEIR TABLE TOGETHER.

CALLING ALL EAGLES!

A MESSAGE FOR IHM ALUMNI

DEAR ALUM ...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Next year is our centennial year, so we need to start building up our alumni database now! If you are an alum or if you know any of our graduates, please have them email IHMalum@ihmla.org to share with us their name, their contact information, and when they graduated.

