



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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We, the Faith Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary School are committed to Jesus Christ, and therefore called by Him to minister in **love** to others.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Dear Eagles,

*“There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future.” - St. Augustine**

*Click [here](#) for further reading on Pope Francis’ words regarding this quote.

Yesterday, we remembered the Solemnity of All Saints - those we have known or do not know who have lived an earthly life of devotion and faithfulness to God and others. These saints remind us that we, too, can be holy. As St. Augustine points out for us in the quote above, no humans (not even the saints) are perfect. As long as we answer God’s call with a heart filled with humility and sincerity rather than arrogance and pride, we are also on our way to becoming everyday saints.

Today, we celebrate *Dia De Los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, recalling with gratitude our loved ones who have died. Please continue to show one another kindness and respect as we continue throughout the school year, just as those who have gone before us have done for us. As parents and teachers, we are models of these habits for our students. Let’s continue to work together to turn to the saints as our role models, to practice attitudes of gratitude, and to look for the good in all that is around us.

In His Service,
Ms. Bautista

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

- The PTA would love to hear from you regarding the **Oktoberfest!** Please share your feedback using the following link so that we can better plan for our next event - <https://forms.gle/Pc3oZ84gas7tpvyZ7>.
- In order to strengthen the safety of our community, the use of **car stickers** has been implemented to monitor the vehicles that come onto our campus. Volunteer parents will be helping us with enforcing this policy. If you have not yet purchased your sticker, they are available at the front office for \$10.
- 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.
- Our **World's Finest Chocolate** sale is coming to a close this Friday, Nov. 4th! Don't forget to check out your class' progress on the downstairs hallway bulletin board. Please turn in all payments by Nov. 10th. Any payments not received will automatically be charged to your Blackbaud account. For those who have requested more boxes, we are expecting the shipment to arrive by the end of the week.
- Our TK/K class is hosting their **Krispy Kreme fundraiser** this Friday, Nov. 4th. If you didn't get to pre-order, don't worry! There will be a few extra for sale - \$1.50 for 1 donut and \$15 for 1 dozen.
- We are searching for **basketball coaches** for "A" level boys' and girls' teams, which consists of 7th and 8th graders. Your child does not need to be in one of these grades for you to be able to coach. Coaching responsibilities include holding practices and attending home and away games. Serving as a coach will count towards your service hours. If you are interested in coaching or seek any additional information, please contact our school athletic director, Mr. Malonzo - jmalonzo@ihmla.org - by November 8th..
- 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.
- Our **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming December 12-16! Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them to become Bolder, Prouder, and Stronger Readers. AND—as always—every book they buy earns rewards for our school. Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/immaculateheartofmarysch4>.



- **Nov. 8:** Fall Portraits Make-Up Day
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day - No School
- **Nov. 18:** Thanksgiving Mass and potluck
- **Nov. 23-25:** Thanksgiving Break - No School
- **Nov. 27:** First Sunday of Advent

