



# 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 celebrate our diversity in an atmosphere of love and respect,*  
where students esteem the **dignity** of their person and the **value** of all people and cultures.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Dear Eagles,

I pray that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving! Given the start of the holiday season, the possibility of a new COVID surge, and the national spread of RSV and flu, we are working with the Department of Public health to inform parents of steps around COVID and flu vaccines in time to have the added protection they offer before holiday gatherings begin. Please read the letter attached to this week's newsletter. It outlines very important steps families can take to help lower the spread of respiratory illness in schools as well as in the home environment. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect the health and well-being of our school community and the L.A. County community as a whole.

This past Sunday marked the start of the season of Advent. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning arrival. At this time of year, many people are thinking about Santa Claus coming to town and thinking about all of the great gifts that Santa will bring them; but the real reason for this season is the celebration of Jesus Christ's coming. And he brings us the greatest gift of all ... the gift of God's love! May we take time this Advent season to spread God's love and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. I will be keeping you all in my prayers throughout this special season and always!

In His Service,  
Ms. Bautista

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

- **CENTENNIAL NEWS!** Keep your eyes peeled in the coming weeks for announcements regarding our Centennial celebration beginning with Centennial Mass kickoff on January 29th and culminating with Centennial carnival on February 4th as well as merchandise drops!
- Vote for your pick for the [faculty/staff member of the month of November!](#) Voting closes on Thurs. 12/1.
- 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.
- This year, for the **Our Lady of Guadalupe raffle**, the prize is \$100 for 4th prize (5 winners), \$200 visa gift card for 3rd prize, \$1,000 for 2nd prize, and a grand prize of \$2,000! Winners will be chosen during the fiesta, but do not need to be present. Please stop by the school or parish office to purchase tickets! For our families who pay in-parish tuition, this is a mandatory sale (due TODAY!).
- **December 13-15 are 12:30 PM dismissal** days due to parent-teacher conferences. Any child who is not picked up by 12:45 PM will automatically be signed into daycare and families will be assessed the \$10 per day use fee (unless already enrolled in daycare). Please plan accordingly.
- The IHM parish is looking for students in grades 4th-8th to be trained as an **altar server**. For grades 6-8, altar serving will count towards your Junior High service hours. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Balmonte and let her know if you want your own albs. Training will be given ASAP.
- 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 **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. 30:** Parish Raffle Ticket Sales due - mandatory for in-parish tuition
- **Dec. 2:** 1st Trimester Ends
- **Dec. 6:** 7 PM PTA meeting via Zoom
- **Dec. 7:** 5 PM Family Tech Talk Webinar
- **Dec. 8:** Mass for the feast day of the Immaculate Conception (no Mass on Dec. 9)
- **Dec. 9:** 6 PM TK-2 Christmas Program
- **Dec. 12:** 3rd-8th gr. Advent Reconciliation; 1st Trimester Report Cards Published; VIRTUS training (for those who registered)
- **Dec. 13-15:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:30 PM Dismissal)
- **Dec. 16:** Christmas Break begins - no E.D.P. See you again on January 3, 2023!



You are invited to join an "Internet Safety" Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 7th at 5 PM. In addition, please make sure you have familiarized yourself with the School's Internet Safety Policy that can be found on pp. 50-53 of our Parent/Student Handbook. Thank you!



# Family Tech Talk

**Learn the risks your kids face online & Internet safety tips**



This free Zoom event is presented by an Internet safety expert from Trend Micro's Internet Safety for Kids and Families Program.

## Parents will learn:

- Online gaming and social media insights
- Managing screentime
- App settings for age-appropriate content
- Best practices to be safe online
- How to prevent online risks
- Parental controls and tips on kid's device setup
- Plus, a live Q&A session!

*Available in multiple languages*

DATE	PRESENTED BY	TIME
<b>7 Dec</b> Wednesday	<b>Trend Micro</b> <i>Internet Safety for Kids &amp; Families</i>	<b>5 PM</b>

**Join this virtual event at:**

<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/96780819218?pwd=R290QXgrQVBPL28rR0NOWFR4aDd3Zz09>

**Passcode 395999**

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