



# 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 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  
NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Dear Eagles,

Today, we tried out a new dismissal system in which the pick-up line moves in an "S" formation around the school yard. This comes after having a few close calls of students running across the pick up line when they see their car parked on the basketball court or cars driving too close to the benches where students are sitting. Please remember that, especially when driving on the yard, there are children present and we need to proceed with the utmost caution. Following posted signs and directions given by the teachers and volunteers are extremely important. We will try it again tomorrow and are open to feedback. Thank you for your patience as we work through the kinks!

As a reminder, this week will be a short week. We have this Friday, November 11th off in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. We would like to thank those of you and your family members who have served or are currently serving our country. Thank you for your sacrifices and bravery!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is selling raffle tickets for their Guadalupe Fiesta. Per our registration agreement, any family claiming in-parish tuition is required to sell raffle tickets. We will send home these booklets on Monday, November 14th. Each family will receive 2 booklets with 10 \$2 tickets each (\$40 worth of tickets total). We had someone from our school community win the grand prize last year ... Hopefully an Eagle can win once again!

Have a blessed three-day weekend!

In His Service,  
Ms. Bautista

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

- We have just a few more chocolate boxes for sale as our **World's Finest Chocolate** fundraiser comes to a close. We are collecting money at the office through Tuesday, November 22nd. Any balances on chocolate boxes will be added to your Blackbaud Tuition account by the end of the month.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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!
- 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. 10:** Red, white, blue, and camo day for donation - *proceeds to Wounded Warrior Project*
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day - No School
- **Nov. 18:** Thanksgiving Mass and potluck - Dress Your Best
- **Nov. 23-25:** Thanksgiving Break - No School
- **Nov. 27:** First Sunday of Advent
- **Nov. 30:** Parish Raffle Ticket Sales due - mandatory for in-parish tuition



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