



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
DECEMBER 12, 2023

Dear Eagles,

As the Christmas vacation approaches, I want to extend warm wishes to each and every one of you. May this season be filled with the love of family, the warmth of friends, and the peace that comes from the true spirit of Christmas.

Whether you're traveling to be with loved ones or enjoying a cozy break at home, please take a moment to consider the following:

- While technology keeps us connected, let's also use this time to unplug and enjoy some quality, meaningful moments and interactions with family and friends.
- Take this opportunity to rest and rejuvenate, allowing yourselves and your children the chance to recharge for the continuation of the upcoming academic school year.
- This may be a difficult time for many people. In the spirit of Christmas, let's cultivate gratitude and find ways to give back to those in need. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

May your Christmas vacation be filled with joy, laughter, and moments of reflection. Thank you for being an integral part of our Immaculate Heart of Mary School family. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, rested and ready for another exciting chapter of learning and growth.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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 several **Water Wise efficiency kits** available at the front office for free for any interested families. All kits come with kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators and high-efficiency shower heads. These free items are designed to help your household save water (and money!). If you are interested in picking up a kit or two, please come by the front office. The kits will be first come, first served.
- The **Immaculate Heart of Mary Children's Choir** will be hosting a Christmas concert at the church on Wednesday, December 13th at 7 PM. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted to assist both the church and our talented choir. All are welcome! Please share the flyer with your family and friends.
- **Girls Volleyball tryouts** will take place on Dec. 13 and 14 from 3:15-5 PM. Tryouts are open to current 6th and 7th graders to prepare our volleyball team for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Altar servers wanted!** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is looking for students who have already completed their First Communion to serve as altar servers for our Friday Masses as well as weekend Masses. For junior high students, this is a great way to complete your service hours. Please reach out to Mrs. Balmonte if you are interested in serving our Church.
- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles mandates that all adults who work with or around children are VIRTUS® trained and certified. It is mandatory that all volunteers working with our students (i.e. parents completing their service hours as field trip chaperones, yard duty supervisors, classroom helpers, etc.) are **fingerprinted and VIRTUS trained**. For more information, visit: <https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/> and <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.



Thank you, Mrs. Martinez!

Due to personal reasons, Mrs. Martinez regrets to inform everyone that she will not be returning to IHM after Christmas break. We would like to thank Mrs. Martinez for her months of service here at IHM. We are saddened to see her go as she has been part of our family for a few months now. We are currently in the hiring process for a new TK teacher. In the meantime, Mrs. Gonzalez and I will continue to care for and educate our little ones until we find the right fit for our school community. All the best, Mrs. Martinez!



- **Dec. 13:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Children's Choir Christmas concert
- **Dec. 13-14:** Volleyball Tryouts (for 6th & 7th grade girls; 3:15-5 PM)
- **Dec. 15:** Mass followed by class potlucks; Christmas break begins (**NO E.D.P.**)
- **Dec. 25:** Christmas Day!
- **Jan. 1:** Feast Day of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; New Years Day!
- **Jan. 8:** School Resumes

