



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.

Graduates of Immaculate Heart of Mary strive to become:
*Children Practicing **Good Communication***



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
DECEMBER 6, 2023

Dear Eagles,

We kicked off our Advent season this week with an incredible Christmas program performed by our TK through 2nd grade students. Thank you students, Ms. Legaspi, and our teachers and aides for their assistance with this enjoyable show!

As we enter the season of Advent, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth and joy that our IHM community brings to this sacred time of anticipation and reflection. Advent is a season of hope, a time when we eagerly await the light of Christ to illuminate our hearts and homes. It is a reminder that even in the midst of the busyness of the season, we are called to cultivate a spirit of patience, love, and kindness.

May the Advent candles that we light symbolize the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into our lives. Let us, as a community, embrace these virtues and share them with one another, creating a tapestry of compassion that reflects the true meaning of Christmas. May the light of the Advent wreath be a beacon of hope, guiding us through the darkness and pointing us toward the promise of a new beginning.

In this season of preparation, may we find moments of stillness to reflect on the blessings that surround us and the miracle of Christ's birth. Let us come together as a community, supporting and uplifting one another as we journey toward the celebration of the Savior's arrival. Wishing you and your families a blessed Advent season filled with the peace and joy that only Christ can bring.

In Christ's love,
Ms. Bautista



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 showerheads. 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.
- This Friday, December 8th, our PTA will be hosting their annual Christmas Dinner Dance! Please join us at 7 PM for dinner, dancing, and drinks. Food and beverage tickets will be provided at the door to all those who have RSVP'd. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you a **Merry Grinchmas!**
- The IHM Church **raffle tickets** for the Guadalupe Fiesta were due last Friday. Any payments received after November 30th are not guaranteed to be included in the drawing. Per our registration agreement, any family claiming in-parish tuition is required to sell raffle tickets. Those who have chosen not to participate (and have not attended any school family Masses or contributed via parish envelopes) will be required to pay the out of parish tuition fee for next month.
- The IHM Church **Our Lady of Guadalupe fiesta** will be on Sunday, December 10, 2023 from 9 AM to 6 PM in the School Playground. Join in celebrating with live entertainment, music and delicious food.
- 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.
- **RESCHEDULED: 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/> .



- **Dec. 8:** Feast day of the Immaculate Conception; 7 PM PTA Dinner Dance
- **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

