



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 as Lifelong Learners



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
DECEMBER 8, 2021

Dear IHM families,

It is with great excitement that I announce that, due to the collective efforts of The Smet Foundation, the Onward Leaders Program, the leadership at the Department of Catholic Schools, and overall leadership at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we will be the recipient of a financial gift from the Smet Foundation. They will be visiting us on Monday, December 13th to present our school community with the check. We are grateful for the generosity of our benefactors who invest in the gift of Catholic education, and we are grateful that we are able to deliver that gift to our students.

Even better than receiving gifts is the ability to give gifts. Throughout this Advent season, let us remember to spread hope, love, joy, and peace. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is still collecting donations for their Together In Mission campaign. By making a tax-deductible donation, you will help provide essential resources for parishes and schools that are most in need. Please stop by the school or parish office if you need a donation envelope.

As we continue on our Advent journey, we remember in a special way today our Mother, Mary. We believe Mary was conceived with God's special grace in her mother's womb so that one day she would bear Jesus, her Son, our Lord and Savior. We pray that we continue to show hope (the symbol of the second week of Advent) and courage as Mary did throughout her life.

Blessings,
Ms. Bautista



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!
IMPORTANT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Those sellers who have been invited to the World's Finest Chocolate **pizza party** will be joining me on **Friday, December 10th** (there was a typo on the invite) for lunch and to witness me get silly stringed by a few of our highest sellers ... Can't wait!
- Those students who received their first dose through Dr. Suggang at our school on Friday, November 19th will be receiving their second dose this Friday, December 10th.
- On Monday, December 13th, the Immaculate Heart of Mary School TK-2nd grade students will be performing in our annual **Nativity Play**. Your teacher will be sending home a letter with more detailed reminders, but to reiterate:
 - Each family will be allowed up to 4 guests. Their names and proof of vaccination must be submitted to your child's teacher by Friday, December 10th. Alternatively, guests may also take a COVID test within 72 hours of the event.
 - Families will be seated in their pews on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to ensure a front row seat, we are auctioning off the front two pews on either side of the church. Make your bid by the school's front office today! Winners will be notified on Friday, December 10th.
- Beginning in January, we will be offering an **after-school sports program** for our 4th-8th graders through the company [ASISA \(After School Interscholastic Sports Academy\)](#). They will be offering basketball on Mondays from 3-5 PM and volleyball on Thursdays from 3-5 PM. Permission slips need to be returned by December 15th.
- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles mandates that all adults who work in any capacity with or around children complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults program. Beginning January 6, 2022, all volunteers working with our students will be required to be **VIRTUS trained and fingerprinted**. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/> and <https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/>.

Have a wonderful rest of your week!
Ms. Bautista



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT & AROUND IHM?

WANT TO LEAVE YOUR MARK AT IHM?

WE ARE HAVING A "BUY-A-BENCH" FUNDRAISER IN AN EFFORT TO REPLACE OUR SCHOOL LUNCH TABLES.

FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SPONSOR THE PURCHASING OF A NEW LUNCH TABLE.

THE COST OF A NEW LUNCH TABLE IS \$1,200.

THROUGH YOUR DONATION, WE WILL PURCHASE A LUNCH TABLE, AS WELL AS A PLAQUE TO ATTACH TO THE TABLE TO COMMEMORATE YOUR GENEROSITY.

MULTIPLE PEOPLE CAN TEAM UP TO PURCHASE THEIR TABLE TOGETHER.



DECEMBER EVENTS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS IHM STUDENTS

- Dec. 7th - Cup of noodle - \$1.50
- Candy Grams - 50 cents
- Dec. 10 - Wear Christmas Colors - Red, Green, and White. Pay \$1.00
- Dec. 14 - Pajama Day/Dress up as an elf, Santa, etc. Pay \$1.00
- Dec. 15 - Ugly Christmas Sweater. (free)
- Dec. 13-17th - Hot chocolate \$1.00 (+\$0.50 for marshmallows), (+\$0.50 for cookies), (+\$0.50 for candy canes.)
- December 17 - Last day of school. Mass and potluck ALL are Welcome as long as you show proof of vaccination to teachers, Ms. Bautista, or Ms. Giron. .



Precious Blood Church
presents
Angels Carol

Free Admission
December 19, 2021 - 12:30PM Mass
Children's choir will perform right after the Mass

+ Immaculate Heart of Mary Children's Choir
Conducted by
Pete Avendano

CALLING ALL EAGLES!
A MESSAGE FOR IHM ALUMNI



DEAR ALUM ...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Next year is our centennial year, so we need to start building up our alumni database now! If you are an alum or if you know any of our graduates, please have them email IHMalum@ihmla.org to share with us their name, their contact information, and when they graduated.