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IHM Mission 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy Wednesday!

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted

A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way—better
for each other
because of the worst.

I hope that you are all taking it easy, despite the current circumstances. Please take time to breathe and try not to turn on the news so often. I posted this quote here as I feel that during this time I have taken a look at the things in my life that I have taken for granted... Getting hugs from the kids each morning they arrive to school, having people come over to watch sports games, flying to San Francisco to visit my family... These things I now truly miss. I know that with all of the craziness going on around us, it is often hard to make lemonade out of lemons. I pray that we are able to use this time to enjoy the simple things in life and press the reset button. For those of you at home with the kids, it's a great time to reconnect with them. Start that puzzle with the family that's collecting dust in the garage or try that new recipe that you've been holding off on. Take some time to Face Time family or friends you haven't in a while.

For those of you at work... You are the ones on the frontline for us all... Nurses, Healthcare Workers, Restaurant Workers/Drivers, Grocery Workers (just to name a few)... **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK IN ATTENDING TO OUR BASIC NEEDS!**

With that said, we understand that having the kids at home is a huge change for everyone. We are giving our kids work so they can continue to learn at home, but please do not stress! We understand that many of you are still working and are leaving the kids with grandparents or other caretakers. We have tried to design the lessons so the kids can do them all independently. We also have office hours in which the teachers can assist the students. However, we know that children (especially the younger ones) will still need your help. Have them do what they can. This is new for us all. If you need technical assistance or if you need an iPad or if you need any help at all, please feel free to email the teachers or me. I am here at school during regular hours, so please don't hesitate to come by (as long as you're not sick ☺). All we ask from you all is to do what you can. Everyone has different circumstances so we all have to be flexible.

Furthermore, please let me know if you are having issues with caretakers for your kids. I will try to reach out to other families to help you. We are a community and we are always here to help one another.

Please come to school to drop off your early registration forms and fees, as well as your Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) applications as we are now accepting them here at IHM (and no longer at the appointments at Bishop Conaty). If you haven't received one, I can email them to you and you can send back via email with your taxes or you can drop them off here.

Thank you EVERYONE for all that you do! Please give the kids a hug from me!

God's Blessings,
Mrs. Smith

COLOR RUN WILL STILL BE HAPPENING WHEN WE RETURN (DATE TBD BASED ON FURTHER UPDATES ON CLOSURE)

*This year, instead of our usual Jogathon (third fundraiser), we are doing our first annual **COLOR RUN** on **April 3, 2020 (or until further notice)!***

Wear your all-white outfits that you wouldn't mind getting colorful powder on! The color powder is made from food-based ingredients, such as baking soda, cornstarch, and natural dyes sourced from plants. They are completely safe and biodegradable. They are made of FDA-OSHA-certified ingredients. However, if you don't want your child to have powder on them, they can just wear a colorful shirt.



The 2020 Color Run is a fun way to raise money for our school as our third annual mandatory fundraiser. All of the money raised will be used for updating our technology and facility needs. The **minimum mandatory pledge is \$100 per student**, but the goal is \$150 to see if kids can get more pledges.



Stress-management resources

[Meditation apps for kids and families.](#)

[Apps, websites, and video games that inspire running, jumping, and more to stay active.](#)

Resources for at-home learning

[17 Apps to Help Kids Stay Focused](#)

[Apps That Act Like Math and Science Tutors for Homework Help](#)

[Free Educational Apps, Games, and Websites](#)