

Weekly Newsletter

August 19, 2011

Immaculate Heart of Mary School



Providing Catholic Education Since 1955

U.S. Department of Education No Child Left Behind Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School since 2004

Co-Principals: Mrs. Nancy Goebel and Mrs. Mary Hedger

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August 19, 2011

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are back in business. It is time to get into a routine. As we begin the 2011-12 school year, please keep in mind our school philosophy:

“Immaculate Heart of Mary, a Catholic parish school, strives to offer a Christian education which includes teaching the message of Christ, building community and serving God, Church and neighbor.

Within this framework the school directs each student toward the realization of his or her full potential, and the development of his or her relationship to God, neighbor and self.

Thus the school, in cooperation with the home and the total parish, aims to build a Christian community affording opportunities for growth of mind, body and spirit.”

You have chosen a Catholic education for your children because you support a rigorous curriculum coupled with strong moral values. We know these are busy and difficult times for all families. As you take on this responsibility to raise your children to have good character, strong academics, and interesting extra curricular activities, please do not forget your responsibility to keep their Faith alive, as well. Pray as a family and keep God as the center of your everyday routine. You are the first teachers of your children in the Faith. It is important for you to continue that journey with your children as they grow into mature, faith filled adults.

We are pleased to welcome a new first grade teacher, Miss Carrie Ell. Carrie is a graduate of Ohio University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She has experience in pre-school and first grade. Rebecca Curran will also join our staff as a part time art teacher. Rebecca will be responsible for art in grades one through four. She has recently been teaching at Bishop Leibold School in Dayton. She is glad to be returning to Cincinnati. Rebecca will also be teaching at Guardian Angels. Mrs. Julie Shore is our new gifted education specialist who will have her classes in the new modular dedicated to our gifted program. Lastly, Mrs. Kathy Scheidler will be our new school psychologist. She will be in the building two days per week.

Thank you for trusting us with your children. We look forward to a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

Nancy Goebel and Mary Hedger
Co-Principals

Welcome to school year

2011-2012!

Welcome back to our returning families and a warm welcome to those who are new to our school this year!

This first Newsletter and Wednesday Envelope were prepared for Parent Night, August 19. The next Newsletter will be August 31. If parents do not attend Parent Night their Envelope will be given to the student on the first day of school August 24. Remember to return the white Envelope to the homeroom



Links

Principals' Page:
<http://www.ihomschool.org/JustNotes/Hard Copy of this week's Newsletter>
[Child Protection Information Procedures to submit items](#)
[Emergency Delay, Closing Procedures](#)
[Dress Code Level Information](#)
[ShopSmart Order Form](#)
[Fingerprint List May 2011](#)
[Forest Hills Parent Transportation Form #1 #2](#)
[#2](#)
[Milford Parent Transportation Form](#)

Uniform company info:
<http://www.Schoolbelles.com> (School Code #1924)
and (selected items

teacher!

Try not to be overwhelmed by the volume of information in today's Envelope – this only happens once a year! For those new to our school there is an explanation of the Newsletter/ Wednesday Envelope process elsewhere in your packet.

Remember, transportation offices are paying attention to who rides the bus to and from school the first two weeks. To stay on the route, make sure your child rides the bus whenever possible.

If you drive your student in the morning use the front parish parking lot. **You MUST pull up to the west end of the school building** (if not cars back up on Beechmont and create a serious safety issue) **before allowing your child to exit the vehicle.** Buses have the right of way at all times in our parking lot and they drive around the school building, with students exiting near the music room.

If you pick up your student at dismissal you must park your vehicle in the front parking lot, enter the school through the lobby, and sign out your child at the front desk.

We welcome **106** new students this year. It is evident that we offer an excellent education here and there is a high level of cooperation and communication between the staff and parents that we can count on – that is the key.

Many PTO chairpersons have been busy over the summer months and we are thankful for their ideas and help. Rachelle Gray and her crew stuffed the first Wednesday Envelope and PTO Co-Chairs Kelley Kirwan and Missy Davis are ready to lead PTO for another fantastic year. PTO Family Connections committee headed by Esther Tombragel helped provide and serve pizza to for new students and their student guides in grades two through eight. We certainly couldn't do this without our fantastic volunteers!

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What's Happening?



Weds, Aug 24

First Day of School

Grade K and 1 on Reduced Schedule
Return Weds Envelopes to Homeroom Teacher

Thurs, Aug 25

Grade K and 1 on Reduced Schedule
8:15 First All School Mass
Return Weds Envelopes to Homeroom Teacher

Fri, Aug 26

Grade K and 1 on Reduced Schedule

Mon, Aug 29

Full Days Begin for Grade 1

Grade K on Reduced Schedule all Week

Thurs, Sept 1

8:15 All School Mass
9:00 PTO Welcome Back Coffee/HrtE

Mon, Sept 5

NO SCHOOL Labor Day

Tues, Sept 6

Full Days Begin for Grade K

Weds, Sept 7

PTO Magazine Kick Off Assembly
7-8 PM Grade 7 & 8 Parent Meeting/Gym

Thurs, Sept 8

8:15 All School Mass

Fri, Sept 9

Student Photo Day
Out of Uniform Day, Dress Code Level B

Weds, Sept 14

PTO ...

Debbi Hill, Office and Admissions
Administrator

PTO Staff Luncheon

Fri, Sept 16

NO SCHOOL Staff In Service Day

PTO Magazine Turn In Days

Tuesday, September 13

Thursday, September 15

Tuesday, September 20

Forms due in the office
for the beginning of the school year (click on the form
for hard copy)



[ASAP FORM](#)



[SIGNATURE SHEET](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about the Yellow Bus](#)



What are the phone numbers for each of the bus companies?

Forest Hills 231-3335
West Clermont 752-4020
Milford 575-1563
New Richmond 553-2616
Batavia 732-0935

What should I do if my child's bus does not pick up in the morning?

Call the bus company to see if the bus is running late. If your child missed the bus, please arrange other transportation.

If a district is closed and they transport my children, will the bus pick up my children in the morning and bring them home from IHM?

For IHM regularly scheduled school days (the days on our school calendar) the answer is 'yes' UNLESS the district has closed due to weather or another emergency reason. In that case the answer is 'no.' If we are open, you will have to arrange other transportation. You may want to set up car pools from your neighborhood so you are prepared when this happens. Remember they will also not be transported home. Therefore, you will have to arrange for the children to be picked up at the end of the day. If your district is closed due to weather we understand if you also decide not to transport your child.

What happens if my child does not get off the bus?

Your first call should be to the bus company. They will check their bus and radio to other buses to see if your child got on the wrong bus. If they do not find the child, please call us to see if the child is still here at school.

Who should I call if the bus does not drop my children off at the regular time?

Call the bus company to see if the bus is running late. If you have difficulty getting through to the bus company, you should call school or check your e-mail and voice mail. If we are aware of a lengthy delay, we will attempt to notify you by e-mail or voice mail that the bus is going to be late. Unless we speak to you, we will put the children on the bus when it arrives at school.

What will happen if my child misses his or her bus?

The child will be taken to the office to call home for a ride. We will try all the numbers on the child's emergency card located in his/her bookbag. This form is available on our main website. One copy will be included in the first Wednesday Envelope. We will leave messages at all the numbers we call. However, if we cannot reach someone, the child will be placed in our after-care program until the parent can pick up the child. There is a charge for the after-care program.

**FREE/REDUCED LUNCH
PROGRAM**

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
consider applying for this benefit
if you qualify.

For example, a family of 4 with a
yearly income below \$41,348
qualifies.

The information is confidential
and if we do not have enough
families in the program we will not
qualify for some government
programs! The deadline for
paperwork (which is in this
packet) is September 1 and you
can send it back to us in a sealed
envelope marked "Cafeteria, Mrs.
Rebello."

PROGRESS BOOK ACCESS CODES

New codes for parents will be addressed
in future Newsletters – take time to relax
until then while your students are back in
school!!

EMERGENCY CARDS

You will find half-sheet
Emergency Cards in your
Envelope today for every
student. One card per
student **MUST** be completed
and returned to school by the
second day of classes.
Remember to complete **BOTH**
sides of each card.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

PARENTS OF CURRENT 3rd GRADERS:

It's Never too Early to Plan for our 8th Grade Video!

Many of you, like I do, take pictures of your children and friends throughout the year. These may be at class parties, field trips, First Communion, extra curricular activities, etc. I am willing to compile them throughout the years so that by the time we get to 8th grade they are all in one place and no one has to sort through hundreds of photos before graduation! The goal is to have each student represented multiple times throughout the years.

If you take photos at an event, pick a few and either e-mail them to me at blink@one.net or burn them to a CD and leave it in the Parish Office with my name on it. Photos from grades 1 and 2 can be sent at any time but the goal is to assemble them as the events happen. Thanks so much in advance for sharing your photos!

Beth Auxier

IMPORTANT BACK TO BASICS...

ARRIVAL TIME

Students may not arrive on our campus before 7:45 a.m. If you drive your students and arrive early you must keep the student with you in the vehicle until 7:45 a.m. Students must be in the school building by 8:00 a.m.

CAR RIDERS IN THE MORNING FOR ALL GRADES

Enter from Beechmont Avenue at the main entrance near the church and either park in a marked parking space and walk your child into the building **OR** stay in the right lane (against the walkway), pulling all the way to the **END** of the school building (near the parish office) before stopping the vehicle and allowing the child to exit. **DO NOT STOP BY THE SCHOOL LOBBY IF THERE ARE NO VEHICLES AHEAD OF YOU!** Be aware buses will be entering and using the lane next to vehicles. Buses ALWAYS have the right of way in our parking lot. Vehicles may exit our lot through the Arby's lane where there is a traffic light, or our main lane.

CAR RIDERS AT DISMISSAL FOR ALL GRADES

Parents enter from Beechmont and park in a marked parking space. No one may park in the lot south of the Parish Office as this parking lot is shared space. **Parents must enter school lobby doors and sign out the student.** Buses will be entering and using the front parking lot lanes. Vehicles may exit our lot through the Arby's lane or our main entrance where they entered. Students not picked up will be sent to our After Care Program (a fee is charged – forms are on our website).

Parents may NEVER use the Wellington Building driveway (building west of Arby's) to enter or exit. Absolutely no exceptions.

SCHOOL HANDBOOK, YEARLY, AND MONTHLY CALENDARS, and MENU can be found on our website (www.ihomschool.org).

LUNCH TIME

Parents who come to school for lunch with their child may not bring soft drinks or restaurant food. Former IHM graduate students may visit for lunch if they call the office ahead of time and are also accompanied by a parent. Visitors may not go to recess with our students.

BUS TRANSFERS

Students may only ride another bus for **emergency** (no one at home and the student needs a babysitter) reasons. Students must have a note from their parent and obtain a Pass from our School Office that morning. Students may only transfer within their bus system (i.e., Milford students cannot ride Forest Hills bus). WEST CLERMONT students will not be permitted to transfer to another bus for any reason beginning Aug. 2011.

EMERGENCY CARDS

The half-sheet Emergency Card must be filled out for **EACH CHILD** in your family. Complete

The ~~fill sheet~~ Emergency Card must be filled out for ~~EVERY CHILD~~ in your family. Complete BOTH sides of each card and returned it in your Wednesday Envelope the first day of school. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** You may add additional emergency contact names to the card. Remember to update us, as necessary.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN CARDS

When you are completing the Emergency Card for your child please also fill in the Emergency Plan Card and place it in your child's book bag. Print additional copies of the sheet from our website if you have more than one child. It should always be in the book bag so you can update the information as it becomes necessary.

ABSENT OR TARDY

If your child will be absent or tardy leave a message on 388-5650 (*this Voice Mail number is always listed on the first page of the Newsletter and it is in operation 24 hours a day*).

SCHOOL OFFICE: Hours are 7:45 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. The school number is 388-4086 and this number, along with the Absent/Tardy number, are listed each week at the top of the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

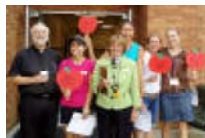
The School Newsletter is on the website (www.ihomschool.org) every Wednesday.

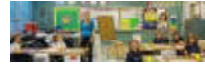
KINDERGARTEN QUESTIONS

Students will be brought to the Music Room upon arrival by a staff member each morning. If tardy parents are to bring the student to the school office for sign in. If a child becomes ill the parent will be informed of pick up location. Kindergarten students attend weekly Mass.



**Some recent photos for you to enjoy (click to
These are from the Pizza Party held for new
in grades 2-8 and their Student Guides on
and photos from the first days of school (Aug
24/25/26)...**





WHAT IS THE WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Communication is huge at IHM. Even over the summer months! I just checked the “Summer News” website which replaces the “Newsletter” site during July and August and there were over 6247 hits between June 17 and August 16. Now THAT’s communication! Thank you for caring enough to check in with us! If you haven’t seen the site please do so before it disappears on August 24 or you will miss quite a bit of important information that will not be repeated in this packet.

Each week you will receive the “Wednesday Envelope.” Your youngest (or only) student is responsible for bringing it home on Wednesday and returning the Envelope to school on Thursday morning. Please DO NOT remove the adhesive strip covering on the flap of the envelope. Today's packet is unusually large since it is the first one of the year. Sometimes a page will be ‘upside-down’ if there are several tear-offs, as we conserve paper whenever possible.

Students should not write on the Wednesday Envelope.

The Envelope and Newsletter are being sent home the evening of our Parent Night. Please return this envelope to the homeroom teacher the first day of school. If you did not attend Parent Night the Envelope will be sent home August 24 – please return it August 25. The

Envelope will be sent home to you again on Wednesday, August 31.

PROCEDURES FOR USING THE WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE COMMUNICATION

If you plan to use the Wednesday Envelope system, save this section for future reference. The Wednesday Envelope is for communication between school staff and parents.

The absolute deadline for the School Newsletter and Wednesday Envelope is noon Monday (if Monday is a holiday the deadline moves back to noon of the previous school day). All submitted items must be received via e-mail to DebbiH@ihomschool.org by this deadline or they will be held for the following week's Envelope. No exceptions. Debbi Hill writes the Newsletter and will approve/edit submissions.

Parent volunteers fill 430+ Envelopes beginning at 9:30 a.m. each Wednesday. They are only responsible for school staff and PTO communications.

THE ONLY FLYERS THAT WILL BE SENT HOME ARE THOSE FROM SCHOOL STAFF, FORMATION OFFICE, AND PTO.

Flyers will only be sent home ONE TIME – additional copies can be obtained on the web.

All other approved group flyers will be *mentioned* in the Newsletter so parents may choose to stop by to pick up a flyer or, in the case of a parish group, a link will be created on the Newsletter website to the flyer on the parish website.

We appreciate the fact that our school families read the Parish Bulletin as well as the School Newsletter and we attempt to not repeat information in both.

The Wednesday Newsletter is usually published on our website by Tuesday evening. The Newsletter will be sent home in a shortened form each week – an expanded Newsletter with additional details will be on the website where you will also find links to various websites and forms (in case you need an extra copy) as well as photos of what has been happening at school. Check out the site!

Ms. Debbi Hill, Office and Admissions Administrator

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed



[Click here for hard copy of this section](#)

It's that time of year again....and we need volunteers. This year we are trying something new for the cafeteria for volunteers. We know how busy parents are and making a year commitment to do and if you have wanted to volunteer in the cafeteria, but didn't want to make the commitment for the full year, this new volunteer schedule may work for you.

We are asking parents to make a 3 month commitment...you choose. If you would like to volunteer for the full year you are more than welcome. Below is the new volunteer schedule please fill out the form below with what you would be willing to commit to and we will put you on the volunteer calendar. We will send out reminders to the volunteers thru the weekly Newsletter. Doing a wonderful job keeping track of and posting the volunteers in the weekly newsletter for the week so, please read it to see if you are on the list.

Our volunteers are a great help with keeping our cafeteria running smoothly. We thank you and appreciate each and every one of the parents, grandparents and parishioners that sign up.

Thank you,

Charmaine Rebello

Tina Mulvany

Food Service Manager

Cafeteria Volunteer Coordinator

I would like to volunteer every _____ of _____ week of the month

Day 1, 2, 3, 4th or every

Sept/Oct/Nov Dec/Jan/Feb Mar/Apr/May

I would like to volunteer all year on _____ of _____ week of each month

Day 1, 2, 3, 4th or every

I would like to volunteer for each month that has a 5th week on _____ of the week.

*This only happens a few times a school year. Day

Name

Contact Information phone# and Email address

c/o _____

Student Name & Homeroom

2011 ~ 2012

New Parents Question and Answer Sheet

Question: How do we return all those forms in the Wednesday Envelope? And do they come home every Wednesday?

Answer: Yes, the Wednesday Envelope is sent home every Wednesday (with few exceptions due to school holidays). Use the Wednesday Envelope to return completed forms. Even if you are unable to complete the forms sent home in the Wednesday Envelope, it is still very important that you sign and return the envelope itself. We need those envelopes for the following week. If you are overwhelmed by forms and can't get to them all, don't stress out. Just complete those with a more immediate deadline and submit the others the next day in your child's book bag.

Question: What about other ways to communicate with staff?

Answer: The Wednesday Envelope is a great way to send notes to school office personnel and teachers. Just put your note in and mark the envelope with the teacher's name or office staff member you wish the envelope to be delivered. The Wednesday Envelope is stuffed on Wednesday mornings and "un-stuffed" Thursday morning. The volunteers who do all this work are very familiar with school staff and current activities/form requests. You can be assured that your notes will be routed to the correct person. Always send checks **in an envelope marked to the recipient.**

Question: How do we get the school newsletter?

Answer: In an effort to be good stewards of our resources, the basics are published in the hard copy Newsletter sent home each week. Extra copies of various forms, photos and more information about events are on the expanded Newsletter online at www.ihomschool.org. The newsletter is usually posted on Tuesday evening and there are many useful links (teachers each have a class link, homework helpers, etc) on the school website. Hard copies of flyers are only sent home one time.

Question: Can we have lunch with our children in the cafeteria?

Answer: Absolutely. A couple things to remember- you cannot bring in fast food or sodas. Be sure to sign in and out of the school visitor log located in the lobby.

Question: What is the rule regarding fingerprinting?

Answer: Fingerprinting is mandatory of all visitors who plan on spending time with our students. Additionally, the Archdiocese requires school volunteers to attend a Child Protection class. These classes are held multiple times per month; contact the Parish Office for information. These rules are strictly enforced and are truly designed to protect our children. Fingerprinting is quick and easy to do - contact the parish office at 388-4466 for their schedule..

Question: Which volunteer opportunities allow us to bring younger siblings along?

Answer: Recess duty and the Wednesday Envelope stuffers come to mind first.

Question: Can we attend the school Mass on Thursdays (8:15am)?

Answer: Yes, absolutely! You certainly may attend, however you will not be able to sit with your child. Each grade has assigned seating areas.

Question: Do the children have recess when it rains?

Answer: Yes, it is in the classroom. Usually they play games.

Question: When will Spiritwear be available?

Answer: IHM Boosters will place an order form in a coming Newsletter. On out of uniform days, your child can wear spiritwear items if they choose.

Question: Can we help with Field Trips?

Answer: Yes, you will be sent home a field trip permission form along with a request for chaperones. This is your opportunity to sign up and your child's teacher will notify you if you will be needed to attend. The number of chaperones needed will vary by event. Remember the comments above regarding fingerprinting and the Child Protection class requirements.




No BULLY Zone

We CAN stop bullying!

The Reward: A climate where children are free to learn.



CAFETERIA NEWS

[\(click here for Cafeteria Menu\)](#)

Check your account balance
on-line or e-mail
CharmaineR@ihomschool.org

WHEN DO STUDENTS EAT LUNCH?



If your account is
overdrawn you will be
blocked from
Progress Book

MONDAY AND FRIDAY

Gr 7-8 10:50-11:10
Gr 5-6 11:10-11:30
Gr 3-4 11:35-11:55
Gr 1-2 11:55-12:15
Gr K 12:10-12:40

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Gr 7-8 11:10-11:30
Gr 5-6 11:30-11:50
Gr 3-4 11:55-12:15
Gr 1-2 12:15-12:40
Gr K 12:30-1:00

THURSDAY

Gr 7-8 11:20-11:40
Gr 5-6 11:40-12:00
Gr 3-4 12:00-12:20
Gr 1-2 12:20-12:40
Gr K 12:30-1:05

WEEKLY CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Thank you, volunteers, for your assistance in our cafeteria. If you cannot volunteer on your specific day please call 388-3025 (Mrs. Charmaine Rebello) a few days in advance.
We really appreciate your help!



Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers for our cafeteria program!

CAFETERIA NEWS 2011~2012

THE COST OF A HOT LUNCH IS \$2.50. THIS INCLUDES A CHOICE OF 1% WHITE MILK OR FAT FREE CHOCOLATE, VANILLA OR STRAWBERRY MILK. BUYERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO SUBSTITUTE THE ENTRÉE WITH A HAMBURGER, CHEESEBURGER, HOT DOG, BAKED POTATO, BAGEL, SALAD OR HOT PRETZEL, WHEN AVAILABLE. THERE WILL BE OTHER HOT A LA CARTE ITEMS AVAIL ABLE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

NOT ALL CAFE ITEMS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

THERE WILL BE ONE ACCOUNT FOR EACH STUDENT. YOUR CHILD MUST REMEMBER HIS/HER OWN ACCOUNT NUMBER. WHEN A STUDENT GOES THROUGH THE LUNCH LINE, THE ACCOUNT NUMBER IS ENTERED BY THE STUDENT AND HIS/HER PICTURE IS FLASHED ON THE COMPUTER SCREEN TO ENSURE IT IS THE CORRECT CHILD.

EACH CHILD MUST HAVE MONEY ON HIS/HER ACCOUNT, OR MONEY IN HAND, TO MAKE PURCHASES. *THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTLY NO CHARGING.* TO PUT MONEY ON YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT SEND A CHECK MADE OUT TO "IHM CAFETERIA". IT IS UP TO YOU TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILD'S SPENDING. WE SUGGEST YOU AND YOUR CHILD DECIDE HOW MUCH HE/SHE MAY SPEND ON A DAILY BASIS AND SEND IN A CHECK MONTHLY TO COVER THESE AMOUNTS. WHEN YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT GETS TO ZERO THEY WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET TO BRING HOME INFORMING YOU THAT THEY HAVE NO MONEY LEFT. PLEASE SEND IN A CHECK THE NEXT DAY TO AVOID ANY LATE CHARGES. EVERY TIME YOUR CHILD MAKES A PURCHASE WITH NO MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT THEY WILL BE CHARGED A \$.50 PROCESSING FEE. YOU MAY CALL THE CAFETERIA THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH ANY QUESTIONS. (388-3027 or 388-3025)

IMPORTANT! IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE FREEDOM TO PURCHASE ANY ITEM THEY CHOOSE, PLEASE INDICATE THAT TO US A.S.A.P. YOU MAY CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: NO SNACKS, HOT LUNCH ONLY, OR MILK ONLY. LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUR CHILD. PLEASE LET YOUR CHILD KNOW WHAT THE LIMITS ARE. WE DO THE BEST WE CAN WHEN THEY COME THROUGH THE LINE. IF YOUR CHILD TAKES AN ITEM THAT CANNOT BE PUT BACK THEY WILL BE CHARGED FOR IT.

Parents who make payments on their accounts using the internet (Café Prepay) are now subject to a \$2.50 flat-rate fee per student, per transaction. Additionally, payments accepted on Café Prepay will now range from \$10 to \$75. This simplified payment structure will ensure you'll continue to receive the best service possible for making online payments. Please note, if you have previously set up a payment schedule and would like to edit the payment amount, please log into your account and click Edit Scheduled Payments.

THANK YOU,

MRS. CHARMAINE REBELLO, FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

REASONS TO RAVE

Welcome to the "Reasons to Rave" box where we mention wonderful things about stewardship projects. Repeat these things to your friends and neighbors! We are proud of our students, parents, staff and school!

Let's RAVE!

REMINDERS



SCHOOLBELLES Best location: 5046 Old Taylor Mill Road, The Shoppes of Taylor Mill, Taylor Mill, KY, 859/581-3111

LANDS' END You may order some of our uniform items at Lands' End (www.landsend.com) with our school code 900132218. Be sure to check our Dress Code before ordering.



FAMILY EMERGENCY CARDS Is yours in your child's book bag? Is it up to date? If there is an emergency with your child after school, or we close early, etc. this paper is extremely valuable. Also, if an emergency occurs during the school day and we exhaust all phone numbers in our system we will look for that card for additional information.

[Click here for hard copy](#)

AVAILABLE IN OUR SCHOOL OFFICE



Flyers!

(Call 388-4086 or stop by for a copy. Items mentioned are not endorsed by our school – we are merely making the information available to you. Flyers will be kept in our School Office for a MAXIMUM of one week.)

NO FLYERS THIS WEEK!



IHMPTC
Here I am, Lov

<http://www.ihom.org/EDUCATION/PTO/tabid/276/E>

Click below for hard copies of forms you may need...



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CHAIRPERSON NEEDS

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the 2011/2012 PTO Board, we welcome you and your family to a new school year at IHM! We have a long history of traditions of excellence and achievement here at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, and we look forward to another great year! Our theme this year is Here I am, Lord! Our work for the PTO in all forms, large and small, is to serve God. By enriching this school year, we are giving back to our most precious gift from God, our children. We appreciate that IHM School is an environment that does this. Our students, parents, teachers and staff strive for educational excellence, and a stronger faith in God.

The IHM Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) serves the students, faculty, administration and entire parish community by maintaining over 60 different programs. These programs are possible due to the excellent fundraising efforts of you, our school families, contribute. Enclosed you will find a list describing many of our programs. Please consider volunteering for these committees. Sign up by filling out the IHM Volunteer Form – P.A.C.E. (Parents Assisting in the Classroom) For our children's protection, volunteers must be fingerprinted and attend the Child Protection Class, if you have not done so. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

You will also find a PTO Membership Dues and Party Fee Envelope for you to use. The PTO membership copy of the Student Directory but also entitles you to PTO voting privileges on non-monetary matters and at PTO meetings. PTO membership and party fees are combined again this year. There is one fee per family of \$17. Please return the envelope through the Wednesday Envelope.

We encourage you to participate in PTO however you are able. You are invited to attend our monthly PTO meeting on the first Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00 in Holy Family. Also, don't forget to check out the new and improved PTO link through IHM's Church or School web-site.

We are thankful for all of the time that you have given and will continue to give to IHM School. If we can't reach you throughout this school year, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please join us at the Welcome Back Coffee and school Mass. We look forward to working with all of you this year!

Enthusiastically Yours,
Missy Davis and Kelley Kirwan
PTO Co-Presidents 2011-2012

WELCOME BACK!

IHM'S PTO invites you to join us~

Welcome Back Coffee

Thursday, September 1st, 9:15 am

(immediately following the all school mass)

Parents are welcome to attend the all school mass and then join us immedia

Heritage East

Come and meet new and returning parents.

Learn more about the programs and services sponsored by IHM'SF
and how you can become involved in our school community.

All parents are welcome to attend our monthly PTO meetings, held on the 2nd Monday of
9pm,
in the Holy Family Room.

Mark your calendar for our first monthly meeting;

Monday, Sept., 14th



Questions?

Contact Missy Davis or Kelley Kirwan at ihmpto@gmail.com

2011-2012 PTO Co-Presidents

HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY ORDERING FROM

MARKET DAY!

MARKET DAY IS THE ORIGINAL FUNDRAISING FOOD CO-OP. BY ORDERING FROM MARKET DAY, YOU ARE SUPPORTING THE PTO. THE PTO FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR MANY PROJECTS FOR ALL STUDENTS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT THE PTO WHILE GETTING FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY THAT WILL LOVE. THE FOOD IS CONVENIENTLY PACKAGED AND EASY TO STORE. MARKET DAY IS A FUNDRAISER THAT KEEPS OUR STUDENTS FROM DOOR TO DOOR TO SELL ITEMS.

IT'S EASY BECAUSE YOU JUST FILL OUT THE ORDER SHEET AND TAKE IT IN AS DIRECTED AND PICK UP YOUR FOOD AT SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THE ORDER. YOU CAN ALSO ORDER MARKET DAY PRODUCTS ONLINE BY WWW.MARKETDAY.COM USING SCHOOL CODE 6606. WHEN ORDERING ONLINE OR CHOOSE TO PAY AT PICKUP ON THE DAY OF THE ORDER. THERE ARE MANY CLEARANCE AND BONUS ITEMS FOR THOSE REGISTERING ONLINE.

LAST YEAR WE RAISED OVER \$ 2,000 FOR THE PTO. LOOK FOR THE MARKET DAY ORDER FORM IN THE WEDNESDAY ENVELOPE. THERE ARE NEW AND EXCITING SPECIAL OFFERS EACH MONTH ON MARKET DAY. GET YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES INVOLVED TO INCREASE YOUR SUPPORT. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MARK FINNIGAN 513-474-9570
MARKET DAY CHAIRPERSON

WE NEED VACUUM CLEA

PTO is asking for a donation of two gently used vacuum cleaners for the junior high and kindergarter

If you can help please contact Kelley Kir
kkirwan@cinci.rr.com



Monthly Staff Appreciation Lunch



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Please help us thank our staff for their commitment to our children's academic and spiritual g

Sponsored By: **2nd Grade Parents**
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Theme: Mexican Fiesta

We need volunteers to make appetizers, salads, side dishes, main dishes and desserts. We need utensils. We also need help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Serving provides an excellent or

utensils. We also need help with setup, serving, and cleanup. Serving provides an excellent opportunity for the staff!

Please RSVP this week! Either return this form OR reply via e-mail at bobandcathg@msn.com below in your e-mail).

Thank you for your continued support!

(TO: PTO Staff Appreciation Committee c/o Catherine Geiser 4L)

Staff Appreciation Lunch Sponsored by the 2nd Grade

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Please choose (check) at least 1 volunteer activity:

Cook _____ (25 volunteers needed)

2-liters of Soda _____ (first 5 volunteers only)

Paper Products/Utensils _____ (first 5 volunteers only)

Set-up/Serve (10:00 am – 12:00 pm) _____ (5 volunteers needed)

Serve/Clean-up (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm) _____ (5 volunteers needed)

We will contact you via e-mail approximately 2-3 weeks from the event to finalize the menu and

Parish News

We respect the fact that our parents read the Sunday Bulletin so this section will be brief.

QUICK FOR SUCCESS Finished with school shopping and closet cleaning? Please consider

SHOES FOR SUCCESS Finished with school shopping and closet cleaning? Please consider donating! Shoes for Success will be collecting gently used or shoes for our twinning school and parish in Batahola. Backpacks are needed too! There will be a drop off box in the school cafeteria (no flip flops please). If you would like to volunteer please contact: Liz Rupp(943-7440/ lizrupp123@gmail.com) or Maria Goble (407-5978/togoble@fuse.net). Volunteers meet after school for an hour to sort shoes. It is an easy way for you and your student to volunteer together. Collections will be accepted until September 30th.



Click on the link at the top of this site for your form!

Booster News Winter Sports sign ups are September 10 before and after 5:00 Mass as well as September 11 before and after 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. Boys Basketball Commissioner – Ken Jenkins and Girls Volleyball Commissioner – Michelle Dietz. Sign up area is by the inside concession stand. Please bring all completed forms and fees. Forms can be found at www.ihom.org

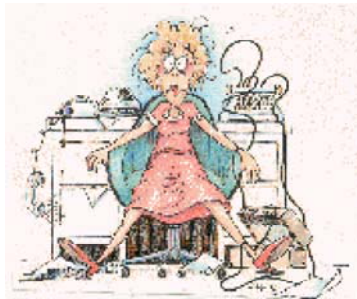
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