



Immaculate Heart of Mary School

IHM Family Newsletter

August 22, 2021

WELCOME and WELCOME BACK!!

It is my pleasure to welcome our new and returning families to the 2021-22 school year. Despite this being the start of my 26th year in education I can't help but feel excited as we sit at the beginning of another new school year. I realize there is still a level of uncertainty about what the year holds but I am confident that together we will have a great year.

I would like to welcome Ms. Abigail Henry, who joins our staff as our new 2nd grade teacher. She is coming to us with 4 years of elementary school experience and is going to be a great addition to IHM.

Welcome also Mr. Elliot Acker, our new physical education/health teacher. Mr. Acker replaces Mrs. Reilly who leaves us for new adventures in Red Clay. Mr. Acker also joins us with prior experience across all of our age groups.

As previously mentioned in our welcome back letter the morning car line will remain the same as last year, with PreK3, PreK4 and K families dropping off in the circle in front of the gym and our 1st-8th grade families dropping off along the cone line in the parking lot. (See map)

Our afternoon car line will remain much like we ended last year, with 2 dismissals. PreK - 4th grade (and their older siblings) will dismiss to cars at 2:40 and departing the parking lot around 2:50. The second dismissal will be 5th - 8th grade (without younger siblings) and any PreK-4th parent that missed the first dismissal. Students will dismiss to cars at 2:55 and depart the parking lot by 3 pm. Vehicles will dismiss one at a time, the first car in each row.

This year we will ask the parents of PreK and K students to walk up to designated class areas and pick up their children. We are making this change as our littlest students have many things to carry, tend to be the slowest walkers and are the hardest to see/keep track of within the cars. Detailed carline procedures will be published in next week's newsletter but Carline maps are attached.

Delaware Vaccination Events

September 9, from 4:00-8:00 pm at any of the following locations:

- Howard High School of Technology (401 E 12th St., Wilmington, DE 19801)
- William Penn High School (713 E Basin Road, New Castle, DE 19720)
- Lake Forest Central Elementary School (5424 Killens Pond Road, Felton, DE 19943)
- Seaford Middle School (500 E Stein Highway, Seaford, DE 19973)



Upcoming Calendar August/September

- Aug 23** - Welcome Back Staff!
- Aug 25** - Diocesan Spirituality Day
PreK Back to School Night 6pm
- Aug 26** - Kindergarten Back to School
Night 6pm
- Aug 27** - Welcome Back Staff Mass 9am
- Aug 30** - Welcome Back K - 8th Grade
½ Day Dismissal
PreK 3 & 4 Meet the Teacher 9:30-10:30
- Aug 31** - Welcome Back PreK 3 & 4
PreK's Dismiss at 11:50
Hot Lunch Yay Lunch Begins
Extended Care Begins
- Sept 1** - PreK's Dismiss at 11:50
Band Presentation Students
- Sept 2** - PreK's Dismiss at 11:50
Band Mtg. Parents Rm. 20 7pm
- Sept 3** - Opening School Mass 10am
ALL Students Dismiss ½ Day
- Sept 6** - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 7** - School Mass
- Sept 8** - Back to School Night Gr 1-6
- Sept 9** - Back to School Night Gr. 7-8
- Sept 12** - IHM School & Parish Sunday
Funday 12-3pm
- Sept 13** - School Mass
- Sept 17** - Picture Day
Online Auction Opens
- Sept 20** - School Mass
- Sept 24** - T.A.G (Charity - Share in the Spirit)
Golf Outing, Dinner and Auction -
registration of Athletics page!

Companions on the Journey

September: Appearance on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

Instruct the Ignorant - (Teach others about the Good News)

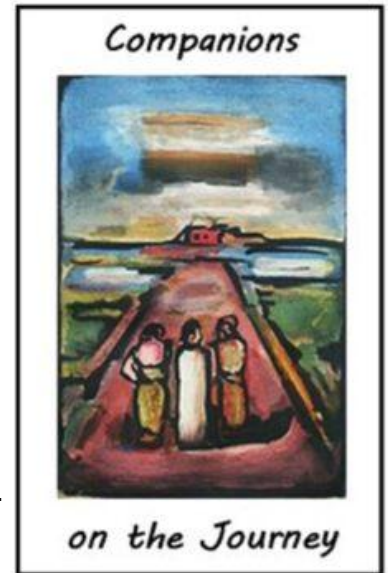
Last school year we focused on the Corporal Works of Mercy. They provided tangible ways for us to help our students see the real needs of others. We provided food, clean water, clothing, and home repairs; we wrote letters to those whom we could not visit; and we prayed for and with those who died. In so many different ways we helped our students understand the call to serve.

Our diocesan theme for Catholic schools this year presents us with two invitations. We have been invited to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ on our journey to the reign of God. We meet the Lord through Word and Sacrament. We have also been invited to accompany others on their journey and through them we come to know the Lord in community and service.

Our focus on the Spiritual Works of Mercy will offer us seven ways to grow individually and communally. These signposts provide guides to track our progress on the journey. Our special prayer for the year is the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. We are encouraged to pray this prayer daily. The prayer demonstrates that journeying with the Lord transforms us and our world in ways that are countercultural to the secularism that surround us.

This year's instructional focus is a bit more challenging – the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Each one develops a particular attitude in the heart and mind of the student. Perhaps even more so than last year, the best way for us to help our students understand these acts of charity is to model them in our daily behaviors. By watching our patience in teaching others, by seeing how we forgive those who hurt us, and by becoming real listeners when others need someone on whom to lean, just to mention a few examples, we shall engage our students in the Spiritual Works of Mercy.

This week, review the Spiritual Works of Mercy and think about ways your school will embody them as Companions on the Journey.



ATTENTION Garnet Valley Parents!

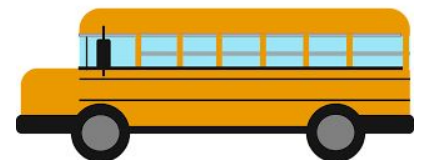
Transportation schedules will be available beginning August 20th. Below is information on how to access busing information. Thank you and have a good day.

STUDENT BUS SCHEDULES

The Garnet Valley School District uses Infofinder i for student transportation schedules. Beginning August 20th, 2021 please access Infofinder by clicking the link below.

[Infofinder i GVSD Busing Schedules](#)

*During the beginning weeks of school, pick-up/drop-off times will be adjusted. We ask parents/guardians to check Infofinder i periodically during the first weeks of school.





Athletics News

Attention IHM 4th Grade Families

... IHM will have Volleyball for Rising 4th graders and **we need players.** Their practice is Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:00-6:00 pmSign up through the website.



Our School's HSA Needs you

The '21-'22 HSA board is excited about this year, and we can't wait to bring back our fun events! We all want some **normalcy!**

We are looking for several chairs/committee members. We have big goals to raise money for "The Cool the School" fundraiser! We need your help! Email hsa@ihm.org to see how you can help today!

Thank you for your support!
HSA Board

2021 IHM Golf Outing
32nd Anniversary!
 Proceeds benefit the IHM Athletic Association
 Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council
 &
Cool the School

Immaculate Heart of Mary

2021 IHM Golf Outing

Friday September 24, 2021
New Time Slot - 1PM Shotgun Start
Drinks, Dinner and Auction to follow

Golf not your thing?? No Problem - Now you can join the fun in the evening after Golfing is over. Get your 19th Hole Package (ticket for drinks and dinner).

For More information and to register for this event click on the link below or visit the Athletic Page <https://www.ihmspartans.com/>

All Auction Proceeds to go to the "Cool the School" Fundraiser
Registration Now Open!

(Click on the Registration Tab Above or for more information click [here](#))

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Mission - IHM School Community

"Immaculate Heart of Mary School, founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1957, serves the community, providing a Christ centered Catholic education that strives for academic excellence by challenging students to learn and teachers to innovate within a comprehensive program that fosters faith formation, social growth, and service to others."

Uniform Closet News

If you are still in need so some uniforms - consider stopping by the uniform closet. This week the uniform closet can be accessed during the work day (8 am - 4pm). Please call in to the main office and a staff member will meet you at the gym door to let you in to the gym.

You can exit from the gym door once you are finished.

Next week the Uniform closet can be accessed after school (Between 3 pm - 4:30 pm). You can park and again call into the office to be let into the gym at the gym door.

Masks are required if students (other than your own) are present in the building. Thank you



Special Intentions Let Us Pray...

- + For the August intention of Pope Francis – The Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and the strength to reform herself in light of the Gospel . *We pray to the Lord: Lord, Hear Our Prayer*
- + For teachers, may they be true companions for students on their faith journey. *We pray to the Lord: Lord, Hear Our Prayer*
- + For students, may they be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit through their families and friends on their faith journey. *We pray to the Lord. Lord, Hear Our Prayer.*



School Year Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year, in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we implore your mercy. Bless and protect our students, teachers, staffs, their families. Give wisdom to the decision makers, be they in our schools or in our homes.

Expand the horizons of our minds, and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways. Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need, particularly those isolated and lonely.

In these days when so much has changed, help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus, our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Amen.