



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY-ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL

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INTRODUCTION: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Be faithfully fed at the table of the Lord each week!

THIS WEEK IN MORNING PRAYER

This summer is going to be a very busy summer around here. Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, June 26. We will begin at 8:00 am loading the trucks at St. Casimir. Our plan is to load by room and then we will unload at IHM by room, so that we are sure things get to the correct place. Once the move is complete, we will need to take some things to the PFC for the garage sale the next week. I am praying that many of you and your children will be able to come and assist with the move. We are really going to need lots of hands. If you are able to assist us with moving day, please call or email the school office so that we know how many people we are going to have for this day. We will also order in pizza and pop on this day.

I am also looking for a few people to come and clean out the Physical Education room (closet). We would like to sort through the things we have and get rid of the things that are broken before we bring over all the St. Casimir equipment. If you have time over the next week, and you are willing, we would greatly appreciate the help. We welcome you to bring your children to assist. They are all great helpers. If you can please contact the school office so that we can make sure that we are going to be able to let you in to assist with this project.

As we end our school year, I would like to thank all of our staff team for all their hard work and wonderful teaching skills. I love the fact that every student goes home different every day because they learned something new. I send a great big thank you to our wonderful faculty and staff. What a TEAM! I would also like to thank all of you parents for your wonderful support. Our students are successful because school and home work together. Thank you for all you do to assist our entire school throughout the year and most importantly, thank you for blessing us with your spectacular children. They are a real gift!

A special thank you, too, to Jan Krzesicki for her gift of music to us. Thank you, Jan, for the wonderful music at eighth grade graduation, and at so many weekday masses. Not only does Jan carefully select and prepare music, she has had a special ministry encouraging our students in positions of cantor and instrumental musician for liturgy.

Now that we are quickly approaching the close of our school year I find myself feeling sad. I will miss the students greatly over the summer. Please be sure to stop in throughout the summer, they each make my day. Parents, I want to thank you for all you do for IHM-St. Casimir School. We are a great school because of all you do and because of your incredible confidence that you have in each of our staff team. You are so very much appreciated.

You are all such a blessing and I will miss all of you greatly.
May God Bless You, Angela

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

First of all, thank you to all the parents and relatives who chaperoned on our seventh and eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. The students were fabulous, and we were all witness to our country's founders and leaders throughout history. We thank God for their courage and bravery, as well as the blessings of His great love.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate all of our students who were honored at the Honors Banquet last week. **All 37 of our students received an Honor Roll award.** Congratulations to each of them!

Additionally, several of our eighth grade students earned other awards, including:

Diocesan 8th Grade Religion Award (90% or better on all three portions of the test) ~ Taylor Gavin, Courtney Houghtaling, Kelly McCarthy, Daniel Nguyen-Tran, and Bradley Ruddock.

Most Improved Student ~ Isaiah Robinson

Dora Rojas Memorial Physical Education Merit Award (for sportsmanship & citizenship) ~ Taylor Gavin

Mark Pearson/Eagle Award (for participation in school sports for four or more years, and sportsmanship/leadership) ~ Courtney Houghtaling

President's Education Award (for total GPA of 3.5 or better during middle school years) ~ Natasha Centeno, Taylor Gavin, Kelsi Gemalsky, Courtney Houghtaling, Kelly McCarthy, Daniel Nguyen-Tran, David Nguyen-Tran, Grace Speekin and Michael Witt.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Award ~ Grace Speekin

Additionally, one student from each grade is honored as **Light of the World** for sharing Christ's Light to teach us of the Father's Love. Congratulations to our winners! Grade 6: Miranda Maher; Grade 7: Sarah Dershem; Grade 8: Daniel Nguyen-Tran.

Congratulations to all of our students! We are proud and honored to have you as students and friends. You bless us with God's joy and hope.

Rejoice Always! Mary Margaret Utess

P.S.: Please note: Effective June 12 the middle school staff email addresses are now [@ihmlansing.org](mailto:ihmlansing.org): hornbyr@; murphyn@; utessm@; wilcoxc@. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 26: Middle School Moving Day!

School Garage Sale: July 1 & 2, IHM PFC.

September 18: PTO Golf Outing, 9:00 shotgun start!

LITURGIES: Each Sunday, all summer, even on vacation: Find a Catholic Church and thank God for the many blessings He bestows on each of us!

SCHEDULE: Aug. 27: Student Visiting Day. Aug. 30 First Day of School (full day). Sept. 3-6: No School, Labor Day Weekend.

EVENTS: June 10: Tuition Due. July 10: Tuition Due. August 10: Tuition Due. Aug. 26: Meet the Teacher Night: IHM, 7:00 pm. Parents only, please.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Phone messages will be picked up in a timely fashion all summer. Leave your messages or encourage interested families to leave a message and know that we will return calls. IHM site office: 882-6631.

SCHOOL HOURS FOR 2010-11: Next year our start time, in the morning will be the same. We will come in at 7:40 am and start school at 7:45 am. The close of the school day will be prayer at 2:45 pm and the students will be dismissed at 2:50 pm. These time frames allow us to end our school year on June 3, 2011.

UNIFORM DRESS SHIRTS FOR MASS 2010-11: Please use the one- page order form from Educational Outfitters to guide your selection of a uniform dress shirt for mass wear next year. Each student must have one poplin or oxford shirt with the logo from Educational Outfitters (navy for middle school, white for elementary). They will provide free embroidery on your order through July 15 (they suggest you order by 7/15 for delivery before school starts). You may purchase other school-wear items from Educational Outfitters or any retailer. *Please read the dress code carefully--not every item offered by Educational Outfitters meets our school dress code.*

LIBRARY NEWS: A huge thank you to Heidi Artz, Mary Dalla, Toni Fetter, and Jamie Tews for all their help and expertise in weeding and consolidating the school libraries. It's a monumental task, but with all their help, it's almost done. Have a relaxing summer and read lots of good books!

MARKET DAY: The next order is due by June 14 for pick up on June 19. Our crew of volunteers runs all summer so don't forget to order all the great picnic and grilling food in June, July and August.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2010-11: Numbers are looking very strong for the 2010-11 school year. Thanks to everyone for spreading the good news! Sixth grade is full; we will start a waiting list for this class! When grades fill, we will start a waiting list. Continue to spread the word.

T.R.I.P.: If you have a Presto-Pay account, you are able to purchase Reloads for the merchants that belong to that program. Our next order will go in on August 24!

USED UNIFORM PIECES: On Sunday, Aug. 22, after masses at IHM and at Meet the Teacher Night on Aug. 26, pre-owned uniform pieces will be available for purchase. If you like to shop early, IHM-St. Casimir PTO rep., Estina Banks, offers the opportunity to schedule a visit to the uniform closet! You can reach Estina at 322-2340.

LETTER TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Dear IHM-St. Casimir Families,

We have been so thankful for all of your prayers and support through Jacob's surgery and as his recovery begins. He is at home and doing well, getting on with the rest of the procedure, healing and recuperation. While I'm sure that we would be supported in other school settings, the difference that our Catholic faith and our community built on a commitment to service in Christ makes to our children and our family has never been more evident to us than over the last few weeks.

We know many of you so well, and others are not as familiar to us, but we thank you all for the gift of your children, their prayers and concerns, and those of your own as well. In peace, Michele, Tom, Jacob, Andrew and Sarah Corey (and all the grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts and cousins who also felt your support!)