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Mission Statement  
*IHM-St. Casimir Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the unique person.*

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Phil. 4:6

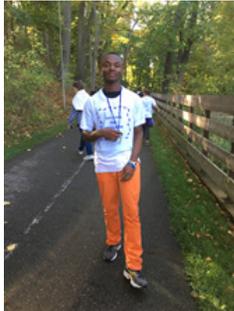
### A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

**Progress reports will be coming home today in the Friday Envelope. Please read them and review with your child. If you will sign the report and return it to school, we will know that you saw it. Thanks!**

**Special Invitation to Parents:** On Friday, October 13, as part of the Catholic Church, we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the final appearance of Mary to the children of Fatima. To honor this occasion, we will join together as a community for a living Rosary. We will do this at 2:15 so if you are picking up your children that day, please come early and join us.

Parents please visit: [https://ptcfast.com/schools/IHM\\_St\\_Casimir\\_School](https://ptcfast.com/schools/IHM_St_Casimir_School) and sign up for your child’s homeroom teacher and any other teacher that you would like to see. Our teachers would like to see every parent. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the challenges and successes for your child because this is what makes them grow.

Our Mary Goeddeke Walkathon day was incredibly blessed with God’s amazing beauty. The sun was out but it was cool and absolutely awesome. Thank you to the many parents who came and helped in any way and who walked with us. We could not do this without you. Lots of hands make light work.





Parents, our children who are in K-5 will be watching the Safe Sheep video lesson as part of their Family Life instruction. Please watch this before your children so that you can answer their questions and discuss it with them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9ttwwmAcBY>

Please be patient with us as we are working through some of our uniform issues. I have kids without socks, shoes, belts and tucked in shirts. I am in the process of working with the kids to get some of this neater and following the policy. Each year the kids come up with another way to bend the rules so I am working on becoming stricter with the uniform and I think the kids will get it back on track. Thank you for your patience.

I hope everyone has a fabulous weekend and enjoys the little bit cooler weather.

May God bless everyone with a fantastic weekend.  
Angela

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Goodness:** "Do your best to add goodness to your faith..." This month we will consider goodness. Goodness is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit ~ "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control..." (Gal. 5:22-23). Now that we acknowledge and proclaim our faith, we look to become more God-like, adding His goodness to our actions.

**Family Life:** Our students in grades 1-7 will begin their Family Life studies as part of their religion classes. This program covers five units in ten chapters. The program will be presented in the weeks between this next week and Thanksgiving. A couple of short weeks are included so that teachers and classes can remain on pace. This first week, all grades focus on the theme of God's Gift of Family.

Family living is the initial theme of the Family Life program, setting the context to explore all the remaining themes. In every grade, students will develop the skills and knowledge they need to live a healthy and holy life within their family, for now and in the future. These values are presented:

An appreciation that family is the person's first community

An understanding that beliefs and values are developed, shared and lived within the family.

An awareness that healthy families provide social and spiritual meaning for all members.

A recognition that each family member is responsible for the life of the Catholic family.

Next week is a short week, so the following week will be the official start to unit 2, although some teachers may start on this unit as it fits in their schedule/plans. Please contact your child's religion teacher if you have any questions on the material.

Blessings, Mary Margaret

## ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

We have an opportunity to **coordinate the Catholic Youth League Volleyball Finals at Lansing Catholic High School on Sunday, October 22**. This will give us an opportunity to put some cash in our athletic fund. Games begin at 1:00pm with two courts running at the same time. We will coordinate the Admissions, 50/50, Concessions, 2 Scorers Tables and Line Judges for the afternoon's 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade championship games. We need your help in the following areas (Lansing Catholic students can earn Service Hours):

Here is the link to the Sign Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch>  
Then to search you will need: [wedevine26@gmail.com](mailto:wedevine26@gmail.com). Select CYLC Volleyball Finals.

If you have questions email me at [wedevine26@gmail.com](mailto:wedevine26@gmail.com) or 484-6344 and leave a message.

**Boys basketball registrations** are now available (electronic with this bulletin). Early registration is necessary for us to line up coaches, etc. PLEASE get the registrations in NOW even though it is well in advance.

Thank you so much in advance for your positive response and God bless each of your families,  
Bill Devine, Athletic Director

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:** **Check out the Google Calendar on the [ihmlansing.org](http://ihmlansing.org) homepage for more....**

**October 9: NO SCHOOL; ALL TEACHERS TO DIOCESAN MEETINGS**

**October 16: November Lunch orders due**

**October 18: HALF DAY; noon dismissal. P-T Conferences 1-8 pm**

**October 19: NO SCHOOL, Teacher PD 9:00 am, Conferences 4-8 pm**

**October 20: NO SCHOOL**

**October 26: LCHS 6:30 Trick or Treating; 7:00 Costume Concert \*\* See details below.**

**November 3: Adult Social/Auction, IHM PFC.**

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**WEEKLY LITURGY:** Wednesday, 8:00

**SCHEDULE:** Oct. 9: NO SCHOOL. Oct. 12: Kindergarten to Fenner for Apple Butter Festival.

**EVENTS:** October 6: Progress Notes home in family envelopes. Oct. 8: Scholastic Bookfair after 10:30-11:30 (after Mass). Oct. 11: PTO, 5:30; School Comm. 6:30. Oct. 13: Living Rosary, 2:15.

**ADULT SOCIAL/AUCTION SIGN UP GENIUS:** Please consider how you might assist in the Adult Social/Auction on Friday, November 3. There is a large variety of tasks to be accomplished to make the evening a success. If you could give a couple hours of service, it would be a wonderful gift to the school check it out at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA8AC23A4F85-adult>.

**ADULT SOCIAL/AUCTION:** Reservations are going great for this event, the auction items are amazing, the food will be great! We are still accepting reservations as we negotiate for more food! If you are making a donation for the auction please get it in by **October 18** so that the committee can be prepped! Don't miss the chance!

**GOOGLE CALENDAR SYNC AGAIN:** Several parents have asked us to share the link for the school Google parent calendar once again. If you have already synced your phone or calendar this year, you may disregard the following instructions as well as the email sharing the calendar link.

You will receive an email is intended to share the IHM-St. Casimir School calendar with parents. Please click on the link on your smartphone to sync the calendar to your phone if you choose. You may also link the calendar to your email calendar on your desktop if you would like. You only need to sync your account once through your phone if you would like it in both places. It is always available at the school website [ihmlansing.org](http://ihmlansing.org) if you prefer to check the calendar at your convenience.

**LUNCH ORDER FOR NOVEMBER:** Lunch menus for November are coming home in the family envelopes. Please fill out the child's name and selections for the month and copy your selections for your reference. Payment and menus are due to school on Monday, October 16. Mrs. Norris at the high school has been very gracious in accepting late orders and copying orders for families who forget, but

**we are wearing her too thin. Please get it in on time. We will not be accepting late menus past Oct. 18!!!!**

**YOUTH CHOIR INVITATION:** Students in grades 2-8 are invited to join the fall session of the youth choir. Practices will be held on three **Tuesdays** after school and are scheduled for three Masses to sing. Check out the flyer for directions to sign up and participate.

**WINTER GET AWAY-SKIING WEEKEND RAFFLE:** One of the priorities of the Silent Auction Committee is to offer a wide variety of opportunities for families to support the Education Fund/Gym Fund. So here is another that may be of interest to your family: Win a 2-night stay/lift ticket passes for four at Caberfae Peaks Resort!! Tickets are \$20 and only 100 will be sold! Tickets are now available and the drawing will be held at the Adult Social, so you will have all winter to book your stay! Return the bottom of the flyer to purchase your ticket or stop by the office.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** Shop the Scholastic Book Fair is this week! The fair will be open for parent **shopping TODAY after school until 5:30 and after Mass on Sunday morning after 9:30 Mass.** This bookfair provides credits for our teachers and librarian to receive books for their classrooms and school library. Thank you for your support!

**TRIP UPDATE:** Credits will be posted at the end of October! You have time to make three more weekly orders to increase your semester credit! **Announcing a Change to Darden Restaurants and Red Lobster Scrip** Please note, effective immediately, Darden Restaurants scrip gift cards and ScripNow eCards **will no longer be redeemable at Red Lobster locations.**

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION:** PTO is holding a Boxtops for Education drive **October 9-13** this fall. We know you are always clipping these premiums for school; this is a good reminder to attach them to the collection sheets and send them into school. **These premiums raise hundreds of dollars for the PTO!!!! Every little bit adds to make a big check! Partial sheets are happily accepted!**

**LCC YOUTH PROGRAMS:** Lansing Community College is hosting some great Youth Programs for students in grades 2-12 this fall. Classes begin Sat., October 21 so don't delay, check out all the great choices: [lcc.edu/seriousfun](http://lcc.edu/seriousfun). Flyer attached to the bulletin this week.

**LCHS HOMECOMING:** Friday, October 6 LCHS Celebrates homecoming. Football game at 7:00. Check out the website and get all the details of our partner school!

**LCHS COSTUME CONCERT:** On October 26, **the middle school band and choir has its annual costume concert!** We will perform at Lansing Catholic at 7:00, with (optional) trick-or-treat through the LCHS halls beginning at 6:30. **Students need to be in their places at 6:50 so that the concert can begin promptly.** Students should wear a costume. The costumes may be either sacred or secular, but they should be appropriate for a Catholic school student. We will be going to Lansing Catholic earlier that day to rehearse with students from Resurrection, St. Gerard, St. Thomas, and St. Martha. It will be a great concert!

**ST. CASIMIR PARISH TRUNK OR TREAT:** Come join the fun, Saturday, October 28, following 4:00 Mass in the Church parking lot (classrooms if bad weather. Wear your costume to Mass, but please no inappropriate scary costumes. Bring your Halloween candy to share at your trunk. Hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy & more goodies will be provided.

**ART TEACHER REQUEST:** Mrs. Franz would like to make a very special project in art class this year. If you could donate old tee shirts for deconstruction that would be wonderful. Any color, any shape can be used – words or no words - variety in colors would be great. Just send them to school clearly marked, "ART CLASS". Thank you.

**MSU GIRLS' STEM DAY:** **Who:** K-4th graders; **What:** Students will have the opportunity to rotate through 4 Hands-on STEM activities; **When:** Saturday, November 11, 1-4pm Check-in 12:30-1pm; **Where:** MSU Engineering and Anthony Hall Buildings; **Cost:** FREE **Sign up NOW:** <https://www.egr.msu.edu/wie/form/msu-girls-stem-day>.

**LCHS PROSPECTIVE PARENT NIGHT:** Lansing Catholic High School is hosting its fall Prospective Family Night on Wed., Oct.18, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This event is open to prospective families with children of any age to learn more about what LCHS has to offer. Please note there is a set schedule for this event. Families will be taken on a school tour led by a LCHS student, attend breakout sessions (on curriculum, tuition, college planning, and extracurricular and athletic activities), and attend a question and answer session. Registration is not required, but is appreciated for this event. Please contact the admissions office at 517-267-2100 or [admissions@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:admissions@lansingcatholic.org) to register.

**LOOKING FOR A PART TIME JOB?:** Bridget Norris at LCHS is looking for a person to work one hour each morning delivering lunches to three schools. For details call 267-2119.

**CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:**

**Grade 4:** Grade 4 was at Howell Nature Center on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. What a great experience!

**Grade 5:** In Science we are learning about planets, asteroids and comets. In math we started a new chapter on decimals.

**Grade 2:** We second graders took our second *NWEA test* (reading) this week. Only one more test (math) to go!

**Religion 6:** Students are discussing promises, commitments and covenants. When do you break a promise? (when another's safety is endangered...) Does God ever break His Covenant with us? What is the last Covenant God made with us, His people?