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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.*

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February 26: Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Matthew 6:33

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### A WORD FROM MRS. JOHNSTON

Moms and Dads, this week at Mass we had a beautiful homily about how each of us is called to care for God's people. This gave me a wonderful reminder about all of the virtues that we work on in our lives and how important it is for us to apply the virtues not only here at school but at home. How are you witnessing for others the virtues? This week we are concentrating on **loyalty**. This means that we won't betray a friend when it means we will suffer because of it. We will be faithful to God, to our school and we will stand up for someone else. Here at school we have lots of teasing between students thinking it is funny. This is a time we can talk with our kids about how we are taking care of the people that God has placed in our path. This is a great opportunity for all of us adults to show them how we care for God's people in our thoughts, actions and words. If we can all take a little time, while we are sitting at the dinner table, to talk about the virtue of loyalty and being steadfast in our relationships with others even when it may be difficult, it will mean so much because the kids will see home and school working together.

Thank you to all of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents that accompanied the students to the USS Silversides Submarine and to Muskegon State Park to test their abilities on a luge run. Without your willingness to take time off of work and drive and chaperone, we could not possibly have these wonderful hands-on experiences for our classes.

A big thank you, Mrs. Trutzl, Mrs. Maher, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Back, for putting together a wonderful Preschool/Kindergarten Open House for all the children. The students had a wonderful safari experience and fun meeting friends who will be in their class next year. If you know anyone who is looking for a preschool or kindergarten class for their children, please refer then to IHM-St. Casimir School. You are the best advocates for our school and we can't get students without your help.

Thank you to all you parents who have taken the time to register your children for the 2017-2018 school year. May God bless you with a beautiful Ash Wednesday and a life changing Lent that brings you closer to our Father above!

Angela

**PS: THE LOST AND FOUND WIL BE DONATED TO CHARITY SOON – TAKE  
A LOOK IF YOU ARE MISSING THINGS!!!**

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**JDRF:** Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Thanks to your support, we will be able to send a grand total of \$413.75 to support their work. Continued work on an artificial pancreas is a hope to our students' futures.

**March is Reading Month (MIRM):** Student Council has worked to frame up a plan for MIRM. Based on the movie "Zootopia," the students have crafted a theme entitled "Booktopia." Students from each grade have suggested an animal to represent their class. Mrs. Madden will keep a running tally of their progress. The goal for each student is 100 minutes of reading outside of class time per week, or 400 minutes during the month. Students who complete their 400 minutes will earn a popsicle that they can claim at lunch time from Mrs. Madden. If students complete an additional 400 minutes, they can earn a second popsicle.

The top reading class in the school, based on an average per student will earn a movie party with a treat (popcorn, donuts or pie, based on the movie). The top student in each grade band (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8) will get a choice between going out to lunch with Mrs. Johnston or a gift certificate to a book store. If a class averages 400 minutes of reading per student (or more), the top reader from the class can throw a cream pie at Mrs. Johnston or Mr. Hill!

MIRM starts this Wednesday. Pick out your books and get ready to start reading!

REJOICE! Mrs. Utess

## TUITION CONSULTANT COMMENTS

Families applying for financial assistance will need to complete the online FACTS form and submit the necessary supporting documentation to **FACTS by March 1, 2017**. The application is available at our school website on the Tuition and Funding tab.

- By completing the FACTS form online by March 1, 2017, you will be considered for all financial assistance grants available from the Diocese of Lansing.

- Currently the Diocese of Lansing distributes the followings grants:

  - \$750.00 grant for students in grades 6-8th

  - \$1000.00 grants for students in grades 9-11th.

  - (Families must show a financial need, attend a school in the Diocese of Lansing, and be of the Catholic faith)

  - \$1000.00 grant is available to students in grades K-12, who are in the northwest region of the Diocese of

Lansing. This grant is funded by the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Fund (GLCEF).

- Families will still be eligible for financial assistance from their individual school after the March 1st priority deadline, but will miss out on all Diocese of Lansing assistance grants.

- There is a \$30.00 fee payable to FACTS through their online application process.

PS: *Yes, FACTS is replacing PSAS if you have used that tool in the past!*

## ***ONLY 3 DAYS UNTIL MARCH 1.***

Referral credits are available if you introduce a family to IHM-St. Casimir School and they register and attend. K-8 referral is good for a \$250 referral credit. Preschool credit is \$100. You are the best sales person for our school!

Returning families who return the registration by March 3 need only attach \$25.00 for the registration!

Chris Wilcox, Tuition Consultant

## Table Talk

For this week's table talk I would like to address the important virtue of **Humility**. Humility is defined as awareness that all our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others. Ask you children one thing they believe is a gift they have been given from God, explain to them that everyone's gift is different and how that should be embraced.

Have a great weekend, Travis Hill School Counselor

# Athletic Directors Report

## IHM-St.Casimir School/Knights of Columbus 3rd Annual Golf Marathon

The 3rd Annual Golf Marathon is set for **Saturday, June 3** at beautiful Hawk Hollow Golf Course. We are again this year joining with our IHM Parish Knights to have a spectacular day of golf. Through our joint efforts we have been able to raise over \$14,000 for our schools' athletic programs.

Thank you to ALL of those parents who have been involved as golfers, committee members and sponsors. It has been a great team effort. We want to make this year's event even more profitable for our athletic program. You can be involved as a golfer with a choice of playing either the Back Nine at Hawk Hollow or their Little Hawk Putting Course. Golfing is FREE and all we ask you to do is secure 10-15 pledges from relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. for your day's golfing efforts. We provide the pledge forms and we collect the money from those you secured pledges from before the outing. Refreshments and snacks are provided on the two courses and fabulous prizes are given out at the Victory Reception after the day's event. Check out the attached form. Fill it out and return to the school office. Join the Fun!!

If you are not a golfer, we need people to help on the various committees. All the information is on the Golf Marathon Form. We also need Sponsors. You could be a Sponsor or the company or business you work for or one that you know would support our school. Let us know and we'll provide more information for you. You can email me at [wedevine26@gmail.com](mailto:wedevine26@gmail.com) or call [\(517\)484-6344](tel:5174846344).

Thanks So Much and God Bless, Bill Devine

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

February 27: Yearbook Orders due.

March 3: Registrations due today at \$25; \$75 starting Monday, March 6!

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**WEEKLY LITURGY & PRAYER:** Ash Wednesday Mass, 8:00 am

**SCHEDULE:** February 28: Gr. 5 to LCHS, 12:15; Gr. 2 Harris Nature Center, 8:30.

**EVENTS:** February 24: Progress Reports posted. Feb. 28: Gr. 2 IHM Families 6:30-7:30 Reconciliation.

**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATIONS:** We are in the process of accepting Preschool registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Open registration started on Thursday, February 23, 2017 to the public. The registration fee is \$25 for preschool and \$25 for child care. Students must be potty trained to attend our preschool. If you have any questions, contact Mary Maher at [maherm@ihmlansing.org](mailto:maherm@ihmlansing.org) or 882-6631, ext. 223.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** Thank you to all who registered their children online for this program. They will continue to participate during P.E. classes through Monday, February 27. Students in grades K-5 are invited to participate in Jump Rope for Heart during their February P.E. classes. This program was chosen as a healthy activity that also emphasizes care for our bodies. Students do receive tokens for levels of participation, but our main emphasis is moving and learning. Thank you, Mr. Baker, for all you do to offer a wide variety of P.E. experiences!!!

**WINTER CONCERT DVD ORDERS:** Coming home this week is an order form if you choose to purchase a Winter Concert DVD. Please respect the **deadline of March 6** so that we can get these ordered and back!

**YEARBOOK ORDERS:** Make school memories last forever. Picture your child's friends, teachers and every moment worth remembering with a yearbook. IHM-ST. CASIMIR memories are great today and even better tomorrow. Order today at: [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com). (School code: 10710817) If you have already purchased a yearbook, please disregard this message. If you prefer to pay by check or cash, order forms went home last week. Deadline for orders is **February 27**.

**SOFTBALL & BASEBALL REGISTRATION:** Registration packet for summer ball went home last week. This packet is due March 3 so that teams and coaches can all be in place in a timely manner. Questions? Contact Angela Madden, 281-4695 or [almadd@gmail.com](mailto:almadd@gmail.com).

**K-GRADE 6 FEELIN' GOOD MILEAGE CLUB:** Don't forget to register. Even if your child does not seem interested, they all want to participate when we start. Sign up now and be entered in a drawing!

**MSU SCIENCE FESTIVAL, APRIL 7-23:** Science Live! presents over 150 unique presentations, including demonstrations, seminars, discussion panels, tours and hands-on activities and it's all FREE!!! For lifelong learners of all ages! Check out the full schedule: [sciencefestival.msu.edu](http://sciencefestival.msu.edu).

**SPARTAN PERFORMANCE GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP (GR. 5-8):** Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 5:00-6:30 pm, Lansing Catholic High School Gym. Cost is \$15 per player. Take your training to next level with the help of Spartan Performance. They will touch on ACL Prevention, strength, nutrition, speed & agility, explosive jump training and recovery. Call [517-884-6133](tel:517-884-6133) to reserve your spot.

**JR. COUGAR BASEBALL:** Registration for Jr. Cougar Baseball will be February 25, 12-2:00 pm at LCHS. Registration fee is \$100 - Checks made out to Lansing Catholic. Questions contact Coach Randy Farlin [baseball@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:baseball@lansingcatholic.org). Registration attached to the bulletin.

#### **CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS:**

**Gr. 7 Science:** Students finished their unit on the rock cycle.

**Grade 2:** We second graders are improving our writing by using *abbreviations* correctly in a sentence.

**Religion 7:** Students are reading some of the Letter of James, which reminds us that we are to be doers of the Word and not just hearers of the Word. Faith without works is dead. We are challenged to be people who live our faith in our own words and actions.

**Grade 5:** The 5th graders are learning about the events that led up to the American Revolution. We are also taking a look at the Declaration of Independence!!

**Grade 5 Science:** We are studying sources of energy.

**Grade 6 Social Studies:** 6th is continuing their study of Latin America!

**Grade 7 Social Studies:** 7th is reading books on Japanese Internment and studying the art of persuasion.

**Grade 8 Social Studies:** 8th grade is finishing up their President Projects!