



**IMMACULATE HEART OF
MARY SCHOOL**

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Mission Statement: IHM Catholic School challenges students to discover God's gifts spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically within a community that nurtures, honors and respects the dignity of each person.

Palm Sunday: "When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.'" (John 12:12-13)

A Word From Mr. Weber
The Virtue of the Month is Responsibility



I do not claim to be a Matchbox Twenty fan; however, their song, "Let's See How Far We've Come" has been running through my head this week. There have been several tributes to the one year mark of the pandemic. As many public schools returned to variations of in person learning this month, I am so proud of the efforts we made early on to ensure our students had the best possible experience for what seemed like an unknown abyss as late as June 2020.

I also understand that Mrs. Johnston was quite the singer in the hallways, and I have been belting out "Here Comes the Sun" most mornings and primarily during recess. The delight of spring and the hint of normalcy on the horizon has the building in sunny spirits. It is timely that as we enter Holy Week, we are energized with life and renewal.

We received 30 new Chromebooks via the GEER grant. We are in the process of applying for EANS funds due May 1.

As a reminder, we no longer "grade" students on virtue grades and you may notice this section is blank. The Diocese has not changed our grade card template in PowerSchool.

Thank you to our PTO for our meal for conferences and the preparations for our Seder Meal next Thursday.

There will be no open gym volleyball next week March 30th.

Spring Break Travels & Self-Isolation: We intend to return to in-person instruction on Monday, April 12, 2021. In order to protect our community from exposure to COVID-19, we are asking all families who plan to travel or to gather in large groups to observe the "48-hour" rule. A person who tests positive for COVID-19 is considered contagious for 48 hours prior to the development of symptoms. If you are traveling or attending large gatherings during spring break, we ask that you provide a 48-hour buffer before returning to school in order to protect our entire community from the virus. Adhering to this 48-hour rule will ensure that our school can maintain in-person instruction leading up to the final weeks of school and end of year events.

Go Eagles! *B. Patrick Weber V*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Prayer: This week on our "What Do I See at Calvary?" journey, we encountered the Seamless Robe, the Dice, Deep Darkness, Mary and the Beloved Disciple. Please continue to share this story with your children this weekend - with Nothing but Silence and Stone and Seal. Together we will share Jesus's death this coming Friday, and then celebrate the glory of the Resurrection on Sunday.

Almsgiving: We will make one more trip to Loaves and Fishes this week to drop off any of your donations. Please remember that they can really use socks there all year. Thank you for your generous donations, and keep these people in your prayers.

Rejoice! Mary Margaret Utess

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Thanks also to everyone who has submitted their students 2021-22 school enrollment paperwork. Please remember to get it completed by April 11, which is less than 2 weeks away, so you can pay the \$25 enrollment rate before it jumps to \$75 on April 12.

When creating online enrollment packet, we chose to include all the paperwork the families would normally receive at the start of the next school year. The goal was to make things easier for families as well as the front office. Unfortunately, as is often the case with new procedures, this has not been the case. When filling out the enrollment packs, some of the forms are not fillable, and would require you to print them out and then send them into the school. Rather than that, just don't worry about printing anything out. I will plan on sending out those forms on the first day of school, just like we have done in past years. We'll call this a learning experience, and something to improve upon next registration period.

If you haven't received your re-enrollment packet in your email account, please reach out to me and I will resend it. I've had a few families who were included in the initial mass mailing, but did not receive their packet. If you have any questions or need help with something, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I'm here to help.

Peace and blessings, Liz Putman

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

April 2: Good Friday-No School

April 5-9: Spring Break

April 14: Meet the Cougars Night-6:00~7:15

April 16: April Birthdays ODC

April 30: Progress Notes Posted

WEEKLY LITURGY: Middle School Mass Wednesday, 8:00 Gr. 2-5 Mass Thursday, 8:00.

SCHEDULE: April 2-Good Friday-No School

EVENTS: April 1: Seder Meal

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: We have vacancies on both our School Advisory Committee as well as our School PTO. There are three spots open on the SAC and if you're interested in becoming more active in the school community and filling one of these spots, please contact Mr. Weber at weberP@IHMLansing.org to set up a time to meet.

PTO is looking to fill the President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions. If you are interested in nominating someone to one of these positions, or are interested in filling one yourself, please contact Emily Crockett at emilycrockett@gmail.com

PRESCHOOL NEWS: We are in the process of taking preschool registrations for the 2021/2022 school year. Our three and four year preschool programs (by September 1 and potty trained) are Monday through Friday, 7:50am - 11:00am. Child care hours are 11:00am-5:30pm. Your child will be exposed to a variety of exciting theme-based activities that includes, arts and crafts, indoor and outdoor play, writing, math, science, reading, music and daily prayer. We are preparing children for elementary education and life-long learning skills.

For more information: Please email Mary Maher~Program Director at maherm@ihmlansing.org or call 517-882-6631 ext. 223

MEET THE COUGARS NIGHT: Wed., April 14, 6:00pm-7:15pm-Incoming 9th graders and their parents are invited to meet and talk with our coaches for each sport as well as meet with our band, choir, and drama director, service coordinator, and campus ministry/students activities coordinator. Meet the cougars, get questions answered, and learn about the sports and activities that your student may participate in next school year. Please note there is a set schedule for this event: [Meet Cougars Agenda](#). If you're unable to attend, please feel free to reach out to [our coaches by email](#).

LANSING CATHOLIC ALGEBRA BYPASS TEST:

Attention graduating eight graders:

The Lansing Catholic algebra bypass testing dates are as follows:

Tuesday, May 25, 3:15 - 5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 26, 3:15 - 5:30 PM

The test will be timed at 2 hours with a ten minute break in the middle, (110 minutes of total testing time).

Students will need a computer and a calculator. If they need either of them LCHS does have a limited supply available. Please have the student indicate on the registration form if they request the use of a calculator or computer so we can schedule accordingly. Follow the link below to register for the test. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Gina Hipple, Math Department chair at 517-267-2144.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfb93yAaMOIZNhcANfg5WBtlycHBv5jricC1R4djCSOIh6yWSg/viewform?usp=pp_url

JUNIOR COUGAR TRACK AND FIELD:

- Practice starts on March 29, 2021 at Lansing Catholic High School - practice times 4 pm - 5:30 pm
- Cost is \$100 which includes uniform / \$75 if you already own a uniform.
- For more information contact Coach Kyle Melinn at melinnky@gmail.com or (517) 285-3344 or LCHS Track Coach Tim Simpson LCCXC@aol.com.
- Registration form attached (bring form and check to first practice).
- The MHSAA/NFHS Guidance for re-opening sports considers Track and Field a low risk sport. The coaches will be following MHSAA guidelines for Track and Field safety. <http://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20TRACK.pdf>

HOUSEKEEPING: The lost and found is growing with sweaters and jackets with no name in them. At this time of year, especially, students are dropping off their layers and leaving them behind. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME IN EVERYTHING!!! You can find the lost and found in a bin underneath the sign-out table in the school entryway. **ALSO: Please provide your children with a fresh mask and backup mask in their book bag each day.**

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS: Third grade is studying animal habitats this quarter. Their final project was to create a diorama that showed what their chosen animal habitat would look like. Great job Third Grade!



ALUMNI NEWS: Five former Immaculate Heart of Mary students were confirmed Wednesday night at Saint Thomas Aquinas church. We are so proud of their commitment to their Faith, and the young men and women they are becoming. Come Holy Spirit!

