



# Garrett's Gazette

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same Everlasting Father Who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow, and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations." St. Francis de Sales

This is my favorite quote from St. Francis de Sales and it is only appropriate that I share it with you on his feast day today! Yesterday the first grade did an excellent job in leading us in the liturgy where we learned more about St. Francis de Sales and his teachings from Fr. Jim. All the children made cards for Fr. Jack, Fr. Joe, and Fr. Jim. Fr. Jack told me last night after Mass that he had read some of his cards and they were amusing. One child wrote, "Happy St. Patrick's Day!" Oh well, at least they spoke of a saint!

The teachers and staff have prepared a magnificent Catholic Schools Week for our faith-based learning community! **I want to call special attention to Friday, the day we honor you, our volunteers.** If you have not already turned in your RSVP, please do so by Monday. You are key players on our IHM team, and we want to acknowledge that on Friday. Also, Joe Hughes, from the Long Range Planning Committee, will be here to talk about our **new facility**, the history, where we are now, and he is seeking input about where we need to go. Please attend and share your honest input. The new school is a reality! Make sure you're part of IHM history as we move toward the next 60 years!

My heart was warmed yesterday when two members from the class of '07 returned on their day off from school for a visit. I was so pleased to hear them speak about how well

they are doing in high school and how they believe IHM thoroughly prepared them for the success they are now experiencing. And aside from their academic, physical, and social success, we had a candid discussion about some of the vices that may cross their paths. Their response, that included the spiritual and virtuous dimension, makes what we're doing here at IHM worthwhile and meaningful. Two young men, representing the "whole child" we're striving to form with you as parents, are living proof of our mission at work.

In the midst of so many activities, opportunities, and challenges, rest assured that we are keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and your children, and are working daily to ensure they are receiving the best, well-rounded, faith-based education that is possible. We value our partnership with you!

## Catholic Schools Week – *"Catholic Schools Light the Way"*

IHM, along with the nation, will be celebrating **Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 27 - February 1**. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Catholic Schools Light the Way.' Several exciting events have been planned.

This Sunday, January 27, student representatives will attend and speak at all Masses to share what a Catholic education means to them. After Mass be sure to check out the displays in the Gathering Space showcasing student's works reflecting different facets of IHM School.

Monday's focus is '**Our Community**.' Cookies and thank you posters will be distributed to EMT, fire and police personnel, and school neighbors including the Rogers family.

Tuesday will be a celebration of '**Our Students**'! Students will enjoy a dress down day, snack with their prayer partners, and board game fun. Students will also be treated to a special lunch.

'**Our Nation**' will be honored and remembered on Wednesday. The morning will start with song, Let There be Peace on Earth. High Point Central HS Marine ROTC unit will join us for our flag raising (weather permitting.) The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will host a 'State Fair' from 8:30 am – 10:00 am in the gym. Ken Leonard, a recently inducted High Point Police officer who lost both of his legs during a roadside bomb attack in Iraq, will speak to students at 10:30.

On Thursday, appreciation will be shown to '**Our Staff & Faculty**' for their commitment to vocations. P.T.O. has several surprises in store. Children's author Gamma Jan will present her book We All Live on the Earth and All round the World.

'**Our Volunteers**' will be honored on Friday with a special luncheon. Students will present a short program expressing our appreciation for all of our volunteers who keep our world bright. Mr. Joe Hughes will finish our volunteer lunch by speaking about the future plans for our school. Reservations are required and must be in by Friday, January 25, for the luncheon.

Only 6 more days...

**Late Re-Registration:**  
until **January 31** - \$175.00  
Feb. 1 - Forfeit placement



The Next Protecting God's Children Workshop is on Saturday, **Jan. 26**, from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Meeting Room 1 at the Church.



"A reminder to all volunteers that in addition to attending the Protecting God's Children workshop, you need to register on the Virtus web-site ([www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)), and keep current on Virtus training updates."

**Sportsmanship**



Positive sportsmanship is viewed by IHM as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. As defined by the North Carolina Federation of High School sports. "In

perception and practice, sport citizenship is defined as those qualities which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their roles in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship."

**Dates  
To  
Remember**



- Jan. 25** - Teacher Workday -  
Early 1:00 Dismissal
- Jan. 26** - Basketball games at IHM
- Jan. 27 - Feb. 3** - Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 30** - Varsity Basketball games at Westchester
- Jan. 31** - Open House Eagle's Nest  
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Church
- Jan. 31** - Report Cards go home
- Feb. 2** - Basketball games at IHM
- Feb. 5** - Varsity Basketball games at IHM
- Feb. 6** - Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 in Chapel
- Feb. 7** - School Open House for New Students  
8:30 am - 1:30 pm (floating)

**Financial Assistance**

Financial Aid forms are available for school tuition assistance for the 2008/2009 school year. Please call Barbara Brandsema at the school office at 887-2613 ext. 130, if you need more information.

**OPEN HOUSE**



**IHM School will host two upcoming Open Houses.**

On Thursday, **January 31**, families are invited to the Eagle's Nest, IHM's kindergarten readiness program. Located in the childcare wing of IHM Church, 4145 Johnson Street, teachers and administrators will be on hand from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm to give an overview of the program and help with registration for the 2008-09 school year.

Tell your friends and neighbors to stop by and see why our school is still going strong sixty years later. Our next Open House is during the day on Thursday, **February 7**. Prospective students, K-8, and their parents are welcome to stop by anytime between 8:30 am and 1:30 pm to see our students in action and find out .