



Garrett's Gazette

Can you believe that we have now been in school for one month? I continue to be impressed by our students and teachers, and the growth already experienced during these first four weeks of school.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, members from our school improvement team attended the SACS-CASI (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement) Conference in Greensboro. It's both enlightening and affirming to engage with colleagues across the state and in our diocese who have one common goal; to improve our schools in an effort to better our students and help them perform to their fullest potential.

Since we are working with the diocese toward district accreditation, our school goals will tie into those areas, that have been identified by

various constituents, that need improvement, in addition to the goals we believe need attention at the local school level. Throughout the diocese and here at IHM we will be evaluating our Catholicity, curriculum development, which will include expanding our present curriculum with modifications specific to our diocese, use of data in decision making and school improvement, and effectively implementing instructional and administrative technology into the curriculum and professional development.

It's obvious that we need your help to achieve our goals. Through your expertise, and use of time, talent, and treasure, IHM will continue to prosper and carry on our tradition of excellence as we work together to create the best faith learning community for our children.

Fr. Jack said in Mass both yesterday and last week that he never wanted to see an IHM student be good. He wants them to be the BEST! With all of us working in unison, we will achieve this!

One way to begin this effort is to support our annual giving campaign, Dividends for Life! As you know tuition doesn't begin to cover the cost of a Catholic education, nor does it cover all the tools needed to ensure our children have access to the latest technology. We're depending on you to help us reach our goal. No amount is too small. What's important is that we have all families participate in the campaign in some way. The children and teachers are counting on you!

We have all heard of the potential H1N1 virus that may circulate through schools this year. Parents, please help us educate the children by reminding them to wash their hands frequently (sing "Happy Birthday" twice!), and covering their mouth when they cough or sneeze followed by hand sanitization. The teachers are wiping down desks at the end of each day with Lysol or Clorox wipes, and the maintenance staff is also wiping down stair rails, door knobs, and bathroom fixtures on a daily basis. If your child is sick and has a fever, please keep them home 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve the four-fold mission of education; message, community, service, and worship. It is a blessing to work with your children on a daily basis as well as with our outstanding, dedicated teachers and staff.

Enjoy the first day of fall with your family on Saturday!



Calling All Middle School Ladies!

Please join each other for Breakfast Club Wednesday, September 30th, at 7:00 AM in the IHM School Gym!

Breakfast will be provided by McDonalds and our first guest will be Melissa Painter with Fox 8 News!

Breakfast will end at 7:50, just in time for school!

**The 8th grade serenades
Mrs. Kidd with
FELIZ CUMPLEANOS!**



**IMPORTANT REMINDERS
TO PARENTS!**



Please put your name on all uniform pieces! Especially sweatshirts!!!!!! There is already an accumulation of items in a box outside Mrs. Cushing's office. If the lost item has a name written on the tag, it can easily be returned to its proper owner. If there isn't a name, and it's in the lost and found, it's up for grabs!



Please do not pack items in your child's lunch that need to be warmed in the microwave. Due to health department regulations we can no longer use the microwave in the kitchen to heat student lunches.



**Student
Directory**

Will be available tomorrow on Edline!

Thank you to *Barbara Smolko* for helping to enter all of the updated student profile information.

AND
THE
SURVEY SAID...

YES
to a SCRIP program!

Thank you for taking the time to complete and return the surveys. Watch Edline and the Garrett Gazette for more information about the new SCRIP program in the coming weeks!

**Old
Magazines?**

Send to Julie Gehling in the Guidance Office. She will be using them during student activities throughout the school year.



THANK YOU

IHM School would like to thank Kathy Verdi for being in charge of the "spring cleaning" last year and to everyone that rolled up their sleeves and helped get the job done!

Dear Parents,

Our children's chapel is in need of cleaning. It's been over a year since it's last "spring cleaning"- can you imagine your own home going that long? Will you please help on Monday, October 5, after drop-off? If we have at least one volunteer from each class, it should take no more than an hour. I personally will stay for two, if needed.

I will supply dusters, size small latex gloves, sponges, rags, Murphy's oil soap, Magic Erasers, Goo-Gone, wax crayons for scratch repair, elbow grease and direction. I'll need three or four of you to bring a bucket, and bring gloves if you require them and need another size. We will focus on the altar, pews, wood trim and lower walls. Bill Nicholson, our Facilities Manager, is getting foam for us to replace in the songbook holders, to dampen the sound and damage when the books are dropped. Let's work together to show respect for our children's place of prayer, and make them feel at home there.

If you can not come that day, but can offer 30-60 minutes, there may be a take-home task you can do. We often find music books with torn binding after a year of use. They are easy to repair with clear packing tape. I can provide the tape and instructions or a sample. Just shoot me an e-mail or call by 10/4, and later that day I can have a stack of books requiring repair waiting with a roll of tape for each volunteer just inside the school entrance. You may pick them up at your convenience, and return them to the chapel later in the week. (Of course, you need not wait until October, if you want to tackle that task at any time.)

Thank you for showing you care. As Father Jack said in Wednesday's homily, not all of us have his gift of being able to preach in front of large crowds, but what we quietly do outside the limelight is a simple testament to our caring.

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