

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SCHOOL

February 2, 2010

Dear Immaculate Heart of Mary Parents,

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of circulating among our children as they worked on a wide variety of service projects. From Haiti to local shut-ins with many in between, so many folks received our prayers and the dedication of the children. We thank you for supporting these many acts of community service – which, as I always say, are at the heart of who we are at IHM.



Mother Nature is again letting us know that we are not in charge! We have made some adjustments to our Catholic Schools Week schedule and at this writing, are watching the forecast for the Bull Roast and Auction. Mrs. Baynes and Mrs. Slovic have done an amazing amount of work in preparation, and we thank them and all involved in the planning and execution of this important fundraiser.

With Lent just around the corner, Father Mike has kindly arranged a comprehensive schedule of events for our school community, including Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation, and Liturgy. Additionally, we would like to make you aware of the following opportunities for all of us through the church:

Stations: All Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) at 8:30am and in the evening

Confessions: Every Saturday (all year) at 3:45pm (no confessions on April 3)

Confessions: Every Wednesday (all year) at 8:30am

"The Light is on for You"

Confessions: Wednesdays, Feb. 24 to March 24, 7-8pm

Confessions: Wednesdays February 24 & March 24, 2-3pm (in advance of afternoon pick-up)

Mission for Cluster Parishes:

March 1-4: Evening presentations: 7pm at St. Joseph, Fullerton

March 1-4: Daily Masses: 9am at St. Isaac Jogues

We hope you are able advantage of some of these offerings.

Faculty news:

Congratulations to Mrs. Landefeld and Mrs. D'Adamo, who were selected as an interdisciplinary team for an exciting workshop at the Walters. They will study the new China module and learn more about education and the arts.

Also, congratulations to Mrs. Phelps. She and Mr. Frank Passaro (IHM parishioner and Calvert Hall History Department Head) will present: "*Let's Teach Peace*" on Saturday, March 6 at the Archdiocesan Social Ministry Convocation.

These are exciting opportunities for our teachers and an honor for IHM.

Watch for your re-registration packets the first week of March. It helps our planning process if you can turn those around quickly.

We close with a lovely prayer the Archbishop sent to all Catholic schools to pray each day for the rest of this year:

Prayer for Catholic Schools

Loving God, we thank you for the mission given us by Jesus to go and make disciples of all nations.

Guide us throughout this year as we study and reflect on the mission of Catholic schools.

Bless our school communities and all who generously support them.

Show us your will to strengthen and enrich these schools that we may give greater glory to you.

We ask all these things through your son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

Peace and all good things,

Mrs. Amy Belz
Principal

Mrs. Christine Blake
Assistant Principal