

# At The Heart Newsletter

May-June 2022



It is with great joy to end this school year with wonderful news! I am happy to announce that Immaculate Heart of Mary School has attained an exemplary accreditation from Cognia.

Cognia, formerly known as AdvanceED, is an educational organization that conducts reviews of school systems. Cognia defines a school's continuous improvement as "an embedded behavior rooted in an institution's culture that constantly focuses on conditions, processes, and practices to improve teaching and learning."

After a rigorous review of our academic institution, the engagement team from Cognia rated our school "above average" in all three capacities: Leadership, Learning, and Resource for having met or exceeded the standards in these domains.

The team rated IHM with high scores on these standards:

- *The learning culture promotes creativity, innovation, and collaborative problem-solving.*
- *The learning culture develops learners' attitudes, beliefs, and skills needed for success.*
- *The institution provides programs and services for learners' educational futures and career planning.*

We are proud of our school community who has contributed collaboratively to achieve this notable success!

Sincerely,

Principal Giordano

# Faith Formation

***“Immaculate Heart of Mary School brings together a community of dedicated educators to build relevant faith, deep traditions, and positive social culture. (Cognia Review, May 2022) “***

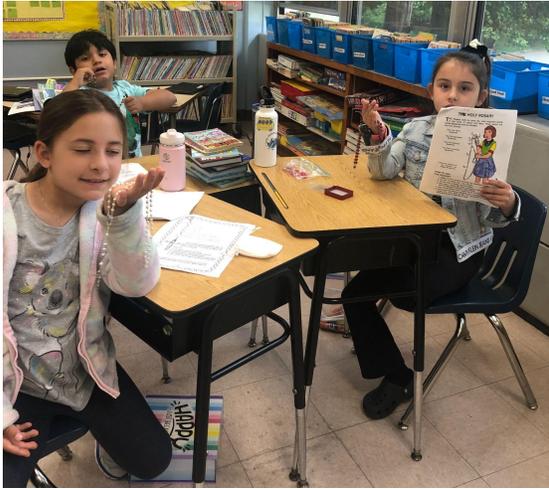
Here, at IHM, May was a most beautiful and blessed month where our school and parish honored our Blessed Lady with a mass, a ceremony, and the praying of the rosary. Our students engaged in an array of activities during this month venerating Mary. Here’s a sampling of what some of our classes did:



Pre-k 4 colored their own rosaries as well as coloring beads to create a huge classroom rosary.

Kindergarten held their very own special classroom May Crowning and they created a May Altar. Each day this month, they lit a candle and honored all moms by having a staff member visit and share a special story about his/her mother. This lovely ceremony was completed with singing *Immaculate Mary*.





Second grade learned about the rosary and completed activities about the rosary as well as **praying the Rosary**.

The third grade designed a magnificent **mosaic honoring Mary** and put it on display outside their classroom.



Students in the 7th and 8th grade also meditated on the rosary in their Religion class this past month and learned about **Mary's messages of peace**.

**June comes to a beautiful close with our “End of the Year” schoolwide mass celebrated by Father Matt on June 2. Let us bask in these sunny days sharing the light of Christ. Enjoy this summer message:**

## **Summer Blessing for Families**

**May we make our homes places of relaxation,**

**joy, love, peace and safety.**

**May we be generous and considerate,**

**not thinking only about ourselves,**

**but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.**

**Lord God, Creator of all things,**

**guide our steps and strengthen our hearts**

**during these months of summer and vacation days.**

**Grant us refreshment of mind and body.**

**May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference**

**in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us**

**as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.**

# Curriculum and Academics

***“Immaculate Heart of Mary School’s learner-centered data informs the power of leadership, growth, and achievement for each student to deliver solid academics. (COGNIA Review, May 2022)”***

Green Day in May was filled with a creative array of learning experiences for all our students as National Junior Honor Society Students coordinated and hosted academically enriching environmentally green themed workshops for all our grades. Workshops included reading stories about “going green,” designing environmental awareness posters, and playing “Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle” Bingo.



***“Immaculate Heart of Mary School is building strategic plans of service - learning, technology, STREAM, and new innovations to expand its traditions of excellence” (COGNIA Review, May 2022)***

# Fundraising

## Upcoming Fundraiser:

### **ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS**

**Monday, June 13, 2022 North Jersey Country Club**

**\$275/Player \***

**\$1,100/Foursome**

#### **Includes**

**Breakfast/Cart/Practice  
Range/Golf/Lunch**

**Immaculate Heart of  
Mary Church and School  
will sponsor its annual  
golf outing. We are  
pleased to offer this  
fellowship opportunity to  
the church and school communities.**



**If you have any questions, please contact us at:**

**[ihmwaynegolf@gmail.com](mailto:ihmwaynegolf@gmail.com)**

# Monthly Q & A

**Question:** If I enroll my child into IHM's Stream Camp ,does he have to sign up for all four weeks?

**Answer:** Our Stream Camp at IHM features a different theme each week, so you can sign up for one week, or the full four weeks to enjoy and create take home projects each week.

**Question:** How can parents sign up for volunteer opportunities at IHM?

**Answer:** A list of committees and volunteer opportunities will be available for parents to offer their time and talents.

This list will be distributed at the end of the school year.

**Question:** How can I obtain a fundraising report for this past school year?

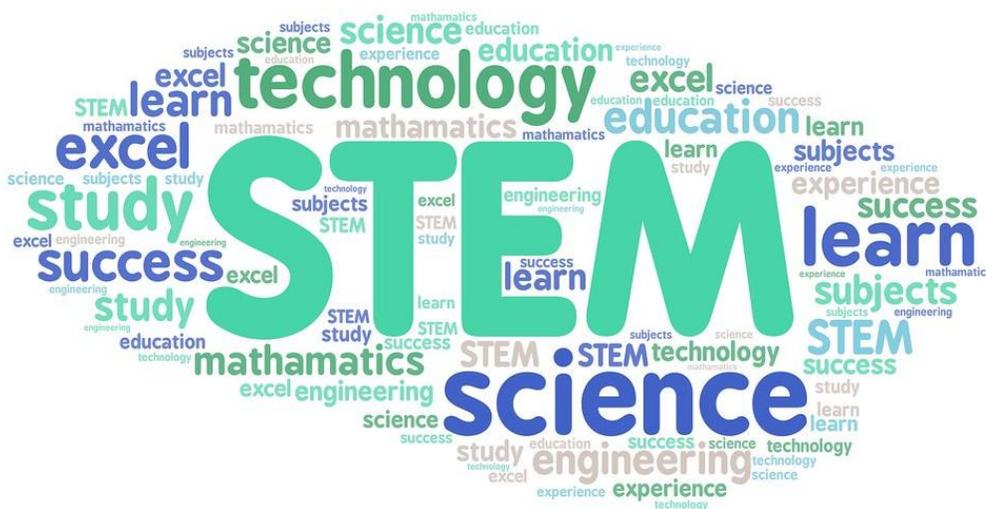
**Answer:** We wrap up our fiscal year on June 30. You can contact the office in July to request a copy of the year end IHM fundraising report.

# News & Updates

IHM would like to extend a very special thank you to an IHM “Angel” who generously donated \$5000 to support the STREAM program currently being planned. A truly heartfelt thank you to this wonderful person who makes it possible for us to provide state of the art and “best practice” programs for our students.

Our STREAM camp is expected to be flowing with great interactive ideas, inventions, and inspiration. There are currently registration spots available.

Your child can opt to participate in the full four weeks of camp or one week. Each camp features a special theme. Hope you can join us for an amazing summer of Science Fun!



# **Congratulations IHM Class of 2022!**

**We wish you many happy and joyful blessings as you continue along your academic journey. The world is waiting for you. Go out and shine your light.**



*Congratulations*



# IHM SchoolScrapbook



