

THE HEARTBEAT OF IHM



ISSUE 25 - 24/25 SCHOOL YEAR - MARCH 27, 2025

Terranova testing will conclude on Friday, Our students worked extremely hard this week. We are so proud of them!

Monday, March 31 is a school holiday. The Middle States Team will be arriving at IHM on Tuesday afternoon, April 1. Please keep us in your prayers as we complete this important process.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, March 31: NO SCHOOL – prepare for Middle States visit!

Tuesday, April 1 – Friday, April 4: Middle States Team will visit IHM.

Tuesday, April 1: NO PM CARES. Middle States Team reception.

Wednesday, April 2: 8:30 school mass

Thursday, April 3: Protecting God's Children class in FSH. Please register [here](#) if you would like to attend. This class is necessary for clearances.

Friday, April 4: 11:30 dismissal. No PM Cares. Middle States Team will issue report.

Saturday, April 5: Mother-Son Dance. Get your tickets!

Sunday, April 6: CYO Spring Mass, 9:30 am. See flyer for more information.

MIDDLE STATES TEAM VISIT

We will welcome the Middle States Team to IHM on Tuesday afternoon, April 1. The visit will conclude on Friday, April 4, 2025. Our faculty and staff have been working extremely hard over the last 18 months to prepare for this re-accreditation visit.

On Tuesday, April 1, the Middle States Team is requiring all teachers/staff to be present for a meet and greet, school tour and a reception. **Therefore, there will be no PM Cares on Tuesday, April 1.**

On Wednesday, April 2, the Middle States Team will be throughout the building observing classes, running panel meetings, and also observing Cares.

On Thursday, April 3, the Middle States Committee will be observing classes and meeting with 20 IHM Students and 7 IHM Families for a student and parent panel. Thank you to all of the students and families who were nominated or volunteered to be a part of these panels. We have no doubt that the students and families taking part in these sessions will represent IHM extremely well!

On Friday, April 4, the Middle States Team will present their findings of the visit. Therefore, all teachers and staff are required to be present for the reading of this report. **We will have a half-day dismissal on Friday, April 4 to accomodate this requirement. There will be no PM Cares.**

Once the Middle States team leaves on Friday, April 4, we will receive a oral report of their findings. Middle States will let us know if we have been formally accredited sometime in Fall 2025. We will also publish our Middle States Self-Study at the conclusion of the Middle States Team Visit.

We thank you for your cooperation and your patience!

2ND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

Congratulations to our students in Grades 4 through 8 who have achieved First and Second Honors for the 2nd Trimester. We are proud of all of our IHM students for their hard work!

First Honors for the Second Trimester:

Grade 4

Joey Brogan	Teagan Franciscovich	Aubrey Nelson
Christopher Biddle	Sunniva Holter	Kate Nelson
Vincent Carnuccio	Nicholas Krier	Courtney Pham
William Coogan	Lorelei McCrossen	Tyler Tarducci
Dominic Ceserano	Emma Miller	Derek Vergel

Grade 5

Nivan Anoop	Arya Lotuaco
Daniel Hudecki	Leah Robinson
Jordyn Hutchinson	Marco Schiano DiCola
Kenley Kebler	Lauren Thornton
Isla Kirsch	

Grade 6

Sebastian Bautista	Louis Giffear	Parker Vampelt
Iris Devine	Madison Phinney	Aubree Vergel
Finley Evans	Abby Ritchie	Sophia Woltman
Megan Fakette	Quinnlan Schmidt	
Olivia Felder	Vincent Tarducci	

Grade 7

Nathan Comia	Max Meyr
Maura Kirsch	Caroline Rainford
Jocelyn Loughlin	Ava Serwinski

Grade 8

Abrielle Conroy	Alex Ramos	CJ Taylor
Chance Hochstuhl	Ella Samarco	Bryce Thew
Audrey Kovach	Francesca Schiano DiCola	Hope Trimbur
Ben Mitchell	Isabella Sloan	Jake Vukas
Aubrey Murphy	Ella Taylor	

Second Honors for the Second Trimester:

Grade 4

Abby Done	Giuliana Kurtz	Jonathan Pierce
Isabella Eckroade	Raelyn Ludwig	Nico Price
Leila Eisler	Max Montovani	Kai Worley
Danny Evans	Fiona Murray	

Grade 5

Joseph Aboagye	Ava Moore
Michael Eckert	Jacob Morene
Penelope Eckroade	Isabelle Taylor
George Fontanez	Lily Warren
Lucas Ludwig	

Grade 6

Kate Dunn	Gianna Kissling
Briyelle Earle	AJ Polisi
Patrick Guano	Rocco Remolde

Grade 7

Michael Breen	Eden Sioerek
Vivian Cantor	Charlotte Straface
Izzy Carra	Claire Thomas
Michael Parente	Luke Tomosky
Hannah Schmidt	

Grade 8

Olivia Coogan	Carley Maher
Hayden Felder	Bella Serwinski
Luke Kebler	Cole Snyderman

TUITION SCHEDULE FOR THE 25/26 SCHOOL YEAR

The tuition schedule for 25/26 was circulated via Option C last week. An additional copy of the tuition letter and tuition schedule are attached to today's newsletter.

FUNDRAISERS FOR MRS. GRBEC

Our beloved 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Mary Grbec, is preparing to start chemotherapy while also battling other health challenges. She has given so much to the IHM children and our school community, and now it's our turn to support her and her family during this time.

How We Can Help:

Gift Cards for the Grbec Family

To make things easier for the family, we are collecting gift cards to local restaurants, grocery stores, and Wawa for gas and food. Recommended places include:

****Restaurants:** Tony Roni's, Franzones, Outback, T'Dori, Wendy's, McDonald's, Burger King, Shake Shack, Miller's Ale House, Five Guys, P.J. Whelihan's, Panera Bread, FWOT, Chipotle, California Pizza Kitchen.

****Grocery Stores:** Giant, Weis.

**** Gas & Convenience:** Wawa.

If you would like to contribute, please send gift cards in an envelope (with a note from your family, if you wish) to the main office, c/o Mrs. Hindley. I will ensure they are delivered to the Grbec family.

"Mondays for Mary" – Dress Down Fundraiser (see attached flyer)

We are organizing special dress-down days to help support the Grbec family. Children can dress down on the following Mondays (\$1 minimum donation)

April 7, 14, 28

May 5, 12, 19

Mary's Mates Bracelets:

Our Student Council will be selling Mary's Mates Bracelets during lunches beginning the week of April 7. They will be \$1.00 per bracelet.

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. Mrs. Grbec means so much to our school community, and we know she'll feel the love from all of us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With Gratitude,

Mrs. Kristen Hindley (on behalf of IHM Faculty)

Khindley@iheartmary.org



IHM SUMMER CAMP

It is that time of year you have been patiently (or impatiently) waiting for...Summer Camp sign-ups.

Summer Camp is only open to families whose children attended IHM during the 2024-2025 school year. Due to only being able to accommodate a certain number of campers, students not returning to IHM will be waitlisted and we will let you know once all forms have been handed in if we have space.

Please fill out this Google form ONLY if you are interested in Summer Camp. You must fill out a google form PER CHILD attending camp. By filling this survey out, IT DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE REGISTERED FOR CAMP. It means that you are interested in camp for sure.

We will only be accepting a certain number of campers due to the amount of staff we have available. Please complete a form for each child attending by March 27, 2025. The forms will not be available after this date and we will not accept any late responses. No exceptions. <https://forms.gle/FiMkRQJGn3BsZmet9>

There will be no AM CARES for summer camp. Camp hours will be 8am-3pm. We will offer extended pick up until 4pm like last summer.

Thank you!

Miss Isett

aisett@iheartmary.org

THE 16TH ANNUAL IHM RACE FOR EDUCATION

Save the date - our 16th Annual IHM Race for Education will take place on **Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 12:00 pm.** Please note the date change. More information will be forthcoming after our Easter Break.



IHM HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS AND EVENTS

May Hot Lunch is Open

You can now order for May. Orders and payments are due Wednesday 4/23/25.

<https://forms.gle/UnzQYRntkbigqCkZ8>

Mother-Son Dance: Get your tickets before it's too late!!

Saturday, April 5, 6pm-9pm FSH

Mother-Son tickets can be purchased here: <https://forms.gle/8EQKmDUY5kFCvaf6>

Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4DA9AD2EA4FF2-54668807-motherson>

IHM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 20th after 11:30am mass on the school lawn. Bring your own basket!

Mother-Daughter Tea: Sunday, May 4, 2025, 2pm-4pm

Get ready to enjoy some quality time with your girl(s) at the IHM 4th Annual Mother/Daughter Tea. There will be excellent tea, light food and backdrops for photo ops! Get your tickets here: <https://forms.gle/Fgs1BKJc1RK7fF5p9>

Volunteer Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4DA9AD2EA4FF2-54589564-motherdaughter>

IHM Night at the Phillies! Tuesday, May 13, 6:45 pm

Come out to cheer on our Phils with our IHM Family! Our Phils will take on the St. Louis Cardinals at 6:45PM! Tickets are \$43 each. Seats are located in section 146. We have 150 tickets for sale. Additional tickets will not be available once all tickets are sold. Please complete this form to purchase tickets: <https://forms.gle/hNRxjXqpA3WMTLLr5>
If you have any questions, please reach out to former H&S Treasurer, Kelly Hill at kellyg377@gmail.com

Ice Cream Fundraisers:

Rita's Water Ice: April 8, 2025 - 3pm - 7pm (499 Domino Ln / across Ivy Ridge Shopping Center) Your favorite teacher will scoop your ice cream! And don't forget to spin the wheel of fortune :)

Frios Gourmet Pops: 4/16 and 5/9 @ early dismissal

Your favorite ice cream truck will be right at IHM's front lawn to sweeten up early dismissal. Let us know which flavor is your favorite!



IHM CYO NEWS AND EVENTS

Save the dates! We have two CYO events to mark on your calendars:

CYO Spring Mass on Sunday, April 6th, 9:30am at IHM Church. Athletes will wear their spring sport uniform shirt and sit in the front center pews.

CYO Car Wash on Saturday, April 26th, 8:30am-11:00am at Maria's Ristorante (Ridge & Summit). CYO athletes will be volunteering their time washing cars. Donations in any size are welcome. Your generosity is appreciated. Proceeds will go to gym bathroom project. **This is also a SERVICE OPPORTUNITY for all CYO athletes. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. It is the expectation that each athlete commits 2 service hours per sport season.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

As a part of the IHM Clearance procedure, all volunteers are required to take part in the "Protecting God's Children" class. IHM will be hosting this class on Wednesday, April 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm in Father Sullivan Hall.

You can register for this class via Virtus linked here:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=18461&theme=o

Please direct any questions regarding clearances to Denise Schmidt in the parish rectory at 215-483-1000 or denise-schmidt@comcast.net.

IHM Scrip Program

All Scrip Orders for physical gift cards are due on Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm for pick up on Thursdays between 7:00 and 8:00 pm in FSH.

E-cards are available 24/7 through the RaiseRight app. Download the app and continue to save for your 25/26 tuition.

The last day to accumulate Scrip Credits for the 25/26 school year will be Sunday, April 27. There is still plenty of time to save money!

Please direct any scrip questions to scscrip@iheartmary.org.

As always, please reach out to Principal Foley or our IHM Main Office with any questions. Principal Foley can be reached at principalfoley@iheartmary.org. Mrs. Ramuno can be reached at mainoffice@iheartmary.org.

Follow along with our IHM Facebook and Instagram pages for more updates.



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March 2025

Dear IHM School Families,

The 2024/25 School Year is progressing extraordinarily well. Our students continue to shine brightly in the classrooms, on the stage, in the various sports arenas, and as responsible, spiritual young men and women.

We opened the 2024/25 School Year with 402 students. We were blessed with 38 new IHM school families this year. Our enrollment increase over the last few years is a true testament to the amazing faculty and staff that we have here at IHM. We are lucky to have such talented and dedicated educators on our staff. This development is remarkable and directly speaks to the good things happening here at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Growth is truly the key to our ability to keep our tuition reasonable, and we are on track to increase our enrollment again for the 25/26 School Year.

We could not have sustained this success without the support and cooperation of our parent community. We also could not do any of this without strong support from our parish. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish remains committed to maintaining a strong parish school.

Please see the enclosed Tuition Rate Schedule for the 2025/26 School Year. As we look to the 2025/26 school year, we are sensitive to the ever-growing expenses our school families incur on a daily basis. However, the Parish Finance Committee decided that an increase was necessary to maintain the quality of our faculty and staff.

We continue to encourage our families to apply for financial aid through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2024. Please email Mrs. Kovach at tuition@iheartmary.org with regard to applying for financial aid through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

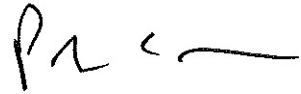
The IHM Scrip program is also a quick and easy way to offset your tuition costs through purchasing gift cards for your everyday expenses. You can earn tuition credits to be applied to your 25/26 tuition through Sunday, April 27. Please email scscrip@iheartmary.org with any questions regarding our Scrip program and how you can earn tuition credits for your family.

We appreciate the trust you have placed in Immaculate Heart of Mary School. We will continue to commit ourselves, as a faculty, staff and a school community to provide the highest quality academics and faith formation in a safe, nurturing environment. We are extremely grateful to our school families for the investment you make each year in Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Very truly yours,

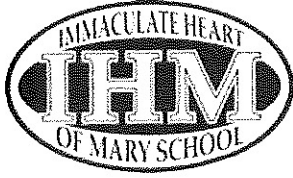
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Casey".

Reverend Edward J. Casey, Pastor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick Foley".

Mr. Patrick Foley, Principal

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Tuition Schedule for the 2025/26 School Year

Tuition for Kindergarten through Grade 8

	IHM Parish Participating Parishioner*	Catholic Non-Parishioners	Non-Catholic
Number of Children	Tuition	Tuition	Tuition
1	\$4,250.00	\$5,575.00	\$5,975.00
2	\$6,760.00	\$8,340.00	\$8,590.00
3 or more	\$7,705.00	\$9,625.00	\$9,875.00

*\$15.00 per week contribution for all IHM parishioner families in Grades K-8 will be required in Sunday envelopes for an annual contribution of \$780.00 per family. This contribution is due in October 2025, January 2026 and April 2026 and can be automatically added into your family's Blackbaud Smart Tuition account if you choose.

Tuition for PreK3 and PreK4

<u>Program</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
PreK3 and PreK4	5 days Monday – Friday	\$6,200.00

Discounts Available for PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten

K-8 Family with a sibling enrolled in PreK3 or PreK4 or families with students in both PK3 and PK4.	\$450.00 discount per family applied to PreK3 or PreK4 tuition.
Students who completed both PreK3 and PreK4 at IHM.	\$250.00 loyalty discount per family applied to Kindergarten tuition.



Our Annual
MOTHER – SON DANCE

April 5, 2025 : 6PM– 9PM

Father Sullivan Hall
Semi Formal Attire

\$40 per couple, Check or Venmo.



IHM CYO SPRING MASS

Please join us on

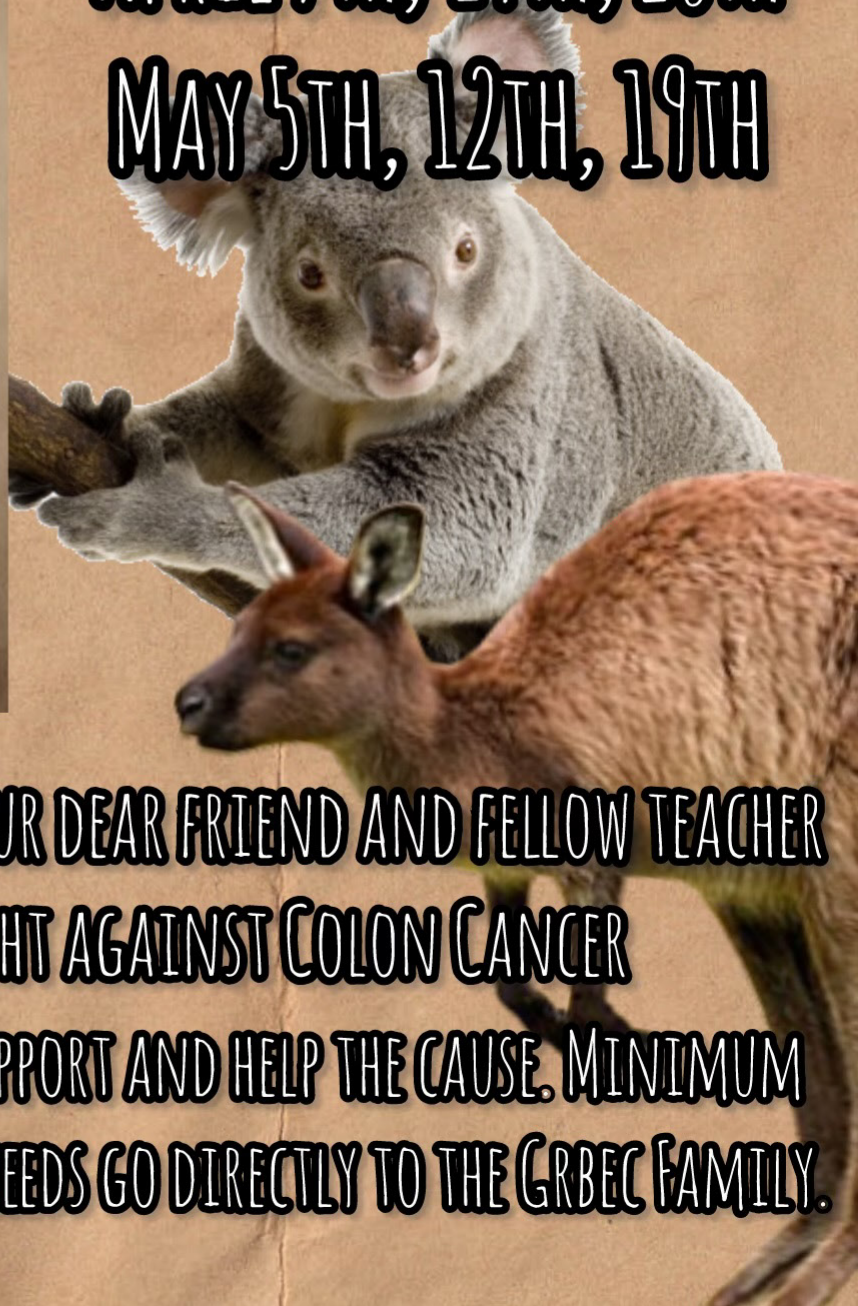
**SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH
9:30AM AT IHM CHURCH**

Please wear your spring sport uniform shirt.
Participants will sit in the front center pews.



MONDAYS FOR MARY

DRESS DOWN DATES ARE
APRIL 7TH, 14TH, 28TH
MAY 5TH, 12TH, 19TH



DRESS DOWN TO HELP SUPPORT OUR DEAR FRIEND AND FELLOW TEACHER
MRS. GRBEC IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COLON CANCER

PLEASE DONATE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP THE CAUSE. MINIMUM
DONATION IS \$1.00 AND ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE GRBEC FAMILY.



Mary's Mates



Purchase a bracelet to help support our dear friend and fellow teacher Mrs. Grbec in the fight against Colon Cancer

Cost of the bracelets are \$5 and all proceeds will go directly to the Grbec family

Bracelets will be sold at lunch or you can come visit Mrs. Donohue's class to purchase

Any questions or to place an order, please email esamarco@iheartmary.org

Thank you as always for your support !



2025

IMPORTANT DATES

MON, MARCH 31

SCHOOL CLOSED

SAT, APRIL 5

**MOTHER-SON DANCE
@ 6-9 PM**

MON, APRIL 7

SUMMER UNIFORMS BEGIN

TUE, APRIL 8

**IHM at RITA'S WATER ICE
@ 3 pm to 7 pm**

WED, APRIL 16

**HALF-DAY DISMISSAL (~11:30)
FRIO's truck at dismissal (10%
to IHM)**

**THURS-MON
APRIL 17 - 21**

EASTER BREAK

SUNDAY, MAY 4

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA
@ 2-4 PM**

FRI, MAY 9

**HALF-DAY DISMISSAL (~11:30)
Frio's truck at dismissal (10% to
IHM)
MAY PROCESSION**

TUES, MAY 13

**IHM at the PHILLIES
vs. CARDINALS @ 6:45**

SAT, MAY 17

**FAMILY BINGO
time tbd**

WED, MAY 21

**HOME & SCHOOL MEETING
W/TUITION RAFFLE DRAWING
@ 6:30 PM**

**FRI, MAY 23 &
MON, MAY 26**

SCHOOL CLOSED

THURS, MAY 29

**SCHOOL CLOSED
ASCENSION THURSDAY**

WED, JUNE 4

**PRE-K 3 CLOSING
CEREMONY @ 9:30**

THURS, JUNE 5

**PRE-K 4 CLOSING
CEREMONY @ 9:30**

FRI, JUNE 6

**KINDERGARTEN CLOSING CEREMONY
END OF YEAR PARTY (@HOUSTON)**

WED, JUNE 11

**8th Grade GRADUATION
@ 6:00 (church)**

THURS, JUNE 12

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL,
GRADES 1-7,
DISMISSAL @ 10:30**

HOT LUNCH DUE DATES

Wed., March 26 (for April)

Wed., April 23 (For May)



Knights of Columbus®



Lenten Fish Fry

Dates: **March 28th & April 11th 2025**

Place: **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

***Father Sullivan Hall**

Time: 5:15 – 8:15 PM (Or until sold out)

Serving: Baked & Breaded Locally Sourced Fish with a Lemon wedge

Sides of Coleslaw, Chips, Dinner roll and your choice of soda or water

Cost:..... \$23.00

(This is a Fundraising Event for the Cor Mariae Council #4100)

Call/Text Chef Frank to pre-order: (267)-298-8885

CASH PAYMENT ONLY



IHM NIGHT AT RITA'S

Tuesday, April 8, 3pm – 7pm

Domino Lane Location

Get some water ice scooped by your favorite teacher!

Make a donation to spin the wheel for prizes!

20% of proceeds and tips go to IHM Home and School



EASTER EGG HUNT

20 April | After 11:30
2025 **Mass**

**On the lawn in front
of IHM School**
Remember Your
Basket



POPSICLES AT DISMISSAL!

WHEN

Wednesday, April 16 (half-day)
Friday, May 8 (half-day)

WHERE

Truck will be parked on Cathedral Rd.
in front of school. 10% of sales go to
IHM School.





CYO

Car Wash

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Saturday

April 26th

8:30a-11:00a

Maria's

Ristorante

Ridge &
Summit



Athletes will be volunteering their time washing cars, so please wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. Open to all CYO athletes.

It is the expectation that each athlete commits 2 service hours per sport season.



IHM's

Mother - Daughter Tea

please join us for our 4th
annual tea party

sun

may 4 2025

at two o'clock in the afternoon
in Father Sullivan Hall

kindly reply sign up here:
<https://forms.gle/3ZyagV6ogyhxWJxt7>

\$20 Per Couple -

\$5 per additional child,

\$10 per additional adult



*Join Mary's Mates for a
fun night out!
(Raffles and 50/50)*

All proceeds will go directly to the Grbec family.

Where: Graham's Pub

8919 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia 19128

When: Saturday, May 17, 2025

6:00 PM - 9:00PM

How Much: \$40 Per Ticket

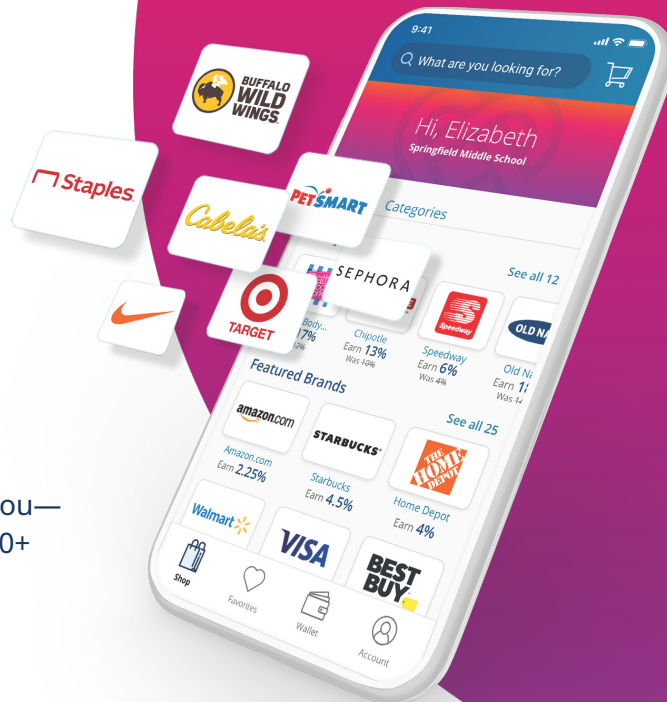
Ticket includes all you can drink, wine, domestic
beer, and light fare

Tickets must be purchased in advance

See Venmo below and include the first and last
name of each ticket holder.

Venmo me at: Laurie-MarysMates

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April 2025 Immaculate Heart of Mary School

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Middle States Re-Accreditation Team Visit to IHM NO PM CARES - Middle States Team Arrival and Faculty Meeting	2 Middle States Re-Accreditation Team Visit to IHM 8:30 April School Mass	3 Middle States Re-Accreditation Team Visit to IHM 6:30p Protecting God's Children Class	4 Middle States Re-Accreditation Team Visit to IHM HALF-DAY DISMISSAL - No PM Cares - Middle States Team Report will be delivered	5 Mother/Son Dance
6 9:30 CYO Spring Mass	7 SUMMER UNIFORMS BEGIN TODAY! Mondays for Mary Dress Down Day - \$1.00 donation to benefit The Grbec Family	8 3:00p IHM Night at Rita's Water Ice	9 8:30 Grade 5 Class Mass	10 4th and 5th Grade Field Trip to The Arden Theater - "The Hobbit"	11 5th and 6th grade field trip to the Riverbend Nature Center	12
13	14 Mondays for Mary Dress Down Day - \$1.00 donation to benefit The Grbec Family	15	16 Half-day dismissal -approximately 11:30 am -Start of Easter Break Frios Ice Cream Truck outside at dismissal 8:30 Grade 4 Class Mass	17 SCHOOL CLOSED -EASTER BREAK	18 SCHOOL CLOSED -EASTER BREAK	19
20 Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 11:30 mass -bring your basket!! Easter Sunday	21 SCHOOL CLOSED -EASTER BREAK	22	23 MAY HOT LUNCH ORDER DUE!! 8:30 Grade 3 Class Mass	24 8:00 2nd grade First Communion Retreat Day	25 3rd Trimester Progress Reports distributed to students in Grades 4-8	26 8:30 CYO Car Wash at Maria's Ristorante on Summit
27	28 Mondays for Mary Dress Down Day - \$1.00 donation to benefit The Grbec Family	29	30 8:30 Grade 2 Class Mass			