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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT:

This message is from **A Path to Wholeness: Meditations for Lent** by Robert R Bimonte:

At one time or another, all of us human beings fall into the trap of thinking we know everything. It is so easy for us to be content with our own perspective, and as a result put on blinders that prevent us from seeing another's point of view, or worse yet, not seeing another person as equal.

All of us make snap judgments about people as a result of our preconceived notions of how others should think or act. Sadly, these are sometimes rooted in stereotypes and prejudice, and the only way to rid ourselves of these false beliefs is to have the experience of being wrong.

In my own life, I know that I have often had to change my view of another person once I heard their story. One of the deepest ways we human beings connect with one another is by sharing our stories. Story speaks to both the head and the heart and tells the other person who we really are. Once we know another person's story, it shatters our preconceived notions and prejudices, because we see them as another struggling human being just like us.

If you are having difficulty relating to another person, listen to his or her story.

May each of your families find a way to "live" the forty days of Lent by following the compassionate footsteps of Christ. May the Lord bless all of us on this Lenten journey.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Yes, parents are already inquiring about the 2010-2011 school calendar. As we follow the Hopkins School District calendar - and Hopkins like many other school districts has received permission from the State of Minnesota to begin school before Labor Day this coming fall - IHMCS will begin the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, August 30th. As families are already planning holiday trips, here are the dates for school breaks:

- September 3 - 6 --- Labor Day Weekend Break
- October 21 & 22 --- MEA Break
- November 24, 25 & 26 --- Thanksgiving Break
- December 20 - January 2 --- Christmas Break
- March 28 - April 1 --- Spring Break
- April 22 - Good Friday - No School
- April 25 - Easter Monday - No School

State Geography Bee:

Eighth grader, Ryan Kelly, has qualified to participate in the Minnesota Geography Bee on Friday, April 9th in St. Cloud. Congratulations & Good Luck to Ryan! (This is the third year in a row that IHMCS has had a student qualify for the State Geography Bee!)

Thank you for choosing Catholic education at IHMCS for your child/children!

Ms. Cheri Gardner

Cheri Gardner, Principal



ON THE CALENDAR AT IHMCS

Sunday, March 14 – Day Light Savings Begins – “Spring Ahead”
Monday – Friday March 15 – 19 Standardized Testing 4th & 6th grade
Wednesday, March 17 – Mass 2:15 (2nd gr. Ms. O’Connor)
Thursday, March 18 – Sunday, March 21 – Junior High Play “Aladdin”
Tuesday, March 23 – Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 9:00
Thursday, March 25 – Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 9:00
3rd grade Super Adult Presentation 2:15 Fireside Room
Monday, March 29 – SPRING BREAK BEGINS – NO SCHOOL
Sunday, April 4 – HAPPY EASTER!!
Tuesday, April 6 – 8 NCEA Convention – NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 9 – Classes Resume

HOME & SCHOOL

Welcome to another weekend! Spring looks to be making an early appearance...let’s keep our fingers crossed for continued warm weather! I hope that many of you are planning on attending the Jr. High Play “Aladdin Jr.”. Having seen the plays in previous years, it’s such a fabulous event. The kids (and parents!) put in such a tremendous amount of work and preparation...you won’t be disappointed!

Spring Break is right around the corner!! Before you exhale and relax and refresh, please consider yourself or a friend to nominate to our Home and School Committee. This fun, high-energy committee is a great place to get involved, meet others and contribute to the success of our school. The role of the Home and School Association is to lead the involvement of parents in the spiritual and academic life of IHMCS by providing support in the areas of fundraising and volunteerism. The nomination forms may be found here or in the school office. I would like all nominations in to me by April 16th. Often, there are questions about what the Home and School Committee does: each team member has written about their position in past Weekender articles. If you have any questions, please contact myself or other team members for answers.

Thanks!

Kris Nelson, HSC Chair.

Almsgiving 2010

It is now time to focus our efforts within our community and spend the next two weeks bringing in items for the ICA food shelf. They have given us a list of their current needs and we will split the items into two separate weeks.

Items for the week of March 8-12th: (all canned) pasta, chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, and sweet potatoes

Items for the week of March 15-19th: Dry/Instant soup, Meal Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, etc), Any Condensed Soup (except tomato), instant potatoes, and Jelly

Congratulations, Ryan Kelly!

Last week, IHM was notified by the National Geographic Bee that Ryan Kelly was named a Minnesota Geographic Bee semifinalist! This means he scored in the top 100 students who took the state qualifying test. Ryan will participate at the state level in St. Cloud on Friday, April 9.

Good luck, Ryan!



Annual 5th & 6th Grade Science Fair

Our IHM Science Fair and Fashion Show on March 11th was an enjoyable and educational event. In an effort to learn more about the scientific method, the 5th graders did projects which traced the steps of a scientist or inventor and learned how the scientific method was used to create something new or improve something. They also had the unusual opportunity to share what they learned in a “fashion show” format. The 6th graders had the opportunity to follow the scientific process all on their own, coming up with their own hypothesis, doing an experiment and documenting their results. There was a very wide variety of topics. They were able to chart data, take lots of measurements and record conclusions, creating interesting and elaborate displays of what they had learned.

Summer Basketball Camp

Join coaches Maureen & Daren Tesch for some fun while we work on the basic fundamentals of the sport. Whether you have played basketball before or not, this is the camp for you!

Who: Girls & Boys entering grades 2nd-5th (Fall '10)
Where: Immaculate Heart of Mary School
When: June

More information will come out soon!



Thank You to All

This past month we once again celebrated and participated in "Jump Rope for Heart" with Kindergarten thru 4th grade. I am pleased to announce that our school earned just a little over \$5,200 for the American Heart Association. The money we earned will go to research and prevention of the number one killer in our nation, heart disease.

Besides our children earning fun "thank you" gifts, our school will receive \$300 in new Physical Education equipment. Each year we use the money to buy things such as new jump ropes, badminton racquets, scooter boards and new things for our obstacle course. There were two big prizes the kids were competing for this year. The extra Phy. Ed. Class went to the class that had the most kids participate. This went to Ms. Gross' class with 11 out of 15 kids bringing in some kind of pledge. The second prize was a pizza party that will be sponsored by the American Heart Association. The winning class was Ms. Thue's class, with a total of \$1,023.

The last thing I would like to mention is a few special kids that went out and did a lot of work on their own. Mathew K. brought in \$435 and Nicholas R. with \$370.

Thanks to all who could make this happen.

Mr. Tesch



Come Enjoy an Enchanting Carpet Ride through Agrabah!

The Jr. High students of IHMCS are excited to invite you to Agrabah, City of Enchantment, where every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! Come join them as they perform Disney's Aladdin, Jr. on March 18-21. All of your favorite characters will be there: Aladdin, Jasmine, Jafar, Iago and of course, the Genie! Filled with magic, mayhem, and flying carpet rides, your spirits will soar with excitement. The tuneful, Academy Award-winning score includes songs you and your kids will remember, like "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me". This year's show is sure to be a hit for kids ages 1-99!

Ticket order form is available online, in the school and parish offices and at the end of this weekender.



Buy your tickets today for a magic carpet ride!



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School
 Invites you to attend our Jr. High Students' production of:

Disney's Aladdin JR.

Show Times:
 Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 pm
 Friday, March 19th, 7:00 pm
 Saturday, March 20th, 6:30 pm
 Sunday, March 21st, 2:00 pm

Order by March 13th for
EARLY BIRD PRICES
 Adult: \$8.00
 Child 4-18: \$6.00
 Children 3 & under: Free
 (Regular Price Adult is \$10.00, Child \$8.00)

Please detach and return this order form with your check (payable to IHMCS) to the school office by March 13th (for early-bird prices) by or March 18th (for regular prices.) Regular price tickets will be available at the door, but some shows do sell out!

If mailing your form, send to: IHMCS, c/o PLAY TICKETS, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

Your pre-paid tickets will be available at "Will Call" the night of the performance!



Ticket Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Which Performance of Disney's Aladdin JR.	Thursday, March 18 th 7:00 pm	Friday, March 19 th 7:00 pm	Saturday, March 20 th 6:30 pm	Sunday, March 21 st 2:00 pm	Early Bird Price (order by 3/13/10)	Regular Price (after 3/13/10)	Subtotals
How Many Adult Seats?					x \$ 8.00	x \$ 10.00	= \$
How Many Child Seats? (age 4-18)					x \$ 6.00	x \$ 8.00	= \$
Total Number of Seats:					Grand Total = \$		

Catholic High School Happenings

Holy Family Catholic High School – An Invitation

After a winter like this one, it's time to thaw out those winter blues. Join us as we raise money for tuition assistance and come together for "Night on Fire" from 7 to 11 p.m., Saturday, March 20.

Celebrate with Holy Family parents, alumni families, supporters and friends for a night on the town at the Hilton Minneapolis' Symphony Ballroom with a full array of cocktails, a first-class hors d'oeuvre supper, and dancing. Reservations are \$100 a person, and tickets also include a "Light the Fire" cocktail, gratuities and valet parking. Attendees are offered a preferred "Night on Fire" Hilton rate of \$69 for room reservations for the evening. (Contact the Hilton at (612) 376-1000.) Tickets may be purchased online at www.hfchs.org.

Questions? Contact Terri Kemmerer at 952-443-2498.