



**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



THIRD WEEK OF LENT:

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

The readings of Lent often focus on the importance and the power of forgiveness. The prophet Micah tells us that God “delights in mercy” and will “cast our sins into the depths of the sea.” (Micah 7:18-19) The psalmist tells us that this same God will redeem our lives from destruction. The parable of the Prodigal Son, poignantly reveals the forgiveness and compassion of our loving Father.

Lent clearly reminds us that we sometimes create our own problems by making bad choices or pursuing wrong goals. Simultaneously, the Lenten scripture assures us that God understands our human nature and offers us opportunity after opportunity to make better choices and to live our lives differently so that we can find true happiness.

We are also assured that in treating others as God treats us - with unwavering mercy and forgiveness - that we will put ourselves on the path to healing and wholeness. Another wonderful quality of the father in the story of the Prodigal Son is the unquestioned acceptance of both his sons just as they are. He does not condemn or chastise either of them. He offers both of them acceptance, forgiveness and unconditional love.

Sometimes our most loving response is to accept someone as who they are or where they are at that moment in time - because that is where they need to be.

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 us on this Lenten journey.

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS:

The IHMCS community extends heartfelt sympathy to Ms. Prudence O'Connor and her family on the loss of her dad, Barney Erdman. Please remember this family in your prayers.

IHMCS REGISTRATION FOR 2010-2011:

Registration materials for the 2010-2011 school year were sent home in the blue folders on Friday, February 26th. Thank you to the many parents who have already sent in their registrations for next year! If you have any questions/concerns regarding your registration, please give the office a call.

SECOND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS:

The second trimester of the 2009-2010 school year ends today. Report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, March 12th. Please make sure you are up-to-date on all your financial obligations to IHMCS.

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

Ms. Cheri Gardner

Cheri Gardner, Principal



ON THE CALENDAR AT IHMCS

Tuesday, March 9 – McDonald's Night at Shady Oak Road McDonalds
Wednesday, March 10 – Mass 2:15 (3rd gr. Mrs. Segar)
Thursday, March 11 – 5th & 6th grade Science Fair
Kindergarten & 1st grade Arboretum Field Trip
Friday, March 12 – Report Cards Sent Home
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

Almsgiving 2010

After completing our first two weeks of Lent by helping in the Haiti relief fund, we are happy to say that we did very well with our global efforts. Many people will have food to eat because of us! Thank you for doing your part in taking care of those people that need us most!

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

Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, March 23 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm

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Thursday, March 25 from 5:00 – 9:00pm

To schedule a conference, please complete the conference request form.

School will be in session on both of these days!

Scholastic Book Fair Information

Everyone must have had an appetite for books because our “Book Fair Diner” was very successful. We took over \$700.00 in books from the fair and also earned \$2,500.00 in Scholastic Dollars (these dollars provide an opportunity to purchase books and other educational items) and \$400 in cash. This profit will provide many new books for the library and school that are always exciting for students and staff. The support for the book fair is incredible and it is very much appreciated. A special thank you to the sixth grade parents for their volunteer hours.

Some of the book we received from the book fair:

Picture Books:

<u>Tea for Ruby</u>	Sarah Ferguson
<u>Ladybug Girl</u>	David Soman
<u>The Last Polar Bear</u>	Jean Craighead George
<u>Rumble Tum</u>	Stephanie True Peters
<u>Hurry Up and Slow Down</u>	Layn Marlow
<u>Fox Walked Alone</u>	Barbara Reid

Middle Grades:

<u>Midnight Magic</u>	Avl
<u>Nerds</u>	Michael Buckley
<u>The Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes</u>	Marlane Kennedy
<u>Wolves of the Beyond</u>	Kathryn Lasky*
<u>Lone Wolf</u>	
<u>Confetti Girl</u>	Diana Lopez
<u>A Good Night for Ghosts</u>	Mary Pope Osborne
<u>Dirty Jobs</u>	Mike Rowe

Junior High:

<u>Bad Girls Don't Die</u>	Katie Alender
<u>Crocodile Tears</u>	Anthony Horowitz
<u>Woods Runner</u>	Gary Paulsen
<u>Tentacles</u>	Roland Smith

*denotes for Junior High also

Excellent reading material!



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!



Ticket Form can be found at the end of this Weekender or on the IHMCS Website

Lend Your Support!

The IHMCS Jr. High Musical, *Aladdin Jr.*, is just around the corner and we would like to invite your family or organization to be part of this year's musical by contributing towards the cost of the production as a "Sponsor".

Sponsors will be recognized in four distinct ways: First, Sponsors will be listed in the March 19th school newsletter sent to all school families; second, Sponsors will be detailed on signs posted at key entrance areas before and during performance times; third, an announcement prior to each performance will be made thanking and listing our Sponsors; and fourth, programs will include a Sponsor section detailing our valued Sponsors.

We anticipate selling more than 1500 tickets over the four-day performance period, March 18th through March 21st. This is a wonderful way for your organization to gain some recognition across our community and beyond.

If you believe this is an opportunity your family or organization would like to participate in, please complete the form below by Tuesday, March 9th. If you any questions, contact Sue Sullivan at 952-930-0860. IHMCS thanks you for your consideration

Organization Name: _____

Contribution Amount: \$_____

Silver Sponsors – Contribution range of \$10 - \$50;

Gold Sponsors – Contribution range of \$51 - \$250

Authorized Representative Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Please detach and return this form with your check, written to IHMCS, by Tuesday, March 9th to:

IHMCS – Play Sponsorship
13505 Excelsior Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is a non-profit organization, please contact your tax professional on contribution deduction.

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.



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 = \$		