



# THE IHM WEEKLY

## *Immaculate Heart of Mary School*

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a Community of Faith in which school and parents join together in the formation and education of each child to achieve a balance of faith, character, and academic excellence.

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*We challenge one another to be globally aware people and peacemakers who accept the poor of this world with a hospitality mirroring **Gospel values**.*



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

JANUARY 19, 2022

Dear IHM families,

Thank you for your continued support, help, and cooperation during these unprecedented times. Rest assured that we are doing everything in our power to keep our community safe and we will continue to do so. I know that many are uncertain about returning to school, but we are strongly discouraging virtual learning for anyone who is cleared to return. We have determined that virtual learning is not the optimal learning environment for students. Although our teachers have been doing an incredible job managing the hybrid classroom, we acknowledge that it cannot replace the genuine learning experiences and fostering of relationships that take place in the in-person classroom. Further, when there is a “sub” covering for a teacher, the Zoom option will not be available and students will be provided asynchronous assignments. It is important that all of us continue doing our part in monitoring for any symptoms and keeping students home if they feel unwell.

For those who are in quarantine, you do have the Zoom option available to you. However, the teachers and I understand if students are feeling ill and are unable to participate in Zoom classes. Please take some time to rest and recover so that you can be back with us in person soon. For those who are asymptomatic, we encourage you to join us on Zoom so that you can continue to learn and grow with your peers.

I pray that we can all continue to work together to provide the best possible education for our children. May we always remember the power of God’s love as we continue to make decisions that affect our students, our families, and our entire IHM community.

Blessings,  
Ms. Bautista



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IMPORTANT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Check and digitally sign students' **progress reports** via Schoolspeak. Progress reports will be published by each teacher by 6 PM this evening. Please notify Ms. Bautista if you do not have your Schoolspeak login details or your child's teacher if you do not see their published progress reports.
- This Friday, January 21st, Nova Diagnostics will be administering **COVID tests** to our IHM community. We understand that testing demands are high in Los Angeles County, so we invite family members to also take part in this testing event. Results will be emailed to you directly from the lab. If you would like to participate, please complete the following form - <https://novadiagnosticslabs.com/novasystem/jotform/add/32/149>
- The **after-school sports program "ASISA"** will continue this week. Next week, we will resume our Monday and Thursday schedule from 3-5 PM. Participating students should bring an extra change of clothes and must have submitted a permission slip.
- Out of an abundance of caution, **we will not be attending Mass at the church for the month of January**. We are hoping to resume Mass by February 4th. Students will still be reading the Mass readings and practicing their Mass responses in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding.
- Student council** will be holding a few events throughout the month of January:
  - Jan. 27** - Holocaust Remembrance Day (school-wide day of prayer)
  - Jan. 28** - National Lego Day! Bring your Legos for \$0.50
- Catholic Schools' Week** begins on Sunday, January 30th. Although we have cancelled our originally scheduled Family Fun Day, we will continue to have events at campus throughout the week:
  - Jan. 31** - Student Appreciation Day- no homework and free dress
  - Feb. 1** - Honor your Teacher & Culture Day
  - Feb. 2** - Community Clean-up & Twin Day
  - Feb. 3** - Throwback Thursday (the 70s)
  - Feb. 4** - Anything-But-A-Backpack Day
- We will be hosting an "**Internet Safety**" Zoom on Monday, January 31st. All members of our community are invited to attend. Zoom information will be sent out next week.
- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles mandates that all adults who work in any capacity with or around children complete the VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children for Adults program. It is mandatory that all volunteers working with our students are **VIRTUS trained and fingerprinted**. For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/> and <https://lacatholics.org/fingerprinting/>.

