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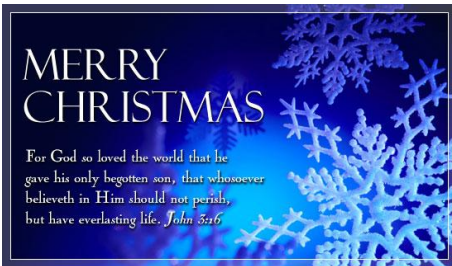
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dec. 16, 2015

### *IHM Mission*

*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.*

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It's hard to believe that we are heading into the last week of Advent. Christmas is right around the corner and the children are itching for Christmas break. I would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year! May your Christmas season be filled with family, friends, and good cheer.

Thank you to everyone who responded quickly to yesterday's communication about the school closure. Thank you for supporting my decision as my heart found it better to be safe than sorry. We are stressing to the students that we should not live in fear, but rather be vigilant. This incident should not cause more distrust and hatred in

the world, but rather bring communities together. Yesterday, as I said in my email, we saw our very own community come together as older children calmed down the younger ones and as families helped pick up and watch other students for families who had to work. We pray that this example will be set forth to the rest of the world, as we hope for peace and reconciliation this New Year.

With that said, if you have not already, please email me as soon as possible the preferred method of reaching you in case of an emergency (text or email). This email was entitled: MASS EMAIL AND/OR TEXT MESSAGES. I would like to just be able to press a button in a matter of seconds to get emergency information to you from my phone. Your child(ren)'s safety is our utmost concern.

Just a reminder that parents need to check in and out of the office when entering pass the foyer. This way we know who is in the building at all times. This also means that before and after school parents need to please remain outside of the school gates unless you need to see Ms. Giron in the school office.

Again, have a blessed Christmas and New Year! Thank you for all that you do!

God's Blessings,  
Ms. Alberto

### TAKE AN IMPORTANT SURVEY AND RECEIVE ONE SERVICE HOUR!!!

Next year is our accreditation year, which means that our school will be visited by a committee to assess our school's curriculum, Catholic Identity, etc. This year we have started writing our draft for our Western Catholic Educational Association and Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Schools (WCEA WASC) report. We would like for you to take several minutes to take this survey so that we can add your input to this report. You will receive 1 Service Hour for completing this survey. Please note: You can choose to make this anonymous by not putting the name of your student. However, if you do not indicate your name, you will not be able to receive the service hour because we will not be able to track the submission. Because it will be easier to disaggregate the data, we are asking that you complete this online. The link is:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TAAgOM5n7e9yiLM6r3DYKaRMJciQsJrv2BU36cKxV7w/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TAAgOM5n7e9yiLM6r3DYKaRMJciQsJrv2BU36cKxV7w/viewform?usp=send_form)

If you do not have Internet and/or a device at hand, please come to the office and we will bring you to our Resource Lab to complete. **We are aiming for 100% participation as we truly need your input to create this important report.**

### MISSING INNISBROOK ITEMS

For those of you who are still missing Innisbrook items, thank you for your patience with your order. Your missing orders will be here this Thursday. You should be receiving a letter today about this. If you do not receive a letter and you are missing item(s), please call and/or email the office.

### JOIN US FOR A DAY TRIP TO PECHANGA CASINO!!!

Come join us for a turn-around casino trip! Please see attached flyer for more details. You pay \$25 per person, but that will count towards your gaming amount at the casino. You will also receive one service hour for coming, so please join the fun!!!



- **Dec. 17:** 6:30 Christmas Program in the Auditorium – **IT IS THIS THURSDAY!**
- **Dec. 18:** 8:15 Mass (6<sup>th</sup>); 12:30 Dismissal (No Daycare)
- **Dec. 25:** Merry Christmas
- **Jan. 1:** Happy New Year
- **Jan. 4:** School resumes
- **Jan. 5:** 6:00 PTA Meeting & 6:30 Room Parent and General Assembly Meeting
- **Jan. 8:** 8:15 Mass (2<sup>nd</sup>); 12:30 Dismissal
- **Jan. 15:** 8:15 Mass (7<sup>th</sup>); 12:30 Dismissal
- **Jan. 16:** 7am Pechanga Casino Trip
- **Jan. 18:** No School (MLK Day)
- **Jan. 20:** Progress Reports
- **Jan. 22:** 8:15 Mass (1<sup>st</sup>); 12:30 Dismissal
- **Jan. 25:** STAR Testing Begins
- **Jan. 27:** 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Cap & Gown Pictures; 6:30 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Family Night – **THIS DATE HAS CHANGED FROM THE MASTER CALENDAR**
- **Jan. 28:** Sci. Fair
- **Jan. 29:** Sci. Fair; 8:15 Mass (8<sup>th</sup>); 12:30 Dismissal
- **Jan. 31:** 9:30 Mass, Alumni Day, Open House, Family Fun Day, Catholic School Week Begins, Sci. Fair Awarding

