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**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

Happy Wednesday!

Unfortunately, due to health reasons, Ms. Abarta will not be returning to IHM. Her heart wants to stay with her "babies," but she has finally realized that her body is telling her that after 32 years here at IHM she needs to take care of herself. We had several interviews these past two weeks. The teachers, TK students, and I collaboratively helped to choose a new TK teacher. I asked each student who they felt was a teacher that they loved and they made a unanimous decision (which was luckily the same person as who Mr. Patrick, Ms. Thomas, and I chose).

We have found an amazing replacement, Mrs. Mijares, who has had over 26 years of experience working with ages 3-50 as an educator. She taught at Catholic elementary schools in the past, as well as in the high school and college levels. Because of her extensive experience and her love for the kids the minute she walked into the classroom during her demo lesson, we knew that Mrs. Mijares was the one! She makes stuffed animals on her spare time and she wants nothing more than to instill love, passion for learning, and faith into our 4-year-olds.

Ms. Abarta will be here next week to help her with the transition. The kids have adjusted just fine with me and I know that they will do well with the transition to Mrs. Mijares. It is always so hard to see someone who has been here for decades leave, but we know that it is for Ms. Abarta's best interest to take care of her health now. As soon as her fingerprints and VIRTUS training have been completed, Mrs. Mijares will begin. This will hopefully be next week.

I have had a remarkable three weeks with the TK children. They brought me "back to life" and have re-kindled my spark of why I went into education in the first place. It's often difficult as administrator to just be locked up in the office doing administrative work. These past three weeks have been a breath of fresh air for me being in the classroom again. I assure you that the next several months will be filled with challenging (but doable) curriculum filled with creativity and love for the TK students, keeping Ms. Abarta always in our prayers. Thanks for sharing these lovable kiddos with me this month!!!

Again, thank you EVERYONE for all that you do!

God's Blessings,  
Ms. Alberto

## SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY FUN DAY SUNDAY JAN. 29<sup>TH</sup> (HOST GRADES ARE TK, K, 7, & 8)



The PTA is very excited to host another Family Fun Day this year to kick off of **Catholic School's Week!!!** Remember... Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades are purple. TK, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades are gold. **Gold Team is leading 11 to 10 thus far!**

Again, for Family Fun Day, ALL students in ALL grades are competing against one another. So, **EVERYONE is invited (not just host grades)** to compete and cheer on your team. Every Family Fun Day throughout the year, the teachers will choose different people to compete in several games for the day. This year there will be both a daily AND yearly prize for the top winners. This way, even friends and family members outside of the school can play the games, as well!

Volunteer opportunities are available. The PTA is trying to create a more efficient way of signing up volunteers through "Eventbrite" (the RSVP tool that we used for the Christmas party). Please follow this link to VOLUNTEER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jan-fam-fun-day-volunteers-tickets-31113179357>

These "tickets" are NOT for attending the event. This is simply for VOLUNTEERING. Please choose which VOLUNTEER opportunity you would like to do. If you would like to make a donation of \$25 instead, please send a check to the school with the memo of "Jan. Family Fun Day" for 2.5 hours.

We still need volunteers for the following: **set-up, clean-up (double-time), selling BBQ, BBQ grilling (double time), food stations, cooking stations, and t-shirt booths**

Come to Mass at 9:30 on the 29th in Dress Uniform and change into your purple and gold shirts after Mass to compete and cheer on your teams! See you then!!!



- **Jan. 27:** 8:15 Mass (3rd); STAR Testing Ends; 12:30 Dismissal
- **Jan. 29:** Catholic School's Week Begins; 9:30 Mass (TK, K, 7, 8); Family Fun Day after Mass

## COIN PURSE FOUND OUTSIDE BY THE DROP-OFF CURB



Parents, there was a coin purse found last week by the drop-off curb in the morning.

There is no information inside. Please contact the school office, give details of the coin purse, and we will be happy to return it to you.

Thank you!