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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, everyone! I will tell you as I told the teachers and kids this morning... So many of us woke up this morning and discovered who our president-elect is. No matter whom we wanted to win and no matter all of the things we may be hearing in the media... Please explain to your children that there is nothing to fear. It is our job as educators and parents to keep hope alive in our youth despite all of the talk out there.

We told the children that even though the president has the highest office here in America (whomever was or is elected), the real power is within US - the citizens. In fact, I emphasized with the children today that the real power is within THEM as our future leaders.

OUR CHILDREN have the power to knock down hatred with love... war with peace... and division with unity. THEY have the power to help those in need. I see it every day when a third grader rushes a Kindergartner into the office to get a Band-Aid. I see it when the junior high

students are helping their teachers decorate and put up bulletin boards in their classrooms after school. I see it when the first graders bring their piggy banks to drop all of their coins into the donation bottle for Haiti outside of my office.

OUR CHILDREN have the power to change the world and so there is nothing to fear. Soon all of this election talk will subside and we will be left to ourselves with our families, where we should emphasize to our children to continue being the best people God would want us to be, treating others as we would want to be treated.

Each and every one of your children gives us educators HOPE for a better future. YOUR KIDS are who will change this world for the better and YOUR FAMILY AND KIDS are the reasons we love our jobs so much. YOUR FAMILY AND THE VALUES YOU INSTILL IN THEM are what make this country (this school) strong, proud, and hopeful.

We told the kids today to focus on studying hard in school. We told them to focus on continuing to be the very best children of God with good moral values, promoting love, peace, and unity. We told them to focus on being kind and gentle to one another. Each day (and today especially) we have asked the kids to let go of any negativity bottled inside and to focus on the positive – God's gift of life here and now.

With this we pray for unity, justice, peace, and love among our world, this country, and within our own homes.

Again, thank you EVERYONE for all that you do!

God's Blessings,
Ms. Alberto

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will begin on **Wednesday, Nov. 30th** and last until the 2nd. You will receive the day(s) and time(s) of your conference(s) this week. Please do your best to stick to the schedule given to you, especially if you have more than one child here. It becomes difficult for teachers to reschedule when you have more than one child because we want to ensure that you do not have to wait too long in between children's conferences.



FAMILY FUN DAY WAS A SUCCESS



Thank you to everyone who came to Family Fun Day last Sunday. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out, as well. Thank you to Ms. Bautista, Mrs. Torres, 2nd Graders, and 5th Graders for hosting the event. The bake sale and Jamba Juice were successes! Congratulations to the Gold Team! **Gold Team is leading 11 to 10 thus far!**

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 9TH PTA CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Yesterday you all received invitations to this year's White Christmas Party on **Dec. 9th at 7pm**. Because there will be a cash bar, this is a 21 and over event only. There is no charge for attending the event as this was included in the PTA fee earlier this year. All you have to do is log onto the website by **November 18th** to RSVP. We must have a head count by this day in order to see how much food to order. Be sure to bring your tickets on the day of the event. The limit is two per family. See you there!



- **Nov. 10:** CA Sci. Museum Field Trip (Junior High)
- **Nov. 11:** No School (Veteran's Day)
- **Nov. 14:** Art Show Begins
- **Nov. 15:** First Trimester Ends
- **Nov. 18:** 8:15 Mass (5th); 12:30 Dismissal; Thanksgiving Break begins
- **Nov. 24:** Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Nov. 28:** School Resumes; Candy Sale Ends (money due); Report Cards
- **Nov. 30:** 12:30 Dismissal; Parent-Teacher Conference
- **Dec. 1:** 12:30 Dismissal; Parent-Teacher Conference
- **Dec. 2:** 8:15 Mass (6th); 12:30 Dismissal; Parent-Teacher Conference; 5:30 6th & 7th Family Night

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GREAT AMERICAN WINNERS:

- **Top Item Sellers (Kona Ice Cream Truck, Emoji Pillow, No Homework Pass, Virtual Reality Glasses, and Trip to Dodger Stadium):** Riley Lantion, Isla Tilao, Kanye D'Oliveira, Angelene Peralta, Andrew Carreon, Lorelei Lim
- **Top Dollar Sellers (Lunch from Ms. Alberto):** Riley Lantion, Isla Tilao, Kanye D'Oliveira, Angelene Peralta, Andrew Carreon
- **Top Class, selling \$2,597.50 (Pizza, Ice Cream, Movie Party):** KINDERGARTEN