

# MARCH NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

We are well into the Lenten Season here at IHM with our Monday morning meditative prayer services and our Wednesday afternoon Stations of the Cross. Each of our classrooms has also begun to collect money for the poor with the Rice Bowls. I invite each of you to do the same at home with your children. Every student has an envelope in this week's Thursday Folder. It has a blue hand print on the outside. This is another means of collecting for Operation Rice Bowl. Since God has blessed each of us with many physical and spiritual gifts, it is only fitting that we share these gifts with those less fortunate than ourselves.

In our upper grades, the teachers and I have been experiencing some growing pains with the students. Many of them are REGULARLY violating our dress code policy, as well as, having or chewing gum in school, leaving trash on the floor. The teachers have held class meetings with the students to try and understand how we can all work together to fix these issues. A main point that the children made was that they understand Peace Builders and the behavior slips which accompany them. However, they do not feel these slips have a serious consequence or connotation to them. Therefore, we have decided that we will supplement our behavior slips with our former demerits. Students will still receive behavior slips for speaking or acting unkindly towards each other. Whereas, they will receive a demerit for rolled uniform skirts, untucked shirts, gum chewing, littering, and the like. You may recall that with the demerits, there are points for the various infractions. The point system accrues and more severe consequences are given (such as detention). We thank you in advance for your help in enforcing the rules within our Student Handbook.

You will find a reminder and an order form for Supermarket Scrip in this week's folder. We encourage everyone to participate as it is a wonderful way to cut down on your tuition cost. With both Supermarket Scrip and S & C Scrip coming into school to be ordered, we do have one request: PLEASE BE SURE TO CLEARLY LABEL the ENVELOPE for your SCRIP ORDER with either "S & C" or "SUPERMARKET." It will be a super help to us!

I would like to apologize to our Pre~Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, as I overlooked the GREAT job they did in our recent Box Tops for Education Contest. They were the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners! So, we will add them into our free Dress Down Day on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Way to go, boys and girls!

Lastly, you will note on the March calendar that Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> had been listed as a half day. It will now be a FULL DAY of school. Looking ahead, we have also changed Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from a half day of school with NO CARES to a FULL DAY of school WITH CARES. These two added afternoons will also us to make up one of our snow days. Easter break will remain from Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> through Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, with us all returning to school on Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. I will keep you posted of any other calendar changes.

Thank you for your time, attention, and continued support. Without you, IHM School would not be a thriving Catholic Community.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Kimberly A. Szypula