

Why IHM?



Q. Why should you invest in a Catholic education for your child at IHM?

A: Because it pays big dividends for your child's entire life!

Investing is sometimes a complicated subject. Investing in your child's education is not complicated when you choose a Catholic Education at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Our school's mission is to develop your child's academic, moral and social skills to the highest level. Our professional and dedicated faculty, in partnership with our parents, are committed to academic excellence. We recognize the individuality of each student, challenging them to meet their highest potential. We nurture their intellectual, spiritual, social and physical needs, as we strive to help them realize their own self worth as well as a genuine respect for others

A Catholic Education is based on four key principles:

Faith: Connecting to the divine spirit that resides in each of us.

Knowledge: Understanding the world in which we live

Discipline: Instruction and learning in accordance with rules

Morales: Developing character based on the distinction between right and wrong.

The goal of education, is to open to our students the rich heritage and gift of the Catholic Tradition of faith in Jesus lived out as a member of the church. We do this through daily prayer, gathering as a school community at the Eucharist and in other worship experiences. We also encourage our students to become involved in outreach ministry to those in need, at times close to home and also the greater world. We are also deeply respectful of faith traditions of our students who are not Roman Catholic and invite the, to join us in prayer to the God of all.

Almost 60 Years old and going strong!

For almost 60 years, IHM has provided children with a superior education rooted in Catholic faith and IHM is here to stay! IHM continues to invest in your child's education by ensuring that we have quality, certified teachers and programs, by utilizing technology like Smart Boards, ipads, and chrome books to ensure our students are being educated with the most current tools available, and by investing in new and innovative programs like our cultural enrichment program focused on the appreciation of music and the fine arts that broaden the perspective of the students. Your investment in your child's future, coupled with the generous support of our parish and community, allows IHM to provide all these wonderful opportunities for your children. We are sure that once you visit our school and meet the teachers and other parents, you will agree that a Catholic Education at IHM is the best investment you can make in your child and that this investment will pay dividends for life.

What makes IHM a special place

IHM's educational program focuses on the individuality of each student and provides a challenging curriculum that encourages students to achieve their full potential. The nurturing, respectful environment of the school allows the children to develop into confident, well-rounded individuals. The core strength of IHM is quality and dedication of its teachers. Consistency and security are critical to the child's sense of well-being. To that end, our facility is devoted and highly qualified. All of our students are New Jersey state certified with many carrying advanced degrees. Our teachers average 23 years of teaching experiences and faculty turn-over is low, ensuring that children build solid long term relationships with their teachers.

Caring in the Classroom

Your child spends most of his/her day in the classroom and at IHM our class sizes allow personal attention by our caring teachers to help your child do better when they need help in a particular subject. Our classrooms are places where respect, teamwork and friendship grow and flourish. We wear uniforms because they show that school is a responsibility to be taken seriously. They keep the focus on learning, not on discussing fashion and comparing outfits. Students support each other through a unique buddy system where older students are paired with our younger students in a one-on-one mentoring relationships. Students love our buddy system!

Academic Curriculum

We offer a diverse and full academic and spiritual curriculum from a pre-school program and classes from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The pre-school, 'Little Blessings' introduces the benefits of a Catholic education at IHM, and it's curriculum is based on physical and developmental stages of the whole child. Learning in kindergarten through fifth grade takes place in self-contained classrooms, with experienced educators providing multidisciplinary instruction. For sixth grade through eighth grade, Middle School, students move from classroom, where they are taught by teacher/specialists in their subject areas. In addition to the core curriculum, kindergarten through eighth grade students receive specialized, grade level-appropriate instruction in art, music, gym, computers, foreign language, and library science. Our students in grade 6-8 have the opportunity to participate in advanced Math & graduate completing a full year at Algebra 1.

AAA Academic Achievements and Accolades

IHM is proud recipient of the 2007 U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence. IHM was also awarded the diocesan 2004 Star School Award (for its student Writing Program that is implemented in every grade from K to 8) and the 2004 Home & School Federation Best Practice Award 9for its cultural programs).



Recognition and Competitions

Students are recognized for their achievements with honors and awards. Top academic performers are listed on the public web site. Students participate in a variety of academic competitions including the New Jersey Math League and DePaul Catholic High School Science Competition. The students actively participate in the Forensic League, a program for public speaking and debate for fifth through eighth graders. IHM students participate in Passaic County Calendar contest and have placed 1st place winners 2 years in a row.

Student Life and Service

Academics are important, but school can be so much more. A robust program of service to the community provides each student with an understanding of important life issues. Each class has a annual project that involves them in caring for others. Food drives, letter writing to shut ins, clothing collections, letters to veterans, are all part of a tradition of service. National Junior Honor Society affords leadership and service offerings. The student Council provides opportunities to learn about leadership. And don't forget the fun! Students participate in activities including Cultural events, Music, Art, Sports, Dances, and Performing and Visual Arts which make the day go by that much faster.

The results speak for themselves

In study after study, Catholic schools outperform their public school peers. Our students score well above national average in standardized testing.

Secure and safe environment

All doors are always locked to the outside. Visitors must ring a bell, be recognized and enter only through main doors. Visitors must report to the main office. New cameras and security system are in place. Monthly fire drills and security drills are conducted as required by the state. Safety and security are a major priority.

Be part of the best, invest in your child's future with us... you'll be glad you did

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