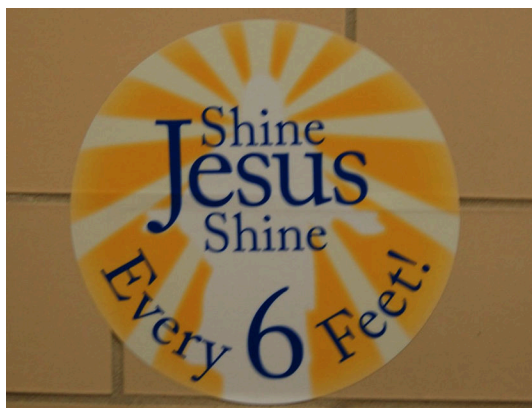




## Back to School 2020: Be a Light for All to See!

By Grace McMullen '21 and Amanda Cramer '21

In August of 2020, IHM had its first day of school. With the new school year, lots of new things are happening. With the new COVID-19 restrictions and our new virtual learning system, there's a lot to take into consideration. Our principal, Sister Susan Louise, has a few things to say about it, "A few weeks ago, I would have said that the social distancing was the hardest part of dealing with COVID-19. I think differently now. The hardest part is requiring people to quarantine because someone might be a COVID case. We have teachers and students, and consequently parents, who have to stay home in quarantine even though they are not sick. Of course, this is to keep everyone well and stop the spread, but I think it is really hard to have to quarantine when you are not sick yourself. It is frustrating for the families and the teachers. This year, I am looking forward to the end of COVID-19 and being able to resume our normal school activities and events. In addition to that, I am looking forward to getting to know our students better this year."



social distancing markers in IHM hallways



students line up for morning check-in

With all the new and exciting things happening this year, here is what a few of our in person students had to say. 3rd grader Ben Redyk said "The hardest part about coming back to school would be social distancing, because it's hard to tell what 6ft apart is. Although with everything happening this year, I'm excited for art class and doing art in school." 5th grader Carolyn Keady said that "The most difficult part about coming back to school has to be spacing out in hallways, and how we can't use any of the gym equipment. This year I'm excited about seeing my friends and the teachers, and even though we are all wearing masks, and it's hard to see their smiles, you know it's still there." 3rd grader Charlotte Stahovec said "I think the most difficult part about coming back to school is remembering to wear your mask when you come to school. I'm also most excited about doing projects in class and doing them with my friends. Being in a new class is fun."

## IHM Welcomes New Staff

By Grace McMullen '21 and Amanda Cramer '21

For the new school year, we have new faculty and staff to welcome into our community. Our new faculty and Staff include the following: Middle School Spanish teacher, Señorita Parry; Fourth Grade teacher, Mrs. Noppinger; Our pastor, Father Jeff; and the advancement director, Ms. Bacso. What do they think about the new school year?

Señorita Parry said, "The most difficult part of this school year for me is not being able to use a lot of my teaching techniques due to COVID. This year, I'm looking forward to sharing my love of Spanish with my students. My favorite part about coming back to school is being able to work with students." Ms. Bacso, said "I think the most difficult part about the school year with COVID-19 is wearing a mask all day. This is a big change for everyone and sometimes it is very uncomfortable. It is very responsible and very important to wear our masks during our school day and in our school building. We are not only protecting ourselves, but our classmates and teachers when we wear our masks correctly. At IHM, I absolutely love the energy of the students, faculty and staff! When I started my position, I started in June and the building was very quiet. I learned a lot over the summer and I gave a lot of tours to our new families, but I was so excited to finally have the students return when school started in August! I am really looking forward to one day seeing all of your smiling faces, but I can wait for that and settle for everyone's smiling eyes! I am very happy and honored to work at IHM and to be a part of this fantastic community."

Clearly, everyone is excited about our new school year! So let's make this an awesome year, an awesome year to be a light for all to see!



Mrs. Noppinger '11



Mrs. Bacso



Señorita Parry





**By Grace McMullen '21  
& Amanda Cramer '21**

You will need:

- Clear jar with lid
- Glitter
- Water
- Black paper or felt
- Scissors
- Orange paint
- Teaspoon
- Corn syrup
- Piece of cork or stick
- Glue/tape

Instructions:

1. Paint the lid of the clear jar orange. Let it dry.
2. Fill the bottle or jar about halfway with corn syrup.
3. Add some glitter and orange paint. Start with about a teaspoon of each, you can always add more later.
4. Fill the bottle almost to the top with water. Place the lid on the the jar.
5. Cut jack-o-lantern faces from the black felt or paper and attach to the jar with glue or tape.
6. Attach the cork stem to the top of the lid with glue or tape.
7. Now SHAKE YOUR FESTIVE JACK-O-LANTERN!!!!



*It's the Halloween season! This year since you can't go outside and socialize, there are still plenty of fun things you can do inside! One of those things is making some festive crafts. One thing that is commonly associated with Halloween is its jack-o-lanterns. With jack-o-lanterns, they end up rotting and you have to throw them away at the end of the season. Not this one though! This is a fun festive jack-o-lantern you can have all year round!*

## Recess at Home

by Milan Brown '21

This year due to COVID -19, IHM has students both in school and learning at their homes. In-school learners have a typical recess, with changes to limit contact between children and toys. However, for at-home learners, recess has had a major change! We must find ways to stay active during this time. So here are some ideas to make sure you are still getting the active element traditionally in your school day. One idea is to paint rocks. You're staying active by collecting rocks and showing your creative side by painting them. If you choose to do

this, paint the rocks outside if possible so you can get vitamin D. Another idea is to take a walk in your community. Bring a watch so that you don't lose track of time! You can do this with a sibling, parent, or even on your own if your parents say it is okay. One more activity you can do at home for recess is ride a bike or scooter in front of your house with parent supervision. If none of these activities seem appealing, there are plenty of inexpensive toys that you can get to bring fun to your recess time. These include hula hoops, bouncy balls, frisbees, Hot Wheels cars, chalk, and bubbles. I hope these ideas and suggestions help you stay active if you are having recess at home!



## Back to School 2020 continued from front page

New to IHM this year, 7th grade student council member, Alexandra Ponienman, said "The most difficult part of the school year is definitely the masks. But I think, generally speaking, everyone has adapted to the changes for this year and we can go on as we normally would. I'm really looking forward to meeting all of the students at IHM, including the virtual kids. The students that I've met so far have been really nice. My favorite part of coming back to school is actually seeing people again. Last spring at my old school, I had 30 minutes a week of each class so going to school for a full 7 hours is awesome.

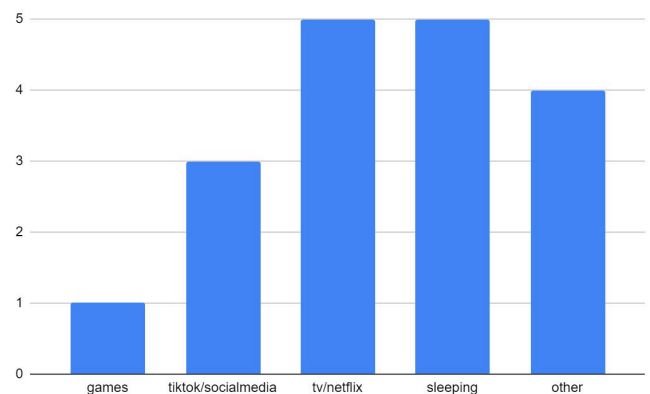
With the new changes in technology and learning, our virtual students also have a few things to say about the new school year. Virtual 8th grade learner, Jada Lambert said, "I think the most difficult part of school this year with Covid-19 is not being able to have social-interactions with my classmates. Since this year is my last year with them, I hoped I could make a lot of memories. I am looking forward to Soar Time when I go back to school. My favorite part of virtual school is being able to do everything online, since the papers are really hard to keep track of." Another 8th grade virtual learner, Dakota Hardman said, "I believe the most difficult thing about this school year is logging on to the Google Meets on time because there are many technical difficulties. This year I am looking forward to having the plays and musicals because they bring me much joy and purpose. My favorite part about virtual school is that school seems much more fun, and makes many of the people at home realize how much they really do like school."

## Oliver Asks

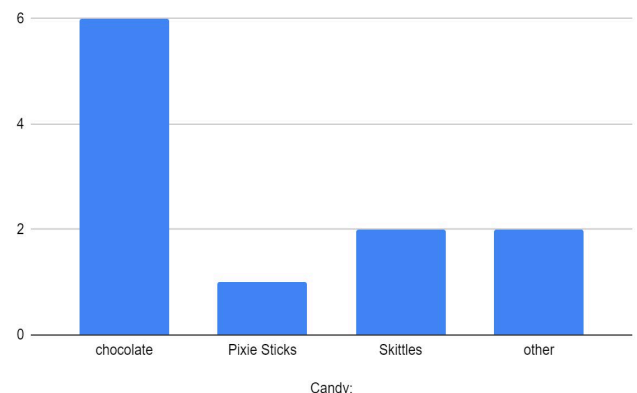
By Oliver Bressner '21

Oliver asked IHM students two questions this time for an IHM Poll! See the results below.

### IHM Poll: What did you do for fun over quarantine?



### IHM Poll: What is your favorite Halloween Candy?



# "Too Early"

By: Molly Gilley '22



## GAME TIME

By Milan Brown '21

Are you looking for a game to play with your friends? If so, you came to the right place! "Among Us" is a popular game you can play with 10 people. The code at the bottom allows you to play with your friends or you can just play with people who join your lobby. In "Among Us," the objective is to finish your tasks before an Imposter turns you into a ghost. Once you are a ghost it is up to the other crewmates to find your body and vote out the imposter before it is too late. To vote out the Imposter you must discuss who you think it is in the chat and work together with the other crewmates to find the Imposter while he or she tries to defend themselves and stay in the game. "Among Us" is a great game to play with friends and help time

go by in a fun manner. You can even customize your player's name, hat, and their color. If you choose to spend money you can even give your character clothes and pets. Not only does "Among Us" allow you to play with your friends, it also helps with teamwork skills. I personally enjoy being the Imposter because it is fun to turn people into ghosts then try to blend in with the rest of the crewmates. I rate "Among Us" a 10/10 because you can personalize your character and play with friends.







## Ask An 8<sup>th</sup> Grader

With Peter Kelly '21



Eighth grade is a big year for many IHM students. This is a year with many privileges, and many students look forward to it. I know I did! But, with great power comes great responsibility. Eighth graders have to be good examples for the other grades. I asked some eighth graders how they can be a role model for the younger students here at our school. Joshua Peace said, "I can be a role model by showing younger students how to stay safe by socially distancing correctly while in school." I think many eighth graders will agree, safety is very important to all of us at our school! Another eighth grader, Emma Ecton, agreed about the importance of being a role model in our school. She told me that showing younger grades at IHM about the growth of a student is crucial. For example, she can teach them how to grow both academically and mentally, and about what she's learned from in the past. Also, she can tell them stories about her adventures at IHM, from kindergarten to eighth grade, and what they can look forward to. Younger students may have trouble advancing from grade to grade, and what Emma said about how she can teach them how to grow is a very good example of how to be a role model and a helpful resource for students that might be having trouble. In conclusion, it is obvious many eighth grade students will aspire to be a role model this year, in their last year at IHM.

**Got a question?**

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## Lights Camera



**Charlotte**

with Charlotte Gloss '21



8th graders in class



Physical distancing in the halls



***Dora and the lost City of Gold*** may seem like a movie that we older students would laugh about, and while that is true, the movie itself was actually pretty enjoyable. This movie is about Dora moving to the big city, and trying to make it through high school knowing people are making fun of her every move. Even though Dora is one of the

smartest students in class due to her life in the jungle, she has to try to be likeable to her new classmates. When on a field trip, Dora and her group - Diego, Sammy, and Randy - are not the ideal team. The group is faced with danger at every turn, and with Dora being the only one knowing anything about the jungle, adventure unfolds! This movie is great to watch as a family movie night. ***Dora and the Lost City of Gold*** is entertaining and comedic. I give the movie a solid 3.5 out of 5 stars.



## EDITOR'S Note

By Grace McMullen '21

Hello, My name is Grace McMullen and I am the new editor of the IHM Eagle Eye school newspaper! I hope to make the newspaper as great as ever, even with our restrictions this year. I could never do that without the lovely team of writers, photographers, and artists we have for our school paper. So, my thanks to the Eagle Eye News Team and I hope you enjoy this year's Eagle Eye!

Grace



### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, November 2 - Winter Uniform Starts

Tuesday, November 3 - no school,  
parent-teacher conferences.

Friday, November 6 - 12:15 p.m. dismissal

Wednesday, November 25 - Trimester 1 ends

Wednesday, November 25-Friday November 27  
- Thanksgiving Break!



## Student Spotlight

By Oliver Bressner '21



**Glory Mwangi**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Many IHM students know each other very well. Some of us have attended ever since Pre-K, and some have just come for middle school. A perfect example of this is Glory Mwangi. Glory came to IHM this school year and is a part of 8-A. Glory was asked a few questions about what it was like to suddenly move to a new school, especially amidst this pandemic:

### **How did you feel about coming to IHM?**

"I mostly felt nervous because I wasn't sure if I would be happy here or not."

### **What school did you come from? What are the main differences between the schools?**

"My old school was Patterson Middle School. The biggest difference is it was a public school which had bullies and kids who cussed a lot. This school is much nicer."

### **Were you worried about meeting new people? How do you feel now?**

"On a scale of 1-10, it was a 7, but everyone seemed super nice and I got over it pretty quickly. I thought I would have trouble making new friends. I realized later that it was easier than I thought."

### **What were you most excited about when you first started attending IHM?**

"I was most excited about learning. I really wanted to be able to learn new things, even with social distancing and mask-wearing."

### **What was the biggest or hardest change?**

"It felt like everyone else was ahead of me and knew more than I did. I also had never diagrammed [sentences] before so that was difficult to adapt to."

### **Why did you choose IHM?**

"I chose this school because my mom told me this was a nearby school that would be good. It also seemed like a nice private school."

Moving to a new school may not be easy, but sometimes it can be a positive thing too. Glory Mwangi is a welcome new member of our IHM community and we are happy she is here!

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