



## Scantron Testing Pros and Cons

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We all know that when January comes around, we have to take standardized tests. Many people, when they hear the word "Scantron", think about awful experiences and groan. While standardized testing may be a bit of a hassle, there are definitely some reasons that it is a necessary thing to do. Once you get to middle school, high schools start to look at your scores so it is important to try your best. Your test is also something that your teachers look at to see what you know and don't know. So make sure to always try hard and do your best.

I talked to a bunch of students about the pros and cons of it and here is what they said. Isabella Albert in 7th grade said that some pros were "I like being able to see how I'm improving in math because I have a wonderful teacher Mrs. Elliott. I also like some of the fun problems they make me do." She also told me some cons were "I'm very tired so it makes me a little more stressed. I do have a lot of other school work that is very important."

I also asked students in 5M and they said some pros were Scantron "monitors what we've done over the year" and "Even if you don't get a really good grade, it doesn't matter because you don't see it." A final pro they told me was "It challenges you a lot and gives you a chance to show what you know." Some

cons they mentioned were "It's really long and you get a headache from looking at the screen for so long" and "You don't exactly know the material they give you" and "It's boring!"

As standardized testing is important, you should always take it seriously. There are many ways that you can improve your test-taking skills. Make sure you get a good night's sleep the night before your test. Also, always read each question carefully, making sure you understand it. Overall, while standardized testing may be a bit of a nuisance for students, they are important for both teachers and high schools. Good luck to everyone while they take these tests!



The Eagle Eye would like to join in  
congratulating Mrs. Roper!

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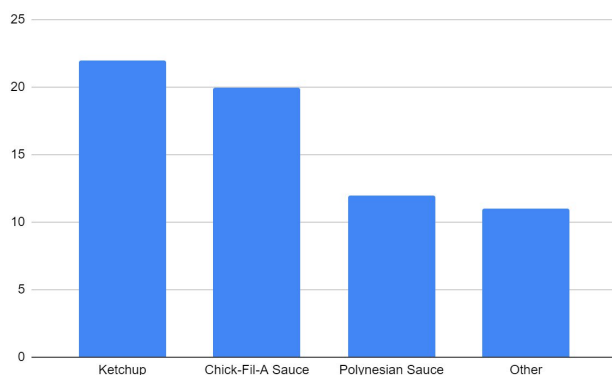
## Between the Bells

With Isabella Albert '23

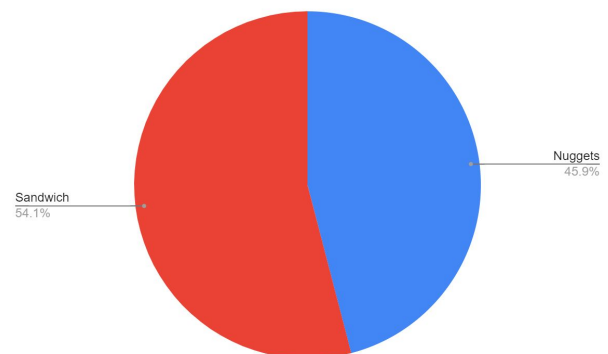


Who is excited for the Chick-Fil-A days that our wonderful student council put together? I am! For this month, we have two polls based on these days.

The first poll was, what is your favorite Chick-Fil-A sauce? Ketchup was the overall winner with 22 votes! Chick-Fil-A sauce had 20 votes, and Polynesian had 12 votes. 11 people voted for other flavors. We interviewed two people to see what their options are. Mrs. Elliott said, "I prefer ketchup over all of the sauces because I am not a big fan of sauces at Chick-Fil-A." Yeah me too! The next person I interviewed was Ms. Archibald and she said, "Chick-Fil-A sauce and Polynesian are my top two. But I usually use Polynesian on my nuggets or Chick-Fil-A on my sandwich." Thanks Ms. Archibald!



And second, what would you get at Chick-Fil-A: sandwich or nuggets? For the last poll, most people enjoyed having the sandwich more than the nuggets. It was 40 for the sandwich and 34 for the nuggets. The first person we interviewed was Mr. Corbett. He said "I like the sandwich better because it has limited chicken grease exposure on my fingers + the pickle on the sandwich is a flavor game changer (in a good way)." Our last interview was with Jack Tidball in 4th grade who said "I prefer the nuggets because I have been having them my whole life." Well that's it for Chick-Fil-A polls!



If you have any suggestions for future polls, you can let me know by emailing them to me at [Isabella.albert@ihmschoolmd.org](mailto:Isabella.albert@ihmschoolmd.org). Thanks!



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



With Rosemary DeSantis '22

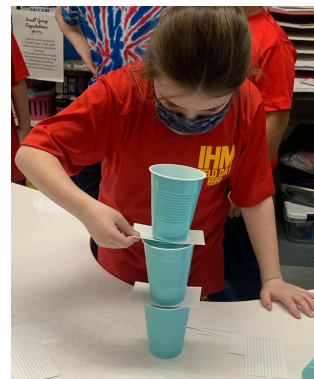
Hey IHM! I have talked about the HSPT in past issues but not about what happens after. And to be honest, not much. You and your parents will get the results about a month after you take the test but that month might feel like three. After that, you might get emails about scheduling admissions and

scholarship interviews which is really exciting. Then, in February you will get your acceptance letters. As I'm writing this, I have a month before I get my letter but I am hopeful that my classmates and I will get into the high schools of our choosing. The whole process is a little scary and overwhelming at times but it is extremely rewarding!

If you have questions for an 8th grader, email me at [rosemary.desantis@ihmschoolmd.org](mailto:rosemary.desantis@ihmschoolmd.org)

# Catholic Schools Week 2022

A week to celebrate Catholic Schools! Students enjoyed games, treats, dress-up days and service projects.



## Lights up: IHM's Descendants the Musical

Evelyn Weaver '23  
Brooke Mellendick '23

IHM is back on its tradition of hosting a spring musical. Ms. Noppinger is directing IHM's first production since 2019; *Shrek Jr.* was canceled due to Covid. This year, Mrs. Noppinger has decided to put on *Descendants the Musical*!

For students that were interested in auditioning, she hosted a jitters workshop the week before. It was for all students new to acting, and who were nervous about auditioning. Audition day was very nerve racking for lots of students. We all acted a part and sang songs with our groups.

This is the first IHM production for all actors except for one 8th grader. Dylan Mellendick '22 was in *Star Stars* in Fall 2019. There are a number of 8th graders involved in the crew as well. All of us are so excited to bring theater back to IHM after our hiatus due to Covid.

If you have been at IHM for more than 3 years, then you know about our old computer lab. It is now transformed into the Drama room. This is where the cast and crew will learn, practice, sing, and act.

*Descendants the Musical* will take place on April 2nd and 3rd 2022 in IHM Gym. We look forward to seeing you there!





By Alyssa Cramer '23

*Christmas may be over, but winter is still here! Make the most of your winter time with something fun and creative like this polar bear mask. This mask takes a while to make, but it will help you become in the mood for winter.*

#### Materials you'll need:

- Paper Plate
- White Tissue Paper
- School Glue
- White Cardstock/construction paper
- Empty Plastic Fruit Cup
- White Paint
- Black Marker
- Large Black pom-pom
- Glue Gun
- Craft Knife and Scissors
- Yarn or String

#### Instructions:

1. Trace two small circle on the plate for eyes and cut them with a craft knife.
2. Use a empty plastic fruit cup to trace the ears and cut them out.
3. Use the cup for the snout, paint it with the white paint and let it dry.
4. Put school glue all over the plate and put crumpled tissue paper squares on top.
5. Next glue the ears to the back of the paper plate.
6. When the snout is dry, use the black marker to draw a face on.
7. Use the glue gun to glue down the snout and the black pom-pom nose.
8. Flip it over and use the glue gun to attached the yarn or string.



You now have made your own paper polar bear mask!



## Movie Review

By Josh Schneider '24



In today's movie review, I'm going to be telling you about *Spider-Man: No Way Home*. *Spider-Man: No Way Home* is rated PG-13 because of combat and a few swear words. I would say this movie is for ages 12 and up because of the little bit of language.

The movie is about Spider-Man's identity being revealed to the whole world. He goes to Dr. Strange to cast a spell to erase everyone's memory about who Spider-Man is. It goes terribly wrong because Peter wants Ned, MJ, Aunt May, and



Happy to remember him. The spell backfires and that's when things start to get really interesting.

I have watched it about 5 times because it was so good and if you like Marvel (and haven't seen it yet) this is a movie for you! Of course, make sure to watch through all the credits, because there are two post trailers that you need to watch. I liked it and I hope you like it too!



By Grayson Bowman '23  
and Cooper Cosimano '23



Minecraft is a "sandbox game," meaning you have no boundaries. The game was developed by a man named Markus otherwise known as Notch. It was made public to the community in 2009. The full game was published in November of 2011. The game is on many different platforms such as Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and you can download it on computer and laptop. It is currently one of the best selling games. It is number two when it comes to most popular games currently. As of now, number one is a game called "Call of Duty Warzone."

Minecraft is also a pvp game, (player versus player) where people can join a server and play together or battle. There are multiple modes and servers you can join so you can easily find a mode you like. You can start worlds in survival mode and play with friends, while learning how to communicate and work better with friends. You can also start worlds in creative mode and make cool structures with unlimited resources at your disposal while teaching you how to be more creative and come up with more ideas. After all this, we give Minecraft a 9/10 rating for good quality, and overall being a fun game to play with friends.



## Faculty Feature

By Henry Roper '25, Junior Correspondent

There are so many great teachers at IHM! This time, I was able to interview Mrs. Bardzik, who teaches first grade. Here's what I found out:

### **Have you ever had any other jobs besides teaching?**

In high school and college (before becoming a teacher), I was a catering events manager and a maître d' at Padonia Park Club. A maître d' takes reservations and makes sure everybody is seated correctly. Also, I was a nanny for two different families.

### **Did you play any sports as a kid?**

When I was younger I took ballet, gymnastics, and lacrosse.

### **How long have you been teaching for in total and at IHM, and where?**

I have been teaching for a total of 17 years, all in early childhood and primary grades. This is my 5th year at IHM and my third year teaching first grade. Before first grade, I taught kindergarten and Pre-K3 at IHM.

### **What is your favorite TV show?**

My favorite TV show right now is *Yellowstone*. *Yellowstone* is the story of a sixth-generation rancher called John Dutton and the fight to save his beloved ranch.

### **What is your favorite lesson to teach your 1st graders and why?**

My favorite lessons to teach my first graders are ELA "Superkids" lessons. Every year, the students love to learn about the Superkids' new adventures in reading and writing. I love being able to teach and observe the first graders as they learn how to read. Being able to observe and guide my students through this amazing process and observe their sense of accomplishment is very rewarding.

### **What is your favorite part of the day with your students?**

My favorite part of the day with my students is when they come into the classroom first thing in the morning. They are always bright-eyed and smiling, ready to begin a new day of learning, with fun stories from home to share.

Thank you Ms. Bardzik for sharing your answers with us. I hope you have a great school year!

## IHM Pen Pals!

By Meg Ruopp '24

Hello IHM! For my February article I chose to write about our Pen Pals! So IHM has always had this thing called Prayer Partners. Prayer Partners are when depending on your grade you have a younger grade or an older grade that you go to church with. For example if you are in middle school you could be paired with a student in pre-k,

kindergarten, first grade, or second, etc. I LOVED having a prayer partner! So when I found out we weren't doing prayer partners I was really upset because in 6th grade you get to start having the little kids. But because of Covid we can't go to church with them, or do much with them in person for now. But IHM obviously wanted to fix that. So now we have pen pals! I am excited to be matched with my pen pal and to exchange letters with them. I hope you enjoy pen pals too!

# Chinese New Year Traditions

Blaise Mazzulli '24

Kaylin Hall '24

Chinese New Year is the most important holiday in China. The date of Chinese New Year is based on the ancient Chinese lunar calendar, therefore the date changes every year. This calendar can be traced back to the Shang Dynasty in the 14th century BC. The new year falls on the second new moon after the Winter Solstice, which can fall in either January or February. This year, Chinese New Year officially began on February 1st and ended with the Lantern Festival on February 15th.

Every year, one of the 12 animals from the Chinese zodiac are honored. Each animal has its own unique characteristics. February first marks the beginning of the Year of the Tiger, which is thought to bring a year full of big changes and adventures. People born in a tiger year are said to be courageous leaders and love excitement, and are known to be brave , competitive , confident , and display great levels of willpower. The tiger is known as the king of all beasts in China and comes third in the Chinese zodiac. Children wear things like hats and shoes with tigers on them as a sign for good luck.



Traditional foods that are eaten on Chinese New Year are dumplings, sweet rice balls, noodles, fish, steamed chicken which are lucky foods to eat for the Chinese New Year. In addition to the traditional foods they prepare, Chinese families prepare by cleaning their houses thoroughly. Also this is called “sweeping away the dust,” it represents a wish to put away old things and welcome the New Year.

Chinese New Year can last up to 16 days, and the first seven are considered a public holiday. 1.5 billion people in China and around the world celebrate the Lunar New Year. Chinese New Year is a time to feast and honor deities as well as ancestors with fireworks, brightly colored decorations, special clothing, dragon-waving parades, lion dance, and hanging lanterns.

In Social Studies class, Ms. Archibald showed the 6th grade students how to create Chinese lanterns. First, we were each given a paper that was adorned with flowers; which we colored red, orange, and yellow. Then, we folded it in half and cut straight lines to create the crevices which provide the red light. After that, we attached red tissue paper to the inside and folded it into a lantern shape. Finally, We cut out a paper handle and attached it to the lantern with tape.





## Student Spotlight

By Meg Ruopp '24

Meet Molly Bittner, 7th grader and winner of the 2021 IHM Christmas Card Contest! I asked her a few questions. The first question I asked was if she did the card for fun or to win, and she said "I was doing the card just for fun, I was not expecting to win at all!" I was not surprised about that because a lot of people just try to do it for fun.



### The Stat Sheet

Name: **Molly Bittner**  
Grade: **7<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Activity: **2021 Winner of  
IHM Christmas Card Contest**

I asked her if she was excited or nervous that her card was going out to everyone. She said that she was very excited and she had always wanted to win, which I was also not surprised about because I think everyone would want to win!

The last question I asked Molly was does she think this is the best card design she has ever done, and I really liked her answer! She said that she thinks that she has made better cards, but this one was the most creative.



The Eagle Eye would also like to congratulate Alayna Kegan (1st grade), Audrey Gallagher (5th grade), and Molly Gilley (8th grade), who each won their age groups. Their pictures are below.

