



## **New Family Frequently Asked Questions for the 2022-2023 School Year**

**Q. - When is the first day of school?**

**A. - The first day of school for grades 1-8 is Monday, August 29, 2022. It is a half day and the early dismissal time is 12:15pm.** Beyond the Bell (extended care) is not offered on this day. Students in grades 1-8 will then go full days for the remainder of this week and Beyond the Bell is offered. **Grades Prek3, Prek4, and Kindergarten have their first day on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. It is a half day and the early dismissal time is 12:15pm.** Beyond the Bell (extended care) is not offered on this day for Prek and K students.

**Q. - When does school begin everyday and when do students get dismissed?**

**A. -** Students are able to enter our building each morning beginning at 7:50am. Homeroom begins at 8:10am. Students will be marked tardy from 8:11am and beyond. If your student is tardy, please bring them to the front desk to be checked in for the day. Dismissal for Preschool students is 2:40pm. Dismissal for grades K - 8 is 3pm.

**Q. - Are there any events leading up to the first day of school?**

**A. -** Yes. We will be hosting IHM Playground Playdays for all of our grades in July (stay tuned for dates in weekly updates). This is a great opportunity to come and meet new friends! We will also have an IHM Family Night on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 6pm - 7pm. **Meet and Greet is scheduled for Friday, August 26, 2022 from 8am - 10am** - students and families are welcome to come to campus, bring supplies, see their classroom and meet their teacher!

*Preschool and Kindergarten students and families will have a cubby conference on either Monday, August 29th or Tuesday, August 30th (Information and signups will be sent to families on 7/20/22). These conferences are scheduled 20 minute meetings so*

that the teacher can learn more about your child. Your child is welcome to come and will tour their new classroom with our Instructional Assistants.

**Q. - Can I sign up for before and after care?**

**A. -** Yes, students enrolled in Prek3 - grade 8 are able to sign up for Beyond the Bell using this link:

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/ihmschoolmd/beyondthebell?token=6132756>

**Q. - Where can I buy uniforms?**

**A. -** Flynn & O'Hara is our uniform supplier. You can access our school uniform by visiting their website:

<https://flynnohara.com/shop/immaculate-heart-of-mary-school-md173/>. They also have a store located in the North Plaza Shopping Center - 8868 Waltham Woods Road, Parkville, MD 21234; (410) 828-4709. To view our school uniform guidelines, please visit:

[https://ihmschoolmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-Guide-2022\\_23.pdf](https://ihmschoolmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-Guide-2022_23.pdf).

We will have a gently used uniform sale in our school gym on **July 26th and 28th from 10am – noon.**

**Q. - Is there work my child is required to do over the summer to prepare for the school year?**

**A. - Yes!** Please visit <https://bit.ly/2223Prep> to access summer work for your child.

**Q. - When does tuition begin?**

**A. -** Tuition payments will begin in July.

**Q. - Will I need to buy my child a laptop?**

**A. -** No. Through a generous grant we received through the Knott Foundation, our school is excited to issue devices to our students at the beginning of each school year. These devices remain in our school building and are charged overnight. Students in PreK - grade 2 will use tablets and students in grades 3 - 8 are issued Chromebooks.

**Q. - What about school lunches? Can my child buy it everyday?**

**A. -** We are looking into a school lunch program to begin in the 22-23 school year, more information will be communicated over the summer. We are a peanut free school, and we do offer pizza Fridays for those that enjoy pizza. We do not have the ability to heat or refrigerate lunches and ask that you send in your child's lunch "ready to eat". We offer milk and you can purchase this at Meet and Greet on August 26th. Most students bring refillable water bottles and these can be refilled throughout the day using our refillable water stations.

**Q. - Does the school nurse need paperwork for my child?**

**A. -** Yes, please log into your School Admin account (where you registered your child) and complete the enrollment checklist, including health paperwork. This paperwork is due to our school's office by June 30, 2022.

**Q. - When will my child find out who their teacher is?**

**A. -** On Meet and Greet Day, Friday, August 26th.