



Hammy the Hamster Hams it Up in 2D



By Bridget Kelly '26

When it comes to class pets, Mrs. Dengler's 2nd grade homeroom is leading the pack. 2D is the only class in the entire school that has a pet. 2D's classroom is home to the adorable Hammy the hamster.

Hammy is a wonderful class pet. The gentle hamster loves climbing, treats, and, most importantly, the students of 2D. 17 students in 2D were asked if they loved Hammy. All 17 of them raised their hands.

"I like Hammy because she is like Spider-Man," Will Letnaunchyn says, referring to Hammy's passion for climbing on her cage walls.

"Hammy feels so soft and fluffy, she is like a furball!" Evie Sellers exclaims.

Mrs. Dengler uses Hammy to teach the students about animal habitats and diet.

"The students love to have Hammy in the classroom," Mrs. Dengler said. "Her presence

calms them. The class also knows that if they are good, they get to hold Hammy as a reward."

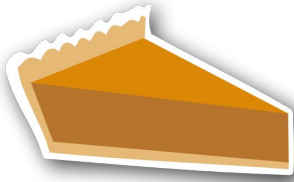
The second grade loves their class hamster dearly, and Hammy has a strong, positive influence on 2D. So why don't more classes have class pets?

Some sixth graders expressed that they would, in fact, enjoy a class pet.

"Yeah, I'd love a class pet because I love animals and they are so adorable. If I had to choose, I would probably want a bunny," Mackenzie Sparwasser says.

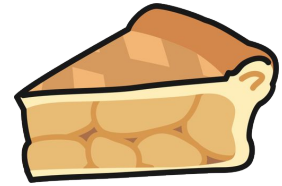
"I think it would be a really fun and interesting experience to have a pet in the classroom," Nathan Sellers said.

If the experiences of 2D are any indicator, class pets teach students responsibility, and the overall presence of an animal in the classroom will calm them. So, Mrs./Mr. Teacher, can we get a puppy?



Take Your Pick!

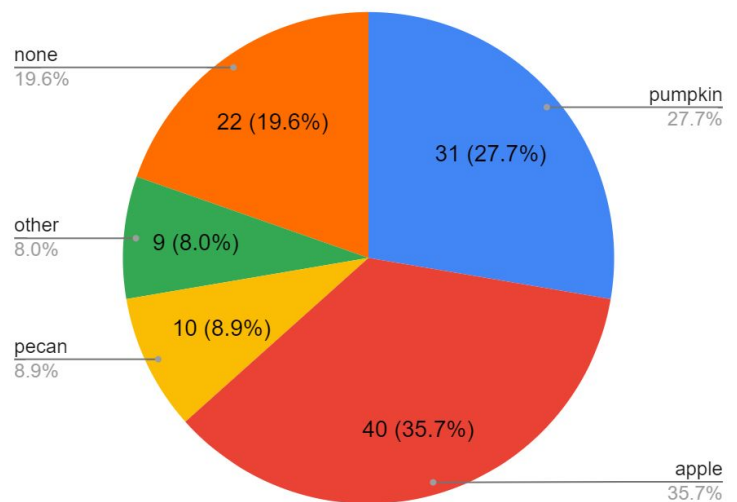
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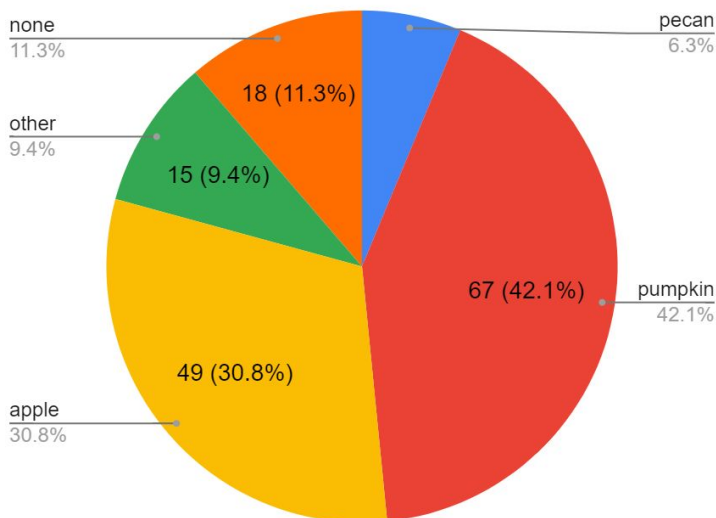
Hi IHM! Emily McNulty here with our IHM Polls. What is your favorite type of pie? It's almost Thanksgiving and the students voted on what their favorite flavors of pie were. In both Elementary and Middle school, the top picks were pumpkin and apple. Pumpkin took the lead in Elementary and apple took the lead in Middle. We also got some of the teachers to vote and Mr. Corbett voted that his favorite flavor was pecan. This wasn't a very common pick among the students, but a great choice!

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

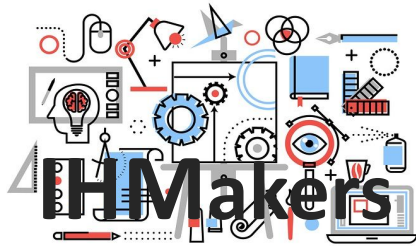
Middle School - Favorite Pie Flavors



Elementary School - Favorite Pie Flavors



Got an idea for a Take Your Pick poll? Email Ms. Datz at mdatz@ihmschoolmd.org!



By Anthony Cramer '25

Welcome to IHMAKERS!

Today's craft will be a Thanksgiving Turkey Puppet Craft!

For this craft you will need...

- 2 googly eyes
- 1 brown paper bag
- A pair of scissors
- 1 stick of glue
- 1 roll of tape
- Red, orange, yellow, & black construction paper (or color your own paper!)



To make the craft you will need to:

- Grab the bag, fold the corners of the flap under then tape them down.
- Cut out the shapes to decorate the turkey body (using pieces of construction paper).
- Glue on the turkey shapes (feathers, beak, hat, and gobbler).
- Finally add the googly eyes to the center of his face with glue (let it dry).
- Enjoy Your Turkey craft! Maybe try to make a puppet show for your family!

Thank you for joining me with this craft! I hope you enjoy it! Happy Thanksgiving!

Out of Uniform Days Opinion

McKensie Conant '25

I feel that we should have more dress down days at IHM. Our school uniforms do make us look neat and professional, but students deserve the opportunity to earn a free dress down day or maybe even a dress down Friday. Many students have said they would love to earn dress down days and have more than we did last year.

One way I thought we could do this is by earning feather signatures. Many students liked this idea and agreed that getting two full feathers would be a fair amount to earn a dress down day.

This would be a great motivator for almost all middle school students, and maybe even the younger ones too. It would make us want to be kind to others and it would give us something to work towards that builds morale.

Having uniforms at our school is good for everyone at IHM, but I believe students should be able to earn - or lose - this privilege individually. So, if someone has a dress down day and they don't follow the dress code they would lose the privilege instead of everyone, so not everyone is punished by only one individual person.

Speeding into Cross Country

By Mackenzie Sparwasser '26

Hi IHM! This is Mackenzie Sparwasser with your Cross Country report. This year's team practiced every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school and competed against both private and public schools. I interviewed a couple of my classmates to get more information.

Kamden in 4S said that "the practices were both easy and hard at the same time. The coach was nice and not too strict. The meets were also very free spirited." The next person I interviewed was Jordan in 4S. Jordan said "It was nice because the people along the course showed you the way and there were walkthroughs before the races. The practice was fun and you needed to focus. When you did the drills, you could walk some parts and run others." They ran the hill by the black top to work on conditioning. Jordan said that she was doing really well in the meets and she says that cross country is her favorite activity and it helps her with her other sports because she is getting faster. Thank you Kamden and Jordan!

I hope that reading this article about IHM's Cross Country team will inspire you next year to consider joining the team. I know that it has inspired me. Hope to see you on the course!



Fall Fun at IHM

By Ginny Haley '24



From fun prizes to sweet treats; IHM will always have you and your family covered during the fall season. Most recently, our 8th grade students had the opportunity to host IHM's annual Spaghetti Dinner. This tradition has been alive at IHM for decades. We loved seeing everyone enjoy their night with games, raffles, and of course, delicious spaghetti.

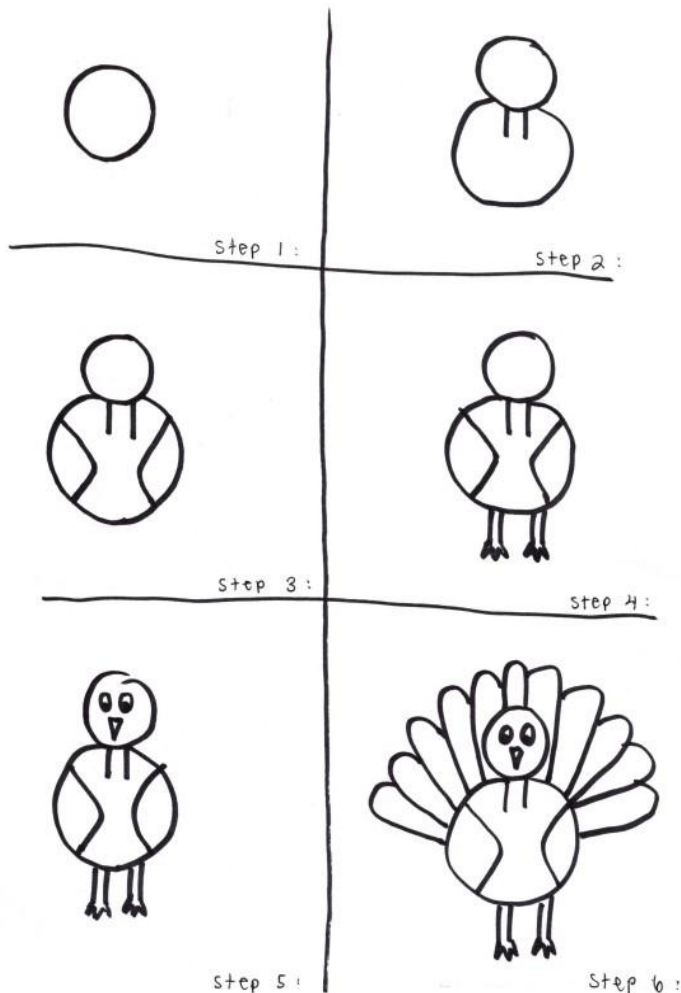
Another can't miss event was Halloween Bingo. Students and families showed off their Halloween costumes and tried their luck at Bingo and 50/50 raffles. Thanks to all our parents who donated prizes and congratulations to all the winners. Halloween Bingo wasn't the only chance for the IHM community to wear their Halloween attire. In October, the HSA also invited community members to attend the 4th annual Trunk or Treat. The trunk decorators truly outdid themselves and there were many other fun activities like face painting and games.

These are just a few of the awesome events hosted by IHM and the HSA this fall. We can't wait to see what the second trimester has in store.

Drawing Tips with Ella

By Ella Hickson '24

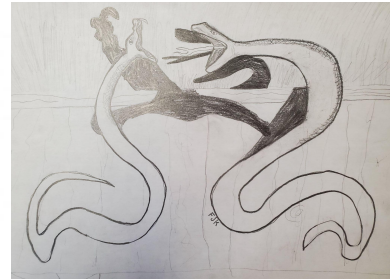
Here is a new feature for the Eagle Eye! Learn how to draw with IHM's own Ella Hickson! A current 8th grader, Ella is a member of the NJAHS and a past winner of the annual IHM Christmas Card Contest! Have fun drawing this cute turkey!



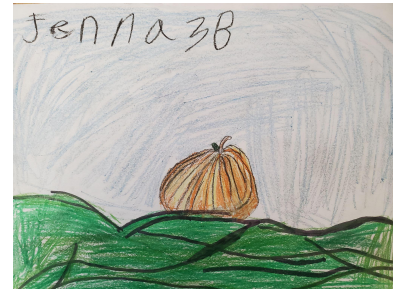
The IHM Refrigerator

Curated by Olivia Reyes '25

Enjoy these artworks by some of IHM's finest student artists!



Frank Kopera 6C



Jenna Janis 3B



Eve Beam PreK4

GAME TIME

By Anthony Cramer '25

Hello! Welcome to Game Time! And this article's game is... Bloons TD 6! Bloons TD 6 is a game about the ongoing conflict between the balloons... and the monkeys. This game is a fun strategy/skill based game in the genre of tower defense. The game has 23 different classes of monkeys that add immense variety into the game. Additionally for each class there are 3 different paths, each obtaining their own unique abilities. There are different types of bloons to conquer like the red bloon, M.O.A.B, and the purple bloon + more! I would rate Bloons TD 6 a 95%. Maybe you can give it a try. I enjoyed it and I hope you do too!



Movie Review

By Josh Schneider '24



In today's Movie Review, I'm going to be talking about the new "Five Nights at Freddy's" movie that just released this past October. This movie is rated PG - 13 for ages 14+ but, in my opinion, if you have some background knowledge about "Five Nights at Freddy's," ages 12 & above can watch this movie. However, be warned, "Five Nights at Freddy's" contains: violence, jumpscare, horror, slight language, etc. This movie is about a security guard who accepts a job working the night shift at Five Nights at Freddy's.



After the first few shifts, he realizes that something is very strange about the place and that nothing there is what it seems to be. If you like horror movies, this is just the movie for you! Don't forget to watch the credits because there is a post-credit-scene that you don't want to miss. The movie is available for on streaming platform Peacock. Enjoy!

Recess Recap

By Ruthie Rouhana '25



Hello IHM! Ruthie Rouhana here with your Recess Recap, where I share all the latest news from the IHM schoolyard. Over the past few weeks, I found that middle school students have strong opinions about recess. Students feel football at recess is more enjoyable with seventh and sixth graders mixed, but acknowledge that it can become destructive. Teachers say that it is easier to find certain people if they're with their own grade level, and while we do respect their opinion, students still say that it's just more fun to hang out with friends in different grade levels at recess.

I also have info on elementary school recess that you don't want to miss! In fifth grade right now the big news is Gaga and football. Here's what one of our fifth graders had to say: "Most of the fifth grade class has been drawn to the Gaga pit," and said "Some students have stopped playing football because of the rough play and the fifth grade students are banned from playing football."

Third graders especially love the Gaga pit as well. In third grade, everybody is included in the recess activities. Soccer has also drawn the third graders' attention as big games were played at recess. My brother, a third grade student at IHM, has the inside story about games at recess. "We made cardboard trophies for the team that wins."

That's all for now! Thanks for reading!

There's a New King in Town:

Loyola Takes MIAA A Conference Soccer Title

By Oliver Addison '25

As the MIAA A Conference boys soccer season has come to an end it's time for a recap. Loyola Blakefield is your new MIAA A conference champion after a 3-1 win over John Carroll. This could be a start to a new team's dominance in the league. For John Carroll, now runners-up for the second year in a row, the road to next year's championship will be exceptionally difficult; 10 out of their 11 starters were seniors. The future is bright for McDonogh; freshman Valentino Quaranta made a strong statement in his first season and they will want to rally behind him next year. Archbishop Spalding won an overtime nail-biter against Archbishop Curley, but was ultimately knocked out of contention. Conversely, Archbishop Curley just has not looked like the perennial contenders we thought they would be after their previous dominating season. The word disappointment does not quite cover Calvert Hall's season. As the preseason favorites -- ranked no. 1 in both local and national standings -- they looked to three-peat this year. However, they never quite got going and fell to Loyola. Mount Saint Joseph, Gilman, and Concordia all missed out on the playoffs yet again. And that is the MIAA A Conference soccer season wrap up! Thanks IHM!





Student Spotlight

By Maggie Jennings '26

Logan is one of many people who are on the Immaculate Heart of Mary soccer team. He plays defense in midfield. He loves playing for the team and it is his favorite sport. His favorite professional team is France. He is on the fourth grade IHM soccer team. He also plays basketball for IHM. Even though he thinks soccer is better than basketball he still loves to play. He loves to shoot hoops in his driveway. His favorite professional basketball team is the Miami Hurricanes. Logan loves to play sports. It is his favorite thing to do in his free time other than reading. He also loves to read about Pokémon cards and play with his cards too. He is a great student and he is very helpful in school to his teachers.



The Stat Sheet

Name: **Logan Sparwasser**
Grade: **4th Grade**
Activity: **Soccer and Basketball**

Ask An 8th Grader

With Grace Rechtin '24

As eighth graders, we do a lot of fun things. In previous years, the 8th graders have gotten things like snack carts, sweatshirts, and different gym shirts. It's something everyone looks forward to. For some of us it's something we've been waiting for since pre-k. What I'm most looking forward to is the sweatshirts. We are supposed to get them after Thanksgiving break.

So far this year, we've gotten our eighth grade gym shirts, had outsiders day, and we worked the

spaghetti dinner. I've asked around and overall most people seem the most excited for sweatshirts. That definitely surprised me, I was expecting to hear that everyone wanted to get out of school early. It is definitely the biggest perk of being an eighth grader.

As we're preparing for the HSPT and deciding where we're going next year, we've spent a lot of time thinking about how much we're going to miss IHM. Some of us grew up here and I can't believe that after a decade, I'm leaving. It feels like a dream.

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