



SIGNS OF CHANGE

By Bridget Kelly '26



Anyone who has driven by our school in the past month has surely noticed an eye-catching change to the exterior: the sign.

Really, we should say signs. The two bold messages that proudly declare “Immaculate Heart of Mary School and Church” rest on the front wall next to the breezeway, and on the side wall, next to the large stone cross. The red heart logos affixed next to the messages cap it all off.

You may have noticed that the font used on the walls matches the logo now being imprinted on all IHM uniform shirts and sweatshirts. This shows signs of professionalism and uniformity. The two messages fill up a space on the wall that no one realized was empty until now.

But the change wasn't all about aesthetic appeal. There are many benefits to the signs. The school now has two enormous, hard-to-miss billboards that thousands of people will drive by every single day. The advertisements are so great that some people even think that IHM will attract more families because of it.

Parents who have driven by this wall for close to a decade are appreciative as well. One parent commented that, “the signs are a great addition to the school. They look like they have always been there.”

Faculty members who were a part of the change have something to say as well. Advancement Director Mrs. Ginny Gallagher, who was a key part in the addition, said that the signs were brought about because “several visitors on tours have shared that it was hard to find our main entrance—or even the school—when they first arrived. Mrs. Surine, Ms. McMullen, our finance board, Fr. Jeff, and I realized the need for improved signage. The new signage makes a great first impression, which reflects on what we offer on the inside—a quality education with care for each individual student, guided by faith.”

All in all, the new signs on the wall not only provide advertising benefits, but give our school a cleaner and more professional look.



By Mackenzie Sparwasser '26

Welcome to this year's first IHM MAKERS! For today's craft, we will be drawing a hand turkey. Since it will soon be Thanksgiving, this will be a great craft to get you into a Thanksgiving spirit.

For this craft you will need...

- A colorful piece of construction paper
- 2 googly eyes
- A pair of scissors
- 1 stick of glue
- 1 Brown piece of construction paper
- Red, Yellow, Orange (or any color of construction paper)
- 1 popsicle stick
- Any color markers you want (optional)



To complete this craft you will need to:

- Grab any color cardboard piece of paper for the background.
- Then grab the brown piece of paper.
- Draw two circles (one big one for the body and a small one for the head).
- With the orange piece of paper, cut out two legs and a beak.
- With what's left of the orange paper or a new one, trace your hand to make feathers.
- With the yellow paper, trace your hand for another part of the feathers.
- With the red, make a snood and another part of the feathers.
- Cut out all of the pieces for the hands, feet, beak, snood, body, and head.
- Glue the smaller circle on top of the bigger circle to make the turkey.
- Add the legs, beak, and snood on top of the head of the turkey.
- Glue the legs on the body.
- Glue the body with the legs, beak, and snood on to the 3 feathers.
- Glue the whole turkey onto the background paper of your choosing.
- Finally add the eyes and any additional things you want to add.

Thank you for doing this craft with me! Enjoy making this craft. Happy Thanksgiving!

IHM Gets Kitted Out

Daniel Butler '28

Phoenix Coulbourne '28

Aubrey Robinson '28

IHM has new uniforms! For over 30 years, the IHM school uniform has remained the same, but there are new duds in town. Instead of the classic gold gym uniform with the eagle, we have switched to a gray gym top. This new top features embroidered Immaculate Heart of Mary School text and the heart logo; the same goes for the new gym shorts and sweatpants. Also, the blue polos and Oxford shirts will feature the new embroidered logo. A quarter zip was also added to give middle schoolers a warmer, dressier, more sophisticated layer for cooler days. Our school colors are still blue, red, and golden yellow, with gray now added as an accent color.

One of the main reasons for the change is the surrounding Catholic school community. In nearby Catholic schools, gold is a standard color for P.E. uniforms. For example, St. Ursula, just two miles away, wears the same P.E. uniform style and uses navy and gold for their athletic uniforms. The shift to gray P.E. uniforms is a good way to differentiate IHM from others and represent us as a school. In addition, following a recent change in the logo, the uniform company was no longer able to use the original logo and instead used a different eagle logo. As a result, right now, you see a variety of uniforms: some with yellow writing, some older, with white embroidery. The new design will help all students feel more connected and unified as one school community. IHM students should take note that this year all uniforms will be accepted, but next year only the new uniform will be expected.

Art Studio Moves

Elena Watts '27

At IHM, we are always expanding and improving our school community. Over the summer, we had to move around some of our teachers' classrooms in order to make room for new teachers.

Ms. Datz spent the summer preparing and moving the studio upstairs into a new room. "It was a lot of work, and I'm so thankful for the students, teachers and parents that helped me get all the furniture and supplies all the way up to room 7."

"The vibe up here is nice, it's fun to be around the other special teachers," Ms. Datz says. She believes the new room is an overall positive change for her and the students, "There's some cons," she says, "I'm getting used to all the stairs and being farther from middle school. But I hope it feels more like a break to have students travel upstairs instead of just across the hall." All in all, the new studio is a welcoming place for students to let their creativity shine!

New Teacher: Ms. Villaluz

Kendal Bryant '27

This year, we welcome Ms. Villaluz to our school! It's her first year as a full-time teacher, but she has experience as a substitute teacher. She loves how kind and welcoming everyone has been, especially the other teachers who helped her adjust to the new school. One teacher who has been a big help is her second-grade counterpart, Mrs. Dengler. Ms. Villaluz has always wanted to be a teacher since she was little, as her mom is also a teacher. She loves watching her students learn new things, grow, and improve as the school year progresses.

Eagle Eye Poll: Halloween Candy and Costumes!

Caroline McNulty '27

Madison Schriefer '27

The Eagle Eye asked 1C, 1B, 2V, and 3M what their favorite Halloween candy is and what their Halloween costume is. These classes had some very different answers, so let's dive in!

In 3rd place for the candy competition, we have a tie between Twix, Lollipops, Sour Patch Kids, and Candy Corn with 3 votes each. In 2nd place, we have Nerds Gummy Clusters with 4 votes. And finally, in 1st place, we have Skittles with 6 votes! What a close competition!

When we asked the same classes for their costumes, there were tons of different and creative ideas. The most common girls costume was Rumi from Kpop Demon Hunters. For the boys, it came to a tie with superheroes and supervillains. Anthony S. from 3M was dressed as the superhero, Dr. Strange, from Marvel. Everley from 2V says that her favorite candy is Skittles. That's all we have to report from this year's IHM Halloween poll.

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New O's manager

Mackenzie Sparwasser '26

The Orioles have hired a new manager, Craig Albarnaz. The Orioles organization is happy to have him on their team, and they believe he can lead them back to the playoffs and the World Series Championship. Albarnaz, who is 43 years old, was a catcher in the Minor League for 8 years, spent some time in San Francisco working for the Giants as their bullpen and catching coach from 2020-2023, and has spent the past two seasons as a bench coach for the Cleveland Guardians. Even with his limited experience as an MLB manager, he has been a popular target for managerial openings. Last offseason, he was a finalist for both the White Sox and Marlins manager roles, but he bailed out of consideration for both and stayed with his role under manager Stephan Vogt in Cleveland.

After accepting the job, Albarnaz stated, "I am deeply honored and humbled to join the storied Baltimore Orioles organization. This is a tremendous honor, and I'm grateful to Mike Elias and the entire Orioles team for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading this talented team." While Albarnaz was on the Guardians' staff, they were one of the American League's top teams. Albarnaz's new task is to help turn the Orioles around and turn them into a playoff powerhouse. Given his record of positively affecting the teams he has been a part of, the O's feel like an immediate turnaround is possible with Albarnaz as the manager.

The Orioles, who had back-to-back postseason appearances in 2023 and 2024 - including a 101-win season and an AL East-winning campaign - ended up in last place in their division in 2025. Baltimoreans hope that Albarnaz will lead their team to victory in 2026 and beyond.

Until then.... Play Ball!!!