



ALUMNI Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

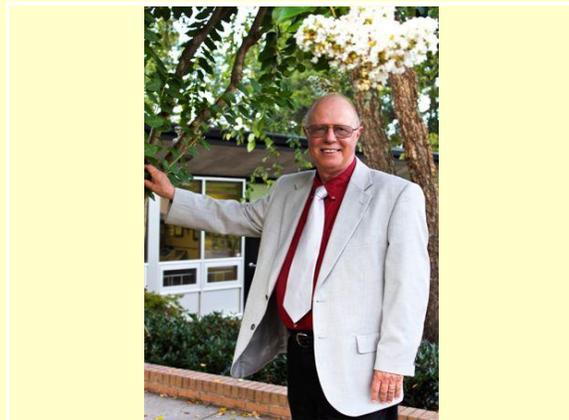
Winter 2011

In This Issue

A Holiday Message From Our New Principal
Get Involved with Your Alumni Association
My Memories of IHM by David Hughes, '64
Highlights of the 2011 School Year
Alumni Updates
You are Cordially Invited to Attend the IHM School Derby Day Gala
Celebrate the Holidays at IHM Church
Christmas Mass Schedule
News From the Development Office
Ways to Give to IHM School Without Spending a Dime
Upcoming School Events
Stay Informed - Stay Connected

A Holiday Message from Our Principal

Dear IHM Alumni:
This year is progressing with incredible speed and as we journey into the season of Advent, I want to pause to extend my warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas season. This is a time when I take personal inventory in preparation for the coming of our Lord. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the many blessings that God has bestowed upon me and my family. I do not want this hectic season to pass without telling you all how blessed I feel to be a part of the IHM Family.



Jim Lee, Principal IHM School

I graduated from a Catholic elementary school in 1960. As the 50th year since my graduation approached, I made several attempts to contact the school to get information on hosting a reunion. I offered to help with planning, locating other classmates, and doing just about anything to make the event happen. No one ever got back to me. They missed a golden opportunity to involve their alumni.

I have been greatly impressed with the alumni from IHM. I have had the opportunity to talk to many who have graduated from here. The story they tell is a very positive one. They speak of IHM with pride. It was a great place, the teachers were wonderful, and they had a great educational experience. I don't want you to have the experience that I had. The staff, faculty, and administration here cherish those who have gone before. Many alumni have sent their children and grandchildren here.

IHM School is blessed to have over 4,300 graduates from its 53 years of operation. We are seeking new ways to reach out and keep you connected to your alma mater. An Alumni Committee is being established and we need involvement from graduates from each of our five decades. As we look forward to a new year please consider stepping forward and getting involved!

God Bless and Merry Christmas,

Jim Lee

Principal

Get Involved with Your Alumni Association

In an effort to better engage our alumni and to create new and exciting ways for you to reconnect with your alma mater, we are forming an Alumni Committee. Our goals are to increase our communication with alumni and their parents; to create events that allow old friends to reconnect and for new ones to be made; to offer opportunities for alumni to visit IHM School; and to enlist the financial support of alumni and their parents to ensure the long term viability and success of IHM School.

We need alumni from all decades, as far back as our first graduating class in 1960 to the 2000s to help us accomplish our goals. Please consider getting involved and giving back to your alma mater by serving on the Alumni Committee. Contact Jennifer Sedlack, Development Director, at jsedlack@ihmschool.org or call 404-636-4488 x222 to get involved today!

My Memories of IHM

By David Hughes, '64

In 1955, I lived three houses away from IHM and watched them build it. I played in the woods before they bulldozed it down to make way for the church, and I often caught catfish in the creek behind the school.

I went to Christ the King in first and second grade and started third grade at IHM in 1958 when it opened. Many from Christ the King came with me. At IHM we had a band, Cub Scouts, a swimming team, holy cards for good grades, and nuns as both teachers and administrators. My classmates and I celebrated our Confirmation in 1961 in the fifth grade, the same year we elected our first and only Catholic President, John F. Kennedy.



David Hughes

Both of my parents were musicians. My mom was the first church organist at IHM. I sat by her every Sunday while she played for Mass. My dad played trombone in dance bands and in the symphony, and was band director at Northside High School.

My wife and I have been married for 29 years and live in Stone Mountain. For the last ten years I have worked in the lab of a cement products company. We attend Corpus

Christi Catholic Church, where we have been active in the choir off and on for 25 years. My wife is an LPC family counselor and our son, Peter, recently graduated from U.S. Naval Academy, and is a Marine officer.

I'm happy to share my memories and photos of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, as this school and parish have always meant a lot to me. I encourage others to submit their stories and to send in updates on where they are and what they are doing these days.

Send submissions to Jennifer Sedlack at jsedlack@ihmschool.org.

Highlights of the 2011 School Year

IHM School has had a wonderful year so far and we wanted to let you know about several standouts amongst our staff and students.



Ashleigh Hally

Fourth Grade Teacher Ashleigh Hally is now a published author. She has written a nine-part series of first grade biographies that meet state standards for Social Studies in Georgia and Virginia. The first three books have been published by State Standards Publishing and are entitled George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Eleanor Roosevelt. The other six will be published shortly.

Congratulations to Middle School Teacher, Haydee Vader, who was recently voted IHM's Employee of the Year. Haydee has worked at IHM for 20 years having taught Physical Education, Fifth Grade, Science, Religion and Math. She is the advisor to the Yearbook Staff and the National Junior Honor Society and serves on the Calendar, Discipline, and Graduation Committees as well as the Faculty/Staff Advisory Board. Currently she is the Middle School Coordinator and has been instrumental in the success of the new iPad/NetText Program.



Haydee Vader



Ariel Kim

IHM is proud to announce that Ariel Kim, an IHM eighth grader, has been selected as a Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholar. Ariel is one of only 50 students in the nation to receive this honor. As a Young Scholar, Miss Kim will receive academic advising and financial support from high school on through to her doctoral degree.

IHM School was awarded a \$1,000 ExxonMobil Educational grant through Clipper Petroleum to support our third and fifth grade math and science programs. Mr. Ed Hong, an employee of Clipper Petroleum and father of current IHM students Daniel and Elizabeth, recommended IHM School for the grant.



Ed Hong and Jim Lee



Jason Anandappa

Jason Anandappa, a current fifth grade student, was recently honored at a school assembly for earning 1,272.1 Accelerated Reading Points during the 2010-2011 academic year. Since Jason began participating in this program, he has averaged 210.4 points per quarter. The average number of points of his peers per quarter is 40. Schools throughout the country use this Accelerated Reading Program to encourage reading and strengthen comprehension. To participate, students read a fiction or non-fiction book and take a quiz. Varying points are given for each test taken. Participation at IHM is voluntary.

Our students have been very busy this Advent Season. They have organized food and toy drives and have hosted several Fair Trade Sales to benefit Catholic Relief Services. Our Girl Scouts have made sandwiches for the homeless and purchased canned goods for the Publix Food for Sharing Program. In fact, the entire school is buzzing with great joy and excitement as we await the birth of Christ!

Alumni Updates



The St. Pius X Class of '86 celebrated their 25th High School Reunion this fall. Eight members of the IHM Class of 1982 posed for a photo during the festivities.

(Pictured L to R): **Sylvia Barnes Bell, Consuelo Leon Bills, Katie Murphy, Felipe Benedit, Tony Giarrusso, Anne Marie Lugo Warners, Mary Pat Warner Martin, Jeff Maloof**

Kathy Field Hoffman, '81 and **Michele Field, '83** attended a school assembly to watch as Kathy's son, Nicholas Hoffman, future class of '20 and current kindergarten student, received a Virtue Award.



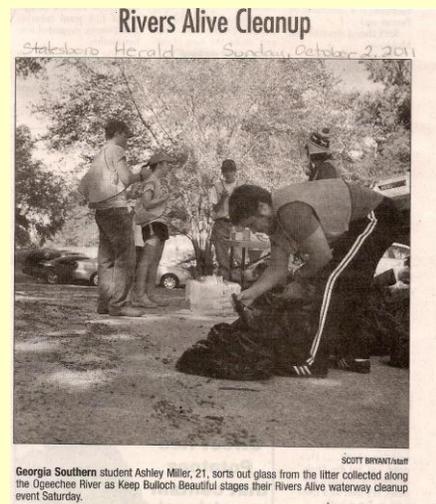
Kathy Field Hoffmann, Nicholas Hoffman and Michele Field



Audrey and Maggie White

Martha Zimmer White, '90 is married and living in Chamblee with her husband Hugh and her twin five year old girls who are IHM Kindergarteners. Martha works part-time as an Environmental Scientist with CH2M HILL.

In October, current Georgia Southern student **Ashley Miller, '05** took part in an Environmental Biology service project cleaning up the Ogeechee River.



Rivers Alive Cleanup
Statenberg Herald, Saturday, October 2, 2011
SCOTT BRYANT/STAFF
Georgia Southern student Ashley Miller, 21, sorts out glass from the litter collected along the Ogeechee River as Keep Bulloch Beautiful stages their Rivers Alive waterway cleanup event Saturday.

Erin Cavalli, '08 and Rebecca Ponce de Leon, '08 are two of the three St. Pius X Class of 2012 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists. The finalists will be announced this spring.

The St. Pius X Golden Lions volleyball team won its fourth consecutive Area 5AAA Championship. They currently hold a 45-5 record. IHM alumnae on the team include **Ella Anastasiades, '08; Catherine Evelyn, '08; and Grace McGoldrick, '08.**

The St. Pius X Golden Lions softball team also won its fourth consecutive Region Championship. Senior Pitcher **Rebecca Ponce de Leon** is a **2008** IHM graduate.

The St. Pius Varsity Boys Cross Country Team won its second State Championship in a row this year. Four members of the twelve person team are IHM graduates: **Andrew Anastiades, '10, Colin Martin, '08, Keefe Osment, '09 and Addison Sans, '09.**

Carpe Diem is a literary-art magazine published annually by St. Pius X Catholic High School's students. This year's publication included submissions by a number of IHM alumni including **Thomas Cahoon, '07; Rachel Ponce de Leon, '08; Rose Cahill, '09; Grayson Holt, '09; Frank Martin, '09; Issac Suarez-Nugent, '09; Alex Young, '09 and Haley McDaniel, '10.** Two of the submissions by IHM alumni are included below.

The Green Grass

By Haley McDaniel, '10
(reprinted from Carpe Diem 2011)

So much depends
Upon
The green
Grass
Hazed with dew
Beside the still
Tree.

The Bite of Love

By Thomas Cahoon, '07
(reprinted from Carpe Diem 2011)

I have a tale to tell you,
About a state unjust,
A lad who gave his heart to one,
A lass unfit to trust

He loved her to his soul's content,
Her gorgeous locks and eyes,
They shone, as dark as midnight's kiss
And they were his demise

Despite his tender care for her
She left him with no pause.
His soul, once lively, barely stirs,
Now trapped in grief's cruel jaws.

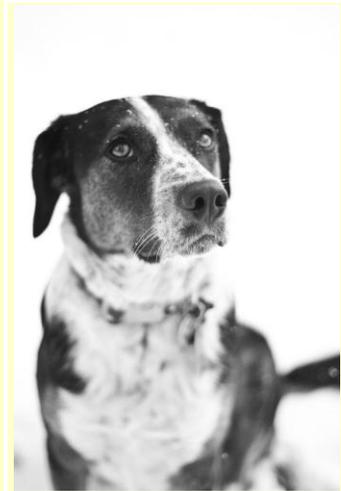


Photo by
Frank Martin, '09

Births



Margaret Mae Grace Moran

Kathryn Fletcher Moran, '90, gave birth to Margaret Mae Grace Moran on October 30, weighing 6 lbs 8 oz and measuring 19 inches long. Kathryn has two students currently enrolled at IHM, third grader Ridley and first grader Julian. Congratulations!

We welcome the birth of Brendan Scheb, son of **Jenny Miles Scheb, '97** and **Kevin Scheb, '96**.

Kyle Johnson, '92 and his wife Betsy are pleased to announce the birth of their child, Kiley Rose, on October 16. Kyle is the Director of Information Technology & Computer Systems Administrator for St. Pius.



Kyle, Kiley Rose and Betsy Johnson

We lift prayers of thanksgiving for the birth of Kinly Maree Wright (born on October 29) daughter of Chris Wright and **Monica Gilsdorf Wright, '85** and new sister of current IHM students Lakin, Colby, and Cayne Wright.

We announce the birth of Nathan Rice, the newborn son of **Catherine DeWitt Rice, '96** and grandson of former teacher and principal Tricia DeWitt. Nathan was born on December 2. He weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and measured 22 inches long.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for strength and healing for **Michael Buechner**, member of the class of '73 and brother of the following former students who also attended IHM, **David Buechner, '69**; **Linda Buechner Kelly, '70**; **Thomas Buechner, '72**; and IHM First Grade Teacher **Laura Buechner Holmes, '75**.

Would you like to be added to the School Prayer List? Send your request to **Consuelo Bills, '82** at consuelobills@hotmail.com

Do you have a particular pastoral need? Visit the church's new bilingual website at www.ihmatlanta.org.

In Memoriam

We ask for prayers for Joe Amador, brother of **Aurora Amador, '94**, who died November 21.

We also ask you to pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Paul Schillinger, father of our pastor, Fr. James Schillinger. Mr. Schillinger died on December 4 in Philadelphia. Cards may be sent to:

Fr. James Schillinger
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
2855 Briarcliff Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

You are Cordially Invited to Attend the IHM School Derby Day Gala

Please join us for a fabulous night of auction items, delicious food and good company at the IHM Home & School Association's Derby Day Auction on Saturday, April 21, 2012. Held in the historic church, this event is not to be missed! We'll be offering a large variety of interesting items to bid on and we'll have an exciting live auction with spectacular offerings including a week-long stay in a home in Ireland. We're developing special incentives for our alumni and hope you can join us for this wonderful night!



Celebrate the Holidays at IHM Church

On **December 8** we will celebrate the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows:

Wednesday, December 7 (Vigil)

7:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Thursday, December 8

8:30 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Mass

The church will present *The Inns (Las Posadas)* on Saturday, **December 10** at 7:00 pm. Admission is one canned food item per person to feed the hungry.

Join us as we decorate IHM Church for Christmas on **December 20** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This is an event for the entire family. Homemade cookies and hot chocolate will be served after the decorating is completed.

IHM Church is hosting the *Music of the Holidays* concert by the Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde on **December 17 and 19**. Both concerts begin at 8:00 pm, and tickets are available at the door or by calling 404-873-3365 (\$15 adults and \$12 students/seniors.) Visit www.aysc.org for more information.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 pm
6:00 pm
8:00 pm en español
10:00 pm

Christmas Day - December 25

9:00 am
11:30 am
1:30 pm en español

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil - December 31

4:00 pm (Bilingual)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1

9:00 am
11:30 am
1:30 pm en español

News From the Development Office

The GRACE Scholars Program has reached the \$50 million cap for the 2011 tax year. Many thanks to those who sent their paperwork in early and were able to contribute to this scholarship program. If you intended to send in your TP1 form but did not do so in time, thank you for your interest in this valuable program and please be sure to send in your paperwork early next year.

IHM School's 2010-2011 Annual Report is available for your review online. We have much to be proud of here at IHM and the Annual Report details our many accomplishments from last year. To access the report click [here](#).

Ways to Support IHM School Without Spending a Dime



While you are cooking this holiday season consider saving the Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup labels and Pepperidge Farm labels found on your favorite food items. Just place these items in a zip lock bag and bring them to the school. IHM will receive a check from these corporations.



If you shop at Pike Nursery, send the receipt to the school. For every dollar spent, Pikes will give IHM plants and products.



Consider using a Publix Partner Card. These can be found in the school's front lobby or e-mail your mailing address to Jennifer Sedlack at jsedlack@ihmschool.org and she will mail one to

you. Show your card when you check out. A percentage of each purchase will be sent to IHM School.

If you shop at Office Depot, tell the cashier that you want Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School to get credit for your purchase. They will send the school a check for a percentage of every transaction made in the school's name.

Is a new Ford on your shopping list? If you watch their online videos or request a brochure at www.Ford.com you can earn eBox Tops for Education for IHM School.

You can also collect codes from all Coca-Cola bottle tops and cartons. Enter the codes at www.mycokerewards.com and enter "donate." Select Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School and a donation will be made to our school.



By enrolling in TrueBlue Schools, www.trueblueschools.com, you automatically help raise money for IHM. Georgia Natural Gas (GNG) donates up to \$100 a year for every person in our school community who chooses GNG and selects IHM School. In addition, all TrueBlue Schools participants are eligible for a guaranteed 5¢ discount per therm by choosing their Market Advantage Plan.

Upcoming School Events

Blessed Mother Teresa Exhibit: December 8

The exhibit depicts the life of Blessed Mother Teresa and includes a relic of the first class. This inspiring display is free and open to the public from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm in the school library.

Open House: January 22

Open House for IHM School will be January 22, 2012 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. A special presentation at 3:15 pm in the gym will begin the event. All prospective parents and students are invited to tour the school and meet the faculty and staff.

Application Deadline for New 2012-2013 Students: February 1

Applications are available in our front office or online at www.ihmschool.org.

Catholic Schools Week: January 29 - February 5

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 29 - February 5, 2012. The theme this year is "Faith. Academics. Service." We will have special activities throughout the week including a special Mass on Thursday, February 2 at 8:30 a.m. Please feel free to join us as we celebrate Catholic schools!

Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A: February 7

Join us at Chick-fil-A on North Druid Hills from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 as we raise funds for our Home & School Association.

Mardi Gras: February 21

It's Mardi Gras! Come back and relive the fun of our Annual Mardi Gras parade, held on Tuesday, February 21 at 1:50 p.m.

Spring Book Fair: February 27 - March 9

Support IHM School's library and our beloved Mrs. Sandy Wilson by attending our Spring Book Fair, held February 27, 2012 through March 9, 2012.

Middle School Explore: March 16

What do you want to be when you grow up? Help our middle school students explore this question by sharing your profession and tips from the working world during our annual Middle School Explore Day. Held on March 16, 2012, this is an excellent opportunity for alumni to give back to IHM by encouraging our students to explore a variety of professions. Contact Haydee Vader at hvader@ihmschool.org to participate.

Derby Day Gala: April 21

Save the date now and join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and great fun as we auction off valuable items to benefit IHM School. There will be a special incentive for our alumni.

Stay Informed - Stay Connected

Stay connected with former classmates by "Liking" us on Facebook at

Like us on Facebook 

Keep up with current school news at [IHM School Facebook](#) and www.ihmschool.org.

We love to get news from our graduates. If you have news to share contact Jennifer Sedlack at jsedlack@ihmschool.org.



Try it FREE today.

This email was sent to ihmnewsletter@ihmatlanta.org by scCook@ihmatlanta.org | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School | 2855 Briarcliff Road NE | Atlanta | GA | 30329