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Looking Back on Our History

By Carlos Guerra

In 1957, the young boys and girls pictured above graduated from Immaculate Heart of Mary School. I can't help but marvel at the different memories that this time evokes for all of us. It was a simpler time: quail still walked across the Alameda de las Pulgas, everyone was worried about the Soviet Union, Eisenhower was president, and Carlmont Shopping Center had just been built. The parish used St. Michael's Hall every day for mass; the new church had not yet been built. We all share with that class the innocence of childhood and beginning the turmoil and evolution of adolescence. We had in common a mutual affection for Belmont and our parish. Everyone had a personal anecdote or a relationship with Msgr. Kenny. Some thrilled at John F. Kennedy becoming the first Catholic president. For others, we remember being dragged by an older sibling to camp out in front of Mrs. Springsteen's house to see if Bruce would show up for the holidays. I can't help but think that we have all been touched by this community that we call our home.

Letter from the Principal

Dear IHM Alumni,

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you all back to our 2008-09 school year! You may remember your first month of a new school year. It is a busy, happy time. We have acclimated to our schedules and activities. Our first quarter is well underway; we will soon celebrate our first Academic Rally on Monday, November 3rd. We have also begun to prepare for our Halloween Parade on Oct. 31st @ 1:45pm. Drop by if you are in the area! Join us for our 4th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon on Nov. 22nd; there are still a few tickets available (call the front office for more information).

Please know that your support and prayers are always appreciated. We continue to pray for all our IHM Alumni every morning. Thank you for what you do for IHM. You are always welcome to come by to visit. Keep in touch!

May God bless you all,

Sandra E. Larragoiti
IHM Principal

Advancement Director's Corner

Welcome to the new school year! This year IHM turns fifty-six and I am proud to have been part of this great establishment for twenty-six years. You are all very special to us and we encourage you to get together to remember your days at IHM. Let us know when you are having class reunions. Those of you in the area with school age children are invited to come on a school tour and see the many improvements we have made over the past years. Have your child be part of the first full day kindergarten class at IHM.

Let us hear from you and tell us what is happening with you and your families. We are interested in hearing about weddings, births and when a loved one passes away. You are part of our community and we care about you.

Since the next newsletter will be in 2009, I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas.

Margaret Purcell-Brisken,
Advancement Director

Full Day Kindergarten Coming To Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is excited to announce that for the 2009-10 school year, a full day kindergarten will be provided. After much research over the past few years, we believe that this program will benefit our students greatly. It will allow for a less hurried classroom environment and will give students the opportunity to have additional time for creative play. It will offer socially beneficial activities and time for developing their academic skills. The present curriculum will be enriched with the addition of Spanish, Art in Action and extra time for music, art and physical education.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff

We would like to welcome the new faculty and staff to IHM School:

Mrs. Teresa Kreutzman, grade 8
Mr. Michael Zimmerman, grade 7
Mrs. Marianne Markt, grade 5
Mrs. Laurie Brazil, secretary
Mrs. Sherri Giraud, kindergarten teacher assistant
Mrs. Valerie Mazzonchini, grade one teacher assistant (we are happy to have Valerie back with us)
Mrs. Marie Sanchez, Extended care aide

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2008 IHM GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual IHM Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, October 18, 2008, at Crystal Springs Golf Course. This year, 20 groups participated in the event. The fun day was topped off at St. Michael's Hall with dinner and entertainment. The following groups were the winners in the tournament:

First Place

Mike Bender, Chris Humphrey, Chris Jessop, and Tim Byrne (Class 2006)

Second Place

Mick Jessop, Tom Churchill, Henry Torres, and Terry Stafford

Third Place

Fred Canavero, Peter Bach, Don Sadlowski, and Larry Firpo (Class 1977)

Share The Gift of a Catholic Education

You can help us in many ways to keep Catholic Education affordable; the following are just two ideas:

Adopt-A-Student is a fund operated by the school to help students who can't afford full tuition or whose family might be suffering a temporary financial crisis.

eScrip is a program that is easy to use. Visit www.escrip.com to register. IHM group ID is 137700972. There is no cost to you; the merchants you use will donate a certain % to IHM. This is a painless way to get dollars for our educational programs, and you can feel good for helping us in our important ministry of Catholic education. Please call Margaret Purcell-Brisken if you have any questions about these two programs.

Upcoming Events at IHM

- Halloween Parade, October 31, 1:45 PM
- Fashion Show, November 22, 12 noon
- Grandparents Day, November 26, 10:30 AM
- Christmas Concert, December 18, 7:00 PM
- Open House, January 25, Mass 9:30 AM, school open until 1:00 PM
- Parish Auction Dinner and Dancing, April 4, (details later)

If you are interested in attending any of the above, call the school office or advancement office for information.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL
2008 FASHION SHOW AND BOUTIQUE

2008 IHM Fashion Show and Holiday Boutique

IHM is very excited about the 4th annual IHM Fashion Show and Holiday Boutique. The theme this year is "Joy To the World," so mark your calendar for Saturday, November 22nd to enjoy a wonderful show with students, teachers, and parishioners alike.

To purchase tickets or ask questions related to the show, contact Julie Mifsud at jklinks@aol.com or 650.631.3911, OR you may pick up a show invitation in the school office, complete the order form with check payment and return it to the school office. There are still tickets available!

The Holiday Boutique will be located in St. Michael's Hall this year and will run for three days:

Friday, November 21st, 5 - 9 pm - Special Champagne Reception for \$15. First look at all the boutique goodies! Tickets can be purchased prior to the event in the school office.

Saturday, November 22nd, 9am - 6pm. Open to public

Sunday, November 23rd, 9am - 3pm. Open to public

There will also be three exciting raffles this year – You can win a decorated Christmas Tree (eight to choose from), a Holiday Table for 12 ("Joy To the World" colors will be rich jewel tones), and Nativity Scenes (5 scenes in a variety of styles!).

All raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Tickets can be purchased early (and picked up on Saturday, Nov. 22nd), so visit the school office OR check out the "Sneak Peek" on Friday, November 21st from 7:30am to 9:00am.

The schedule for raffle drawings are as follows and you do not need to be present to win:

- Christmas Tree raffle drawing - Saturday, November 22nd at 3pm (for delivery on Sunday, Nov. 23)
- Holiday Table raffle drawing - Saturday, November 22nd at 3pm
- Nativity Scenes raffle drawing - Sunday, November 23rd at 3pm (at the close of the boutique)

All proceeds go to IHM School, so come and start your holiday shopping while seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

IHM Cookbook

IHM School is putting together a cookbook with about 500 recipes. This special book will be on sale at the Fashion Show Boutique. If you would like to order a copy, you can call the school office at 650-593-4265.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

When a loved one dies, we usually send an expression of sympathy to the family of the bereaved. At IHM school we have beautiful memorial cards available in the school office and advancement office. When you use one of the cards, the person named on the card is entered in our Memorial Book. Those enrolled are prayed for daily at Morning Prayer and at all school masses. You may make a donation in the name of the person enrolled to IHM School. If you would like to have some cards on hand, we can mail them to you or we can send a card in your name at your request.

In Memoriam, May They Rest in Peace

You are asked to pray for the following and their families:

- **Grace Mazzo**, retired IHM school secretary
- **Jim Gordon**, father of Elizabeth, class of 1995 and Julia, class of 1998
- **Elaine Simmons**, mother of Erika, class of 1998 and Andrea, class of 2001
- **Carol Byrne**, mother of Tim, class of 2006 and Tammy, who is in grade 4

Grace Mazzo

By Patrick V. Collins

Once again the Immaculate Heart of Mary community has lost one of its true originals, whom many of us remember so fondly. Grace Mazzo passed away on June 28, 2008, at the age of 82. Grace was one of several faces we would see for many years as we passed through the front doors of the Immaculate Heart of Mary school office.

Grace Mazzo performed co-secretarial duties with Beverly D'Emilio from the early 1970's until 1984, under the direction of Principal Sister Anne Christine. She then worked for Dr. Purcell through the mid-1980's. "I do not recall ever seeing someone so relaxed, yet efficient at the same time," recalls Bev D'Emilio.

Grace Mazzo was a native of Chicago. Early on in her career, she was a television and radio editor for the Chicago Daily News. Grace eventually made her way to Belmont and enjoyed a decade-plus career at Immaculate Heart of Mary School. She helped plan many parish, school, and social functions due to her wonderful organizational skills. Occasionally in the 1970's Sister Anne Christine, teachers and staff (including Bev & Grace) would make their way to Carmel, California, for weekend "get-away/retreats."

Grace was know at Immaculate Heart of Mary as a real "team player" who truly cared about the children, staff and the people she worked for. Beverly D'Emilio remembers, "Grace was a fun-loving person who was very good at what she did, was a great host, Italian cook and event planner."

Grace Mazzo made Immaculate Heart of Mary school a better place. Can you picture her smile as you enter the front doors?

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