

Jan. 2023



# Cavalier Connection

## Stay in the Know

### Education Council Meeting

January 17th, @6pm, in High School Cafeteria

### Advancement Meeting

January 10th, @6pm, in High School Cafeteria

### Booster Club Meeting

January 24th, @6pm, in High School Cafeteria



*Rest in Peace*

**Sr. Cecilia Marie Hermann**

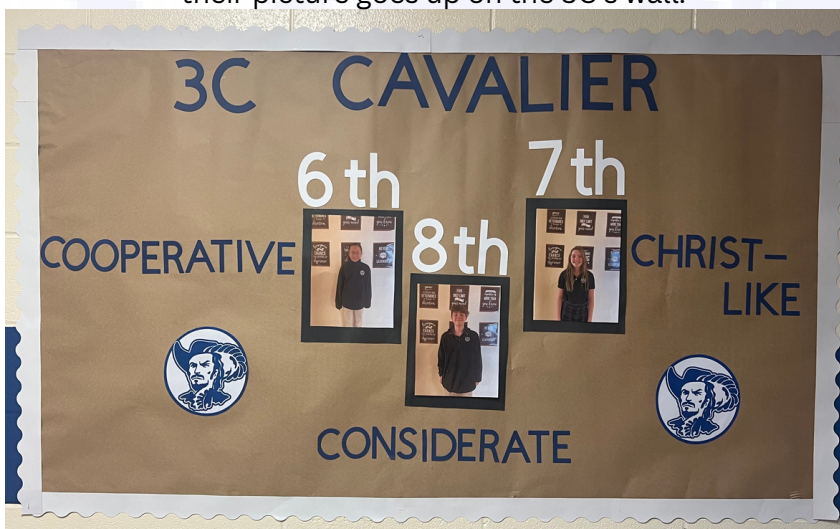
**11/26/22**

## 3C-Cavaliers

The 3 C's students is a school-wide positive behavioral system, created and implemented by Miss Navarra and Mrs. Bombard. The program recognizes IHC students for displaying positive actions that show consideration, cooperation, and christ-like behavior.

The elementary students each have Cavalier Cards that hold five spaces to be filled. Staff give points to those students who they notice are displaying one of the 3 C's behavior. Once their card is filled, they drop it in the bank and get a new one. At the end of each month, we pull out a student from each grade to win a prize (positively rewarding). All the cards will go in a raffle at the end of the year for some students to win a bigger prize.

At the junior high level, IHC is recognizing students that teachers choose every two weeks for displaying consistent 3 C behavior and their picture goes up on the 3C's wall.



## Upcoming Events

### January 3

School resumes

Elementary Mass @ Holy Family @10 am

### January 6

Jr/Sr High Mass - Epiphany

### January 11

Jr/Sr High Student Council Meeting, @2:30

### January 12

Jr/Sr High In class Adoration

### January 14

Booster Club Can Drive, @9 am-12 pm

### January 16

No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### January 24-26

Jr/Sr High - Regents Testing

### January 26

Elem. Prayer Service @8:15

### January 27

No School - Staff Dev. Day

*Coming Soon...*  
*Catholic Schools Week!*

# A MESSAGE

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## FROM OUR PRINCIPALS



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all! Although the blizzard created a great deal of chaos and changed everyone's plans, we hope that you all had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends to celebrate this most special time of year. The Christmas season is so magical for many reasons. Reuniting with family and friends we haven't seen for a time is such a blessing. The joy we all experience through



the tradition of giving to those we love, particularly the littlest ones, is absolutely splendid. Most importantly, making time to celebrate the most miraculous part of the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior. This time of year always brings to mind the beginning of the gospel of John- "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us". If you take a moment to think about it, it is absolutely amazing!!!

God loved us all so much that He sent His Son to show us the way. And boy did He ever! Jesus offered unconditional love, compassion, forgiveness, and ultimately, His life. When He left, He didn't leave us alone. He gave us all the gift of the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us. We are His hands and we continue His work. This is an integral part of our mission at IHC. As we move into the new year our goal is to continue to guide our students, your children, to hear the message of God and act upon it.

The months of January through April are extremely important in the area of academics. The students learn a great deal and work extremely hard but one thing that is at the heart of everything we do, is making time to serve and assist those in need within our school community, our local community and the worldwide community. This cannot happen without your support and assistance.

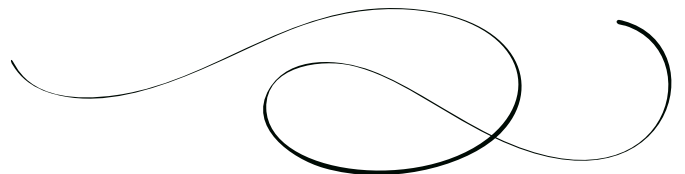
We are always amazed by the generosity you all provide and we are grateful beyond words. Most importantly, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to educate your children- mind, body and soul. There are so many exciting things to look forward to in the year 2023. God Bless you all and know that we are all on this incredible journey of life together. We are never alone and our Redeemer will always be with us.



Faithfully Yours,

*Mrs. Mitchell &*

*Mr. Charlebois*

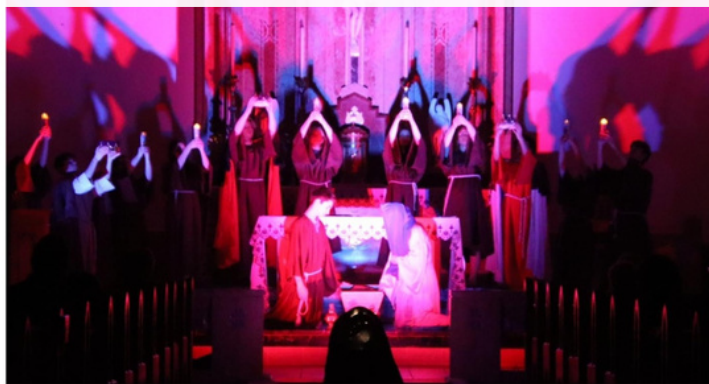






# CHRISTMAS

HOW IHC CELEBRATES





# Talented Teacher



Odds are you have probably seen Mr. Steven Hatchell over the last two years at IHC Elementary. Being as there are not many male teachers at IHC, they tend to be more recognizable! Mr. Hatchell started student teaching at our Elementary building last year for second grade and preschool. When a Second grade teaching position opened up, it was perfect timing as he was just starting his teaching career. Originally, Mr. Hatchell planned to become a correctional officer but changed his mind and received his Masters degree in Early Childhood Education. Steven says that he “loves being able to be a positive male role model for students in their early years. He likes helping them develop life skills that his family has taught him.” He enjoys using his goofy sense of humor to make learning fun, while instilling life long skills and laughable moments for his students to have forever. Steven is an only child who grew up in Watertown, NY. He says that although he is an only child, he comes from a big family with many cousins. He enjoys spending time with them throughout the year, especially at his family’s cottage located in Sackets Harbor. He is a big Boston Red Sox and Syracuse basketball fan, and enjoys taking ski trips with friends throughout the winter. In his spare time

he enjoys riding his motorcycle, fishing, working out, playing pickup basketball games at the YMCA, and playing in a dart league with his friends. Another fun fact about Mr. Hatchell, is that he attended Watertown CSD from preschool till he graduated high school and his girlfriend, Briana McClusky, went to IHC from preschool till she graduated high school. Steven says “ it’s funny, us both being athletes, our schools were always each others greatest rivals while playing sports, and now we are both teaching at our rival schools.” IHC is so blessed to have him as part of our wonderful IHC Elementary Staff!!

## Featured Family

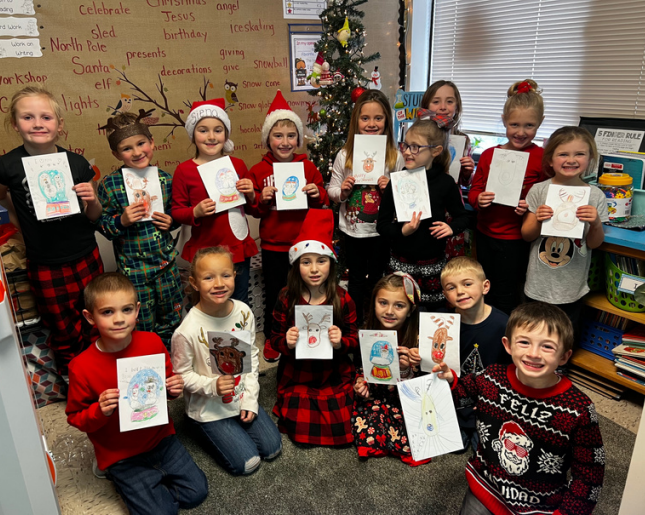
Meet the Deck Family!! Mom - Karley, Dad - Jacob, and their three children, Ellyahna is 3 years old and currently homeschooled, Maxwell - 3rd grade, and Sebastian - 6th grade. They PCS'd here to Fort Drum 3 years ago from their prior duty station, at Fort Bliss, TX. This is their final stop on Dad's Military journey after over 22 years of active duty. They chose Ft. Drum because it's closest to their family in Buffalo/Niagara Falls, Erie, and Boston. They say “hopping in the van to go see Grandparents on a long weekend sure beats 5x plane tickets!” As a family, they enjoy hiking, going to the beach, volunteering at church, dancing together, campfires, board games, creating artwork, snuggling, eating great food, and BLUEY! If you've ever seen the Decks at an IHC event you might have noticed that their 3 year old daughter wears “wolf ears”

(headband from the GreatWolf Lodge every



day and night! She likes to be a different character each day, and if you see her, she will tell you who that is. What do the Decks love about IHC?? “Good communication! The emails, the updates, the calls, it's all so essential and helpful. Of course, the foundation in Christ is the most important. Everyone at IHC has always just treated us with warmth and been very welcoming.” For the most part, our kids are challenged and inspired at school. We are grateful for all that IHC does! Cannot recommend more highly! We are gonna miss everyone.” IHC will surely miss the Deck family when they have to leave us, but are so glad they came to IHC and became a part of our Cavalier Community!





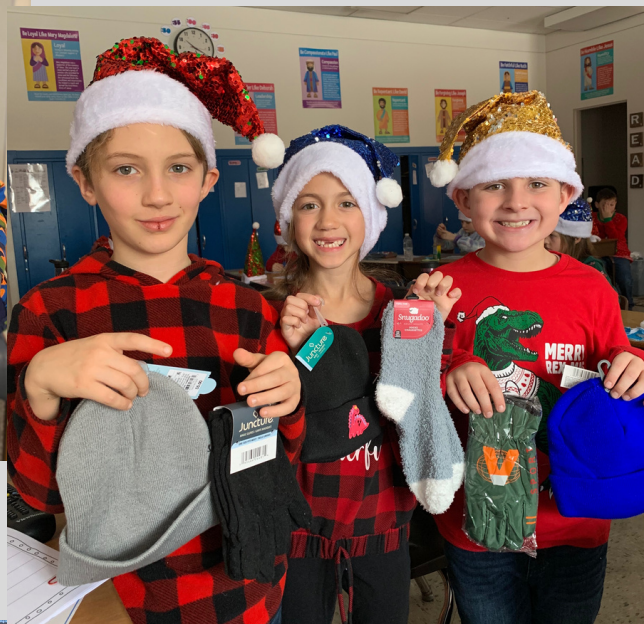
First Grade  
made  
Christmas  
cards for  
the elderly  
in the  
Nursing  
Homes



# IHC GIVES BACK!



Third grade collected hats & gloves  
for the Victims Assitance Ctr.



Kindergarten collected  
socks & slippers for the  
Victims Assitance Ctr.

Fifth grade collected  
hygiene products for the  
Victims Assitance Ctr.



Second graders collected toys for the Urban Mission



# IHC MYSTERY PLAYERS



The IHC Mystery Players were started in Lent of 1981, by Fr. Mike Gaffney. Every year since then the group has prayed at least 1 Mystery Play. Usually 4 advent prayers and 10-12 Lenten prayers are offered each year. During Covid 2020, only 3 Lenten Prayers happened and no



Advent ones. In Covid 2021 only 1 Lenten Prayer was done, and during Covid 2022, 2 Lenten Prayers were prayed. This Advent there was 3 Mystery Plays and there will be 10 Lenten Prayers in 2023. In 1985, an Advent Prayer was added. The group currently has 4 versions of Advent, 6 versions of Lent, plus a prayer on healing and 1 on dealing with Cancer.

The Group was originally started with 9 members. This was initially a group only for Seniors. At times there were as many as 22 Seniors in the group.



This year's group has 15 members from grades 9-12.



The group has traveled extensively in the Diocese of Ogdensburg, the Buffalo, Rochester and Albany areas of NY state, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, N. Carolina, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Canada. One of the most memorable experiences was the three trips to Newton, CT, home of the Sandy Hook Elementary School.



The Mystery Players were able to bring a sense of peace to a wounded community.





Be sure to check out our IHC Facebook Page for up-to-date info and more pictures of our school & students!

## Blessings Around Us!



First grader, Marlowe DiFabion  
was baptized November 26, 2022

## Cavaliers

**Looking for more information? Go to our website!**

<https://www.ihcschool.org>

**Support our Athletes and catch a game!**

<https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/49>

**Can you help Booster and work Concessions for a home game?**

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a5a92da7f8c70-basketball#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a5a92da7f8c70-basketball#/)

**Need some new Cavalier Merch?**

**Check out Booster Clubs year-round store!**

<https://stores.inksoft.com/IHCBOOSTERCLUB/shop/home>

## Want to volunteer at IHC??

### Jr/Sr High Clubs

#### Computer Club

Every Tuesday, @2:15

#### Cooking Club

Tuesdays 1/10 & 1/24, @2:30

#### Chess Club

Every Tuesday, @2:15 - 3

#### Junior Art Club

Thursdays 1/5 & 1/19, @2:30 - 3:30

#### Art Club

Thursdays 1/12 & 1/26, @2:15 - 4:00

#### Magic Club

Every Thursday, @2:15 - 3:15

#### 1. Have you had a Diocesan Background check?

YES - See #2

NO - Fill out form and return to  
[corinne.mercer@ihcschool.org](mailto:corinne.mercer@ihcschool.org)

#### 2. Are you Virtus Trained?

YES - See #3

NO - Follow the link to sign up for a class!  
<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>

#### 3. Do you have a Volunteer Code of Conduct on file?

YES - What are you waiting for? Call #315-788-4670!

NO - Fill out form  
and return to

[corinne.mercer@ihcschool.org](mailto:corinne.mercer@ihcschool.org)

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