



December 13, 2017

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that the school year is half over and we are thinking about next year. With that in mind, we would like to invite you and your students to a short program Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 PM. This program is called "A Day in the Life of a Middle Schooler." Through past experience, we have learned that as our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class enters the second half of the year, they begin to anticipate what it means to transition into Middle School from our elementary program.

The purpose of the night is to experience some of the Middle School changes in an abbreviated schedule and to meet the teachers and staff who teach at that level. It is also an opportunity for parents to learn about Middle School. You will also learn how IHM is prepared to team with you and your child to enjoy these transitioning years and to be prepared for success in high school and beyond. This event is open to both our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and those from other schools who may be considering coming to IHM. Feel free to invite others!

These are the highlights of the night:

- Parents and students will meet in Marian Hall at 6:00.
- Students will move through each of their 8 classes in 5 minute increments.
- At each "class," students will receive a short synopsis of the class from the teacher.
- We will have a snack midway to serve as our "lunch."
- Alumni students of IHM and alumni parents will be available to tell us a little about how IHM

prepared them for high school and why they are glad they made the decision to be at IHM for middle school. Staff will be available to answer questions. We will conclude promptly at 7:00.

Parents are not required to stay, but they are encouraged, especially if this will be the first in your family to attend middle school. We hope you can make it!

Sincerely,

Callie Meiller, Principal  
Sharon Derks, Middle School Language Arts/Reading Teacher  
Peter Schnell, Middle School Science Teacher  
Linda Davies, Middle School Math Teacher  
Robert Maynard, Middle School Art/Computer Teacher  
Andrew Beechtree, Middle School Social Studies Teacher