
The Parent Connection

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Imlay City High School

January 2010

Looking Ahead

January 18No School at Ed-Tech

January 19Play "Monster in the Closet"
(7:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

January 26, 27, 28.....Semester Exams

January 29No School for Students
(1/2 day Professional Development)
(1/2 day Records day)

February 1 – February 6Snowcoming Week

February 3..... Powder Puff Volleyball Game
(7:30 p.m.; Gymnasium)

February 4..... Report Cards Mailed Home
(First Semester)

February 5.....Snowcoming Assembly
(12:50 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.; Gymnasium)

February 5.....Snowcoming Basketball Game
(6:00 p.m.; Gymnasium; Boys)
(7:30 p.m.; Gymnasium Girls)
(vs. Almont)

February 6.....Snowcoming Dance
(7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

February 12.....No School for Students
(Professional Development: Teachers)

February 15.....No School for Students or Staff
(President's Day)

February 17.....Solo & Ensemble Recital
(7:00 p.m.; Band Room)

February 18.....Junior Night: Parents
(7:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

February 20.....Solo & Ensemble Festival
(at Imlay City High School)

March 1.....Pre-Festival Band Concert
(7:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

March 9 – 11Michigan Merit Exam Testing

March 11 Progress Reports Mailed Home
(Third Marking Period)

March 23 – 25....Michigan Merit Exam Test Make up

March 31 & April 1.....Spartan Coffee Haus (Library)

April 1Third Marking Period Ends

April 1 Last Day of School

April 2 - 11 Spring Recess

April 12..... School Resumes

A New Opportunity

A new opportunity to save monthly on your family grocery costs is now available here in Imlay City. You can purchase approximately \$60 worth of food for your family at a cost of only \$30 from Angel Food Ministry. Order forms are available online at www.angelfoodministries.com.

No School at
Ed-tech
January 18
*(Students need to attend their
classes here at the high school.)*

Drama Class Presents.....

The Imlay City High School drama class presents Angela D. Stewart's Monster in the Closet. Emily has a big problem. There's a monster in her closet! What will happen when Emily has all of her friends sleep over in an attempt to capture the

monster? This show will delight the whole family!!

All performances will be in the high school auditeria:

- One night ONLY for the general public on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Tickets can be purchased from a drama class student or at the door - \$5.00 (adults), \$2.50 (students/children), senior citizens and children under 2 are free.
- Weston Elementary School students- Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Admission is free.
- Borland Elementary School students- Friday, January 22, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. Admission is free.

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.

Snowcoming Volleyball Game

The Junior Class will sponsor a volleyball match between the junior boys and the senior boys on Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m., in the gymnasium. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Junior Class as a prom fundraiser. Admission is \$4.00. Third grade students and under and senior citizens are free. No passes will be accepted.

Report Cards

Reports cards for the first semester will be mailed home on February 4.

Snowcoming Dance

The annual Snowcoming Dance will be held on Saturday, February 6, from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., in the high school auditeria. Tickets will be on sale during lunch the week of Snowcoming. Pre-sale tickets are \$8.00. At the door, tickets will be \$10.00. Any guest attending the dance must be signed up in the main office and approved prior to purchasing a ticket. The Junior Class is sponsoring this dance.

Project Graduation News

The next Project Graduation meeting will be on Monday, January 25, in Room 184, at the high school, at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, **January 25, 2010**, Jet's Pizza is offering to do a fundraiser by giving project graduation 10% of the sales for the day during dinner hours (4:00 pm - 8:00 pm). Please stop by and support our Project Graduation.

Because of the lack of interest, the hypnotist/dinner night on January 30, at the Countryside Banquet hall, has been cancelled.

Project Graduation is having a Raffle. You can buy one for \$15.00 or two for \$20.00. The raffle is based on the Michigan Daily Evening 3-Digit number to match the last 3 digits on your ticket for the month of February, 2010. If the ticket for the daily number has not been sold, a drawing from the pool of raffle ticket stubs for the tickets sold will take place at Imlay City High School between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. the same day. A prize of \$150.00 will be won every day (except for Saturdays and Sundays),

To buy a ticket, contact Lisa Kaikkonen at 724-0351, or see someone at the home basketball games.

If anyone has sold tickets for the raffle, please bring the money and stubs to the January 25th meeting.

Instant Alert

Please make sure that you read the insert included in this newsletter concerning our Instant Alert. You must make sure that you go to their website and check to make sure that your phone numbers are correct. If they aren't, you will not be called by our system when school is cancelled or when emergency situations arise.

No School

January 29

(End of First Semester)

Junior Parents' Night

Junior parents: Your student's senior year is just around the corner. There are many important events that take place during the last part of their junior year and during their senior year. Therefore, the Counseling Center will host Junior Parents' Night on Thursday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the auditeria. The ACT test, the Michigan Merit Exam, and the college application process are just but a few of the topics that will be addressed during the presentation. More detailed information will be sent to parents in February.

Vehicle Driving and Parking Regulations

In an effort to decrease vehicle traffic and congestion and increase student safety on school grounds, the Imlay City Police Department will be issuing tickets to vehicles in all unauthorized areas which include but are not limited to: (1) the bus loading and unloading zone in front of the high school; and (2) a section of the service drive which extends from the high school to the middle school.

Unless there are extenuating circumstances and prior arrangements have been made with school officials, students should be dropped off and picked up in the large student parking lot which is located next to and accessed from Blacks Corners Road. Students should use the pedestrian crosswalk that leads from the student parking lot to the main lobby of the high school. Vehicles using the bus loading and unloading zone between the weekday hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. will be issued tickets. In addition, all unauthorized vehicles using the service drive between the weekday hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. will be issued tickets—only authorized vehicles will be permitted to use this section of the service drive which extends from the high school to the middle school.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in dealing with this most important issue—student safety!

2010-11 Class Registration

Students will register for next year's classes at the end of February and at the beginning of March. Materials will be distributed to students in their English classes and will meet with their counselor to discuss appropriate course choices. It is very important that students have their materials completely filled out and turned in on time. Late forms can jeopardize a student's course choices.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's course of study, please feel free to call and discuss this with his/her counselor. For students with last names A-L, contact Mrs. Laura

Druker at 724-9821; and for students with last names M-Z, contact Mr. Patrick Bills at 724-9807.

Michigan Merit Exam Testing

All juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam Test (formally called the MEAP test) on March 9, 10, and 11.

The following is the schedule for the test:

Day 1

March 9.....ACT and Writing

Day 2

March 10.....Work Keys Test & Michigan Math

Day 3

March 11...Michigan Science & Soc. Studies Test

March 23, 24, 25.....Make up Tests

Homework Requests for Students

This is a reminder to parents when requesting homework for your student. Because of the high rate of sickness, a student will need to be absent from school for three days before a request of homework should be made. If your student is absent for that amount of time, you may call Julie Berry in the counseling center, at 724-9806, the first thing in the morning of the third day. She will let you know when the homework will be available for pickup.

No School

February 12

(Teacher Professional Development Day)

Imlay City Schools Punch Pass Packages Available

As many of you know by now, the athletic department has punch passes available for regular home sporting events in several different packages. There is a 5-punch pass available for a cost of \$12.50, a 10-punch pass available for a cost of \$25.00, and a 20-punch pass available for

a cost of \$50.00. These passes may be purchased at any home high school ticket gate.

In addition to the above, the Board of Education approved punch pass economy packages, which are ONLY available at the high school athletic department between the times of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. These economy packages include: a Blue Package for \$75.00 which consists of 35 punches; and a Gold Package for \$100.00 which consists of 50 punches in any combination of those listed above. The punches do not expire and can be used from year to year.

Reduced Student Admittance to Any Home Sporting Events

When attending a home athletic contest, any middle school or high school student may be admitted for only \$2 by just presenting their student ID at the ticket table.

No School
February 15
(President's Day)

Gate Admission Prices to Sporting Events

The Imlay City Community Schools gate admission prices are listed below:
 High School Varsity Athletic Events - \$5.00
 High School Freshman or JV only - \$4.00
 Middle School Athletic Events - \$3.00

Students in 3rd Grade or under are free if accompanied by a parent.
 Seniors 62 and over are free

Punch passes are available at all high school home events and save considerably on the price of admission and make great gifts.

Combination Locks Available for Winter Athletes

The High School Office has a limited number of Masterlock brand padlocks available for student/athlete use. Students will be required to pay a five-dollar deposit for each lock, which is fully refundable when the lock is returned at the end of the school year or sports season.

Students are strongly cautioned not to leave valuables or clothing in the locker room without using a padlock, especially after school hours (i.e., during practices). Please contact the main office for more information.

Winter Road Conditions: Reminders for Parents and Students

The Lapeer County Road Commission wants safety to be the number one priority for all winter drivers in the coming months. Some of the tips that they suggest include:

- ✓ Respect Snowplows! Each plow weighs in at a hefty 20 tons and is equipped with a twelve-foot wide blade. What's more, plows work at a maximum speed of thirty miles per hour, so they are easy to close on quickly. Most snowplow/motorist accidents occur when drivers either strike the trucks from the rear, or try to pass a plow on the left and strike the blade.
- ✓ Equip your vehicle with a winter emergency kit which includes items such as: ice scrapers, jumper cables, a snow shovel, traction mats (old rugs and blankets work well), a flashlight, boots, hat and gloves and a bag of de-icing salt.
- ✓ Carry a cellular telephone. The single most important safety item to have in your car this winter is a fully charged cellular telephone.
- ✓ Give yourself plenty of extra time when traveling.
- ✓ Be smart when choosing to drive in bad weather, Lapeer County is thirty miles long and 24 miles wide, it is likely that road conditions will vary greatly in a storm. Always ask yourself if the trip is really necessary.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Strikeleather, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Lapeer County, at (810) 667-0312.

The Flu

As we approach February, which is traditionally the worse flu month in the United States, here are some facts from the Centers for Disease Control about the flu:

- The flu will strike 10-20% of all Americans between November and March annually.
- Over 120,000 people in the USA are hospitalized annually for the flu and 36,000 die due to the flu, or flu complications. The majority of those who die are over 65 years of age.
- The flu can be transmitted thorough sneezing, coughing and speaking. The flu can be absorbed through the nose, mouth and eyes. The flu may be spread when a person touches a surface that has flu viruses on it – such as a tabletop, and then rubs his or her eyes or mouth.
- If you think you, or your teen has the flu, the best course of action is:
 - ✓ Get rest
 - ✓ Drink plenty of liquids – dehydration is a serious concern with the flu and can cause serious complications.
 - ✓ Stay home! One of the biggest health threats posed by the flu is that, if left untreated, it can develop into pneumonia. Taking time out to rest is vital to eliminating this possibility.

While preventing exposure to the flu is difficult, there are some recommendations that can help a person from catching it:

- Do not allow yourself to become rundown. When you become overtired or do not eat well this suppresses the immune system and makes it easier for you to catch the flu.
- Wash your hands frequently! Doctors also recommend carrying instant hand sanitizers – as these products allow you to kill viruses and bacteria on the skin while “on the go”.
- Do not share eating utensils, beverage containers or clothing with others – all of these can easily transmit the virus.

For more information on the flu, check out the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.