
The Parent Connection

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Imlay City High School

November 2009

Looking Ahead

November 13.....No classes at Ed-tech

Nov. 16 & 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(Auditeria; 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

November 19.....Early Release Day
(Students released at 10:42 a.m.)

November 20 No School

November 25.....Professional Development Day
(No Students)

November 26-29 Thanksgiving Break

November 30 Classes Resume

Nov. 30 – Dec. 11 Book Fair in library

Nov. 30 – Dec. 11 Toys For Tots
(National Honor Society)

Nov. 30 – Dec. 16 Annual Canned Food Drive
(Student Council)

December 3 Winter Choir Concert
(7:00 p.m.; Auditeria)

December 7 Blood Drive: NHS
(8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Multi-purpose room)

December 9 Winter Band Concert
(7:00 p.m.; Gymnasium)

December 14.....10th Grade Ed-tech Tours

December 16.....Progress Reports Mailed Home
(Second Marking Period)

December 18 Last Day of School

December 19 – January 3 Winter Recess

January 4 School Resumes

January 14 Financial Aid Night
(7:00 p.m.; Auditeria)

January 26 – 28 Semester Exams

January 28 End of First Semester

January 29 No School for Students

No School at Ed-tech
Friday, November 13
(Students still have to attend classes
here at the high school)

Imlay City High School Welcomes New Students into the National Honor Society

Thirty-five students from Imlay City High School were inducted into the R. A. Grettenberger Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 4.

To be eligible for membership consideration, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.2. Additionally, potential members must meet high standards of leadership, service and character. Sophomores, juniors and seniors who met the criteria were evaluated by the Faculty Council, which consisted of five members of the high school faculty.

Those inducted in the NHS this year were: Seniors: Collin Cronin, Sarah Gilstorf, and Paige Morandi; Juniors: Craig Cutler, Allison Dick, Ashley Makedonsky, Morgan Nelson, Kaleb Parsch, Amy Smith, Benjamin Stalker and Kilie Swopsher; Sophomores: Max Borek, AJ Caldwell, Gerilyn Carter, Abbey Cohoon, Gregory Crow, Emery Dodge, Emily Evard, Michelle Galat, Tabatha Gulino, Chaylyn Henderson, Carly Kaikkonen, Conner Kaikkonen, Shelby Lane, Morgan Lee, Alyssa Molnar, Rachel Nankervis, Raquel Orduna, Allison Parsch, Jacklynn Patterson, Beth Reeck, Ben Rodak, Laura Sample, Jaclyn Van Dyk and Erica Zuhlke.

Project Graduation Information

The next Project Graduation parent meeting will be on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 184 at the high school.

Project Graduation is still collecting recipes for their cookbook and they have Spartan merchandise for sale. Check out the tables set up at parent/ teacher conferences to see/buy Spartan items also.

No School
Friday, November 20

No School
Wednesday, November 25
(Professional Development Day)

Thanksgiving Break
November 26-November 29

Imlay City High School Book Fair

The Imlay City High School library is having a “**Book Fair**” from **November 30 to December 11**. It is a win-win for everyone, because we “earn” books for our library with our sales, and the students have the opportunity to purchase inexpensive holiday gifts for their family and friends. What better gift than a book? Shopping will be available before school, during lunches and after school. We’d like to thank everyone in advance for supporting our effort and helping spread some *HOLIDAY SPIRIT!*

Student Council Annual Canned Food Drive

Student Council will be having their annual canned food drive from November 30 through December 16. The cans will be given to the local Boy Scouts for them to distribute to those in need in our area. If anyone would like to donate, please bring your canned goods to the high school counseling center.

Winter Choir Concert

Our Imlay City High School vocal students are prepared to wish all a happy holiday on Thursday,

December 3, at 7:00 p.m. The students will help the community get into the holiday spirit with their winter concert. The festivities will be held in the high school auditoria free of charge. So mark your calendars and bring the family to enjoy an evening of holiday favorites.

The Art classes will also be showing their artwork during the concert in the front foyer of the school. Please come and browse around.

Upcoming Band Dates

The Imlay City High School marching band will be participating in the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade on Friday, December 4, at 6:00 p.m., in downtown Imlay City.

The winter band concert will be on Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Bring your family and enjoy the holiday season.

Yearbook Class Selling Yearbooks

The 2009-10 yearbook will be on sale at the high school during lunchtimes until December 4. Students will also be selling books during Parent/Teacher conferences. The cost for the basic book will go up to \$55 after November 6. After January 1, the price goes up to \$60. Checks should be made out to I.C.H.S. yearbook and given to Mr. Ethridge in Room 135.

New this year – Parents may order yearbooks on-line at: www.imlay.k12.mi.us. On the left side of the screen, click “payschools”, click “ICHS yearbook”, and follow the instructions. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Don’t miss this opportunity to purchase this year’s memories!! No extra books will be ordered.

Toys for Tots

The R. A. Grettenberger Chapter of NHS is proud to once again announce its participation in the local Toys for Tots campaign. Any student may bring in a new, unwrapped toy before December 11. These gifts should be turned into Ms. Wertz in Room 129. The toys will then be given to needy children in our area.

Christmas in Oz Musical Cancelled

We are sorry to inform you that the Christmas in Oz Musical scheduled for December 14 has been cancelled.

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.”

– Albert Einstein

Sophomores Prepare for Ed-Tech Visit

Interested sophomores will travel to the Lapeer County Education and Technology Center on Monday, December 14. Students will have the opportunity to explore two programs that they are interested in. All students that intend to enroll in a course at Ed-tech as a junior should participate in this tour. Permission slips for this trip are due to the Counseling Center by Monday, December 7.

The Lapeer County Education and Technology Center will hold an open house on Monday, January 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Information will be mailed home to freshmen and sophomore parents. This is a great opportunity to visit the center, talk with the staff and see all of the wonderful offerings that are available to our students.

Progress Reports

Progress reports for the second marking period will be mailed home on December 16.

Last Day of School
December 18

Winter Recess
December 19 – January 3

School Resumes
January 4

Ban Boring Band-Aids

All kids enjoy a novelty Band-Aid! The Imlay City High School Student Council is collecting novelty Band-Aids for patients at Detroit Children’s Hospital. A small thing like a fun Band-Aid can bring some joy to a sick child’s day!

You can donate novelty Band-Aids (Dora, SpongeBob, Bob The Builder, Hello Kitty, etc. Anything is welcome!) or make a money donation at your child’s parent-teacher conferences.

Any questions, contact Laura Druker at 724-9821.

College Financial Aid Information

The counseling department will host a college financial aid workshop on Thursday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school auditoria. The topics discussed will include: a financial aid overview, filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and scholarship information. More information will be mailed to senior parents.

Although high school seniors cannot file for financial aid until January, students and their parents can file for their PIN number now. This PIN serves as an electronic signature if you file your FAFSA information on-line. It also allows you to make corrections and view your financial aid information on-line. Both the student and the parent need their own PIN number. (Parents with multiple students in college will use the same PIN number for each student.) Getting your PIN number now will speed up your filing process. Be sure to keep your PIN number in a safe and secure location. To apply, log onto www.pin.ed.gov.

Scholarship information that the counseling center receives will be posted on the scholarship bulletin board in the counseling center. Students are encouraged to check the board frequently. Students may also search for scholarships at www.Michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

If you have questions regarding financial aid, please contact the counseling center at 724-9806.

Semester Exams

Semester exams will be administered on Tuesday, January 26; Wednesday, January 27; and Thursday, January 28. If school is not in session, due to snow or other circumstances, the exam schedule resumes on the first day back to school. Students attending Ed-Tech are required to follow their normal schedule.

Report Cards

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

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 (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) 667-0242.

“Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him.”

– Booker T. Washington