
The Parent Connection

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Imlay City High School

October 2009

Looking Ahead

October 20 Fall Band Concert
(Gymnasium: 7:00 p.m.)

October 22 MEAP Social Studies Test
(9th Grade)

October 27 School Picture Retakes
(9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)

October 27 Jostens taking class ring orders
(10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.)

October 28 NHS Inductions
(ICHS Auditoria; 7:00 p.m.)

October 29 Jostens taking senior orders
(10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.)

November 6 End of First Marking Period

November 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

November 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences
(5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

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

November 20 No School

November 25 No School
(Teacher Professional Development)

November 26, & 27 No School
(Thanksgiving Recess)

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

Nov. 30 – Dec. 11 Book Fair
(Library)

Nov. 30 – Dec. 16 Annual Canned Food Drive

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

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 Christmas in Oz Musical
(7:00 p.m.; Auditoria)

Homecoming 2009

This year's fall homecoming king and queen are Kyle Maliszewski and Aja North. They were crowned during the halftime of the varsity football game on September 25. Congratulations!

Seniors who were members of the Homecoming Court were: Kelsey Bosch, Melissa Hampton, Sarah Hunt, Aja North, Kali Van Dyk, Taelor Webb, PJ Crow, Tyler Kaikkonen, Kyle Maliszewski, Adam Rauckis, Mitchell Tietz and EJ Webster.

Representing their classes were: Amber Miller and Forrest Rankin (Freshmen); Erica Zuhlke and Zach Greenwald (Sophomores); and Allison Dick and Branden Diplock (Juniors).

Instant Alert

Keeping you informed and involved helps to assure student safety and improve student success. We always want to communicate with our families quickly and effectively. Within minutes of an emergency, for example, school officials will be able to use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to you by telephone, cell phone, pager, e-mail or PDA in any combination. Instant Alert will be used to notify you of school cancellations, delays, and emergencies.

To update your Instant Alert information, go to our school website at <http://imlay.k12.mi.us> and then click on to Instant Alert and follow the directions to update your information.

Yearbook Class Selling Yearbooks

The 2009-10 yearbook will be on sale at Parent/Teacher Conferences and at the high school

during lunchtimes until December 6. The cost for the basic book will be only \$50.00, as long as it is ordered by October 31. Checks should be made out to I.C.H.S. yearbook and given to Mr. Ethridge in Room 135. The price of the yearbook will go up on November 1 and again after the first of the year.

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.

Band Information

Band students are selling their delicious apple pies from October 12 until October 28. They are \$9.00 and will be ready for pick up at the high school on Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you do not know a band member and would still like to order some pies, contact Mr. Scott Pries at the high school at 724-9839.

The fall band concert will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Caps and Gowns/Announcements

A representative from Jostens will be at the high school on Tuesday, October 20, to present information to the senior class about caps and gowns, announcements, and supplies for graduation. This representative will return on Thursday, October 29, to take orders during lunch. They will return on Thursday, November 5. This will be the last time that orders will be taken. If a cap and gown are not ordered at that time, a late fee may be added and you must go through Jostens to place the order.

Class Ring Information

Jostens will also have a meeting with all sophomores on Tuesday, October 20. They will distribute information about class rings.

Jostens will then return on October 27 and November 5 during lunches to take order for the rings.

Project Graduation

Project graduation will have a meeting on Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 184 at the high school. Senior parent help is greatly needed. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Rankin at 724-0966.

Project Graduation is in the process of putting a Cookbook together as a fundraiser. They need those “Favorite” recipes. Please give yours as soon as possible to either Pam Rankin or Lisa Kaikkonen or you can drop them off at the high school office. The recipes do not have to be from a senior parent; anyone can submit them.

NHS Induction Ceremony

Imlay City High School's annual induction ceremony for the R. A. Grettenberger Chapter of the National Honor Society will be held on October 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school auditoria.

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 meet this criteria are evaluated by the Faculty Council.

Leadership is based on the student's participation in two or more community or school activities, or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and/or community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty.

Students are screened by the Faculty Council, which consists of five members of the faculty chosen by the principal.

College Applications

The college application process is under way for students planning on attending a four-year university. Applications should be submitted by the end of October to maximize admissibility and ensure a timely response. Students may pick up a paper application in the Counseling Center or apply on-line.

Senior Pictures Needed

Seniors are reminded that ALL senior pictures for the yearbook are due no later than NOVEMBER 6. A wallet size photo in which the student is wearing school appropriate clothing is all that is needed!!

Also if you wish to include a baby picture please remember that a baby picture is needed by NOVEMBER 6. This year there will be a \$2.00 fee for the inclusion of a baby picture.

Seniors can turn their senior picture and their baby picture with \$2.00 to Mr. Ethridge, yearbook advisor in Room 135.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 16 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, November 18 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.); in the auditoria. No appointments are necessary.

Counselors will also be available to parents. Please join us!!!

Report Cards

Report cards for the first marking period will be distributed during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 16 and 18. Unclaimed report cards will be mailed home after Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Early Release Day

Students will be released at 10:42 a.m. on Thursday, November 20.

Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.

– Theodore Roosevelt

Hunting & Weapons

Many of our high school students take advantage of Michigan’s great opportunities for outdoor recreation in the fall and winter, especially when it comes to hunting. These students, however, must be very careful not to forget high school policies and Michigan state laws regarding weapon possession on school grounds.

School district policies and state laws forbid any weapons in school or on school grounds, including the school parking lot. This not only applies to firearms, but also to knives, ammunition and archery equipment.

According to state law, the school is required to expel any student who brings a weapon to school.

Please remind your young hunters to check their coat pockets, backpacks and cars before coming to

school and to never bring a weapon on school grounds.

For additional information regarding school and state weapon policies, please see pages 45-46 of the 2009-2010 Parent/Student Handbook. If you have further questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact the assistant principal.

**No School
Friday, November 20**

School Transportation Safety Update

The following items are NOT permitted to be used on school buses: perfume, cologne, hairspray, body sprays, nail polish, etc. If a student has any of these items out on the bus, they will be taken by the driver and parents may pick them up from the transportation office. There are students and drivers with allergies and asthma that could have severe reactions to these smells or chemicals being sprayed in close quarters. In fact, there have been several incidents already this school year.

School buses are the safest way to transport children to and from school. As the number of school buses on the roads suddenly increases with the start of the school year, many motorists are unclear of the traffic laws regarding buses and don’t know what they should do when they come across one during their daily commute.

The following are procedures of what to do when you see a school bus:

- When overhead lights are flashing yellow: Prepare to Stop.
- When overhead lights are flashing red: Stop!
- When hazard warning lights are flashing: Proceed with Caution.

Students Coming in Late to School

Students are reminded that they must check in at the main office when arriving late to school. They must also check out of the office when leaving early. Parents must either call the office or send a note with the student excusing them for the tardiness or early release.

Updating Student Information Cards

The main office of the high school relies exclusively on student information cards to contact parents for a variety of reasons including but not limited to medical emergencies. It is absolutely critical for parents to keep these cards up-to-date!

Please contact the main office immediately if any of the following changes are made:

1. Custody and/or guardianship status
2. Address and phone numbers
3. Work phone numbers
4. Emergency contact numbers

Please take the time to call the high school office at (810) 724-9810 anytime you have a change to any of the information mentioned above.

No School

Wednesday, November 25

(Professional Development Day)

Attention Senior Guys

You need to make sure that you are registered with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday.

Why is this so important? First of all, it's the law! But equally important, registering means you'll stay eligible for college loans, Federal jobs, and job training. Also, if you're an immigrant, you could be denied U.S. citizenship if you aren't registered with Selective Service.

So register on-line today at www.sss.gov. That's www.sss.gov. or pick up a Selective Service registration card at any U.S. post office. It's quick and easy to register, plus it's the law.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Berry, our Selective Service Registrar, at 724-9806.

No School

**Thursday, November 26 &
Friday, November 27**

(Thanksgiving break)

Progress Reports

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

Combination Locks Available

The high school office has a limited number of Masterlock brand padlocks available for student use. Students are 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. Students are strongly cautioned not to leave valuables or clothing in the locker room without using a padlock. Please contact the main office for more information.

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