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News from the Middle

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NEWS FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a successful start! Here are just a few reminders as we begin the new year:

Excused, Approved Absences: The following are legitimate reasons for not being in school: illness, recovery from an accident, required court attendance, family emergencies, and family vacation (prearranged absence). Parents are encouraged to schedule their child's appointments with doctors and dentists during non-school hours. If your child is absent from or will be late for school, please be sure to call the office to excuse him/her before 9:30 a.m.

Tardiness: Each student is expected to be in his/her assigned location throughout the school day. If a student is late in arriving at school, s/he is to report to the school office before proceeding to his/her first assigned location. Students are to be in class and seated when the bell rings. Discipline for tardies will be as follows:

- 3 tardies - per class, per semester - Warning
- 4 tardies - per class, per semester - 1 After-School Detention
- 5 tardies - per class, per semester - 1 After-School Detention
- 6 tardies - per class, per semester - 2 After-School Detentions

Tardies will reset at the beginning of the 2nd semester, which begins January 29th.

Handbook Reminder - Lockers: Each student is issued a locker, which is the property of Imlay City Schools, for their use during the school year. If a student has difficulty opening a locker, s/he should report the problem to the office. Under no circumstances should lockers be altered in any way (this includes "jamming" lockers to avoid having to use the combination). Fines will be assessed for all damages incurred to lockers during the school year.

Students are not to "jam" their lockers. "Jamming" lockers not only can cause damage to the lockers, but also makes the students vulnerable to theft. Weekly checks will be done by building aides to "un-jam" lockers. Those students will receive warnings. Students who continuously "jam" their lockers will receive disciplinary consequences. Please speak to your child about the importance of locking their lockers appropriately.

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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

To best accommodate parents for Parent/Teacher conferences this year, teachers will be assigned, by grade level, to specific locations in the building. Teachers will be available on a first come, first served basis so appointments **are not** necessary.

Conferences will be held on October 23 and 25 from **5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** and October 26 from **11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Parents can come anytime to speak with teachers between these times.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In an effort to safeguard your child if sent home in the middle of the day due to an emergency, the following procedures will be used:

EMERGENCY INFORMATION - It is essential that you have updated emergency information on file at the middle school. This information will identify at least two (2) "safe places" that you want your child to go to in case of an early school closing. You should not depend upon siblings to be a caretaker for your child (if not in the same school) as only this school may be closed.

NOTIFICATION/PICKUP - You will be notified through Power Messenger, local radio or television stations, if possible. Students will be released to parents or other designees noted in the emergency information.

BUSING - Your child will not be permitted to ride a bus other than one already assigned. If your child normally walks to school, s/he may not ride a school bus. The reasons for this relate to overcrowding, liability factors and increased confusion.

CONFUSION - Though we have experienced school closings in the past and this procedure has worked well, an air of excitement tends to prevail. It is essential that everyone remain calm and collected so the dismissal procedure can work effectively.

We are as concerned as you are about the safety of your child in early dismissal situations. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in creating the safest possible environment for students upon any early dismissal.

BUS PASSES

Bus passes for students going home with other students will only be issued if the student has a signed note from his/her parent. If students need to get off their bus at a different stop, they will also need to bring a note from their parent. The student must bring either note to the office before lunchtime to be stamped with a bus pass.

Middle School students are not allowed to ride the K-5 bus home after school. Students need to have their transportation figured out before staying after school.

BAND 101

The Imlay City Bands will be offering an opportunity for students to learn a band instrument: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, Trombone, Percussion. (other instruments upon request). You will work with Mr. Pries, as well as many of the Imlay City High School Wind Ensemble musicians. Classes will meet Thursday's from 2:30-3:15 in the Imlay City Middle School Band Room. Regular attendance is necessary. Those that have signed up will have their first practice on October 12th. Take advantage of this unique opportunity!

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is right around the corner. While we don't do any formal Halloween celebrations, students are allowed to dress up, on October 31st, as long as: costumes follow the school dress code and do not violate the school sexual harassment policy (ex. cross dressing); costumes do not include props that violate the school/state weapons policy; costumes do not cover part or all of students' heads or faces; costumes and makeup are not distracting to the learning environment; and costumes do not cause students to miss class time due to readjusting or fixing parts of the costume. Students violating these rules will have to either go home or change out of their costumes.

BOO BASH HALLOWEEN DANCE

The Imlay City Middle School Language Arts Committee will be hosting a dance at the middle school on **Friday, October 20th**. It is bound to be a **SPOOKY**acular time! It will be hosted after school until 4:30. The cost is \$5.00 and additional refreshments will be sold. All proceeds go to help fund Imlay City's March Celebrates Reading month festivities. If you are interested in chaperoning please contact Jamie Siglow (810.724.9881) at jsiglow@icschools.us or Tim Schultz (810.724.9878) tschultz@icschools.us.

GOT BOOKS?

Do you have high interest gently used books that you don't know what to do with? Please consider donating them to your child's Language Arts teacher!

IMLAY CITY WRESTLING CAMP

There will be an Imlay City Wrestling Camp offered on October 28th and October 29th for anyone that is interested. The Registration fee is \$50.00 and you will receive a Free T-Shirt if you sign up by October 14th. Contact Coach Tony for details at (810) 841-7648 or you can email him at tdambrosio6@gmail.com

HOOPIN' FOR A CURE

The Imlay City 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams will be hosting a breast cancer awareness game on Thursday, October 12th when they take on the Richmond Blue Devils. The Imlay City athletes will be wearing pink headbands, shoelaces, socks and "Hoopin' for a Cure" warm-ups. During the games, pink ribbons, beads, and bracelets will be available for \$1 and donations will be accepted. All money raised that night will be donated to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and the American Cancer Society. **If you are a survivor or someone who has been touched by cancer, please come out and help support our efforts.** The 7th grade game tips off at 4:30 with the 8th grade immediately following. We encourage everyone to wear PINK!

SPARTAN PRIDE

Spartan Pride is a student recognition program that recognizes students not only for excelling academically, but in other ways as well, such as demonstrating cooperation, effort, kindness, motivation, dedication, work ethic, and respect for self and others. Teachers are able to nominate two students a month.

The first Spartan Pride event will be October 18th from 3:30-4:30. Spartan Pride members and their families are welcome to join us out by the football field for pizza, pop, and candy before cheering the middle school football teams on in their last home game of the season. The ICMS staff looks forward to the event!

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Welcome back to a new year at Imlay City Middle School! My name is Mrs. Shawne Guerrero and I'm the Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator for Imlay City Middle School. Clipping Box Tops is a great way to help our school earn cash. I have set this year's earnings goal at \$800.00.

You can stay updated on our school's earnings and find a full list of hundreds of participating products and exclusive coupon offers. You can be a Box Tops member just by signing up at www.BTFE.com. Members also receive recipes and can learn about extra ways for our school to earn more cash.

Also, sign up for **Box Top App** to get even more Box Tops earnings without the clipping!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at sguerrero@icschools.us. I'm hoping to make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year. Thanks for your help!

Thank you again for collecting!!

UPCOMING DATES

October 2nd-6th: Homecoming Week
October 5th: Progress Reports sent home
October 17th: Band Concert, 7:00 pm
October 18th: Spartan Pride Tailgate Party
October 20th: Dance; 2:30-4:30 pm
October 23rd and 25th: 5:00-8:00 pm: Parent/Teacher conferences
October 25th: Picture Retakes
October 26th: early release, 10:40 am
October 26th: 11:30 am-2:30 pm, Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 3rd: End of First Marking Period