
The Parent Connection

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Imlay City High School

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Looking Ahead

October 28	School Picture Retakes (9:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)
November 1	Jostens taking class ring orders and senior cap and gown orders (10:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.)
November 4.....	End of First Marking Period
November 11	No School (Teacher Professional Development)
November 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Auditoria)
November 16	Parent/Teacher Conferences (5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Auditoria)
November 17	Early Release Day (Students released at 10:42 a.m.)
November 18	No School
November 23, 24, & 25.....	No School (Thanksgiving Recess)
Nov. 28 – Dec. 16	Toys For Tots (National Honor Society)
Dec. 5 – Dec. 16	Annual Canned Food Drive
December 5	Blood Drive: NHS (8:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.; Multi-purpose room)
December 14	Winter Band Concert (7:00 p.m.; Gymnasium)

After School Study Session!

After school study session is being run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 2:15pm - 3:15pm. Study session is open to any interested student. The session is run by two faculty members in the ICHS library. Study session will provide students with a structured time to complete

homework or study with the guidance of Imlay City teachers. If your student struggles to complete homework, or needs a structured environment in which to study, he/she is a prime candidate for After School Study Session. Participation is open, and students may attend a single session, every day or as needed.

Band Information

The fall band concert will be on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Homecoming 2011

This year's fall homecoming king and queen are Tre' Harris and Abbey Cohoon. They were crowned during the halftime of the varsity football game on September 30. Congratulations!

Seniors who were members of the Homecoming Court were: Courtnie Hawk, Jennifer Jerzewski, Morgan Lee, Allison Parsch, Erica Zuhlke, Nino Mosier, Rojelio Oliva, AJ Caldwell, Matt Van Dyk, and Ben Rodak.

Representing their classes were: Leah Allison and Mike Daws (Freshmen); Chloe Kosinski and Blake Webb (Sophomores); and Olivia Pauli and Joel Aguilar (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 2011-12 yearbook will be on sale at Parent/Teacher Conferences and at the high school during lunchtimes. The cost for the basic book will be only \$50.00, as long as it is ordered by November 4. Checks should be made out to I.C.H.S. yearbook and given to Mrs. Gyomory in Room 114. The price of the yearbook will go up on November 5 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.

Please note: Any parent interested in assisting the yearbook with pictures, please contact Mrs. Gyomory at 724-9826 and she will set you up with a community upload access so the yearbook class can consider your pictures for publishing.

Yearbook is “Stepping Back in Time”

The Yearbook class is looking for any Imlay City High School yearbook or any other type of pictures of school activities OLDER than 1946. If you do, would you be willing to allow the yearbook class to scan and possibly use them in this year's yearbook? The yearbook theme is “A Step Back in Time,” and they are trying to find pictures from the past. The high school library only has books as far back as 1946. If you would let the yearbook class use your photo or book please contact Mrs. Gyomory at 7249826 or e-mail them to yearbook@imlay.k12.mi.us. You may also contact Mrs. Gyomory at fgyomory@imlay.k12.mi.us.

Caps and Gowns/Announcements

A representative from Jostens will be at the high school on Tuesday, November 1, to take orders during lunch for senior announcements and cap and gowns. 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 be at the high school during lunches to take orders for class rings on November 1. Information about the rings was distributed to the sophomores on October 18.

Project Graduation

Project graduation will have a meeting on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the library at the high school. Senior parent help is greatly needed. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Nankervis at 810-542-0302.

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 4. 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 4. 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 Mrs. Gyomory, yearbook advisor in Room 114.

Sophomores Prepare to Attend Ed-tech

On Friday, November 4 the counselors from the Lapeer County Education and Technology Center will be at Imlay City High School to meet with the sophomore class. The various program opportunities at Ed-tech will be discussed in depth. This event kicks off the process for enrolling in a course next year.

Interested sophomores will travel to the Lapeer County Education and Technology Center on Friday, December 16. 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 Wednesday, December 2.

The Lapeer County Education and Technology Center will hold an open house on Monday, January 9 from 6-8 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.

No School
Friday, November 11
 (Professional Development Day)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 14 (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, November 16 (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 14 and 16. 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 17.

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.

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.

No School
Friday, November 18

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
November 23, 24, 25
(Thanksgiving Break)

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.

Progress Reports

Progress reports for the second marking period will be mailed home on December 14.

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.

***Congratulations to the
 Boys' Varsity Soccer team
 on their 2011 District title!!
 Go Spartans!***

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