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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to first take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year at Indiana Senior High School. We are anxious for the students to return on August 27. The secretaries, counselors, and faculty have prepared well for their return. Our custodians have worked very diligently over the summer to provide us all with a great looking school. The nice, clean environment is so inviting. Thank you, gentlemen!

We are ready for the year to begin, but your help is needed. As parents, we need your support in getting your children to attend regularly and be responsible, encouraging excellence in all they do, and coming with a positive attitude every day. Together we all can have a great 2009-2010 school year.

SOPHOMORE ORIENTATION

Orientation for tenth-grade students will be held on Tuesday, August 25, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Students are to report to the senior high auditorium where they will be introduced to several members of the faculty and staff and hear information about the senior high. Students will then be sent, with their homeroom teachers, to their homerooms where they will see their schedule and be taken on a tour of the building. A hot dog cookout sponsored by several senior high clubs will be held after orientation in the upper commons area.

2009-2010 FOOD SERVICE PRICES

The cost of a student lunch this year has not changed. Student lunch prices are listed below.

Secondary Lunch	\$2.30
Secondary Tiered Lunch	\$2.55
Reduced Price Lunch	\$0.40
Secondary Breakfast	\$1.10
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Ala Carte Milk	\$0.50

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

Schedules for eleventh and twelfth-grade students will be distributed on the first day of school in homerooms.

The College Board has mailed the results of the AP exams for the 2008-2009 school year. If you participated in the AP testing and did not receive your scores, call 877-274-6474.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be given to juniors on Saturday, October 17, 2009, on a voluntary basis. The cost of the test is \$13. The purpose of the PSAT is two-fold. First, it prepares students for SAT's, and secondly, it can qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Information about the PSAT will be presented to juniors in early September. Students must pre-register and pay for the test in the guidance office from September 8 through September 18. **No late registrations can be accepted.**

A letter was sent to all IHS students in July that listed SAT dates for the upcoming school year. A mistake was made on the March SAT date. The SAT will be administered on March 13, 2010, not March 6.

DEDICATION OF ANDY KUZNESKI FIELD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009
7:00 p.m.

The dedication of the Andy Kuzneski Field at Indiana Area Senior High School will take place on Friday, September 4, 2009, prior to the varsity football home opener against Plum High School. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the new field. Tickets for the game are available at the senior high school athletic office and at the gate.

MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

As school starts again this August, parents may wish to drive and drop-off their children for the school day. Many parents have done this in years past while many other parents may be new to the traffic patterns at the senior high. For the safety of all students, we request that parents dropping off students at the senior high please adhere to the following procedures.

1. When parents pull into the driveway from North Fifth Street they are asked to turn right about halfway up the school drive, into the middle of the lower, "student" parking lot. (This is the middle entrance to the lower or student lot.)
2. Drive through the lower lot toward the gymnasium.
3. Please stay in the line. Students should exit the vehicle when the vehicle first comes to a stop in the line of traffic and walk up the right-hand side of the lot avoiding the flow of traffic.
4. At the end of the lower lot, parents will be directed back out onto the main driveway to exit the school grounds.

This procedure allows students to enter the school building safely by walking directly up the sidewalk and never needing to cross the flow of traffic. It also allows students to safely disembark from the buses at the front of the school building.

*If it is imperative that a parent or any driver of a student must park for whatever reason, **VISITOR PARKING** spaces are in the upper, "staff" lot. These spaces are the first few spaces on the right facing the school as you enter the lot. They are marked with signs. Please use only the designated visitor spaces if you must park at the high school.

We thank parents and other drivers for their consideration and help in keeping our students as safe as possible by using these procedures for bringing students to school.

DRIVER EDUCATION NEWS

Indiana Area School District will again be offering an "after school" driver education program throughout the school year and also through the summer. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the high school. Driving is scheduled in the order the students sign up for the class, so early registration is strongly recommended. Class dates are listed below.

2009-2010 Driver Education Tentative Schedule

Fall I (2009)
September 9 - October 21, 2009

Fall II (2009)
October 26 - December 14, 2009

Spring I (2010)
January 4 - February 19, 2010

Spring II (2010)
February 22 - April 9, 2010

Spring III (2010)
April 12 - May 21, 2010

Summer I (2010)
June 7 - June 29, 2010

Summer II (2010)
July 7 - July 29, 2010

To check the specific dates for all classes, please see the school website under driver education. Applications are available at the web site and also from Mrs. Mathe in the athletic office. The course is \$40. Attendance is mandatory for the class. Please remember that once a student has signed up for a class, a driving slot is reserved for that student. Late withdrawals are a real problem and often result in an empty driving slot. Please check your schedule and pick a class that fits your student's needs. If you have any questions, please contact the high school and leave a message; one of the driver education instructors will get back to you.

SENIOR CLASS NEWS

Welcome to your daughter or son's senior year at Indiana Area Senior High. My name is Peggy Garbrick, and I am the faculty advisor for the Class of 2010. As a parent of two Indiana High graduates, I know first-hand how important it is to have all the important papers, dates, and deadlines brought home from school. To help keep you informed of the upcoming events and activities of the Class of 2010, please reference my column in this monthly newsletter. I will do my best to ease some of the stress and anxiety that surrounds this important year in your life and the life of your senior. If at any time I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at the high school by phone at 724-463-8562 or by email at pgarbrick@iasd.cc. **Have a great year!**

Class of 2010 Officers:

President: **Jonathan Pivetz (HR 130)**
Vice President: **Natalie Gerber (HR 112)**
Secretary: **Linda Kanyarusoke (HR 126)**
Treasurer: **Liz Coleman (HR 104)**

Class of 2010 Homeroom Representatives:

HR 104 - **Jon Fluharty and Trent Handler**
HR 100 - **Brittany Allmendinger and Joel Bender**
HR 103 - **Ryan Bolden and Jenna Bothell**
HR 106 - **Jarod Caroff and Sonya Cilo**
HR 107 - **Josh Doran and Kelly Drummond**
HR 108 - **Ellie Farrington and Andrew Fiechuk**
HR 112 - **Aubree Frye and Mac Fryling**
HR 115 - **Nathan Hartle and Becca Johns**
HR 126 - **Tia Kordell and Steve Liboski**
HR 128 - **Matt Magill and Claire McCombie**
HR 130 - **Chrissy Percha and Scott Petro**
HR 132 - **Sam Smeltzer and Ryan Smith**
HR 136 - **Kevin Snyder and Kelsey Thompson**
HR 214 - **Farris Zuraikat and Priscilla Zolocsik**

Class of 2010 Upcoming Events:

Aug. 28 Senior Class Representatives Meeting
Sept. 4 Senior Class Meeting and Class Photo
Sept. 4 Senior Fundraiser Packets Delivered
Sept. 9 Magnet Fundraiser Forms Due
Sept. 18 Personal Fundraiser Orders Due
Oct. 8 Senior Class Picnic and Battle of the Elementary Schools Kickball Tournament
Oct. 9 Homecoming
Jan. 8 Sr. Class Meeting/Information on Ordering Graduation Announcements
Jan. 15 Orders for Graduation Announcements and Caps and Gowns are due
May 21 Senior Class Trip
May 30 Baccalaureate
June 3 Commencement

Senior Class Fundraisers:

The senior class is sponsoring two fundraisers this fall. The **Reach Out magazine sale fundraiser** requires each senior to fill out **ten** postcards with the names of family members and/or friends who will be contacted by mail to request that they consider purchasing or renewing magazines. For every magazine subscription or renewal that they order, the senior class will receive a percentage of the order or renewal price. For completing a set of ten (10) magazine post cards **by Wednesday, September 9**, each senior will receive a **Free Senior Class Picture** (\$10 value) and a **2010 Lanyard** (\$5 value). Additional prizes will be given away based on the class's level of participation.

The second fundraiser is a **Holiday Product and Cookie Dough Sale**. Each senior will earn credits equal to approximately 40% to 50% of the total cost of the orders that she/he solicits. These credits can be used to pay for the following senior class expenses: Class Trip (approximate cost is \$80), Cap and Gown (approximate cost is \$25), and/or Yearbook (approximate cost is \$75). If your senior sells around \$500 worth of merchandise, then her/his yearbook, cap and gown, and class trip will be paid out of her/his credits. Your senior may also use her/his credits to purchase graduation announcements. Any credits left in a senior's class account at the end of the year goes into the general senior class fund. Credits can **only** be used to defray the cost of the Class Trip, Cap and Gown, Yearbook, and Graduation Announcements. **All personal fundraiser orders are due by Friday, September 18.**

Senior Class Picnic:

The Class of 2010 will hold its annual picnic on Thursday, October 8. The picnic will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the upper commons of the high school. The cost is \$3. Good food will be provided, and seniors will have the opportunity to compete in the Battle of the Elementary Schools Kickball Tournament. This is an event that your senior will not want to miss!

Senior Class Tee Shirts, Photographs, and Lanyards:

Each year a committee of seniors designs a T-shirt for their class. The price of a senior class T-shirt will be between \$12 and \$20. Senior class photos and Class of 2010 lanyards will also be on sale. Class of 2010 photographs are 8.5 inches by 11 inches and cost \$10. Class of 2010 lanyards will be sold for \$5. Order forms for Class of 2010 T-shirts, class photos, and Class of 2010 lanyards will be distributed during the week of September 21. **Please note that your senior will receive a free class photo and lanyard for participating in the Senior Class Reach Out Fundraiser.**

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

For up-to-date athletic information, please use the school web site (www.iasd.cc) and click **Indiana Area Senior High School**, then click on **IHS Athletics**.

You will be able to access all of the Indiana Senior High School athletic schedules as soon as they are posted on www.highschoolsports.net to the left of the screen. The fall schedules are completed for your convenience.

There are many other options available at this site as well. Once you are at the site, you will see a screen that will ask you to find your school. Enter **Indiana Area Senior High School** and click on **Search**. You may view all athletic events, just a specific team schedule, directions, and more. You may also print any of these schedules! **HSMAPS Online** is also provided on this site to assist with finding directions to schools.

Directions to schools can also be found by logging onto www.piaa.org. Scroll down the right side to **District Map**, click on the district you need (usually VI or VII), click the first letter of the high school you want, and click **map**. Other helpful websites for athletic events/information include www.wdadradio.com and www.postgazette.com.

Fall Sports Physicals:

Students planning to participate in a fall sport must have a sports physical completed by Monday, August 17. This must be done before the student is able to participate or practice in the sport. If a private physician completes the physical form for a fall sport, please return the physical form to your school by August 1 or to the coach on the first day of practice. Physical forms can be picked up in the main office or athletic office, or can be downloaded from the school website at www.iasd.cc (click Indiana Area Senior High School, click IHS Athletics to the left of the screen, and click Download Sports Physical Forms Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4).

Football:

The first home game is scheduled for Friday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. against Plum. During the week of August 31 - September 4, the athletic office will be selling adult and student tickets for the first home game. Pre-sale student tickets are \$2 and adult tickets are \$4. **NO** student tickets will be sold at the gate. All general admission tickets are \$4. **Only** student tickets will be sold at the senior high, junior high, and all the elementary schools during the week of the scheduled home football games. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased in the senior high athletic office prior to each home game or at

the ticket office the night of the home football game. Cost per seat/per game is \$5.

Boys' and Girls' Soccer:

The Indiana Tournaments will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 4 and 5. The games will be played at the Indiana Senior High School. The girls' first game is scheduled for Friday at 2:00 p.m. against Hollidaysburg, and the boys' first game will be played at 3:30 p.m. against DuBois. Both games will be played on the turf field.

Cross-Country:

The Indiana County Invitational will be held on Thursday, October 9. Place and time to be determined.

Extra-curricular School Sponsored Activities:

A student must be considered present for school in order to participate in any extra-curricular activity (game or practice) scheduled that school day. A student must arrive at school by 9:15 a.m. on the day of the activity to be considered present for school.

Sport Schedule Changes:

It is the student's responsibility to review the athletic board that is located on the wall outside the nurse's office throughout the school day. Changes to the original fall sports schedule may occur. For this reason, students must take advantage and review the athletic board from time to time. As soon as a schedule changes, it is also posted immediately on www.highschoolsports.net.

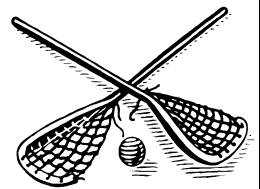
Welcome and Congratulations:

The Senior High Athletic Department welcomes and congratulates the following individuals on their new coaching positions:

Erik Foust – Assistant Football Coach
Courtney Thompson – Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach
Traci Sexton – Head Cheerleader Coach
Cathy Pokrifka – Assistant Cheerleader Coach

Boys' Lacrosse:

Indiana High School now has a school sponsored club boys' lacrosse team for athletes in Grades 9 through 12. They will begin playing a WPIAL schedule in the spring of 2010. For additional information contact Head Coach Eric Wetzel at ewetzell1@verizon.net or visit the school district website at www.iasd.cc (Indiana Area Senior High School, IHS Athletics, Boys' Lacrosse).



FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Fall sports will begin practices on Monday, August 17, according to the following schedules:

Football – Mark Zilinskas, head coach

Sunday, August 16 – buses are leaving IHS at 7:30 p.m. to go to camp at The Kiski School in Saltsburg. They will be returning Friday, August 21. Practice beginning August 24 will be from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.



Cross Country – Lisa Kinter, head coach

Monday, August 17 – from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the White Township Recreation Complex. Check the website (www.iasd.cc - Indiana Area Senior High School – IHS Athletics) for daily mandatory practice times/sites.

Girls' Volleyball – Malinda Oesterling, head coach

Monday, August 17 – from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the senior high school gymnasium.



Boys' Soccer – Todd Myers, head coach

Monday, August 17 - 21 – Tryouts two sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the White Township Recreation Complex - East Pike Field behind the S&T Bank Arena.

Girls' Soccer – Ali Afshar, head coach

Monday, August 17 – Two sessions – from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Indiana Area Senior High School.



Girls' Tennis – Ray Goss, head coach

Monday, August 17 – 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and each Monday through Saturday until school starts. Practices will be held at the White Township Recreation Complex Tennis Courts.

Boys' Golf – Dave Myers, head coach

Monday, August 17 – Tryouts 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Indiana Country Club – 9 holes at each time.



Girls' Golf – Kristin Lorenzo, head coach

Monday, August 17 - 20 – Practice from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Meadow Lane Golf Course.

Cheerleading – Traci Sexton, head coach

Week of August 10 - 17 and week of August 17 - 21 – Cheer Camp from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the senior high auxiliary gym.



DATES TO REMEMBER
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2009

August 24 - 26: *Teacher In-service*

August 25: *Tenth-grade Orientation, 1:00 p.m.*

August 27: *First Day of Classes*

September 1: *Band Night at Fair*

September 4: *Dedication of Andy Kuzneski Field*

September 4: *Senior Class Meeting and Photo*

September 7: *Labor Day, No Classes*

September 11: *Picture Day*

September 15: *Senior High Open House, 7:00 p.m.*

2009-2010

TESTING, MEASUREMENT, AND INDIVIDUAL APPRAISAL PROGRAM

Test	Administered	Grade Level	Purpose
Phelps Kindergarten Readiness Scale	Spring – prior to entrance into Kindergarten	Kindergarten - prior to entrance	Assessment of readiness skills; Title I identification
Speech/Language Screening	January/February	2	Assessment of speech and/or language difficulties
DIBELS & Number Knowledge Test	Periodically according to RtI	K-2	Assessment of progress in reading and math concepts
SAT-10 and OLSAT-8	As needed	2-7	Gifted screening and other uses as determined by counselor
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Grade 12 Retest Math, Reading, Science, & Writing	October 26-Nov 6	12	Retest option for non-proficient students (based on Grade 11 PSSA)
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Reading & Math PSSA-Modified Math	April 7-16 April 7-16	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11	Assessment of reading comprehension and math concepts/problem solving
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Writing	April 19-23	5, 8, 11	Assessment of writing achievement
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Science	April 26-30	4, 8, 11	Assessment of science achievement
PSSA Continuation of all Make-ups	May 3-7	As Needed	
PSSA – Modified Reading Field Test PSSA – Modified Science Field Test	May 17-21 May 17-21	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 8, 11	
PASA - Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment Math & Reading Science	Feb 15–March 26 May 3-28	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 4, 8, 11	Measures the attainment of knowledge and skills of students with cognitive disabilities (IDEA '97)
ACCESS for ELLs (WIDA)	Jan. 27-March 10	K-12 ESL students	Assessment of English language acquisition
Career Explorer	Spring	6	Self assessment/Career exploration
Career Cruising	Fall	10 & 11	Career Exploration
Self-Directed Search	Spring	7	Self assessment/Career exploration
Differential Aptitude Test/Career Interest Inventory (Form T)	Fall	9	Assessment of verbal reasoning, numerical ability, abstract reasoning, clerical speed and accuracy, mechanical reasoning, space relations, spelling, and language usage; Career exploration
AGS Grade + (Group Reading & Diagnostic Evaluation)	Spring	Title I Students	To determine growth in vocabulary, comprehension & listening skills.
HEALTH SCREENING: Medical Exam (Private or at school) Dental Exam (Private or at school) Body Mass Index Vision, Height, Weight Hearing Test Scoliosis Screening	During school	K or 1, 6, 11 K or 1, 3, 7 K – 12 K – 12 K – 3, 7, 11 6 & 7	