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GREETINGS FROM MR. McELHENY, PRINCIPAL

It is an honor and privilege to introduce myself to you as the new principal of Indiana Area Senior High School. As an educator with the district, I am looking forward to and am proud to serve our school community in a new capacity.

The upcoming school year will be an exciting and adventurous time during our transition to a Grade 9 – 12 Secondary School. Our preparation for transition has affected all aspects of our school community, and we are ready to welcome our new freshman and sophomore students while welcoming back our new classes of juniors and seniors.

Orientation activities for incoming freshman and sophomore students will occur on Friday, August 26, in the school cafeteria. Freshman orientation begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:45 a.m., while sophomore orientation begins at 9:45 a.m. and finishes at 11:30 a.m. Students will receive information about building operation and visit their classrooms and meet their teachers during an abbreviated school day schedule.

Should you have any questions about the class schedule of your child, please contact our guidance office to speak with a counselor. Please remember that requests for schedule changes are based only on extenuating circumstances and should occur within the first week of school. Students selected their courses prior to the end of the 2010-2011 school year, and we have created a building schedule of classes and individual student schedules that accommodate already a vast selection of courses by students.

I encourage our students to become involved in their school community. We offer an extensive list of extra and co-curricular activities in which students may participate during and after the school day. I believe those added learning experiences complement their classroom learning and provide additional positive peer interaction that serves students well as a basis for strengthening communication and problem solving skills. There is explicit and inherent value to becoming educated at Indiana Area Senior High School.

I want to thank Mrs. Paula B. Daskivich for her devotion to our school community for the last 36 years. I had the good fortune of working with her during her last eight years as our principal. Our school community is proud of her dedication to its students, and I am fortunate to have experienced such a wonderful administrator, partner and advocate of students. Her example of student-centered decision-making exemplifies the true values of the mission of our school district. We wish her well in the next chapter of her life. Good luck and thank you, Mrs. Daskivich!

I look forward to a great start of the school year and continued success of our program at the Senior High School. We thank you for your support in our commitment to strengthen our academic program and to provide your children with challenging and meaningful learning opportunities.

Indiana Proud,
Wade L. McElheny, Principal

FROM MRS. DASKIVICH

As you may have already heard, I will be leaving Indiana Senior High School due to retirement. I am pleased that Mr. Wade McElheny, our assistant principal, will be assuming the principal role beginning this school year. He is so dedicated to our students and the total school community...he will be a welcomed administrator.

The last 36 years working in the Indiana Area School District has been an honor and pleasure for me. I've had the opportunity to work with wonderful colleagues. I especially cherish the many years of interactions I had with students and parents, as both a teacher and administrator in four of the district's schools. So many former students have grown to become great parents and citizens of our community. This has been wonderful to see.

The total experience at IASD has given me a fabulous career in the educational field. I will miss the daily excitement at a bustling school, but will learn to enjoy the more peaceful aspects of life. The support that I have received over the years has been outstanding. For that...I thank you all. I wish only the best in the future for the students of IASD.

NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The Guidance Office welcomes a new member to our office this school year. Mrs. Carol Kerchensky, formerly a counselor at the junior high school, will be joining us this year as Mr. Petro retires. Mrs. Kerchensky will work with students whose last name begins with the letters H-O. Mrs. Smith will now have students with the last name beginning with the letters A-G, and Mrs. Chirieleison will continue to work with students P-Z.

We welcome everyone to the 2011-2012 school year, and a special welcome to the first ninth-grade class at the Indiana Area Senior High School. You will have, or should be receiving, a mailing from the Guidance Office. Every student will have a letter notifying him/her of his/her homeroom for this school year. Also included in this mailing are the two forms listed below for juniors and seniors that will need to be returned to the school.

Senior Brag Sheet (seniors only): Throughout the school year, many seniors will be requesting faculty to write letters of recommendation. Teachers and counselors use the information on the sheets to assist in writing a more personalized letter of recommendation. Parents are asked to assist their sons and daughters in the completion of the Brag Sheet. Students should return the brag sheet to the Guidance Office during the first week of school.

Directory Information Sheet (juniors and seniors): We are required by law to release directory information of juniors and seniors to the military and institutions of higher education. If you choose **NOT** to have your child's name released, you must sign the Directory Sheet and return it by **September 5, 2011**. After that date, we are required to release directory information.

PSAT/NMSQT Exam: The PSAT exam will be administered to juniors on Wednesday, October 12, during school hours. Please note that the day is different from past years. Juniors who wish to take this exam can register in the Guidance Office from September 5-16. The cost is \$18, payable to Indiana Area School District.

SAT Exams: The SAT is administered on seven Saturdays throughout the course of the school year. The next SAT is October 1 here at IHS. The regular registration deadline is September 9. Go to www.sat.collegeboard.org to register. Registering far in advance of the testing date is strongly encouraged for students to be able to test at the location of their choice.

College/Career Fair: Juniors will be transported from the senior high school to the Indiana County Counselors Association College/Career Fair held at Memorial Field House on the campus of IUP on Tuesday, October 4. Parents who wish to talk with representatives from colleges as well as trade/technical schools are invited to attend from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Attention Parents of Juniors: The school counselors will be presenting a short workshop for parents of juniors on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium - 45 minutes prior to the Open House - in which they will briefly highlight a "two year to-do list" for parents and students who are interested in post-secondary education (colleges/technical schools). Parents who attend will learn how to help their sons and daughters travel through the selection/application/acceptance process of education after graduation from IHS.

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Indiana Senior High School is committed to providing communication to families in an efficient and "green" way. Newsletters will not be mailed home. All newsletters will be posted on the Senior High School's website (www.iasd.cc/Senior_High.htm) during the first week of each month. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like a hard paper copy sent home with your child, please complete this form and have it returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your support.

IHS NEWSLETTER

Please send a copy of the monthly newsletter home with my child.

Child's Name _____ **Homeroom** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

“HOW DID THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL GO?”

FROM MR. McELHENY, PRINCIPAL

Ask that question and you might hear everything from “I can’t believe my summer vacation is over” to “Awesome!” Two hundred four freshman students and 227 sophomore students will join our school community at the senior high school, while 425 juniors and seniors will return to the senior high school for another year of learning opportunities. Students will travel to school by bus, personal vehicle, walking, or receive a ride from a parent or guardian. The students will be excited to start another year, yet they will be anxious about their first days of school. To assist you with the conversation with your child about the first day of school, please find the following summary helpful in that regard.

Upon student arrival until 7:30 a.m., students will reunite with friends and classmates, catching up on summer experiences and sharing their feelings and aspirations for attending the senior high school. The students will congregate in the Upper Commons Area until 7:30 a.m., at which time a bell is rung to direct students to go to their lockers and arrive to homeroom by 7:40 a.m. for attendance and announcements. In homeroom, students will receive their class schedules and other important papers that facilitate communication between home and school about individual student well being, health and emergency information. Additionally, there will be a brief welcome to our students that morning.

At the conclusion of homeroom period, students will begin their school day – finding their way about the building, seeing their friends, and assessing the shortest route between their classes. Students will meet their teachers and receive introductory information that describes classroom operations, and academic and behavior expectations. The process occurs for the next seven periods until the school day ends at 2:36 p.m.

During this time, students will also travel to their study halls. Students will be reminded about constructive use of time in study halls, including completion of assignments, exam/test/quiz preparation, leisure reading, and opportunities for approved visits to the Guidance Office, Library, Resource Room, Math and English Labs, and other learning areas that support their graduation requirements.

Also, students will go to the cafeteria during some part of fifth period. The cafeteria offers nutritional menu choices from its main and Ala' Carte food lines, while supporting students with opportunities to purchase individual items to complement packed lunches. Students have the opportunity to eat and socialize at tables with their friends during one of four scheduled lunches during

fifth period. Most fifth period courses have classes for two of those four lunches, eat during another lunch time, and have a lunch study hall time with their classes. During this shortened study hall time, students have additional time to complete work or seek assistance from teachers in Math and English Labs. Additionally, should the schedules of students permit, students and teachers who can coordinate their fifth period lunch study hall times, can work together on specific class work. Although, some Science and Vocal Music courses require full use of three class lunch times to complete activities and practices.

Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC) students will eat first or third lunch, and depart from the senior high at approximately 12:05 p.m. to travel to ICTC. ICTC Cosmetology students eat first lunch and depart afterward at approximately 11:15 a.m. ICTC students return to the senior high school at about 2:30 p.m. and are dismissed with other students at 2:36 p.m. There are two bus runs at the senior high school. Students should be aware of bus numbers and boarding times of home and school bus transportation.

The first days for students will be busy ones – acquiring a lot of information about procedures and expectations for learning. Additionally, students and teachers will build purposeful rapport with each other, and use that basis as a foundation to learn and face challenges of learning. Parents and guardians can help their children by promoting self-advocacy and encouraging communication with teachers about the learning process. Students who establish effective work and organizational habits, and maintain positive attitudes about their learning challenges will experience the highest degree of success at the senior high school and beyond high school during their adult years.

We look forward to working with your children and providing them with many opportunities to be successful within the classroom and beyond the classroom in a variety of extracurricular activities. Additionally, we encourage you to contact us at anytime should you have a concern or suggestion for strengthening our educational program. You can contact the school at 724.463.8562, or email any individual staff member of the school by visiting the web page of the district at www.iasd.cc. In the left margin of the web page click on “Faculty Email Directory” for a complete listing of names and email addresses by building. We appreciate your commitment toward the success of your child and value your input in helping your child to become successful at the senior high school.

DRIVER EDUCATION

The 2011-2012 Driver Education program is scheduled to begin with the Fall I class on September 7 and conclude on October 19. The classroom phase meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the high school. Attendance for the classroom phase is mandatory, so please plan your schedule accordingly. Driving is scheduled in the order in which students sign up for the program; therefore, early registration is highly recommended. All students taking the class must possess a PA learner's permit or a PA driver's license. Students may test for a PA driver's license at the end of the course if they so desire. Applications for the class are available at the high school athletic office. If you have any questions, please contact the high school and leave a message; one of the driver education instructors will return your call.

Looking ahead:

Fall II: October 21 - December 7, 2011

Spring I: January 4 - February 15, 2012

KIDSREAD LITERACY PROGRAM

The Office of Service Learning at IUP in conjunction with the Indiana Free Library is offering the KidsRead literacy program starting September 26. The program is open to all children in kindergarten through the fourth grade. This is a great opportunity for your child to enhance her/his reading skills through weekly one-on-one tutoring sessions with IUP college students. KidsRead applications will be sent home with your child during the first week of school. If you have any questions regarding the KidsRead program, please contact the Office of Service Learning at (724) 357-3103.

PICTURE DAY

**Wednesday, September 7
During School Hours**



Seniors will be photographed for school ID purposes only. Information packets will be sent home during the first week of school.

9TH AND 10TH GRADE ORIENTATION

August 26, 2011

Senior High School

9th Grade Orientation begins at 8:00 a.m.

10th Grade Orientation begins at 9:45 a.m.

IHS OPEN HOUSE

For parents of students in Grades 9-12

Senior High School

September 7, 2011

7:00 p.m.

IHS WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

Indiana Area Senior High School welcomes many new teachers and student teachers.

Transfers from the Junior High

Tom Angelo - Math

Katie Acker - JH & SH French

Tammy Glavach - Learning Support

Alicia Haggerty - English

Kristin Lorenzo - English

Arlene Miller - Art

Todd Myers - Math

Paul Wingerter - Math

New teachers

Kristy Manning - Learning Support

Genna Chilson - Family Consumer Science

Kayla Taylor - German

Amanda McAnulty - Spanish

Student Teachers

Rozanne Hotaling - Art

Angelina Kultasova - English

Louis Ribar - Music

Joesph Occhiogrosso - Music

Sarah Salitrynski - Music

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 2012. 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 '12, 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 2012 Officers:

President - **Dane Mossgrove**

Vice President - **Steve Bivens**

Secretary - **Allison Smith**

Treasurer - **Dani Alarcón**

Faculty Advisor - **Ms. Peggy Garbrick** (Rm 118)

Upcoming Events for the Senior Class:

- Sept. 2 Senior Class Officers / Representatives Meeting during Period 5 (1st and 2nd lunches) in Room 118 (Representatives will be chosen in homerooms during the first week of school)
- Sept. 9 Senior Class Meeting and Senior Class Photo during Period 1 in the Auditorium and on the Football Bleachers
- Sept. 14 Reach Out Magazine Booklets Due
- Sept. 23 Personal Fundraiser Orders Due
- Oct. 6 Senior Class Picnic/Elementary School Kickball Tournament
- Oct. 7 Homecoming
- Oct. 8 Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 27 Fundraisers Delivered - 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Upper Commons
- Jan. 6 Sr. Class Meeting/Information on Ordering Graduation Announcements and Caps and Gowns
- Jan. 13 Orders for Graduation Announcements and Caps and Gowns Due
- May 25 Senior Class Trip - Kennywood Park and Gateway Clipper
- June 3 Baccalaureate @ 3 p.m. Location: TBA
- June 4 Graduation Practice @ 9 a.m.
- June 5 Graduation @ 7 p.m.

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 14**, each senior will receive a **Free Senior Class Picture** (\$10 value) and a **2012 Lanyard** (\$5 value).

The second fundraiser is a **Holiday Product and Cookie Dough Sale**. Each senior will earn credits equal to approximately 35% 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 \$85), Cap and Gown (cost is \$22), and/or Yearbook (approximate cost is \$80). 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 23.**

Senior Class Picnic:

The Class of 2012 will hold its annual picnic on Thursday, October 6. 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 tee shirt will be between \$12 and \$20. Senior class photos and Class of 2012 lanyards will also be on sale. The Class of 2012 photographs are 8.5 inches by 11 inches and cost \$10. Class of 2012 lanyards will be sold for \$5. Order forms for Class of 2012 t-shirts, class photos, and Class of 2012 lanyards will be distributed during the week of September 26. **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 DEPARTMENT

Fall Sports officially start on Monday, August 15.

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

You will be able to access all of the Indiana Senior High Athletic schedules as soon as they are posted on www.highschoolsports.net to the left of the screen. Please become familiar with this website. It is a great tool for parents, students, and community members. When changes are made to the schedules throughout the season, the athletic office automatically generates the changes as soon as they are notified.

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 **Go**. You may view all athletic events, just a specific team schedule, and more. You may also print any of these schedules!

Listed below are other helpful website links for Athletic events/information:

www.hsmaps.com
www.msasportsnetwork.com
www.postgazette.com
www.wpial.org
www.piaa.org

Athletic Event Postponements and Cancellations Sent Directly to You:

Register today and receive email or text message notices when an athletic event has been postponed or canceled.

It's FREE – start getting your notices today!

- Log on to the website: www.highschoolsports.net
- Enter school name **Indiana Area Senior High School**
- Click **find your school**
- To the right of the screen, click: **don't have an account?**
- Click **Register here to set your favorite schools and teams & get game alerts**
- Follow the directions to create your account

If you should have any questions or need help with the website, please contact Darla Mathe, Administrative Assistant, at 724-463-3530.

Extracurricular School-Sponsored Activities: A student must be considered present for school in order to participate in any extracurricular 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.

NEW ADMISSION FEES

JV/Varsity Volleyball, JV/Varsity Boys' and Girls' Soccer, and Jr. High Football (9th grade only) will now be charging admission along with Varsity Football. The following are the new admission fees:

JV/Varsity Volleyball	\$4 Adult
JV/Varsity Volleyball	\$2 Student
JV/Varsity Soccer (evening and Sat.)	\$4 Adult
JV/Varsity Soccer (evening and Sat.)	\$2 Student
Jr. High Football	\$2 Adult
Jr. High Football	\$1 Student

No Change in Cost:

Varsity Football Reserved	\$5
Varsity Football general admission	\$4
Varsity Football pre-sale (student)	\$2

Upcoming Athletics Events:

Football: The first home game is scheduled for Friday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. against Uniontown.

Ticket Sales for Home Varsity Football Games: During the week of September 6 - 9, 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 School, Junior High School, and all the elementary schools during the week of the scheduled home football games. Reserved seat 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 2 and 3. The games will be played at the Indiana Senior High School. The boys' first game is scheduled for Friday at 4:00 p.m. against Redbank Valley, and the girls' first game will be played at 6:00 p.m. against Plum. Both games will be played on the grass field.

Coed Cross-Country: IUP will be hosting a Cross-Country Invitational on Saturday, September 24. Boys' 5K will start at 10:00 a.m.; girls' 5K will start at 11:00 a.m.; and awards will be given at 11:45 a.m. They are also hosting the Indiana County Invitational on Thursday, October 13. Time to be determined.

(Athletic Information Continues on next page.)

Sport Schedule Changes:

It is the student's responsibility to review the Athletic Board that is located on the wall outside the Nurses' 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 the website at www.highschoolsports.net.

Welcome and Congratulations: The Senior High Athletic Department would like to welcome and congratulate the following individuals on their new coaching positions:

William Waryck – Assistant Football Coach
Donald Bowers – Assistant Football Coach
Joe Cronan – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach
Chris Geddis – Assistant Cross-Country Coach
Phil Palko – Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach

Fitness Center News: Starting August 29, the fitness center will be open to **ALL** students who attend the junior and senior high schools. Athletes are encouraged to use the fitness center under the supervision of their coach. If not under the supervision of a coach, Fitness Center Supervisor Phillip Levri must oversee students during the following hours:

Monday 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – CLOSED

Due to the low usage on Saturdays, the fitness center will be open longer on the weeknights for your convenience.

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.

2011-2012 FOOD SERVICE PRICES

The food service prices for the 2011-2012 school year are listed below:

- Secondary Lunch \$2.40
- Secondary Tiered Lunch..... \$2.65
- Reduced Price Lunch..... \$0.40
- Secondary Breakfast \$1.25
- Reduced Price Breakfast..... \$0.30

If you would like to put money into your child's account before the first day of school, you may do so by sending a deposit and the slip below to the school cafeteria where your child attends classes.

STUDENT DEPOSIT FORM	Reduced Brk. \$.30 ELEM PAID BRK \$1.00 ELEM PAID LUNCH \$2.10	Reduced Lunch \$.40 SECONDARY BRK \$1.25 SECONDARY LUNCH \$2.40
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Please circle:

EAST PIKE 501 East Pike Indiana, PA 15701	HORACE MANN 205 S. 5 th Street Indiana, PA 15701	EISENHOWER 1460 School Street Indiana, PA 15701	BEN FRANKLIN 95 Ben Franklin Rd. Indiana, PA 15701	JUNIOR HIGH 245 N. 5 th St. Indiana, PA 15701	SENIOR HIGH 450 N. 5 th St. Indiana, PA 15701
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Student(s) name & identification number:

	Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

\$ Amount _____ Meals only _____ **OR** Open Account _____

DATES TO REMEMBER
AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2011

- August 24-26:** *Teacher In-Service*
- August 26:** *9th Grade Orientation, Sr. High, 8:00 a.m.*
- August 26:** *10th Grade Orientation, Sr. High, 9:45 a.m.*
- August 29:** *First Day of the 2011-2012 School Year*
- August 30:** *Band Night, Indiana County Fair*
- September 5:** *Labor Day, Schools Closed*
- September 7:** *Senior High Open House, 7:00 p.m.*
- September 7:** *Junior Parent Workshop, 6:15 p.m.*
- September 7:** *School Pictures*
- September 9:** *Senior Class Meeting*
- September 17:** *Bandfest*

2011-2012**TESTING, MEASUREMENT, AND INDIVIDUAL APPRAISAL PROGRAM**

Test	Administered	Grade Level	Purpose
W-APT	Throughout the year upon enrollment	K-12	Screening tool to determine English as a Second Language needs
Phelps Kindergarten Readiness Scale	Spring	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 RtII	K-2	Assessment of progress in reading and math concepts
Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	Fall, Winter, Spring (2 or 3 times)	K-11	Measures progress over time in reading, math, and language arts
SAT-10 and OLSAT-8	As needed	2-7	Gifted screening and other uses as determined by counselor
Classroom Diagnostic Tests	On going	6-12	On-line diagnostic tests in Math, Language Arts, Social Studies and Science
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Grade 12 Retest Math, Reading, Science, & Writing	October 24-Nov 4	12	Retest option for non-proficient students (based on Grade 11 PSSA)
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Math/Reading Modified Math/Reading Math/Reading Make-ups	March 12-23 March 12-23 March 26-30	3-8, 11 4-8, 11 As needed	Assessment of reading comprehension and math concepts/problem solving
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Writing	April 16-20	5, 8, 11	Assessment of writing achievement
Pennsylvania State Assessment (PSSA) Science PSSA – Modified Science	April 23-27 April 23-27	4, 8, 11 8, 11	Assessment of science achievement
PSSA Writing/Science Make-ups	April 30-May 4	As needed	
PASA - Pennsylvania Alternate System of Assessment Math & Reading Science	Feb 13-March 23 May 1-May 25	3-8, 11 4, 8, 11	Measures the attainment of knowledge and skills of students with cognitive disabilities (IDEA '97)
ACCESS for ELLs (WIDA)	TBD	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	