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FREE, COME AND GET ONE!

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Everyone knows that technology is changing the way we acquire information, socialize, and communicate with others. With these advancements come certain risks for our children. They can be tempted to act or communicate inappropriately online, forgetting they are accountable. Also, there can be individuals online who have bad intentions, including bullies, predators, hackers and scammers. Lastly, children may be exposed to inappropriate content such as violence, pornography, bigotry/prejudice or other hate speech. What is a parent to do?

Technology experts say that the best way to protect our kids online is to “talk to them.” Sounds simple enough, but like many parents, I’m not sure what I would say other than, “Be careful.” Obviously that’s not all that helpful.

Thankfully, helpful resources are available to parents. In the “Parent Help Resources” section of the District website, I have posted a few excellent Internet and technology sites such as OnguardOnline.gov. In addition we would like to give you a free copy of a

wonderful booklet titled Net Cetera: Chatting With Kids About Being Online. The authors recommend, “As soon as your child is using a computer, a cell phone or any mobile device, it’s time to talk to him about online behavior, safety, and security.” This booklet aids parents in having these discussions. Did I say they are free? Simply pick one up at your child’s school office or request that one be sent home with your child.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 13 Seniors order Caps and Gowns
- January 13-14 Senior High Drama 8:00 p.m.
- January 14 Wrestling Boosters Elementary Tournament
- January 16 Act 80 Day No School for Students
- January 18 Jazz Bands Concert 7:30 p.m.
- January 20 End of Quarter 2
- January 23 Chinese New Year
- February 1 Winter Band Concert 7:30 p.m.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Part time openings are available for workers in the food service department. This is a good job for those parents who are looking to work only during hours when their children are in school. If interested, contact Eleanor Sherry at 724-463-8713.



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NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

PSAT/SAT TESTS

PSAT test results were returned to participating students on December 14, 2011. Students were encouraged to share their results with their parents. They were also instructed in the interpretation of the results and how to use their score report to prepare for upcoming SATs. SATs will be administered on March 10, 2012 (registration deadline February 10, 2012), May 5, 2012 (registration deadline April 6, 2012), and June 2, 2012 (registration deadline May 8, 2012). The March and June SATs are administered at IHS. Register at www.sat.collegeboard.org. As always, early registration is highly recommended to ensure that a testing seat is available at the preferred SAT testing site.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Although school counselors have processed a great number of post-secondary school applications in the past few months, seniors who have not completed this process have been encouraged to submit their applications as quickly as possible. Due to the large volume of applications that are being received by colleges and universities this year, it is vitally important that seniors complete the application process as soon as possible. In addition, students need to be aware of application and financial aid deadlines set by individual schools. This information can be found on individual school websites.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2012, a Financial Aid Workshop will be presented for parents of seniors in the Large Group Instruction Room (LGI). Alisa DeStefano, Associate Director of Financial Aid at IUP, will discuss the various types of aid available to students who will be attending some form of post-secondary education regardless of school. Therefore, the information presented will be applicable not only to colleges but also to business, trade, technical, and nursing schools.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Seniors and senior parents are strongly encouraged to review the listing of scholarships that have been mailed home as well as given to seniors. Scholarships on file in the Guidance Office are constantly updated on the school's Guidance website. Unless noted otherwise, applications can be found in the Guidance Office. Indicated deadlines must be followed.

CAREER EDUCATION

In co-operation with English teachers, during the first semester the guidance counselors have worked with 10th graders and continue to work with 11th graders in the completion of a career exploration project that also serves as a portion of the state mandated Graduation Project. Sophomores were administered an interest inventory

and then were required to investigate and present information on careers of personal interest. Utilizing a computerized program, Career Cruising (www.careercruising.com), juniors are able to get a listing of colleges/trade/technical schools that meet their personal requirements based on a chosen career path. Juniors are then asked to investigate a number of these schools. Parents are encouraged to talk with their children about their experience with these valuable activities.

GROUNDHOG SHADOWING DAY

Although all students are encouraged by counselors to job shadow throughout the school year, special emphasis is placed on job shadowing on Thursday, February 2, 2012, and throughout the month of February. Any student who wishes to job shadow on February 2 or at any point throughout the year should see his/her school counselor for the appropriate job shadowing form.

AT 6:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012, A FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP WILL BE PRESENTED FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS IN THE LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM (LGI) AT THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.



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GUIDANCE NEWS (CONT.)

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SCHEDULING

Students will begin scheduling their courses for the 2012-2013 school year at the beginning of February. Please be on the lookout for information coming home and ask your students about their plans for next school year. Students are required to obtain a parent signature acknowledging that they have reviewed their child's scheduling choices. The "Course Description Booklet," describing each of the courses available to your student, is available online via the guid-

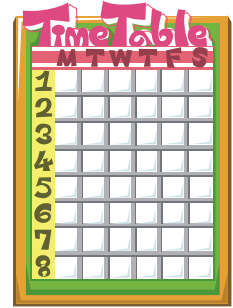
ance link located at www.iasd.cc.

AP INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Students interested in taking Advanced Placement courses next year will have the opportunity to learn more about their options on Tuesday, January 31, 2012. Signup sheets for informational sessions will be posted outside the guidance office the week of January 16.

ICTC SHADOWING – LAST CALL!

Students interested in attending ICTC during the 2012-2013 school year are invited to spend part of the day on January 19, 2012, shadowing two program areas. This is an excellent way to learn more about ICTC and finalize decisions. Students who plan to attend ICTC next school year **must** shadow in order to attend. It is imperative that any student (who wishes to shadow) register in the Guidance Office as soon as possible.



SPRING SEMESTER STUDENT TEACHERS

Student Teacher Name	Cooperating Teacher	Date
Andrew Brandt	Mrs. Beer	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Leah Burke	Mrs. Lewandowski	1/23 – 3/16/2012
John Chelednik	Mr. Layden	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Adam Clevenger	Mrs. Garbrick	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Karrie Crivelli	Mrs. Haggerty	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Angelica Dunsavage	Mr. Salsler	1/23 – 3/16/2012
Dean Farabaugh	Mrs. Oesterling	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Jessica Green	Mrs. Miller	1/23 – 3/16/2012
Craig Hibell	Dr. Miller	1/23 – 3/16/2012
Laura Hopkins	Mrs. Grafton	1/23 – 3/16/2012
Courtney Johnston	Mrs. Dadson	1/23 – 3/16/2012
Michael Lehman	Mr. Hartman	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Matthew Metzger	Mrs. Dress	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Nicholas Reginella	Mr. Saylor	1/23 – 3/16/2012
Kylie Smith	Mr. Henninger	1/23 – 5/09/2012
John Sokol	Mr. Cochran	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Brianne Thomas	Mr. Myers	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Andrew Weigold	Mr. Brocius	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Kylle Wolfe-Fee	Mr. Tshudy	1/23 – 5/09/2012
Nathaniel Mack	Mrs. Grafton	3/19 – 05/09/2012
Christy Passaretti	Mrs. Dadson	3/19 – 05/09/2012
Louise Vranesevic	Mr. Saylor	3/19 – 05/09/2012
Jordan Willie	Mr. Salsler	3/19 – 05/09/2012
Matthew Yeomans	Mr. Stiles	3/19 – 05/09/2012



NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

“THE FRINGE” FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

Drama students traveling to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland this summer are actively busy with fundraising. Every Thursday the students and their parents hold a bake sale in the lower commons as one of several activities to help raise funds for the upcoming trip. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of taking a production on the international stage is welcome to contact Mrs. Barbor at gbarbor@iasd.cc.

WINTER DRAMA IS IN THE ROUND

Join us for the winter drama, Peter Gordon's Murdered to Death, on January 13-14, 2012, in the senior high auditorium. This play is staged in the round with the audience seated on the stage for an up close and personal approach to an evening of theatre. The cast is as follows:

<i>Mildred</i>	Olivia Kimmel
<i>Dorothy</i>	McKenzie Campbell
<i>Bunting</i>	Brock McGinnis
<i>Charles</i>	Ian Shephard
<i>Margaret</i>	Emily Lauber
<i>Elizabeth</i>	Hannah Harley
<i>Pierre</i>	Paul Kane
<i>Joan</i>	Frannie Hanna
<i>Thompkins</i>	Evan Claypool
<i>Pratt</i>	Kevin See

<i>Stage Manager</i>	Bre Clawson
<i>Assistant Stage Manager</i>	Ashley Wolfe

The play is directed by retired Drama teacher Mrs. Mary Jo Bowes.

All seats are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door prior to performance. Show time is 8:00 p.m.

‘THE MUSIC MAN’ COMES TO IHS

Please join us this coming March 16, 17, and 18, 2012, for the American musical classic, The Music Man.



Musical auditions were recently held for the cast and for the pit orchestra. Congratulations to the following students:

CAST

<i>Charlie Cowell</i>	Brock McGinnis
<i>Harold Hill</i>	Kevin See
<i>Mayor Shinn</i>	Evan Claypool
<i>Ewart Dunlop</i>	Devon Robinson
<i>Oliver Hix</i>	Paul Kane
<i>Jacey Squires</i>	Isaac Mbogo
<i>Olin Britt</i>	Richard Loftus
<i>Marcellus Washburn</i>	Dalton Bright
<i>Tommy Djilas</i>	Tyler Kane
<i>Marian Paroo</i>	Savanna Smith
<i>Mrs. Paroo</i>	Hannah Harley
<i>Amarylis</i>	Sydney Shearer
<i>Winthrop</i>	Parker Koons
<i>Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn</i>	Katie McKinney
<i>Zaneeta Shinn</i>	Katie Mihelcic
<i>Gracie Shinn</i>	Rachel Simpson
<i>Alma Hix</i>	Olivia Kimmel
<i>Maud Dunlop</i>	Daniela Alarcón
<i>Ethel Tofflemier</i>	Maddie Afshar
<i>Mrs. Squires</i>	Frannie Hanna
<i>Constable Locke</i>	Garrett Sharp
<i>Conductor</i>	Marcus Mihelcic
<i>River City Kids</i>	Layne Sheldon
	Kevin Shearer

Male Chorus

Patrick Edwards
Stephen Kopczyk
Caleb McCombie
Kevin McCreary
Timon Miesner
Thomas Nakrosis
Ian Shephard
Jake Wissinger
Judge Wright

Female Chorus

Katie Browe
Megan Dickson
Katherine Evans
Bronwyn Kallsen
Keely McCune
Tori Meyer
Vrenda Soni
Danieka Suggs
Diana Watson
Laura Werner
Rosa Williamson Rea
Becky Wilson

PIT ORCHESTRA

Strings

Isaac Mastalski
Grant Schrecengost
Joshua Soundararajan

Brass

Ted Avolio
Justin Fleming
Bo Putt
Mariel Nupp

Woodwinds

Jason Baumler
Jennie Graham
Patrick Gregg
Sarah Herrington
Nick Kloszewski
Danielle Kieser
Marykate Kuehn
Jeanne Marie Stalteri
Mary Zimmerman
Nate Zlockie

Rhythm

Paul Birch
Brandon Dunlap
Alec Ebeling

TASTEE TUESDAYS SPONSORED BY AFTER-PROM COMMITTEE

The Tastee Tuesday food committee is looking for donations every Tuesday (food, water, snacks, Gatorade, or money). The items may be dropped off in the office any time prior to 2:30 p.m. (Please label your containers if you need them returned). The profits benefit the 2012 After-prom and provide your hungry son or daughter with an after-school snack. Tastee Tuesdays runs from dismissal until approximately 3 p.m. Please contact Shelly Zoka at shellyzoka@hotmail.com if you are available to donate or have questions.



SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

Parents of the Class of 2012:

The start of the new year will be full of activity for the Class of 2012. On Friday, January 6, the senior class will meet with our Balfour representative, Mr. Dan Morgan, to receive information on ordering graduation announcements. On January 13, Mr. Morgan will be back to take orders for graduation announcements and to measure each senior for his cap and gown for graduation. If you do not receive this information, please contact Ms. Garbrick **immediately** (724-463-8562, extension 1118, from 11:00 a.m. to noon or from 2:36 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

On January 20, the second quarter officially ends. For some of our seniors, the attitude exists that their senior year of high school is also over. This attitude can lead to problems. It is unfortunate, but every year some seniors do not make it to graduation. Attendance problems, failure to complete their graduation projects, failing to dress for gym, unpaid expenses and failing classes required for graduation are all reasons why some seniors do not receive their diplomas on time. Now is the time to contact your child's teachers and guidance counselor to make sure that your senior will not find himself in this position. Please talk to your senior about putting forth his best efforts throughout the remainder of the year.

Dates to Remember:

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| <i>January 6, 2012</i> | Senior informational meeting concerning graduation announcements. |
| <i>January 13, 2012</i> | Graduation announcement orders due. |
| <i>January 20, 2012</i> | Second quarter ends. Talk with your senior, his teachers and the guidance counselor to make sure graduation will take place. |

