

# Jr. Highlights

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## The Principal's Perspective

As we conclude the 2009-2010 school year, I just have to say what a terrific class the 9<sup>th</sup> graders have been. I have a special attachment to them because they were the first class I worked with when I took this job in 2007; I started at the junior high when they started. They have been well-behaved, great students, and just plain good people who I looked forward to seeing every day! I want to congratulate all the parents of these 9<sup>th</sup> graders, and I sincerely wish for their continued success in the future. I will certainly miss them!

As this class leaves, a new one will come in. To the parents of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, I welcome you all to our school and all that the next three years will bring. We promise a care and commitment to your child in every way—academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. Transitions can be a tough thing for some students, but our history proves that your children WILL adjust well. How do we know that? It's our experienced teachers, who are the most caring, nurturing, and skilled teachers I have ever known! We will do everything possible to insure your child's success here! Please feel free to drop by during the summer to introduce yourselves, and to try out your child's new locker combination!

I hope everyone has a terrific summer! Stay safe and have fun. We will be here getting everything in order for the start of the 2010-2011 school year. And kids, feel free to read over the summer. It does a body good!

*Chris S. Stultz*



## Highlights from the Assistant Principal

The end of the school year is right around the corner, and I am happy to report that this has been a great year! Our students have worked hard and accomplished amazing things. I am very proud of our students and how much they have grown physically, intellectually, emotionally, and in their character as well.

The Character Counts theme this month is **Pride/Attitude** and is sponsored by the Business and Family and Consumer Science Departments. It is important that we teach our children to always strive to do their best, take pride in their accomplishments, and to do the right thing. A positive attitude will help our children to persevere and succeed even through the rough times. During this last quarter, let's continue to work together to encourage our children to keep up a good attitude and to continue to take pride in their schoolwork.

As the warm weather approaches, it is a good time to review the dress code policy. Clothing that distracts from the educational process – such as shirts that expose bare midriffs or undergarments, sheer or low cut tops, thin straps, muscle shirts, very short skirts/shorts or clothing that brings negative attention to the student is not permitted. In addition, electronic games, portable music equipment, cameras, cell phones, and other items not needed for school cause disruptions to our educational environment and are not to be used in school. For a complete list of our policies please refer to the student assignment book. Please take a few moments and review this policy with your child.

As this school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, parents, teachers, and staff for making this year a very rewarding and memorable one. I have enjoyed getting to know your children and working with the excellent staff. I am impressed with the caliber of students and the warmth of the community. It has been a joy to serve here, and I look forward to the 2010-2011 school year. Have a wonderful summer break!

*Marilyn Walther*



## Character Counts Cookout/Dance



The annual Character Counts Cookout/Dance will be held on **Friday, May 21**, from **6:00-9:00 p.m.** at the IJHS gymnasium and practice field. The theme, “Celebrate Our Shining Stars,” recognizes our students who exemplify positive character attributes throughout the school year. Tickets cost \$5.00, however, tickets are \$4.00 for students who received character counts recognition throughout the school year. A hotdog cookout with chips, cookies, and drinks is included in the ticket price. Dance tickets will be on sale **May 17-21**, during lunch periods. Popcorn and other treats will also be available. The dance will be in the gym featuring *MixMaster Mike*. **Chaperones are needed!** Please read the memorandum included with this newsletter if you are interested in helping with this final dance of another GREAT school year and help us **celebrate our shining stars!**

## Character Counts at IJHS!



Students displaying positive character traits were nominated by their teachers and recognized by our Character Counts Committee. Students demonstrating outstanding qualities in February and March were:

February		March	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Rachel Floyd	8	Matt Griffith	7
Krista Gibbon	9	Craig Levine	8
Mike Leonardo	9	Brandon McGinnis	8
Jordan Riddle	8	Jonah Schall	8
Savanna Smith	9	Garrett Sharp	8
Haley Stapleton	9	Peter Short	8
Ashlee Steiner	7	Sam Wilson	8
Collin Yackuboskey	7		

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Camp in July



For the tenth year, the Indiana Art Association’s Arts Camp is taking place this July. It will run from **July 19<sup>23</sup>** for elementary students and **July 26<sup>30</sup>** for secondary students. The students involved will have classes in visual arts, drama and music (elementary). Forms will be available from the schools as well as on the Indiana Art Association website: [www.indianaartassociation.org](http://www.indianaartassociation.org). After a week of camp, the students will put on a performance and art show Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> (elementary) and Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> (secondary) of July at 7:00 p.m. Both shows are open to the public. For more information contact Trish Dodson at 724-465-9322.

## Character Counts Cookout/Dance Rules

1. Dance/Cookout time is 6:00-9:00 p.m. No student will be admitted after 6:30 p.m. No student will be permitted to leave before 9:00 p.m. without parental request.
2. Tickets will be sold during lunch periods from **May 17-21**. No tickets will be sold at the door. Students cannot give or sell their tickets to another student. Students with a ticket other than their own will not be permitted to enter the dance.
3. Students who received an in-school detention or out-of-school suspension during the time between scheduled dances may not attend the dance.
4. Students who are absent from school or who arrive tardy after 9:15 a.m. on May 21, will not be permitted to attend the dance.
5. Tickets will be collected and students' names checked off at the door. The dance sponsor will notify parents of students who purchase a ticket but who are not present.
6. The dress for the dance is to be school appropriate. Administration and sponsor reserve the right to prohibit inappropriate attire.
7. Sponsors, chaperones, and police will have the authority to eject from the dance anyone who is a behavior problem after consultation with Mr. Stultz or Ms. Walther. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated, and sponsors will notify parents.
8. Following the dance, students must be picked up by 9:00 p.m. Parents must be informed of this, as there are no phones available. Students should leave the school immediately after the dance.
9. Students who must arrive late to the dance because of a school-related event should notify the office the day of the dance and check in with Mr. Stultz upon arrival.
10. Ticket cost is non-refundable.



## Course Registration Requests

If you would like to see which academic course levels were selected for your child and the elective courses that your child chose for next year, please view these in your child’s Power School account. First log in, and then click on the tab “Class Registration” near the top right hand corner of the page. Please contact your child’s teacher or counselor if you have any question about these classes. If you would like a copy of the course requests sent to your home, please contact the Guidance Office at 724-463-9718.

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## Accelerated Reader (Motivational Program)

The top ten students who have accumulated the highest number of points by taking Accelerated Reader tests during this school year will be recognized at the Awards Assembly in May. The names of students who have earned 500 points or more will be engraved on plaques which hang in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hall. Two years ago we added two additional plaques so students earning 750+ points, as well as those earning over 1,000 points could be recognized separately because of their truly outstanding achievements. The contest will end on **May 11**, so students aspiring to be a part of this select group must take tests before that date.



As of April 27, **A. J. Shellenbarger**, has earned the highest number of points with a total of 698. In a tight race, **Cole Rosenberger** is close behind with 668 points. **Tianshi Wang** has the highest percentage of correct answers of any student in the top ten scorers. His accuracy rate is 97.2%, which means that he seldom misses a question.

Six students are already members of the 500-point club. All of their names will appear on the appropriate school plaques at the end of the year.

Three students are now members of the 400-point club, 2 students are members of the 300-point club, 20 students are members of the 200-point club, and 32 other students have earned at least 100 points. In addition, 44 students have earned 50+ points. Even though teenagers enjoy being entertained with electronic devices, the number of Indiana 7<sup>th</sup> grade students reading and attaining club status has risen at nearly every level this year!

Top readers so far include:

<b>A. J. Shellenbarger</b> .....	698 pts.
<b>Cole Rosenberger</b> .....	658 pts.
<b>Paul Birch</b> .....	589 pts.
<b>Tianshi Wang</b> .....	567 pts.
<b>Jesse Lauber</b> .....	538 pts.
<b>Priya Soundararajan</b> .....	538 pts.
<b>Dereck Yoder</b> .....	536 pts.
<b>Stephen Kopczyk</b> .....	500 pts.
<b>Jacob Grata</b> .....	487 pts.
<b>Chris Kang</b> .....	439 pts.
<b>Sophie Nowell</b> .....	412 pts.
<b>Brandon Griffith</b> .....	332 pts.
<b>Megan McCunn</b> .....	322 pts.
<b>Dylan Rinehart</b> .....	297 pts.
<b>Lily Smith</b> .....	296 pts.
<b>Michael Kahle</b> .....	296 pts.
<b>Lexi Gamble</b> .....	294 pts.
<b>Rosa Williamson-Rea</b> .....	283 pts.
<b>Neda Karimi</b> .....	281 pts.
<b>Christian Santos</b> .....	276 pts.
<b>Kevin Zangl</b> .....	274 pts.



<b>Ropafadzo Shumba</b> .....	271 pts.
<b>Nathan Shirley</b> .....	264 pts.
<b>Brian Waryck</b> .....	258 pts.
<b>Eamon McArdle</b> .....	255 pts.
<b>Ryan Watters</b> .....	246 pts.
<b>Danelle Hullenbaugh</b> .....	229 pts.
<b>Noah Lemmon</b> .....	226 pts.
<b>Connor Quarles</b> .....	226 pts.
<b>Layne Sheldon</b> .....	225 pts.
<b>Ruvini Navaratna</b> .....	210 pts.
<b>Chantal Sisko</b> .....	201 pts.
<b>Mackenzie Donahue</b> .....	192 pts.
<b>Tyler McCrea</b> .....	177 pts.
<b>Jessie Jennings</b> .....	172 pts.
<b>Ashlee Steiner</b> .....	167 pts.
<b>Payton Smith</b> .....	166 pts.
<b>Lucille Bujdos</b> .....	165 pts.
<b>Lorraine Yerger</b> .....	165 pts.
<b>Taylor Thomas</b> .....	157 pts.
<b>Hannah Schwartz</b> .....	156 pts.
<b>Max Kittelmann</b> .....	154 pts.
<b>Alexander Ebeling</b> .....	153 pts.
<b>Baylee Sergent</b> .....	148 pts.
<b>David Zimmerman</b> .....	144 pts.
<b>Andrew Roth</b> .....	144 pts.
<b>Cory Hotchkiss</b> .....	144 pts.
<b>Kayla Dunmire</b> .....	141 pts.
<b>Amia Redd</b> .....	140 pts.
<b>Laura Shephard</b> .....	139 pts.
<b>Ben Linder</b> .....	137 pts.
<b>Matthew Denver</b> .....	137 pts.
<b>Emily Wagner</b> .....	131 pts.
<b>Kristin Nibert</b> .....	130 pts.
<b>D. J. Pavolik</b> .....	127 pts.
<b>Eliza O'Neal</b> .....	126 pts.
<b>Tashi Bharathan</b> .....	123 pts.
<b>Katelyn Ray</b> .....	120 pts.
<b>Luke Lewandowski</b> .....	114 pts.
<b>Adam Kokus</b> .....	114 pts.
<b>Kyle Wilson</b> .....	111 pts.
<b>Denali Davis</b> .....	111 pts.
<b>Abdur-Rahman Jabir</b> .....	111 pts.
<b>John Gatti</b> .....	105 pts.
<b>Miles Dietz</b> .....	102 pts.

## Prerequisite Test Offered August 19

**Parents of Seventh Graders:** As you know, the school board and administration have adjusted the 8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum to include Computerized Keyboarding in every 8<sup>th</sup> grader's schedule. This change allows students to gain or maintain vital computer skills before enrolling in Computer Applications, which is a graduation requirement.

We are encouraging your child to stay enrolled in Computerized Keyboarding; however, we realize that some of our students may have already acquired and mastered touch keyboarding and formatting skills (identified below). Therefore, we are offering the Computer Applications Prerequisite Test on **Thursday, August 19**. Successful completion of this test will allow your child to schedule Computer Applications without taking Computerized Keyboarding.

**Parents of Ninth Graders:** The Computer Applications Pretest is open to any ninth grade student who has not taken Computerized Keyboarding and believes that he or she has the skills (identified below) to enroll directly into Computer Applications.

Students must demonstrate the following competencies:

- use the **touch method** to type at least 30 GWAM for three minutes with 5 or fewer errors (without correction). Students must use a speed skin cover while taking the test.
- maneuver the mouse and/or keyboard to correctly format and edit a letter with 80% accuracy:
  - ✓ Log on to the network
  - ✓ Use application software to type a letter
  - ✓ Set margins
  - ✓ Adjust line spacing
  - ✓ Proofread and correct all grammar and typing errors
  - ✓ Save the document to network folder F:\\class on education\_1/highschool
  - ✓ Print the document

To register your student for the prerequisite test, please complete the form below and return it by **August 12**. Study guides are available in the guidance office.

## Cheerleading Tryouts May 18 & 20

Tryouts for the junior high cheerleading squad, for the 2010 fall sports season, will be held **May 18** and **May 20** (in the junior high gym) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each evening. This is for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in cheering at the junior high in the fall. Students **must** attend all tryouts. Candidates will need to wear shorts, t-shirts, and tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact **Mr. Todd Myers**, Athletic Director, at [tmyers@iasd.cc](mailto:tmyers@iasd.cc). We need students willing to cheer for IJHS teams.



## Soccer Camp Set for June 14-17

The Indiana Soccer Boosters will be hold their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Soccer Skills Camp again this summer for boys and girls entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The camp is from **June 14-17** at the **Indiana Senior High School**. Grades 1-4 cost \$60 and the sessions will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Grades 5-8 cost \$70 and the sessions will be from 12:00-3:00 p.m. All participants will receive a camp t-shirt. Please visit [www.indianasoccer.org](http://www.indianasoccer.org) for all of the details and the registration forms, or call Peggy Mullen at 724-357-0711 with any questions.

### Attending an Activity at IJHS?

If you have special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act and need assistance at an event, please make your needs known to **Mr. Stultz** or **Ms. Walther** in advance. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate you.



### Computer Applications Prerequisite Test Request

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to take the Computer Applications Prerequisite Test on **August 19**.  
(Print Your Child's Name)

Successful completion of the test will satisfy the prerequisite for Computer Applications.

Homeroom # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade:      7                      9      (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Please return to the Guidance Office by **August 12**.

# From the Attendance Office



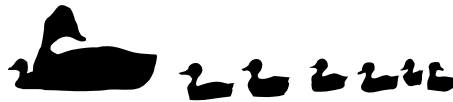
## Attendance for the Remainder of the School Year –

Because of our commitment to quality education, we believe it is important for students to attend every school day unless there is an excusable absence. **Requests for extended absences during the remainder of and through the end of the school year must be presented in writing to the attendance office one week in advance of the absence. Any student who is absent during the last week of school must submit an excuse for that absence.** Please note that if an acceptable excuse is not received, the day will be made unexcused and the student will receive a "0" for the day's work. **Parents are reminded that excuses stating only family emergency or personal reasons are not acceptable.**

**Students are required to attend school on June 7, the last scheduled day of school,** unless they have been excused in advance. **If your son or daughter is absent on June 7 (or the last day school is in session), a written excuse for the absence (or a doctor's excuse for those students under this requirement) must be received by 10 a.m. on June 8** (or the day following the last day school is in session), **if the absence is to be excused.** With parental support, we are anticipating excellent attendance on the last day of school.

**Parents are reminded to please call the school when their child is absent (724-463-8568).** This does not replace the required written excuse to be furnished to the student's homeroom teacher by the third day following an absence.

**Requests for homework assignments should be made by calling the guidance office.** Do not make homework requests on the attendance office voice mail. Thank you.



## MAY-JUNE 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>MAY 1</i> STUCO Garage Sale
2	3	4	5	6 <i>Band Concert</i> 7:30 p.m.	7 <i>HeyDay!</i>	8
9	10	11	12	13 <i>Orchestra</i> <i>Concert</i> 7:30 p.m.	14 <i>May Mart</i>	15 <i>9th Grade</i> <i>Kennywood Trip</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Character</i> <i>Counts Dance</i> 6:00-9:00 p.m.	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>JH Music Trip</i> <i>Hershey</i>
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> <b>No School</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Athletic Awards</i> <i>Assembly</i>  <i>Last Student Day</i>  <i>Early Dismissal</i> <i>Act 80</i>	8	9	10	11	12

# INDIANA JUNIOR HIGH SPORT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

AT THE INDIANA AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL – SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Students planning **to participate** in a sport throughout the 2010-2011 (fall, winter & spring) school year will **have the opportunity to have** their physical **Saturday, June 19, at the Indiana Senior High School**. You may choose to have a physical by a private physician; however **that physical may not be completed earlier than June 1, 2010**, for the fall sport season and 6 weeks before the sports first day of practice for the winter and spring sport season. If a private physician completes the physical form for a fall sport, please return the physical form to your school by August 9. This must be done before the student is able to practice. (Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 needs to be filled out.)

## SPORTS PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The PIAA requires only one sport physical per year as long as a PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) has been completed by an Authorized Medical Examiner, and the student has been cleared to participate in sports. This form must be on file in the nurses' office at the Jr. High School.

If subsequent sports are played in the same year, (Form 5) Re-Certification by Parent/Guardian Form must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to the next season. Supplemental Health History questions on Form 5 must all be checked NO and the recertification form must be turned into the nurse prior to the start of the winter/spring sports season.

**EXCEPTION: If any Supplemental Health History questions are answered YES indicating that there has been a change in health status** on the PIAA Recertification Form 5, the student will be **REQUIRED** to have a medical practitioner complete **PIAA (FORM 6) Comprehensive Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation and Re-Certification by a MEDICAL EXAMINER will be necessary**. The student will not be able to practice or participate until this form has been completed and turned into the school nurse.

*Physicals will be given June 19, at the Sr. High School in this order. (Please try to adhere to this schedule unless extreme extenuating circumstances prevent this.) No new physicals will be given after 11:00 a.m.*

**Please wear shorts and a T-shirt.**

<i>Senior High Students</i>	<i>8:00 am – last name beginning with A—M</i>	<i>8:45 am</i>	<i>N—Z</i>	<i>Junior High Students</i>	<i>9:30 am – last name beginning with A—M</i>	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>N—Z</i>
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Be prepared to spend at least an hour if not longer at the Senior High School on Saturday, June 19.

## DATES FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS – FALL SPORTS 2010-2011

Please make note of the following information for students who plan to participate in a fall sport for the 2010-11 school year. You will need to check the Indiana gazette and the school web site (<http://www.iasd.cc/>) for changes in dates and time. Schedules may also be found on [www.iasd.cc](http://www.iasd.cc) then click jr. High /jr. High athletics/highschoolsports.net.

### Football:

9 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 19	8:00 am - 11:00 am	Equipment will be issued at the junior high.
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 18	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Informational meeting and uniform hand out at junior high.
	August 19	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Practice at junior high.
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 19	3:00 pm (A-N) - 3:30 pm (M-Z)	as players receive their equipment they may go home.
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 23	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Practice at the junior high.

**Girls' Basketball** tryouts will be on the following date at the junior high gym:

8 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 30	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 30	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**9<sup>th</sup> Girls' Basketball is a winter sport.**

### Soccer

7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	August 31	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Informational meeting at the junior high. (boys & girls)
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	September 1	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Boys & girls practice. A bus will transport players to the White Township Complex. Parents will need to pick up at White Township at 5:00.

**Cross Country** optional conditioning will begin soon after school is over in June. Check the Jr. High Athletic Website for the cross-country calendar.

The following are senior high sports for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students: **Girls' Tennis, Cross Country, Boys' & Girls' Soccer, Boys' & Girls' Golf, and Volleyball**. Information will be on the school web site and in the Indiana Gazette.

## “CELEBRATE OUR SHINING STARS”

**DATE:** APRIL 30, 2010  
**TO:** PARENTS  
**FROM:** MRS. BROCIIOUS, MRS. HANEY, MR. STULTZ, AND MS. WALTHER  
**RE:** FRIDAY, MAY 21, COOKOUT/DANCE

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The School Store, Student Council, and the “Character Counts” Committee will again be sponsoring our ninth annual Cookout/Dance on **Friday, May 21**, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the **Junior High School Gym/Field**. The theme is “Celebrate Our Shining Stars”. We are having a cookout from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with hotdogs. The dance will be in the gym with *MixMaster Mike*.

We are anticipating another great time for the students as well as for you. We hope that you are willing to come for the evening. Because this is a large undertaking, we really need you to sign up for a time period and also what duty/job you would like to do.

**Please sign up and return this sheet to the School Office by May 14!**

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL HELP CHAPERONE THE ENTIRE COOKOUT/DANCE FROM 6:00-9:00 P.M.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL HELP CHAPERONE FROM 6:00-7:30 P.M.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I WILL HELP CHAPERONE FROM 7:30-9:00 P.M.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE “FUN ACTIVITY” YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH**

- |                                  |                |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| COOKING HOTDOGS                  | RESTROOM DUTY  | GARBAGE PATROL |
| SERVING FOOD                     | SERVING DRINKS | MAKING POPCORN |
| GYM-DANCE AREA                   | OUTSIDE AREA   |                |
| JUST PUT ME WHEREVER YOU NEED ME |                |                |

(We will try to accommodate your wishes.)