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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are midway into the third quarter of the school year and soon the students will be gearing up for the final grading period. Please encourage your child to continue studying and working to his or her best ability. I would advise you to stay abreast of your child's academic progress by checking PowerSchool and calling the teachers if there are any questions about your child's grades.

In April we will be administering the PSSA tests throughout the entire month. Please try to have your child in school if at all possible and encourage him or her to be on time. Attendance is critical, not only for testing, but for continued progress. Be sure your child gets enough rest and nutrition to be best prepared for the testing. Avoiding any appointments or vacations is also advisable.

Attached to this newsletter is information about our Summer Acceleration Program. We want to offer several mathematics courses and a computer course to assist students who want to accelerate their academic program. Because of the necessary planning, please read the requirements carefully and be very aware of the program dates. This is a great opportunity for students who are committed to furthering their academics.

Do you agree that Indiana has had enough frozen precipitation? Hopefully, our "snowy" winter will soon be behind us, and we can look forward to the upcoming spring weather.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

While participating in the PMEA District 3 Band, several IHS students successfully auditioned and were placed in the PMEA Region II Band. IHS students auditioned against 153 students from 31 other high schools.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the PMEA Region II Band:

- Bree Bumbarger**
- Michael Davidson**
- Andrew Earhart**
- Marykate Kuhne**
- Nicholas Palko**
- Jon Pivetz**
- Natalie Young**

Mike, Andrew, Marykate, Nick, and Natalie earned 1st chair spots in their sections. Bree and Jon earned 2nd chair spots in their sections. Mike, Jon and Natalie were selected as feature soloists in the concerts via audition.

"THE KING AND I"

March 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m.
March 21 at 2:00 p.m.

See page 5 for ticket information

GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

Student Scheduling for 2010-2011 School Term: Senior high students will learn about next year's curriculum as well as schedule for classes for the 2010-2011 school term during the month of March. Parents are asked to review their children's class selections before they are submitted to the guidance office. Informational meetings regarding advanced placement courses were held during the last week of February. An orientation meeting for parents of incoming 10th graders was held on February 15, 2010.

Graduation Projects: Parents are encouraged to talk with their sons and daughters about the career exploration activities in which they were involved as they relate to the Graduation Project. Students who do not complete their projects by the end of the term will not meet graduation requirements. A number of seniors still have outstanding portions of their projects.

Dual Enrollment: Interested juniors will be given the opportunity to attend one of four presentations about the Dual Enrollment Program that Indiana Senior High has with both Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Westmoreland County Community College. More information about the Dual Enrollment Program can be found on a PowerPoint presentation located on the senior high guidance website.

College Applications: A note of "warning" to seniors who still have college applications yet to be submitted. The guidance office has learned that the number of applications that many colleges have received for the Fall of 2010 has increased substantially. Many schools may be considering "cutting off" accepting applications far earlier than in past years.

Scholarship Information: Seniors and their parents are strongly encouraged to continue reviewing the list of scholarships that have been mailed home as well as given to seniors in February. 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.

ASVAB Testing: Indiana Senior High School is offering juniors and seniors the opportunity to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) on Friday, March 12, at 8:00 a.m. Students interested in pursuing a career in the military are required to take the ASVAB prior to enlisting. However, the ASVAB is also useful in helping students who are not interested in military service to further explore their suitability for various career paths. Students who are interested in taking this test must

register in the guidance office. There is no charge to take the ASVAB.

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Eleven senior high artists are participating in an art show at St. Francis University. The "Artists of the 21st Century: 2010 Student Exhibition" is taking place at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art gallery on the campus of St. Francis in Loretto, PA. The students are **Aubrey Borowitz, Amber Englemann, Ashley Fleming, Hannah Fullerton, Luci Jockel, Kaitlyn Myers, Marietta Shirley, Michelle Stuck, Jacy Thayer, Helena Wilson, and Priscilla Zolocsik**. The show runs from March 5 - April 10 with the official opening taking place on Saturday, March 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If you get a chance, stop in and enjoy the artwork.

Advanced senior high art students will travel to Chalk Hill, PA, this month to visit another famous Frank Lloyd Wright architectural masterpiece. Kentuck Knob is a privately owned home designed and built by Mr. Wright for the Hagen family of Uniontown, PA. It is currently owned by Lord Palumbo of England and also has on the grounds a large sculpture garden.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPT.

Congratulations to **Tove Johnson** who won the regional Poetry Out Loud competition at IUP's Gorell Recital Hall on February 23. Tove moves on to the state competition at the Governor's Mansion on March 15 where she will compete for the state title.

FRENCH EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS, FROM MR. DENAULT

The French Exchange club traveled to Vannes, France, during Thanksgiving vacation, and recently, IHS students and their families hosted the French counterparts for two weeks. Seventeen French exchange students and two of their English teachers, Mrs. Bales and Mrs. Le Bouedec, arrived on Sunday, February 7, at 3:30 a.m. on a cold and snowy day. They were flabbergasted at how frigid it was and the amount of snow that fell and kept falling the first few days they were in Indiana. Needless to say, they got involved in many snow activities such as snow ball fights, shoveling, sledding, and more shoveling. They adjusted to the weather and had a great time.

In school, the French students challenged IHS students to speak French for 40 minutes in class, and we were pleased with what the students could do. We also spent a day in Pittsburgh. Our visit was followed by some ethnic food in the Strip District, and we finished our day at the Andy Warhol Museum.

On February 17, the host families, Mr. Gallo, Council Director of Indiana Borough, Dr. Clawson, Superintendent of Indiana Area Schools, and Mr. McElheny, Assistant Principal at IHS, all joined together for a farewell reception for the French students given by the IHS students. We enjoyed good food, friendship, and sang together. Thank you to all and especially to the IHS families for your flexibility and all of what you did for the French exchange students. Future French IV and V students, please consider joining French exchange club to travel abroad and/or host French students next year.

FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Tickets for Indiana High School's production of "The King and I" will go on sale beginning Thursday, March 4, and may be ordered by calling Indiana High School at (724) 463-8562 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold on the following dates: Thursday, March 4; Friday, March 5; Monday, March 8; Tuesday, March 9; and Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19. Tickets will be held for 48 hours and may be picked up in the vocal music room between the hours listed above. Tickets not picked up within 48 hours will go back on sale to the public. Tickets will also be available in the mornings before school each of those days in the upper commons from 7:15 a.m. - 7:40 a.m. and at the door on performance nights. E-mails will only be accepted from IASD faculty/staff (others often get filtered out and are too difficult to track). All tickets are \$8 each. Don't miss an opportunity to enjoy this classic musical this March 19 and 20, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 21, at 2:00 p.m.

Cast:

Caleb Stam (Captain Orton)
Aaron Keith (Louis Leonowens)
Ashlee Lamar (Anna Leonowens)
Brock McGinnis+ (The Interpreter)
Evan Chandler (The Kralahome)
Nacho Alarcon (The King)
Nick Strittmatter+ (Phra Alack)
Adam Pistole (LunTha)
Brynn Arnall (Tuptim)
Linda Kanyarusoke (Lady Thiang)
Andrew Piper (Prince Chululongkorn)
Daniel Pfeffer (Sir Edward Ramsey)
Dani Alarcon (Princess Ying Yaowlak)

Royal Dancers:

Becca Anthony
Tori Casagrande
Liz Coleman+
Kelly Drummond+
Tôve Johnson*
Hazel Rogerson+
Katie Trenney

Stage Managers:

Morgan Shaffer
Liz Pivetz

+ Also in Chorus

* Dance Captain

RODGER'S AND HAMMERSTEIN'S "THE KING AND I"

*Presented by
the IHS Drama and Music Departments*

March 19 and 20 at 8:00 p.m.
March 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Indiana Senior High School Auditorium

*Tickets go on sale beginning March 4
Call the high school at 724-463-8562
From 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tickets are \$8 each*

Female Chorus:

Renee Addleman
Jenna Bothell
Bethany Geiger
Alex Hilditch
Hannah Harley
Ashley Leone
Natalie Young

Male Chorus:

Steve Bivens
Gregory Harvey
Nick Hutchinson
Richard Loftus
Aaron Jones
Tony Jones
Dan Kirby
Kevin See

PIT ORCHESTRA FOR "THE KING AND I"

Strings:

Shelby Ursu
Katie Ursu
Sara Stoudt
Sierra Davis
Molly Gongaware
Claire Stalteri
Willa Black
Ben Lenze
Isaac Mastalski
Erica Moretti
Nick Palko

Rhythm:

Katie Barbor
Grant Daskivich

Brass:

Priscilla Zolocsik
Maria Sorce
Michael Davidson
Liam Keating
Lexie Sobolewski
Andrew Earhart

Woodwinds:

Sara McAfoose
Kaitlyn Blair
Jenna Reeger
Marykate Kuehn
Alli Moore
Bree Bumbarger
Courtney Kunkle

DRIVER EDUCATION NEWS

Due to the recent weather problems, there is a change in the start and finish dates for the classroom phase of driver education. Spring II will now begin on March 1, and will be completed on April 16. Spring III will now run from April 19 to May 28. The classroom phase of driver education is scheduled Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the LGI room at the senior high school. Registration forms are available at the athletic office from Mrs. Mathe. The cost of the class is \$40. Driving is scheduled in the order in which the students sign up for the class, so early registration is highly recommended. A student must have a PA learner's permit or a driver's license to take the class. Attendance to the class is required, so please check dates and choose the class that fits your schedule. If you have any questions, please contact the high school athletic office and leave a message; one of the instructors will return your call.

Looking ahead:

Summer I: June 7 - June 29

Summer II: July 7 - July 29

ATHLETIC OFFICE NEWS

The spring sports season officially starts on March 8. With Baseball, Boys' Tennis, Softball, Boys' Lacrosse, and Track and Field being outdoor sports, the weather plays an important role in canceling/postponing of these events. Once the athletic department is notified of a schedule change, athletes will be able to obtain this information from their coach, the athletic board, and school announcements. When applicable, schedule changes will also be publicized on the WDAD Radio and in the *Indiana Gazette*. Changes will be made automatically at www.highschoolsports.net. To view a specific team schedule or check for changes, go to the website (www.highschoolsports.net); type in **Indiana Area Senior High School** and click on **Search**; click **Schedules**; across from **All Teams**, click **Change**; select a sport; and click **GO**.

If you need assistance with the website, please do not hesitate to contact Darla Mathe, athletic secretary, at 724-463-3530.

CLASS OF 2010 NEWS

It hardly seems possible, but the end of the year is only about three months away. Plans are **beginning** to be finalized for all of the year-end senior events.

The Senior Class Trip will be held on Friday, May 21. Seniors going on the trip will be boarding buses near the end of second period. They will have approximately five hours at Kennywood Park to take advantage of all the thrilling rides. From Kennywood, the seniors will be bused to Station Square where they will board The Princess for a three-hour dinner/dance cruise. The IHS Class of 2010 will have exclusive use of The Princess for what is always a very emotional and reflective experience. I hope you will encourage your daughter or son to participate in this last class social activity before commencement. The cost for the class trip is \$75 if paid by April 30 and \$80 if paid between May 3 and May 14. A registration form is included in this mailing. If your son/daughter has fundraising credits remaining in his/her account, credit slips will be delivered to homerooms during the week of April 6.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church will host the Baccalaureate service for the Class of 2010. Baccalaureate is a nondenominational prayer service that is planned and conducted by a committee of students from the Class of 2010. Attendance at this event is optional. The date and time for Baccalaureate is Sunday, May 30, at 3:00 p.m. If your senior is interested in helping with the planning of Baccalaureate and/or would be interested in participating in the service in some way, please have her/him contact Senior Class Vice-President Natalie Gerber, senior high counselor Mr. Tim Petro, or ESL teacher Mrs. Maria Versace by April 16.

As the end of the school year approaches, there are two problems that adversely have an impact on graduation. One of the most difficult jobs our guidance counselors have is to call parents and inform them that their daughter or son has not met the requirements for graduation and will not be permitted to go through the commencement ceremony. In many instances it is the last marking period grades and/or final exams that will determine if some seniors will pass the classes that they need to graduate. It is important that you stay in contact with your senior's teachers and counselor and monitor your senior's progress in any class in which she/he is having difficulty. We all need to work together to help ensure that all the members of the Class of 2010 are able to graduate on time.

The second issue deals with outstanding obligations. **Any senior who has an outstanding obligation to the school (a lost textbook, calculator, library book, a piece of sports equipment, a parking permit, etc. that has not been returned) or some financial obligation that has not been paid will not be issued her/his diploma until the obligation has been cleared.** All seniors will be notified of their outstanding obligations prior to graduation. It is their responsibility to take care of any outstanding obligations **by noon on the day of graduation practice.** If the obligation has not been cleared by that time, then these seniors will not get their diplomas the night of graduation. Once these seniors have cleared their outstanding obligations, they will be able to get their diplomas beginning the weekday after graduation.

Because of recent and possible future weather interruptions, graduation and graduation practice may need to be adjusted. However, at this time graduation is still scheduled for June 3, 2010. Further details will be provided as necessary.

One last comment: Sometimes seniors take it upon themselves to participate in senior skip days at the end of the school year. These unofficial activities are a disruption to the educational process. Often times it is the seniors who can least afford to miss school that are first to participate in these unexcused absences. We work very closely with Mrs. Daskivich and Mr. McElheney to try to arrange the end-of-the-year activities for the senior class so that all seniors can be excused from school for the class trip and for graduation practice. The school district is under no obligation to give seniors any release time for year-end activities. It is important that you and your children understand this. Our only leverage when we approach the school administration to lobby for time off for the entire senior class is the overall behavior of the class, and school attendance factors greatly into the decisions that are made. Please share these concerns with your children and work with us to ensure they attend school every day.

SENIOR CLASS TRIP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Homeroom _____

Phone number(s) at which a parent or guardian can be reached in an emergency:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ (This gives permission for your son or daughter to attend.)

Cost: \$75.00 (Must be received by April 30)
\$80.00 (Received between May 3 and 14)

NO refunds will be given for cancellations after May 14.

Make checks or money orders payable to Indiana Area Senior High School
Please write your son/daughter's name on the memo line.

Mail (or deliver) to:

**Indiana Area Senior High School
Attention: Ms. Peggy Garbrick
450 North Fifth Street
Indiana, PA 15701**



DATES TO REMEMBER
MARCH – APRIL 2010

- March 10:** *PMEA Region II Chorus*
- March 12:** *ASVAB Testing, Grade 11*
- March 12:** *11:00 Dismissal, Act 80 Day*
- March 13:** *SAT Testing*
- March 15:** *Emergency Make-up Day, School in Session*
- March 19 – 21:** *Musical - "The King and I"*
- March 24:** *Region II Band Festival*
- April 1:** *Emergency Make-up Day, School in Session*
- April 2 – 5:** *Spring Vacation*
- April 6:** *Emergency Make-up Day, School in Session*

**INDIANA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMER COURSE OFFERING AND SAT PREP COURSE**

COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: _____

Grade (2010-2011 school year): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____


Acknowledgement: I have read and understand the statements below concerning the Credit, Attendance and Additional Course Requirement for the IASD Summer Program and I wish to enroll my daughter/son in the program.”

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Date

Please check the box next to the course in which you wish to enroll your child. This form, along with payment (check or money order made out to IASD), must be returned to the Indiana Senior High School Guidance Office no later than Friday, April 16, 2010. Late registration will result in an increased class fee.

	Title of Class	Class Schedule (No classes will be held the week of July 4-10)	Class Times	Credit	Class Fee
	Algebra	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8 a.m. – noon	1.0	\$200
	Geometry	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8 a.m. - noon	1.0	\$200
	Advanced Algebra	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8 a.m. - noon	1.0	\$200
	Functions/Statistics/Trigonometry	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8 a.m. - noon	1.0	\$200
	Precalculus/Discreet Math	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8 a.m. - noon	1.0	\$200
	Computerized Keyboarding	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Tuesday, Thursday	8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	0.5	\$100
	Computer Applications	June 14-July 2 and July 12-30 Tuesday, Thursday	8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	0.5	\$100
	SAT Preparation Course	August 2-13 Monday through Friday	8 a.m. - noon	No credit	\$40

CREDIT

A student who successfully completes a course for the purpose of acceleration will receive the listed graduation credit as well as the grade earned on his/her academic transcript.

ATTENDANCE

MATH - Students enrolled in a summer math course will be permitted to miss a cumulative total of eight (8) instructional hours during the summer program. Students missing more than **eight (8) hours** of instruction will not receive credit or a grade for the course, however will be permitted to continue attending the class. *****Course tuition is non-refundable.*****

COMPUTER – Students enrolled in the Keyboarding and Computer Applications classes will be permitted to miss a cumulative total of six (6) instructional hours during the summer program. Students missing more than **six (6) hours** of instruction will not receive credit or a grade for the course, however will be permitted to continue attending the class. *****Course tuition is non-refundable.*****

ADDITIONAL ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENT

Students who successfully complete a summer math course **must** schedule the next level math course in the following school term based upon the recommendation of the summer program instructor.



2009 H1N1 Flu: Symptoms & Basic Steps

You may have the flu if you have some or all of the following symptoms:

- fever (not everyone with the flu will have a fever)
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuff nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE FLU

- Stay home and away from other people as much as possible; cover your nose and mouth if you must be around other people (facemask or tissue).
- Unless you are in a high-risk category (a young child, pregnant, have certain underlying health conditions like asthma or diabetes or a weakened immune system, or are 65 years and older), take acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen and drink plenty of fluids.
- Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
- Most people get better without treatment and don't need to seek medical help. However, if you are in a high-risk category, consult with your health care provider if you get flu symptoms.

Also, anyone with the following emergency warning signs needs urgent medical attention:

CHILDREN

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

ADULTS

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

