

# Indiana Area Senior High School

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## GREETINGS FROM MR. McELHENY, PRINCIPAL

The senior high school is off to a great start! The 2011-2012 school year symbolizes for IHS a year of much change for our school community. Approximately one half of our student population is new to our school while juniors and seniors continue their journey toward their graduation from high school.

Our academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs are teeming with activity as we near the midpoint of our first grading period. Students seemed to have established their routes and routines of everyday school life while demonstrating focus and purpose for important endeavors beyond the life of school.

The freshman and sophomore classes, particularly, appear to have made the transition well to the senior high school, as evidenced by frequent visits to classrooms and inquiries into student experiences thus far at the senior high school. We receive positive feedback about our school environment, learning opportunities, and the opportunity to mature in a program that is conducive to the successful development of our young people.

Parents and guardians who attended Senior High Back-to-School night validated such sentiments on comment forms and in conversation with our faculty and staff that evening. Many parents/guardians were pleased to discover the breadth and depth of our programs and expressed appreciation for the faculty and staff who shared with them information about and expectations for classes in which their children are enrolled. We are grateful for the support that we received that evening from our school community and the shared vision and values esteemed by its members.

We desire to continue the momentum of a successful start of the school year. We have established a strong foundation upon which attainable goals are set and quality supports exist. It is ever so important that our young people learn to utilize their strengths to overcome chal-

lenges at a rigorous educational program. Working through such challenges now will provide students with inherent benefits of lifelong learning.

Someone who exemplifies the virtues of lifelong learning is our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Robert Rizzo. IHS is fortunate to have this educator serve our school community in a new capacity. As a former music teacher and band director, Mr. Rizzo enhanced our school program with exemplary devotion and contribution to student growth and success. His talents will be missed by our music community, but he is a welcomed addition to our community of learners.

Our community of educators is committed to providing your child with a meaningful learning experience that develops character and confidence of students and young people making the transition into adulthood. We are privileged to be part of their development and look forward to helping them to reach their potential this school year!

IHS Proud,

Mr. McElheny

## FROM MR. RIZZO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello, IHS! Welcome back to the start of what promises to be an exciting new school year! Mr. McElheny and I are very pleased about how smoothly the school year has begun, and we are expecting great things from this year's student body.

I am excited and honored to be given the opportunity to serve as your assistant principal. While I have worked in two different school districts, this is my tenth year in Indiana. From the first day I walked through these halls,

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I knew this was the place I wanted to be! A decade later, I still feel that way and look forward to working with you in this new role. As a band director, I always had an "open door" policy. I intend to keep that policy intact, so stop by to see me if you have any questions or concerns.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, I encourage you to get involved. Participate in a winter or spring sport. Join one of the many fine clubs that are offered here at IHS. Get involved with at least one extra-curricular group. Audition for a play or the musical. In my 18 years of teaching, I've learned that when you look beyond the regular school day and get involved with extra, school-sponsored activities, you glean more from your time here. Participation in these activities affords you the opportunity to create meaningful, long-lasting relationships.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Spend some time thinking about what your career interests are and work towards making those interests a reality. Use as many of our resources here as you can to help you achieve your goals. Visit our fine Guidance staff for help in forging your future. IHS has a long list of successful graduates who have moved on to do great things. Do what you need to do to ensure that your name is counted among those graduates!

When you walk out of these doors on June 5, 2012, be able to hold your head up high and say to yourself, "I did everything here that I came to do...what a great school year!"

### **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**

Mrs. Maria Versace, teacher of the English as a Second Language program at the Senior High, is pleased to announce the arrival of the following new international students: **Taha Etekbali** and **Yasin Etekbali** from Libya, **Nikunj Sharda** from India, and **Sitang Li** from China. We extend a warm welcome to our new ESL students!

### **FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT**

In December 2010, Indiana High School's theatre program was nominated to apply to perform at the American High School Theatre Festival, which is held every August in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the Fringe Festival, the largest performing arts festival in the world. Over 2,000 schools are nominated each year and only 45-50 schools are selected to perform.

The exciting news?! Our school was chosen after a rigorous selection process that involves a review by the AHSTF Board of Advisors, a group of renowned college theatre professionals. Selections are based on recent bodies of work, community involvement, philosophies, and recommendations. This is a prestigious honor as well as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Indiana Senior High School is the first Pennsylvania school to be selected since 2009, and we are the only Pennsylvania school selected for Fringe 2012.

Drama students and parents are busy with fundraising activities and events to help with the cost of taking a production to Scotland. Their trip will begin in England where they will visit Shakespeare's birthplace, see a production at the Royal Shakespeare Theater, and participate in a theatre workshop. When in Scotland, they will perform their show four times to an international audience, see many productions, and visit sites, including Stirling Castle and the Trossachs. For more information feel free to contact Mrs. Barbor at [gbarbor@iasd.cc](mailto:gbarbor@iasd.cc).

We are excited to begin our journey on the Road to the Fringe, and we are certainly Indiana Proud!!

### **Also from the Drama Department:**

Students from Mrs. Barbor's first period Drama I class participated in an assembly for the Olweus Bullying Prevention program at Horace Mann on September 30 with their performance of "Mean Jean the Recess Queen."

AND . . .

The first Sendrac's production this year is **The Hobbit** on Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door on the nights of the shows. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this Tolkien classic. Auditions were September 20 and over forty students tried out. FYI: All auditions at IHS are open to the entire school.

FINALLY, if you have a child who would like to get involved with the Indiana Drama Program, encourage him or her to sign up for the Drama Club, or if he or she was a member of the Junior High Stage Crew, he or she is eligible to become a member of the Senior High Stage Crew. And, if already a member of the International Thespian Society, new students to IHS are eligible to transfer their membership to Troupe 7525 here at the high school.

## **NEWS FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE**

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### **National Merit Semifinalist**

We are pleased to announce that **Elizabeth Yerger** has been named a semifinalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program and has an opportunity to continue in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Approximately 1.5 million juniors in some 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Approximately 14,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and it is from this group that all National Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Congratulations and good luck to Elizabeth!

### **Senior Scholarship Opportunities**

Seniors and their parents are reminded that an up-to-date list of general scholarship opportunities is posted on the Guidance Office website ([www.iasd.cc](http://www.iasd.cc); *Senior High; Guidance*). If not directed elsewhere, applications can be found in the Guidance Office.

### **School Guidance Website**

Parents and students are encouraged to periodically check the Guidance website ([www.iasd.cc](http://www.iasd.cc); *Senior High; Guidance*) for information on scholarships, dual enrollment, junior and senior year career planning checklists, and a calendar of college/technical school visitations to the high school.

### **Junior and Senior Yearly Checklists**

Counselors visited all junior and senior English classes in early September to discuss in detail each student's responsibility this year in preparing for "life after graduation" from IHS, whether it be college, technical/trade school, the military, or the job market. A month-by-month checklist was given to all juniors to make this somewhat daunting task more understandable. Posting this checklist on a bulletin board or the refrigerator can serve as a reminder of "important things to do."

### **Indiana County Counselor Association Career/College Fair**

Juniors will be transported to the ICCA Career/College Fair during 3rd and 4th periods on Tuesday, October 4, 2011. Parents are also invited to attend the Fair, held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Field House on the campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Upperclassmen are permitted to attend with special permission from their counselor.

### **SAT Testing**

Students who have registered to take the October 1, 2011, SAT at Indiana High School must report to the upper commons no later than 7:45 a.m. on that date. Photo identification is required. Students should bring No. 2 pencils and a calculator to the test. Students will not be able to go to their lockers prior to the test.

### **PSAT/NMSQT**

Juniors who registered to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test will be testing during the morning of Wednesday, October 12, 2011, at Indiana Area Senior High School. They are to remember to bring at least two No. 2 pencils as well as their calculators. Please be sure students have a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the PSAT/NMSQT.

### **Senior PSSA Retests**

Seniors who were not proficient in Reading, Writing, Math, and/or Science will be given the opportunity to retest during the school day the week of October 24, 2011. A letter explaining this retest was mailed to the parents of all applicable students in mid-September. If, for some reason, you do not want your child to participate in the PSSA Retest, please be aware that you must notify Mr. McElheny, building principal, of this decision no later than October 14, 2011.

### **DRIVER EDUCATION UPDATE**

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The Fall II session of Driver Education is scheduled to begin on October 21 and conclude on December 7, 2011. The classroom phase meets on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the LGI at the high school. Attendance to the class is required, so please check your schedule and plan accordingly. Specific dates for the class can be found at the school's website or on the back of the application. All students must possess a PA learner's permit or a PA driver's license to take the class. Driving is scheduled in the order students sign up for the class, so early registration is highly recommended. There is a fee of \$50 for the class. Applications are available from Mrs. Mathe at the Athletic Office at the high school. If you have any questions concerning the program, please contact the high school and leave a message and one of the driver education instructors will get back to you.

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

### Winter Sports officially start on Friday, November 18, 2011.

Students who plan to participate in a winter sport for the 2011-2012 school year must have their **PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) form completed by an Authorized Medical Examiner (Section 1-4). Forms must be completed and returned to the nurse by Friday, November 4, 2011.** If it is a *new* physical, it cannot be dated before Friday, October 7, 2011.

If a student has been participating in a fall sport or had the opportunity to have a completed physical done prior to the winter sports season, **he/she still needs to stop in the nurse's office to pick up a Re-Certification by Parent/Guardian Form (Section 5) for the winter sports season.** This form must be completed by a parent/guardian before the student is able to participate in a sport. Supplemental Health History questions on Form 5 must all be checked **NO** and the **re-certification form must be completed and turned into the nurse by Friday, November 4, 2011.**

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

**THE NEW PIAA REGULATIONS PROHIBIT THE SCHOOL FROM OBTAINING PHYSICIAN SIGNATURES OR RE-CERTIFICATION FORMS AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST.** Parents will complete the re-certification form, and a new physical will be necessary if there is any change in health status of the athlete.

You may obtain a physical form in the nurse's office or download the forms mentioned on the school website. Follow these important steps:

Type [www.iasd.cc](http://www.iasd.cc)

Click on **Senior High**

Click on **IHS Athletics**

To the left of the screen...scroll down

Click **Sports Physical Forms**

Select desired physical forms – Section 1, 2, 3 and 4 (for a complete physical) Section 5 (Re-certification)

If you are not able to obtain a sports physical from your PCP (personal care physician), sports physicals are offered at the following locations:

- **Indiana Walk-In Clinic**  
7 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Indiana  
(located next to Subs and Suds)  
Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
For more information, call 724-463-1410
- **Walk-In Medical Care Office**  
2125 Oakland Avenue, Indiana  
(located next to Starbucks)  
Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
For more information, call 724-349-8660
- **IRMC UrgiCare at Chestnut Ridge**  
Open 7 days a week  
Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
For more information, call 724-459-4762

Any questions, please feel free to contact Susan Zundel, high school nurse.

### For up-to-date athletic information...

For up to date athletic information, please use the school web site: [www.iasd.cc](http://www.iasd.cc), click **Senior High**, then click on **IHS Athletics**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All the WPIAL schools have been utilizing a scheduling program called Schedule Star, which is generated to the website [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) for parents, students, and community to view. Unfortunately, this program has been experiencing difficulties that have hindered everyone involved from fully developing scheduling needs. Therefore, the winter schedules are not entirely completed at this time. If you should have any questions in regard to any sporting event, please do not hesitate to contact the Athletic Office.

Once Schedule Star is improved, you will be able to access all of the Indiana Senior High Athletic schedules as soon as they are posted on [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) to the left of the screen. Please become familiar with this website. It is a great tool for parents, students, and the community. When changes are made to the schedules throughout the season, the Athletic Office automatically generates the changes as soon as they are notified.

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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 **Find School**. You may view all athletic events, such as specific team schedule, and more. You may also print any of these schedules!

The following link is provided to also assist with finding directions & school locations - **HSMAPS Online**. Keep in mind that most schools provide directions on their school websites.

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

[www.msasportsnetwork.com](http://www.msasportsnetwork.com)

[www.postgazette.com](http://www.postgazette.com)

[www.wpial.org](http://www.wpial.org)

[www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org)

## **ACT 80 DAYS**

**October 7**

**1/2 Day**

**11:00 a.m. dismissal**

**October 10**

**No school for students**

### **SENIOR CLASS NEWS**

**Senior Class Photo Re-scheduled Due to Weather**— The new date is Friday, October 7, immediately after homeroom. Students will report to the home-side bleachers, weather permitting.

**Fundraiser Orders** - Senior class fundraisers will be delivered Thursday, October 27. All seniors who placed orders should plan to pick up their order between 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the 27th. For those of you that placed orders for frozen cookie dough, it is imperative that your orders be picked up promptly. We will be in the upper commons until 5:30 p.m. to facilitate the pick-up of your daughter/son's order.

**Senior Class Picnic and Battle of the Elementary School Kickball Tournament** – On Thursday, October 6, the Class of 2012 will host the annual Senior Class Picnic and Battle of the Elementary Schools Kickball Tournament. Picnic fare will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to be followed by a spirited kickball tournament. Sign-ups for the picnic and kickball tournament will be held in front of the cafeteria during all four lunches on September 26-28. The cost is \$3.

**Other Important Dates** – During October the senior class officers will meet with a representative of the Balfour Company to design their graduation announcements. A class meeting will be held on **Friday, January 6**, to present to the class the selection made by their executive committee. At this class meeting information will be sent home with each senior concerning how to order graduation announcements and caps and gowns. On **January 13**, orders for graduation announcements and caps and gowns will be taken at the high school. All orders for graduation announcements and caps and gowns must be prepaid. The cost for a new cap, gown and tassel will be \$22. Please make a note of these dates.

**For Sale – Class of 2012 T-Shirts, Lanyards, and Class Photos** – Use the order form to order lanyards (while they last) and class photos. Your senior will receive an order form for the T-shirts and other senior items in homeroom soon. **Any senior who participated in the Reach Out fundraiser will receive a complimentary class photograph and free lanyard. There is no need for these seniors to complete a form.**

## CLASS OF 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

### SENIOR CLASS PICTURE ORDER FORM

Price for Class Photos (8.5 in. x 11 in. color photo): \$10

Number of Class Photos: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Any senior who participated in the Reach Out fundraiser will receive a complimentary class photograph.)

### SENIOR CLASS LANYARD ORDER FORM

Price for Class of 2012 Lanyard: \$5

Number of Lanyards: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any senior who participated in the Reach Out Magazine fundraiser will receive a complimentary Class of 2012 lanyard. Remaining lanyards will be sold while the supply lasts. All orders are due by October 19. Make all checks payable to *Indiana Area Senior High*. All orders should be given to your homeroom representative or to Ms. Garbrick in Room 118. Please write your senior's name on the memo line if you are paying by check. All cash payments should be sent in a sealed envelope with your senior's name on it.

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### OCTOBER 2011

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**October 1:** *SAT Testing, 7:45 a.m.*

**October 4:** *Career Fair, IUP*

**October 6:** *Senior Class Picnic*

**October 7:** *1/2 Student Day/Act 80 Day, 11:00 a.m. dismissal*

**October 7:** *Homecoming*

**October 8:** *Homecoming Dance, 7:30 p.m.*

**October 10:** *No School for Students/Act 80 Day*

**October 19:** *Battle of the Classes, 7:00 p.m.*

**October 21:** *Yearbook Orders Due*

**Week of October 24:** *Senior PSSA Retests*

# HIGH ARROW

Indiana Senior High School's Award Winning Newspaper!



## BECOME A NEWSPAPER PATRON!

For only \$15 a year, you will receive each copy of the *High Arrow* mailed to your home or business.

Your name or a business name will also be printed in each issue!

Please contact Mr. Nath at 724-463-8562 if you have any questions.

### Please make checks payable to:

Indiana Senior High School  
Attention: *High Arrow*  
450 North Fifth Street  
Indiana, PA 15701

Thank you for your support!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Name as you want it to appear in *High Arrow* \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 9, 2011 through March 31, 2012 Indiana Senior High School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Martin's A+ School Rewards Program.

**All you have to do is:**

Log on to [www.martinsfoods.com/aplus](http://www.martinsfoods.com/aplus) to register online

*OR*

Dial 1-888-448-4642 to register your card over the phone

*OR*

Drop your information off in the school office and we will enter it into the system for you.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Martin's using your BONUSCARD earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Martin's website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program and the money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit **Indiana Senior High School** using ID # **M1402**.

**Last year we raised over \$1000.00 for our school. Please help us with this endeavor again this year! Thank you for your contribution!**

**Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.  
It could mean the world to our children.**

# L'Indien Yearbook

**Estimated Arrival Date:** May 31, 2012  
**Cost:** \$69.10 + tax  
**Method of Payment:** Check, Money Order, or Senior Fund Raiser  
(Make payable to *Indiana Area Senior High School*.)

\*Please enclose payment in an envelope. Write student's name, grade, and homeroom on the front of the envelope. Either deliver to Room 238 or mail to

*Indiana Senior High Yearbook Staff  
450 North Fifth Street  
Indiana, PA 15701*

**\*\*We do not request extra books from our publisher. Therefore, please place your order NOW!! If you write a check, please make sure that it clears at your bank within a month (thereby assuring that your order was received.) No cash payments, please.**

## SENIORS ONLY

Each **senior** has the option of having his/her name embossed on the cover of his/her yearbook for an extra \$5. Seniors may also emboss activity icons on the front cover of the yearbook at a cost of \$5 each. (See next page.) If requesting embossing, please print your name on the line below as it should appear on the cover of the book. Also put icon numbers before and after your name if you are including the activity icons.

## YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE OCTOBER 21, 2011!

### Yearbook Order Form

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Homeroom** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** (Please place an X on the appropriate line and circle the amount being paid.)










#### For payments between October 1-October 21, 2011

_____ Book Only (\$69.10 + tax 4.15)	\$73.25
_____ Book and Embossing (seniors) (\$74.10 + tax 4.45)	\$78.55
_____ Book, Embossing, and one icon (seniors) (\$79.10 + tax 4.75)	\$83.85
_____ Book, Embossing, and two icons (seniors) (\$84.10 + tax 5.05)	\$89.15

\*A suggested deposit of \$40 may be made by October 21, 2011.  
Final bills will be sent in February 2012.

**Type of payment (circle one):**      Check                      Money Order                      Senior Fund Raiser

**Academic & Year dates:**

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|---|---|---|--|--|
|  5236<br>Graduation<br>Cap |  5011<br>Academics |  5771<br>Seniors   |  5872<br>Juniors   |  5973<br>Sophomores |
|  5974<br>Freshman          |  5975<br>8th Grade |  5076<br>7th Grade |  5177<br>6th Grade |  |

**School Sports:**

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|---|--|---|---|--|
|  5001<br>Baseball/<br>Softball |  5002<br>Basketball             |  5004<br>Football        |  5005<br>Golf         |  5006<br>Soccer   |
|  5008<br>Tennis                |  5009<br>Track/Cross<br>Country |  5010<br>Volleyball      |  5014<br>Hockey       |  5241<br>Lacrosse |
|  5130<br>Wrestling             |  5258<br>Swimming               |  5360<br>Field<br>Hockey |  5976<br>Crew         |  5977<br>Diving   |
|  9001<br>Weightlifting         |  9006<br>Gymnastics             |  9007<br>Dance/Line      |  5003<br>Cheerleading |  |























**School Participation and Arts:**

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|--|--|---|---|---|
|  5238<br>Band                 |  5239<br>Choir      |  5019<br>Music       |  5013<br>Dance<br>Shoes |  5015<br>Drama<br>Masks      |
|  5240<br>Painter's<br>Palette |  5022<br>Journalism |  5982<br>Photography |  9050<br>Guitar         |  5980<br>Flag/Color<br>Guard |

**Interests:**

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|--|--|--|---|--|
|  9025<br>Bowling    |  5978<br>Fencing      |  5979<br>Figure<br>Skater |  5981<br>Motocross    |  5983<br>Surfer   |
|  5242<br>Equestrian |  5361<br>Snowboarding |  5246<br>Skateboarding    |  5362<br>Martial Arts |  9051<br>Deer/Elk |

**Mascots and Miscellaneous:**

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|--|--|--|---|---|
|  5363<br>Bulldog            |  5364<br>Pawprint         |  5365<br>Eagle  |  5247<br>Wolf   |  5248<br>Dolphin     |
|  9073<br>Ram                |  9074<br>Lion             |  9078<br>Bull   |  9042<br>Dragon |  5023<br>Yin Yang    |
|  5255<br>Star &<br>Crescent |  5256<br>Star of<br>David |  5257<br>Cross  |  5012<br>Peace  |  5366<br>Maple Leaf  |
|  5367<br>American<br>Flag   |  5253<br>Butterfly        |  5018<br>Hearts |  5021<br>Smile  |  9028<br>Clover Leaf |
|  9036<br>Rose               |  9037<br>Palm Trees       |  |   |   |

At least one line of personalization must be purchased to order an icon.





# LET'S CHAT NEWSLETTER

September/ October 2011



Information for Parents, Students, and Educators from The Arc of Indiana County, The ARIN IU 28 Local Task Force on the Right to Education, and the school districts in Armstrong and Indiana Counties.

**THE EDITOR CHATS...** I hope you will find the information helpful. If you have any information, helpful hints or comments, please contact Barbara Telthorster at [btelth@arcindiana.org](mailto:btelth@arcindiana.org) or call 724-349-8230

## Let's Chat About..... Transition and Indicator 13

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA), Part B State Performance Plan, states are required to develop a six-year plan to measure their work towards federally identified Indicators of compliance and performance, designed to improve the education of students with disabilities.

Indicator 13 is one of the 20 State Performance Plan (SPP) Indicators, and focuses on the development of IEPs ( Individualized Education Program) that meet transition requirements, including coordinated, measurable annual IEP goals that will reasonably enable students to meet post-secondary outcomes. In Pennsylvania, Indicator 13 is measured by percent of students with IEPs age 14 and above that meet the above transition requirements.

-Adrienne Stiteler, ARIN Transition Consultant

## Let's Chat About.....Upcoming Transition Workshops

### ARIN IU 28 Parent Training

### **"Transition: Planning For Post School Success"**

**Oct. 14, 2011 11:00am -1:00pm at**

**ARIN IU 28 2895 West Pike, Indiana, PA 15701**

**To register, call 724-463-5300**

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### **I CAN Workshop**

**October 20, 2011 9am-2:15pm**

**Rustic Lodge, 2199 Oakland Ave. Indiana. PA 15701**



**How students with disabilities can develop their own vision for the future.**

**I – Interests C – Classes A- Abilities and self-Advocacy N – Neighborhood**

**Speakers: Chaz Kellem, Pittsburgh Pirates & PA Youth Leadership Network**

**Chris Mielo, PA Youth Leadership Network**

**Carol Gettemy, Transition Health Care Checklist**

**Dana Olsen, Employment Consultant**

**Heather Telthorster, Self-Advocate & Business owner**

**RSVP by October 13, 2011 to The Arc 724-349-8230 or email [btelth@arcindiana.org](mailto:btelth@arcindiana.org)**

**If you need accommodations, let us know when you register.**

**No fee Lunch is provided Act 48 credits and CEUs**

## Let's Chat About..... Upcoming Transition meetings

### **PARENTS, STUDENTS, AGENCIES, AND EDUCATORS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



**PARENT TRANSITION GROUP (PTG):** A group of community members including the schools, ARIN IU 28, agencies and parents meet monthly to discuss how to successfully transition students with disabilities from high school to adult living.

**PTG meets from 10am until noon, with lunch following, Mondays:**  
Sept. 12, (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to Labor Day)  
Oct. 3, Nov 7, Dec. 5, 2011; Jan. 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> Mon.), Feb. 6, March 5, April 2, and May 7, 2012

**The Arc of Indiana County office, 120 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Indiana, PA**

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### **ARIN TRANSITION COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**with ARIN Transition Consultant Adrienne Stiteler**

**Meetings are:** **Armstrong County** at Lenape Technical School, 2215 Chaplin Ave., Ford City, PA from 10 until noon on Sept. 22 and Nov. 10, 2011; Feb.23 and May 17, 2012

**Indiana County** at ARIN IU 28, 2895 W. Pike, Indiana PA from 10 am until noon on Sept. 21 and Nov. 8, 2011; Feb. 22 and May 16, 2012

## Let's Chat About .....Other meetings

### **LOCAL & STATE TASK FORCE (LTF & STF) ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION**

Parents and families are encouraged to attend these meetings. The LTF and STF are local and state level advocacy groups for students with disabilities that work to strengthen, improve, expand, and monitor programs and services that meet individual educational needs.

**All meetings are located at ARIN IU 28, 2895 West Pike, Indiana, PA 15701 Phone: 724-463-5300**

**LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETINGS:** Fridays 10:00 am - noon on these dates:

Sept. 30 and Dec. 2, 2011; Feb. 3, March 30 and May 4, 2012

**STATE TASK FORCE MEETINGS:** Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 12:30 pm on these dates:

Sept. 28 and Nov. 9, 2011; Jan 18 and May 16, 2012 downlinked to ARIN



## Let's Chat About...Information and Resources Websites



[www.iu28.org](http://www.iu28.org) – for information about special education, workshops, Armstrong & Indiana County school closings and delays

[www.pattan.net](http://www.pattan.net) – for information on transition, statewide special education issues, annotated special education forms, workshops, and conferences

[www.arcindiana.org](http://www.arcindiana.org) – for information about programs at The Arc of Indiana County with links to The Arc in PA and The Arc in US

[www.sharedwork.org](http://www.sharedwork.org) – transition information and resources



Thought for the Day.....

**"Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them!"**