

High School Newsletter



THE SUBJECT IS SUCCESS!!



IMPORTANT DATES

December 18
Dismiss at 3:00 p.m.
for Winter Break

January 4
Resume classes at
8 a.m.

January 4, 5, 6
Review for final
exams

January 7,8,11,12
Final Exams

January 13-16
Clerc Classic at Fre-
mont Deaf School

January 15
End of 1st semester

January 18
No school—Martin
Luther Ling Day

January 22-23
National Deaf Prep
Wrestling at Mary-
land Deaf School

January 27-29
CSSD Tournament
at ISD

February 6
Basketball home-
coming

Legend of Sleepy Hollow

In the last issue, one of the crew members was left out of the article acknowledging the cast and set design worker. Keith Jones, worked on the lighting crew alongside Bruce Bailey. His work was very important and sincere apologies are offered for this oversight.

High School Welcomes New Student

Andy Kremer, junior, Martinsville, IN, has joined the High School Department. He previously attended ISD and then transferred to public school. He recently decided to return. He will be attending the Tech HS CTM program in the morning and ISD the rest of the day. Welcome back, Andy!!!

Premiere of 4th ASLfilms

Gerald, featuring former ISD staff and alumna will debut in Indiana, December 4th at 7 p.m. and December 5th, at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. The 2:00 p.m. showing will have captions. The other 2 performances will not have caption. Micaela Paulone, ISD volleyball coach, and member of the Class of 2006, stars in the movie. Ruan duPlessis, class of 2006, is the director of photography and former ASL teacher, Mark Wood, is the writer/director of all four films.

Random Drug Testing Policy

Superintendent David Geeslin addressed the Middle and High School departments about the new random drug testing policy beginning in January. Parents should have already received a letter at home explaining the policy. Parents need to sign and return the consent form giving permission for their child to be tested. ANY STUDENT IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OR DRIVING ON CAMPUS will be put into the pool for drug testing. Any student who isn't in an activity or driving, but is suspected of being on rugs can be sent for a test at any time.

- **First time—positive test results**
Drug treatment
Focus on getting help for 60 days (two months)
No involvement in extracurricular activities or driving on campus
- **Second time—positive test results**
Drug treatment
Focus on getting help for 180 days (six months)
No involvement in extracurricular activities or driving on campus

THIRD TIME – no activities or driving for the remainder of your years at ISD

***From the Supervising Teacher's Desk . . .
Greetings from High School!***

Two weeks left until Winter Break. Time has flown this semester!! Final exams will be here before you know it. This year is a little different because exams are **AFTER** the break. In the past the 1st semester has ended on the last day we are here in December. This year, they will begin Thursday, Jan 7, with review on Jan 4, 5 and 6. Please encourage your child to bring his/her books home and review their materials during the 2 week break.

ABSENCES/TARDIES

As the weather gets colder, and the flu takes hold, student absences become inevitable. Such absences are certainly excused, but they still do count toward attendance in the classroom. This semester we have had a number of students missing a number of days at school. The H1N1 flu has not been on our side, for sure. Distance makes it difficult for some families to return students to school mid-week.

However, ISD is accountable to the state Department of Education, as well as to each student, to ensure an appropriate education. When students enter the High School, much like college, credits count. In order for a student to earn a credit for a course, he/she must meet all of the course expectations. Extensive absences make it very difficult to meet those expectations. As I explained in the last news letter, the Audit Policy has been implemented this year to help ISD meet the Department of Education accountability measures. It is critical that each student attend school daily to learn all that is being offered and to earn credits toward graduation from High School.

Likewise, tardies are a concern. If a student attends school, but regularly misses a class (for example, the first class of the day), this is considered an absence from that class and potentially will place a student in audit status, as well.

We are required by law to have a case conference when a student is absent 10 days. This is why we issue letters of concern after 4 and 8 days of absence. Home and school have a partnership of support for our students and we thank you for encouraging your child to be present at school to the greatest extent possible.

Just a reminder, please return the drug testing consent forms as soon as possible. You should be receiving midterm reports in the mail. Encourage your child to talk with their teacher if they don't understand the grade they received.

The final exam schedule is still being decided so it will be printed in the next issue of the newsletter that comes out on Dec. 18th. With Clerc Classic happening during exam week, we have had to tweak the schedule and do not quite have all the kinks worked out yet. Thank you for your patience.

Until next time,
Mary Glenn Rinne, Interim Supervising Teacher
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THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRINTED EVERY TWO WEEKS.

Watch for the next issue: Friday, December 18, 2009

Submit information to sbaker@isd.k12.in.us Deadline for the next issue: Wed., Dec. 16th

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT DRIVER
DRUG TESTING POLICY**

A STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE

A program of deterrence will be instituted as a pro-active approach to a drug free school. Through driving or participation in extracurricular activities, students using illegal drugs pose a threat to their own health and safety, as well as to that of other students. The purpose of this program is three fold: (1) to provide for the health and safety of students; (2) to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse to use illegal drugs; and (3) to encourage students who use drugs to participate in drug treatment programs. Students involved in extracurricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. It is further the purpose of this program to prevent students from driving to and from school or participating in extracurricular activities while he/she has drug residues in his/her body, and it is the purpose of this program to educate, help, and direct students away from drug and alcohol abuse and toward a healthy and drug free lifestyle. The program is non-punitive. It is designed to create a safe, drug free, environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed.

REASONABLE CONCERN

The Indiana School for the Deaf has a strong commitment to the health, safety and welfare of its students. Our commitment to maintaining the extracurricular activities at The Indiana School for the Deaf as a safe and secure educational environment requires a clear policy and supportive programs relating to detection, treatment, and prevention of substance abuse by students involved in extracurricular activities.

SCOPE

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege. This policy applies to all of the Indiana School for the Deaf students who wish to participate in extracurricular activities some examples are listed below:

1. Athletics. (Participants include, but are not limited to, athletes, cheerleaders, managers, and other athletic student personnel.)
2. Academic Teams
3. Drama
4. Jr. NAD
5. Student Government

This policy also applies to any student who wishes to drive to school, from school, or during a school function.

CONSENT FORM

It is MANDATORY that each student who participates in extracurricular activities or drives to or from school sign and return the "consent form" prior to participation in any extracurricular activity. Failure to comply will result in non-participation and/or no issuance of a student driving permit to school.



On the Health Front . . .

The High School department is in need of Kleenex and hand sanitizer. If you can donate a box of Kleenex or a bottle of hand sanitizer, please send them to Meli Ward-Potter, the department secretary. Thanks!!

ISD Photo Club Schedule Announced

Robert and Lisa Wilson will again be hosting the ISD Photo Club. The meetings are on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. and will be held in the Vocational Building. The scheduled meetings are:

	March 14, 2010
December 13, 2009	March 31, 2010
January 10, 2010	April 11, 2010
January 27, 2010	April 28, 2010
February 7, 2010	May 9, 2010
February 24, 2010	May 26, 2010



- If you have a film camera and have always wanted to do some black and white pictures, please bring your camera and let's get started! I will teach you how to use the camera, prep film for development and to make prints;
- Darkroom fun: creating pictures with negatives or things around the house, hands, etc.;
- Show you how to use the WalMart, Costco, etc. systems for uploading your digital pictures for printing there;
- With this one, you can use their pre-made templates to do greeting cards and the like;
- How to use your digital camera to best effect. Please, bring the manual so I can find the hidden gems that your camera offers;
- How to use the computer to make materials for your own use:
 - o Photoshop to change backgrounds, colors or other manipulations;
 - o Word – How to import your pictures and to type on top of them, for example;
 - o Powerpoint – how to incorporate your own pictures into your presentation;
- If time permits, I can show you how to work with video, as well:
 - o How to add captions to your videos;
 - o How to make a DVD;
- Introductions to other extremely cool tools for your use

ACT TEST

All Seniors students who wish to enroll in college next year will need to take the ACT test. Junior and Sophomore students can do the same if they wish.

ISD provides ACT tests for Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing students at the Baldrige Room in Vocational Building. Please make time to meet with me for further instruction and pick up application package. You may register online at www.actstudent.org

You will need to use this special number to fill the application online for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students only who want to take ACT test at ISD.

Your High School Code (Box L section) – 151-695

Test Center Codes (Box N section) - 210835

The sooner the Senior students take ACT test, the better chance of knowing if your college will accept your college application as well as early opportunity to receive the scholarship if available.

The ACT tests at ISD will be held on Thursdays PRIOR to the scheduled national ACT test dates:

<u>ISD ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Deadline to register</u>
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<u>February 4, 2010</u>	<u>January 5, 2010</u>
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April 8, 2010	March 5, 2010
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I will make every effort to assist you in applying for the ACT. Please email me at BPeters@isd.k12.in.us or stop by to make an appointment.

CSSD TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**Thursday, Jan. 28 all day at Caskey only (8 games)**

8:00 am
 9:45 am
 11:30 am
 1:15 pm
 3:00 pm
 4:45 pm
 6:30 pm
 8:15 pm

Friday, Jan. 29 at Caskey/KRC (8 games)

8:00 am – Cheerleading Competition (Caskey)
 9:30 am (Caskey/KRC same time)
 11:30 am (Caskey/KRC same time)
 1:30 pm (Caskey)
 3:30 pm (Caskey)
 5:30 pm (Caskey)
 7:30 pm (Caskey)

Saturday, Jan. 30 at Caskey/KRC (8 games)

8:00 am (Caskey/KRC same time) for Girls/Boys' 7/8th place
 9:45 am (Caskey) for Girls' 5/6th place
 11:30 am (Caskey) for Boy's 5/6th place
 2:00 pm (Caskey) for Girls' 3/4th place
 4:00 pm (Caskey) for Boy's 3/4th place
 6:00 pm (Caskey) for Girls' Championship
 8:00 pm (Caskey) for Boys' Championship
 Awards after last championship game
 Student Life party after Awards

Tournament Information for 2010 (2nd semester)

-Clerc Classic Basketball @ Fremont, California on January 14-16, 2010

(basketball and cheerleading)

-National Deaf Prep Wrestling @ Maryland on January 22-23, 2010

(wrestling)

-CSSD Basketball @ Indiana on January 28-30, 2010

(basketball and cheerleading)

-Basketball Homecoming on February 6, 2010

(basketball and cheerleading)

-Hoy Tourney Baseball & Softball @ Texas on April 23-24, 2010

(baseball and softball)

-Berg/Seeger Track @ MSSD on April, TBA

(track)

Boy's Basketball

Varsity Coach: Keith Westhoelter

Junior Varsity Head Coach: Troy Truelove

Assistant Coach: James Bingham

Tuesday, December 8	Eminence	Away	6:00/7:30
Saturday, December 12	Illinois Deaf	Away	3:00/7:00
Thursday, January 7	International	Home	6:00/7:30
Tuesday, January 12	Indy Metro Academy	Away	6:00/7:30
January 14 – 16	Clerc Classic	Away (CSDF)	TBA

Girl's Basketball

Tuesday, December 8	Greenwood Christian	Home	6:00
Saturday, December 12	Illinois Deaf	Away	1:00/5:00
Tuesday, December 15	Bethesda Christian (JV)	Home	6:00
Thursday, January 7	Tindley	Home	4:30
Monday, January 11	Edinburgh	Home	6:00/7:30
January 14 – 16	Clerc Classic	Away (CSDF)	TBA

Wrestling

Head Coach: Bill Warnock

Assistant Coaches: Corey Wascher and Scott Harper

Saturday, December 5	Cambridge City Invitational	Away	9:30
Thursday, December 10	Speedway	Away	5:30
Saturday, December 19	City Meet at Howe Academy	Away	9:00
Monday, January 4	Faith Christian	Home	6:00
Tuesday, January 5	ISBVI	Home	5:00
Thursday, January 7	Ritter	Home	5:00
Thursday, January 14	White's	Away	6:00
Saturday, January 16	Eastern Hancock Invitational	Away	9:00

Cheerleading

Head Coach: Jennifer Clupper Assistant: Lottie Fears

Competitions: Clerc Classic and CSSD

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF OUR ATHLETES!!



**BUY AN ATHLETIC SEASON PASS
AND SUPPORT ALL OF
THE ATHLETES !**