

High School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2
Wrestling regional
at Perry Meridian
February 6
Midterm reports due
February 8
Half day
12:30 dismissal
February 14, 15
SAT-10 test (High
School)
February 21,22,23
Midwest Regional -
Academic bowl
hosted by ISD
March 7
Math Bowl
End of 3rd quarter

Athletic Schedule (HOME GAMES ARE IN BOLD PRINT.

Feb 2 Boy's BB
Ill. Deaf 3/7
Girl's BB 5:00
Girl's Swimming
Sectionals at
FCHS 2:00
Feb 5 Boy's BB
Howe 6:00/7:00
Feb 7 Boy's BB
Seccina
6/7:30
Feb 12 Boy's BB
International
6:00/7:30
Feb. 14 Boy's BB
Bethesda
6:00/7:30
Feb 15 Boy's
Swimming section-
als at FCHS 5:30
Feb 18 Boy's
BB INDY
METRO
6:00/7:30



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS !



Since the last issue of the newsletter, ISD has won several championships; has had students selected as All Stars and school records have continued to be broken!!

January accomplishments:

Boy's Basketball team: Clerc Classic Champions; CSSD Champions
Girl's Basketball team: Clerc—7th place CSSD—4th Place (with only 6 players) ; CSSD Free Throw Champions
Wrestling team: Winners of the Deaf Prep Wrestling Tournament; 7 boys advance to regional (M. Alcozer, C. Analco, C. Burton, W. Fetzer, J. Hernandez, C. Jordan, T. Slone)

The wrestling team is featured in the magazine, *High School Sports, The Magazine* (Swimming, Spirit and Wrestling Issue)

<http://www.hsstm.com>

Clerc Classic All Stars:

Boy's basketball: Jarvis Beaver, Colin Whited
Clerc MVP, Gabriel Paulone
Girl's basketball team: Ann Whited
Cheerleading: Amber Miniard

CSSD All Stars:

Boy's Basketball: Jarvis Beaver, Gabriel Paulone, Colin Whited
Girl's Basketball: Julia Short, Ann Whited
Cheerleading: Amber Miniard

CSSD 3 point shot champion

Tyler Crace

Swimming Record: Geoffrey Bignell broke the school record for the 500 free, which is 20 laps. It was his first time doing this event and he beat the old record, shaving off 3 seconds!!

Pictures of these champions are in the HS success book located on the first floor of Alumni Hall.

VOCABULARY CHAMPIONS

www.freerice.com **THIS STORY WAS PRINTED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER. SEVERAL TEACHERS HAD THEIR STUDENTS TRY IT AND THEY ARE HOOKED EARNING OVER 5,000 GRAINS OF RICE IN ONE SITTING!!**

This website is for students to practice vocabulary and earn rice for 3rd world countries when they get the words correct. The website has levels that adjust automatically to the student's level. Students can do it to see how many new words they can learn and also compete with others to see who can earn the most rice for the poor people in 3rd world countries.

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

It is always great to see students return from tournaments with trophies, All Star medals and great memories to share. Many times, our students find their strength in tournaments where they have to play with their backs against the wall. Hats off to all of our athletes and coaches who endured 2 tournaments in a row and to all of those who carried on with meets and tournaments here at ISD. All of their accomplishments are listed on the front page and in the success book.

We still have more games, sectionals and regional in athletics and 2 major events connected to education: SAT—10 test Feb. 14 and 15 and the Midwest Academic Bowl Regional here on the ISD campus. Our team looks strong and we hope to be one of the top contenders 2 teams who advance to the Nationals in April.

Midterm reports are due on Wed., Feb 6th. If you have concerns or questions, contact the teacher and TOR, to find out what can be done to help your child. Often times, parents forget to ask how classes are going and the students don't share any information, so a low grade comes as a huge surprise. If you know your child is struggling; 1-contact the teacher to see how you, the parent, can help (through email or set up a meeting 2-tell your child and the teacher that he/she will attend tutoring every Monday.

Our department needs Kleenex. If you would like to donate an unopened box, please send it to Stacy McCoy's office. In trying to keep our budget low, Kleenex is no longer purchased by the school. Please read Dr. Geeslin's letter about our budget on the next page. It gives a more detailed account of our monetary funds and concerns.

Our FACS teacher, Brenda Tress-Mowl, is asking for donations for the Academic Bowl hospitality room. Please read the list provided in this issue and let her know if you can help.

Stay warm. Drive safely.

'til next time,
Malcolm Peters
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THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRINTED EVERY TWO WEEKS.

Watch for the next issue: Friday, Feb. 15, 2008

Submit information to sbaker@isd.k12.in.us Deadline for the next issue: Wed, Feb. 13th

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To: All Parents and Staff
From: Dr. David Geeslin, Superintendent/CEO
Date: January 28, 2008
Re: ISD Budget

As you have seen through the media, Governor Mitch Daniels announced that the State would cut 5% of all State Agencies budgets, except education. The ISD will get a fiscal cut of 2% instead of 5%. I would like to share with you some of my communication with the State regarding the ISD budget.

We have communicated with the State Budget Agency (SBA) that works with us on the budget. We shared our story in a letter to SBA of how accountable we have been with our taxpayers' dollars. I want you all to be aware of this and to feel free to share with your communities. We will not compromise the quality of educational services we are currently delivering to our students.

An excerpt from letter to SBA on December 6, 2007:

"Improved accountability regarding the tax payers' dollars continues to be our focus.

We understand the urgency in assisting the State to keep the budget balanced and, at the same time, educating our students to meet the mandated Federal Law "No Child Left Behind". The latter has become a true challenge at the Indiana School for the Deaf. We do recognize that there is no such thing as infinite funds. Therefore, we have this challenge of how we reallocate our funding that will provide for the adequate quality for educational services to our Indiana students.

We have seen that there is a declining pattern of our funding (.2-.9) in the last ten years yet the cost of living has been increasing. For example, our equipment (.5) allocation has been reduced from \$1 million to \$24,000 in the last few years.

Yet, we continue to be optimistic since we believe in educating our students effectively even with limited resources to the best of our abilities. Figuratively speaking, we managed to shave some of "the meat off the bone". We believe we are pretty much at bare bones.

To illustrate some examples of our cost-cutting efforts; we cancelled pager service for our key staff (\$25K), downsized the number of our copiers (\$15K), eliminated inkjet printers by consolidating our printing to our LaserJets (\$40K), changed several job terms from 12 months into 10 months (\$45K), reduced our overtime from \$600,000 to \$300,000 (\$300K), froze four cafeteria positions (\$120K), switched gas service from Citizens Gas to EnergyUSA TPC (\$15K), purchased additional RAM for our outdated computers to extend their shelf-life (\$25K), and other numerous cost-saving measures. All of these changes were made without compromising the quality of education for our students. Our goal remains that we will not cut any programs for our students.

We as a school entity have legal obligation to meet our students' needs. The population of our students has increased tenfold from 225 to 380 students within 7 years. Furthermore, the nature of the student population has changed as there is increasing number of students with additional disabilities. Their needs demand more allocations for their support services. Because of the complicated nature in serving our students with more disabilities, we may be in violation of the law if we are not able to seek additional funding resources to meet this demand."

Thank you, Parents and Staff, for your everlasting positive support.

<http://www.deafhoosiers.com/isdmedia/FileM.asp?vf=Live/STRFinalSuptSBA.wmv>



- 4 – 40 oz. or more of *creamy* peanut butter
- 9 cans (7.5 oz. each) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 10 large cans of refrigerated crescent rolls
- 3 large boxes of pizza rolls serving 140 pieces
(2- pepperoni, 1- cheese)
- 6–8 oz. original Philadelphia cream 8 yellow cake mix
- 8 chocolate cake mixes
- 8 vanilla cake mixes
- 8 Yellow cake mixes
- 2 large bags of baking mini- M & M candies
- 4 large cartons of white chocolate bark
- 4 large bags of milk chocolate morsels
- 8 large bags of semi-chocolate morsels
- 8 large boxes each 2- Rice Chex, 2- Wheat Chex, and 2- Corn Chex
- 2-large boxes --Rice Krispies
- 6 lbs. real butter
- 2 large jars of mixed nuts
- 4 loaves—Italian bread
- A bag of garlic
- 3 lbs- each deli meats (no shaven, please)
- 3 lbs- each Virginia ham, 3 lbs each—Provolone cheese

**Contact Brenda Tress-Mowl
FIRST before you purchase any
items. That will avoid over pur-
chasing of one item.
Her email address is:
btressmowl@isd.k12.in.us**

DONATIONS NEEDED

HS Department

The High School department needs boxes of Kleenex. The school no longer provides them. If you have an extra, unopened box, send them to Stacy McCoy, department secretary.

This and That . . .

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE ACADEMIC BOWL HOSPITALITY ROOM

ACT Test Dates

The ISD will be offering the ACT test on the following dates: October 23, 2008, December 11, 2008 and February 5, 2009. Most colleges include this test in their admission requirements. Mark you calendars now!!

There is not a test being offered here in April due to our Spring Break. The Class of 2009 and 2010 will need to take advantage of these dates next year.

CALCULATORS, PENCILS, BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS!!

It is almost that time again! The annual Math Bowl will take place on Friday, March 7th. Start fine tuning your math skills now!! Each class (Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen) will compete against each other.

SAT-10 Test Dates

The Stanford Achievement Test will be administered the mornings of Feb. 14th and 15th. Make sure your students are well rested and have a good breakfast before the test.

National Deaf Prep Wrestling Awards

Hosted here at ISD, the tournament was a huge success for our school as well as our wrestlers.

For Duals Wrestling, Tyler West (112) 1-5, Michael Garman (119) 6-0, Colin Analco (125) 2-4, Jose Mast (125) 2-1, Robert Goolsby (130) 2-2, Justin Hernandez (135) 6-0, Michal Snead (140) 4-2, Isaac Olvey (145) 4-1, Will Fetzer (152) 4-2, Tony Slone (160) 6-0, Chasz Jordan (171) 6-0, Mark Alcozer (18 5-1,

Girls Basketball Sectionals—at University High School

Dates: Monday, Feb. 4 – Saturday, Feb. 9.

Admission: \$5 per session; \$9 all sessions.

Home Team: The second team listed in each pairing will be the designated home team.

Sectional #59 at University (5 teams)

Game 1 on Tuesday, 7 pm

Indianapolis Lutheran vs. Tindley.

Game 2 on Friday, 6 pm

Indiana School for the Deaf vs. University.

Game 3 on Friday, 7:30 pm

International vs. Winner of Game 1

Championship on Saturday, 7:30 pm Winner of Game 2 vs. Winner of Game 3.

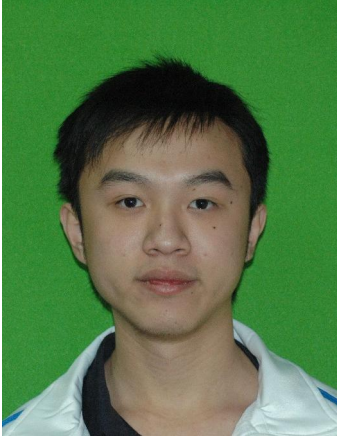
University HS 2825 West 116th Street, Carmel, IN 46032 317-733-4475

Go north on Meridian Street and turn left (west) on 116th Street. The school is on left side.

Waldron HS 102 North East Street, Waldron, IN 46182

For all of the CSSD scores and Clerc Classic scores, log on to the host schools websites and look for the Clerc or CSSD logo.

Welcome to our Malaysian Students



Pooi Yen (Micheal) Leow

Pooi Yen (Micheal) Leow is one of our AFS exchange students. He is from Pangkor Island, Perak, in Malaysia. Perak is one of the states in the country of Malaysia.

Micheal is 17 years old. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister and he is the oldest. Micheal enjoys reading, baseball, volleyball and cooking. Someday, he would like to be a chef.

Michael is living with Linda Schipp in Anderson, Indiana. His favorite classes so far are pre-algebra and art. He thinks writing English and understanding some signs are hard. He also said that adjusting to the cold weather in Indiana has been difficult. He prefers his home temperature which would be about 85 degrees right now.

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Mohammad Farhan Kamarzaman

Mohammad Farhan Kamarzaman is a computer whiz. He loves to do animation, create websites and video editing. He is living with a host family on the weekends in Fort Wayne and in the dorm during the week.

He enjoys ice skating, bowling, badminton, discus and javelin throwing. He likes pizza and traditional Malaysian food. (Nasi Lemak)

His favorite class is Physics and his role model is Bill Gates. He knows Malay, (his home language), English, ASL and his home sign language.

WE WELCOME BOTH OF THEM TO ISD!!

Jim Frenchik, High School teacher, is the ISD liaison who arranges for the exchange students to attend ISD. He recently traveled to Malaysia to bring several exchange students to the U.S. He had an interesting trip, including all of them being held over in San Francisco. Ask Jim, Micheal or Farhan about their very LONG trip to get here.



COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

All students deserve the opportunity to higher education. Finances should not stand in their way. College Goal Sunday (CGS) is a statewide program that provides fee professional assistance for students and parents to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. (FAFSA) this is the form students must file to be considered for grants, loans and many scholarships. On FEBRUARY 17, 2008, AT 2:00 P.M. local time, financial aid professionals will be at 36 College Goal Sunday sites to help students and families complete the FAFSA.

College Goal Sunday began in Indiana in 1989 as a joint project of the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association (ISFAA) and the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI) with funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc. The Indiana model is being used nationally to offer