

# High School Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES

**May 15-21**

Semester Exams

**May 21**

Athletic Banquet  
5:00 p.m.

**May 23**

Awards 10:00  
Graduation 1:00  
Reception following  
graduation 2:30

**August 11**

1st day of school

**THE EXAM SCHEDULE HAS BEEN CHANGED. EXAMS NOW START ON FRIDAY, MAY 16th.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PAGES 2, 3 AND 4 ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THE PAGES FROM THE LAST ISSUE. WE FELT THESE PAGES WERE WORTH REPEATING BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN END OF THE YEAR INFORMATION, AS WELL AS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS.**

## INDIANA DEAF - 2008 NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOWL CHAMPIONS!



Front Row: L to R: Janna DiBiase, Colin Whited, Gabe Paulone, Ann Whited  
Back Row: Coaches Chuck Daube and Mary Kovatch

The Indiana School for the Deaf Academic Bowl team won the Gallaudet University National Academic Bowl Championship for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students at the annual competition held in Washington, D.C. April 26-29. Competing against nine other regional winners from across the United States, the ISD team, Colin Whited, senior; Gabriel Paulone, junior; Ann Whited, junior; and Janna DiBiase, junior, beat the Maryland School for the Deaf to take the title. The competition tests the students' knowledge in the areas of history, literature, science, math, geography, art, and current events. Upon their return, with the campus decorated in their honor, Channel 6 news came to cover a planned celebration. The team was featured on 3 of their newscasts throughout the day.

## ***From the Supervising Teacher's Desk . . .***

### ***Greetings from High School!***

#### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOWL CHAMPIONS!!***

***I am so proud of all of you. Thanks to the teachers and students for making fantastic decorations to welcome the team home.*** It was great to see the team, coaches and our school on the Channel 6 news. We appreciate the station covering this awesome accomplishment.

This issue is jam packed with information for graduation, exams, student success and summer ideas. I hope all of you take the time to read through the entire issue.

**REMINDER:** Parents and house parents (RA) are reminded to not let students leave the house in **short** shorts, halter tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, inappropriate wording on shirts, extremely baggy or extremely tight clothes. Students tend to get excited over warm weather starting and forget about what is appropriate.

**ABSENCES:** When you call or email the office to inform the secretary that your child is absent, **YOU MUST STATE THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE.** (Sick? Funeral? Appointment?) **If a reason is not given, it will be considered an unexcused absence.**

#### **REVISED EXAM SCHEDULE:**

Exam Dates	Class Periods	Students not taking the
Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	8:54, 1:39	review in all other classes
Monday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	9:44, 12:49	review in all other classes
Tuesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:34, 2:29	review in all other classes
Wednesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00, 11:24	review in all other classes
Thursday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Exams for those students who were absent during exam week	

**ATHLETIC BANQUET:** will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served in Brown Cafeteria with awards to follow in the Auditorium.

**GRADUATION DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 23:** ALL STUDENTS MUST BE DRESSED IN NICE CLOTHES. BLUE JEANS ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

STUDENTS WHO ARE WITH THEIR FAMILY BECAUSE A SIBLING IS GRADUATING, STILL HAVE TO BE DRESSED APPROPRIATELY. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ABIDE BY THIS DRESS CODE, WILL SPEND THE DAY IN SRC.

#### **GRADUATION SCHEDULE:**

Awards Ceremony 10-11:30 a.m. in Caskey Gym

Graduation: Ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. Caskey Gym doors will open at 12:45. During the processional of the graduates all doors will be closed.

Reception in Kratzburg Recreation Center (KRC) immediately following the graduation ceremony.

**THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PRINTED EVERY TWO WEEKS.**

**Watch for the next issue: May 9, 2008**

**Submit information to [sbaker@isd.k12.in.us](mailto:sbaker@isd.k12.in.us) Deadline for the next issue: Wed., May 7th**

# SUMMER HELP FOR STUDENTS: WEBSITES STUDENTS CAN ACCESS TO PRACTICE CORE 40 SKILLS. GOOD FOR ALL COURSES

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- [www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com)
- [www.infoplease.com](http://www.infoplease.com)

## ENGLISH/READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

- [www.iteslj.org](http://www.iteslj.org)
  - [www.grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar.htm](http://www.grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar.htm)
  - [www.englishpage.com/prep/prep.html](http://www.englishpage.com/prep/prep.html)
  - [www.bettereng.com/gram/preps/htm](http://www.bettereng.com/gram/preps/htm)
  - [owl.english.purdue.edu](http://owl.english.purdue.edu) (online writing lab)
  - [www.english-4u.de.htm](http://www.english-4u.de.htm)
  - [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com)
  - [www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com) (language arts – fowl words)
  - [http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills\\_2nd.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_2nd.htm)
- [http://abcteach.com/directory/reading\\_comprehension/grades\\_24/fictional/](http://abcteach.com/directory/reading_comprehension/grades_24/fictional/)

## HISTORY

- <http://www.history.com/games.do>
- US citizenship trivia
- <http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/onlineactivities.html>
- [http://content.gannetonline.com/gns/citizenship/citizenship\\_trivia.html](http://content.gannetonline.com/gns/citizenship/citizenship_trivia.html)
- <http://mentalfloss.com/quiz/quiz.php?q=82>
- [http://www.pibmug.com/files/map\\_test.swf](http://www.pibmug.com/files/map_test.swf)

## MAPS, COUNTRIES, GEOGRAPHY:

- <http://plasma.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine/>
- <http://www.mapquest.com/atlas/>
- <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation/index.asp>
- <http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/kids/hh/goplaces>
- <http://www.countryreports.org>
- <http://www.geographia.com>
- <http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photogalleries>

## MATH

- [www.glencoe.com](http://www.glencoe.com)
- [www.algebrahelp.com](http://www.algebrahelp.com)
- [www.math.com](http://www.math.com)
- [www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)
- [www.purplemath.com](http://www.purplemath.com)
- [www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com)

## SCIENCE

- [http://www.pibmug.com/files/map\\_test.swf](http://www.pibmug.com/files/map_test.swf)

## **PLACES TO BUY WORKBOOKS/MATERIALS**

There are several places to buy workbooks to help your child during the summer.

- Barnes and Noble, Borders Book Stores
- United Art and Education Stores
- Wal Mart
- Dollar General (when they have some in stock)
- Sam's Club
- Any teacher supply store

If you don't have these stores in your local area, contact one of the local schools for ideas.

## **Community News**

### **Seeking Moms of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children near South Bend**

Join us, plain old moms, on June 14th, at 7:00 pm, in South Bend at the Starbucks on Ireland Rd. It is IEP time so....come meet other moms that "get it", try some signing and ask advocacy questions...INSOURCE materials will be on hand to peruse.

I will be asking a Deaf Adult to join us for socialization and sign questions.

Karen Horvath, Parent Advisor - [NICEinterpreter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:NICEinterpreter@sbcglobal.net)

### **Summer Tutor Available**

Genni Gardner, butler University senior, is offering to tutor students during the summer. The ISD recently received this short biography from her.

I am 23 year old Butler University senior from England. I graduate in May of this year with a B.A. in communication disorders and a special interest in linguistics. I have a passion for Deaf culture and working with children. I am proficient in ASL and I have a minor in mathematics and a 3.95 GPA. I have 3 years experience tutoring a variety of children and young adults and I volunteer as a tutor in the ISD resource center. I am currently employed as an interventionist for 4 children who are deaf blind. I am energetic, resourceful, and passionate about helping children fulfill their potential while enjoying themselves. I am looking for a student or family needing a tutor, interpreter, or signing nanny for this summer.

I can be contacted by email at [ggardner@butler.edu](mailto:ggardner@butler.edu) or landline (317) 536-8306.

### **Deaf Magician at the Greater Indianapolis Deaf Club (GIDC)**

**May 10:** Deaf magician, Simon J. Carmel will perform. He is a Gallaudet graduate and has taught magic workshops to Deaf and hearing audiences. Admission is free and the performance is done in American Sign Language. Food and drinks will be sold.

**May 23:** ASL Skits and Storytelling—6:30-8:30 p.m. there will be door prizes and Floppy, the Clown will also be there. Food and drinks will be sold—\$5.00 a person or \$15.00 for a family of 4. Proceeds go to the Deaf Bilingual Coalition (DBC).

### **“Stories Alive: ASL Storytelling” at Glendale Library:**

"Stories Alive: An American Sign Language Storytelling" 7 pm on Monday, May,19, and Wednesday, May 28. Brance Long will be the storyteller. Contact person: Janet at [JSpaulding@imcpl.org](mailto:JSpaulding@imcpl.org) 317-275-4410 317-269-1833 (TTY) (No Reservations Required)

Glendale Mall is located in Indianapolis on Keystone Avenue between Kessler Boulevard and 62nd Street. The address is Glendale Library 6101 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220

## Parent Information

Learning can be fun -- especially when parents and children do it together!

Getting parents involved in their children's education can make a big difference in academic outcomes. And these best-selling resources help our customers show parents how easy -- and important -- being involved can be. Take a look for yourself, and see how these materials can help the families in your school or district!

### "Helping Your Child Get Ready To Read; A Parent's Handbook" (EM98557)K

Reading is not only necessary for school success -- it's also fun! That's the message in this upbeat handbook that emphasizes the importance of introducing children to reading at an early age, and shows parents how to make reading part of everyday life.

### "Learning Begins At Home -- Teaching Tips For Parents" (EM73360)A

This booklet offers many suggestions parents can use to demonstrate their belief in education and show their child that reading, math, science, and social studies play a role in everyday life.

### "Getting Involved In Your Child's Education" (EM48249)A

This booklet encourages parent participation at school and home, and shows how to make the home a positive learning place and foster a child's love of learning.

For a closer look at any of these resources, or to place a secure online order, go to:

<http://go.channing-bete.com/wa/promotion?p=1&code=K0449> (or copy and paste this URL into your browser's address bar).

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## Summer ASL Classes

Please consult the following website for information on summer ASL classes:

<http://www.indianaassociationdeaf.org/>

## Go Green!!

Thanks to Scotty Zwicker for sending in this great website. It lists 50 ways to go green. Check this out and do what you can for our planet:

<http://www.50waystohelp.com/>

## Your Opinion Counts !

Rick Russell is looking for information and opinions from Deaf and hard of hearing in regards to fire safety. Please take time to go to this website and answer his questions.

***Hello! My name is Rick Russell and I am a student of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland. My applied research project deals with the fact that the Noblesville Fire Department does not have fire prevention criteria to base its Deaf and hearing impaired program.***

***The purpose for my questionnaire is to gather data so that we can develop effective fire prevention criteria for the Deaf and hearing impaired. Anyone can respond to this questionnaire – not only Noblesville residents. The information will benefit many communities in Indiana and possibly across the nation since this program in Maryland trains fire department administrators from many states.***

***Here is the link to web page. [www.cityofnoblesville.org](http://www.cityofnoblesville.org). Its location is on the first page.***

**Rick Russell, Division Chief**

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## Geology Expedition -- Faults in the Field 2008

Two High School students, Meg Katter and Benjamin Polstra, along with their Science teacher, Teresa Huckleberry, are participating in a Geology Expedition -- Faults in the Field 2008, in California. This is to study the San Andreas Fault. Both students have been doing a daily blog so that parents, students, and staff can see what they are doing and learning. Please check the following website. <http://clercblog.gallaudet.edu/ca08/>.

## Chihuly Art Project

This art project was done by Scotty Zwicker's students. The hand-formed techniques are elusive due to the cost of equipment and safety concerns. This project gives students an opportunity to enjoy creating a random organic form with color and transparency similar to actual glass.



### Students who made Chihuly:

Casey Analco

Colin Analco

Jarvis Beaver

Gabriel Paulone

Ann Whited

Colin Whited

Mark Alcozer

Michael Garman

Anna Miller

Amber Miniard

Jordan Molet

Michael Snead

**The real glassworks, Chihuly, is on display at the Children's Museum in Indianapolis.**