

April 2010

4/2 – 4/11	Spring Break	
4/12	School Resumes	
4/14	Cardboard Boat Regatta at L'Anse Creuse	
4/17	Foreign Language Class to MSU	
4/23	9th and 10th Graders Field Trip to Libraries	
4/28 – 4/29	MSVMA State Choral Festival	
4/30	Principal's Parent Advisory Meeting	Room 1 - 9:30 a.m.

Our Fine Performing Arts

IAM vocal music students, along with the CVHS choirs, participated at the MSBMA District Choral Festival at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. They achieved one superior ranking and three excellent rankings, thus, qualifying for the State Choral Festival in April. Congratulations to our talented musicians and their excellent teacher, Mr. Wattleworth.

Eleven of our students' artistic creations were accepted into the Annual Macomb County Student Show at the Anton Art Center in Mt. Clemens: Valentina's Radial name African textile marker rendering, Szabolcs' Cardboard relief Indian temple, Amanda's Mixed media elements and principles piece, Abigail's negative/positive pencil drawing, Roxana's Positive/negative ink drawing, Navneesh's Element and principles origami book, Amanda's Chalk pastel Triptych, Polly's Reduction line print of flowers, Kate's Acrylic painting of a bridge, Robert's Reduction line print of backpack/car image, and Samantha's Acrylic emotion painting, blue. The show runs until April 17.

Kevin Uber, a representative from the International Academy of Design and Technology, visited art classes on March 19 and spoke about programs and opportunities at the Troy campus and branches around the world. His presentation was very informative, as he noted the diverse employment possibilities for those who pursue careers in the visual arts.

Selective Enrichment Opportunities

On Saturday, April 17, foreign language teachers, Mrs. Conway and Mrs. St. Aubin, will accompany a group of second year foreign language students to Michigan State University's *World Languages Day*. Students will have the opportunity to learn about various languages and cultures through a series of workshops. The workshops range from introducing a new language to showcasing the elements of the culture through food, music, dance or film, and exploring the benefits of foreign language study in career opportunities such as the Peace Corps and the FBI. Students will experience five different language topics, tour the campus, and meet representative of organizations.

Four 9th graders participated in the Euro Challenge Competition at the University of Michigan. The Challenge gave students the opportunity to research the European economy and take an international look at economic issues. The European Union faces many of the complex issues presently facing the US and other countries. Szabolcs, Roxana, Maria and Josh worked industriously to identify creative solutions to these problems.

Global Trade Mission

Eight students, along with teachers Mrs. Conway and Ms. Peck, participated in the Global Trade Mission at the Macomb Intermediate School District on March 25 - 27. Approximately 200 students from around the county gathered to respond to realistic industry-specific projects while acquiring critical workplace skills, developing cultural diversity awareness, and obtaining problem-solving techniques, as well as assuming corporate roles to guide their business presentation and workplace goals. This innovative, hands-on learning experience has students thinking, acting and producing results as business professionals. Partnered with Automation Alley, the Global Trade Mission serves as an educational, yet exciting way to immerse students in the global business experience. Ninth grade students Trisha, Manpreet, Puja, and Sara worked in small groups to create a product to help with a global challenge. Tenth graders Katie, Aidan, Shaima and Arti created a SWOT analysis for these challenges. Congratulations to Puja and Sara for placing first in their region and to all of our students for their fine effort!

Real World Business Opportunities

Guided by Mrs. Depew, IAM students will have an opportunity to learn more about business and technology through the Adventures in Technology Program. The program began in the Pittsburg area as a way for students to gain experience in business, manufacturing, and information technology through real-world experiences. Working in teams, students will compete to develop marketing strategies for our local business partner Lunar Industries. Lunar Industries has been a supplier of first class tools, dies, gages, fixtures and prototypes to the automotive and aerospace industries for over 30 years. Students will have the opportunity to present their marketing strategies before a group of dignitaries at the MISD.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

On Wednesday, April 14, approximately 400 physics students from L'Anse Creuse Schools and the International Academy of Macomb will participate in the 7th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. The purpose of the regatta is to use the laws of physics to design and construct a boat entirely out of cardboard that can be paddled by two students across the L'Anse Creuse High School pool and back. During the competition, six boats race at a time. The winning boat from each heat advances to a semi-final round. A final championship heat determines the overall Fastest Finish Award. Awards are presented to the best looking boat, the most creative design, the most-spirited team, the best costumes, and everyone's favorite ~ the Titanic Award for the most spectacular sinking!

In the weeks leading up to the Regatta, physics students studied the principles of buoyancy, designed and constructed scale models of boats, and then worked as a team to construct their actual boat. Guests are invited to watch as students prove that physics really does float our boat! Event Specifics Date: Wednesday, April 14th Time: 7-9 pm Location: L'Anse Creuse High School Pool

Student Award

Congratulations to one of our 9th graders, Miya, for winning a laptop in the "I Can Make History" essay contest. The contest celebrated Black History Month by taking submissions from students in essay, art, music, and poetry categories. Miya submitted an essay and in addition to receiving a laptop computer, she attended a luncheon where she was recognized and congratulated by Laila Ali.