

February 2010

2/4,5,6 CVSH/IAM "The Music Man" CHVS Auditorium - 7 pm
2/5 "End of Exam Dance" after school - 2:45-5:00 pm`
2/5 Deadline for Applications - Class 2014
2/9 Improvisation (Talent Show)-CVHS- 7 pm
2/10 Count Day

2/15 - 2/19 Mid Winter Break - No School -
No Homework
2/24 Testing for Class of 2014 - 4:30-7:00pm
2/27 Testing for Class of 2014 -9:00-11:30 am
2/29 Parent Advisor Meeting - 9:30 am

International Academy of Macomb Update

As we begin the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year, the relatively smooth transition to the IAM experienced by 9th graders and new teachers is readily apparent. Staff and students believe that we are fostering for all new members of our school community a family environment that is supportive of the rigorous curriculum. Our 9th graders have adjusted to the block schedule, absence of bells and hall passes, enrichment activities, daily use of laptops, extensive writing opportunities, international-mindedness, two to three hours of homework per night, and the International Baccalaureate Learner Profile.

The enrichment opportunities for first semester have included presentations regarding medical careers, foreign service, business and finance, fine arts, World War II, the culture of the deaf, and visiting artists from the Shakespeare Festival of Stratford. Students had the opportunity for 4 off-site excursions to view *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Detroit Opera Theatre, a Pistons game at the Palace, bowling with IAM families and staff, and team building with classmates and teachers at Dumars. During second semester, we're planning trips to the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, Science Museum, Tiger Stadium, and Frankenmuth. We hope to conclude our school year with a Freshman Class trip to Stratford, Canada to participate in a workshop and see the plays *The Tempest* and *Peter Pan*, and a Sophomore Class trip to the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

As you know, we have received authorization to offer the Diploma Programme; thus, we are recognized as an IB World School. As noted by the International Baccalaureate Organization, the aims and objective of the Diploma Programme consists of a world-recognized qualification:

In the years since its founding, the Diploma Programme has become a leading, internationally recognized pre-university qualification. It is now a symbol of academic excellence worldwide. The student who satisfies its demands demonstrates a strong commitment to learning, both in terms of the mastery of subject content and in the development of wide-ranging skills. He or she is also encouraged to appreciate the universal value of human diversity and its legitimate boundaries, while at the same time understanding the common humanity that we all share.

While each component of the Diploma Programme has specific aims and assessment objectives, as outlined in each subject guide, the distinctive aims of the programme as a whole are to

- *Provide an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education*
- *Promote international understanding*
- *Educate the whole person, emphasizing intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth*
- *Develop inquiry and thinking skills, and the capacity to reflect upon and to evaluate actions critically*

All of the IAM teachers have attended, or will be attending, three-day training sessions in the IB Programme prior to teaching IB classes in the 2010 -2011 school year.

We're pleased to report that our students take every opportunity to speak on behalf of their school to reporters, presenters, and visitors. Once again this year, we invited students to be a part of the three parent/student meetings held for the Class of 2014. We could not be prouder of our students. They represented themselves, their families, our school and our program in an outstanding manner. Our students are our very best ambassadors!

