

## **March 2010**

- 3/4 Half day for students, dismissal at 11:00 a.m.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30– 3:30 & 5:30-8:30 in the Cafeteria  
Choir Concert – CVHS 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.**
- 3/5 MSBOA District Band Festival, Anchor Bay HS 3:25 p.m. Performance**
- 3/25 Parent Meeting 7 p.m., Room 1**
- 3/26 Teacher In-service Day, No school for students**
- 3/27 State Solo & Ensemble, Port Huron Northern HS**

### **Meetings with Parents**

We look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 4 from 12:30 -3:30 in the afternoon, and 5:30-8:30 in the evening. Parents are also invited to attend an evening meeting on Thursday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1. We will have an update on IAM events and preview the 2010-2011 school year.

### **Successful Standardized Testing**

Recently, tenth graders took a practice PSAT that assesses critical reading, mathematics and writing skills. As juniors, students will sign up to take the official test in October. The test is based on the SAT model and is used to determine National Merit status. National Merit Semi-finalists take the SAT, and those who earn high scores receive scholarships to their colleges or universities.

Ninth graders took the PLAN which is modeled on the ACT test. The test measures English, mathematics, reading and science. Students achieve a composite score ranging from 1-32. We're very pleased to report that our students performed well above the national averages.

### **A Wintry Experience**

Last month, students enjoyed their inaugural IAM ski night at Pine Knob. The winter storm arrived just in time for students, friends and families to enjoy Michigan weather on skis and snowboards.

### **Science Olympiad Team Shines**

In our second year of competing against older veteran competitors, 15 students from the IAM put in a strong and impressive showing at the Science Olympiad regional competition last Saturday. The 5<sup>th</sup> place medal winners were Mark and Manpreet in *Remote Sensing*, Zack and Aidan in *Technical Problem –Solving*, and Richard and Aidan in *Astronomy*. Zach earned a 4<sup>th</sup> place medal in *Physics Lab*, Richard and Michael a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in *Mousetrap Vehicle* and Aidan a 1<sup>st</sup> place in “*Egg-o-Naut*.” The students spent several weeks preparing for their events, and after this competition, feel energized and motivated to beat their “record” next year. We're proud of our students and encourage others to check out Science Olympiad by contacting Miss Smith. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Miss Smith for her leadership. We also encourage parents to help mentor the competitors as they prepare for competition next year. Congratulations to the 09-10 team for a job well done and great competitive spirit!

### **Global Trade Mission**

Eight students, along with teachers Mrs. Conway and Miss Peck, will participate in the Global Trade Mission at the Macomb Intermediate School District on April 23 through 25. Approximately 200 students from around the county will gather to respond to realistic industry specific projects while acquiring critical workplace skills, developing cultural diversity awareness, obtaining problem-solving techniques, as well as assuming corporate roles to guide their business presentation and work place goals. This innovative, hands-on learning experience will have students thinking, acting and producing results similar to that of business professionals in today's world. Partnered with Automation Alley, the Global

Trade Mission serves as an educational, yet exciting way to immerse students in the global business experience.

### **Symphonic Sounds**

On Friday, March 5, the IAM Symphonic Band will participate in the MSBOA District Band Festival. The band performs at 3:25 at Anchor Bay HS. We are very pleased with the progress of our musicians under the direction of Mr. Kosi, and wish them good luck at Festival.

Last month our band students participated at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association, District XVI Solo & Ensemble Festival, held at Rochester HS. Over 100 schools participated with well over 5,000 students for two weekends. Students prepared solos or small ensembles to be played before an adjudicator. Students were graded on an overall scale of 1-5. Seven students, Miranda, Marissa, Jamie, Amanda, Stephanie, Matilda and Olivia earned a superior rating and qualified to participate at State Solo & Ensemble at Port Huron Northern HS on March 27. Congratulations to our wonderful musicians.

Guest clinician, Michael Mitchell from Oakland University will in-service the IAM and CVHS choirs on Thursday, March 4. As choir director at OU, Mike is an outstanding musician and motivator. He provides informative workshops that are well received by students.