

November 2009

- 11/2 **Class Scheduling for 2010-2011 School Year**
Joe Durmars Field Trip
- 11/3 **No School – Teacher In-Service Day**
- 11/11 **Mr. Nummer, WW II Veteran, Speaks to Students**
- 11/12 **Mr. Sosnoski, Speaker Regarding International Experiences, Speaks to 10th Graders**
- 11/16 **Stratford Education Department Workshop**
Varsity/Women’s Varsity Sing for MSVMA Chamber Choir Festival at OU – 7:00 p.m.
- 11/19 **Principal’s Parent Advisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**
- 11/25-27 **Thanksgiving Recess – No School – No Homework**

We Have Spirit

Our Student Council, under the leadership of Mrs. Depew and Mr. Alwardt, sponsored a wonderful week of Spirit that culminated with a fantastic Semi-Formal Dance; where “believe it or not” everyone danced! Dress-up days included, Halloween costumes, favorite decades, home school or college clothing, IAM apparel, and the ever-popular sleepwear attire.

During lunch hours, students identified the decade and artists of popular songs. They bobbed for apples tied to strings that swayed, and played a new version of musical chairs that removed chairs but not players.

To unique rhythms and rhymes, randomly selected teams, consisting of 9th and 10th graders, created IAM cheers that they performed before their classmates on the cafeteria stage. The cheers were judged, and Mr. Jones’ group won a pizza lunch.

We extend a special thank you to our parents for the fabulous dessert table they provided at our dance. We enjoyed dessert not only at the dance, but also during a break in 4th Hour Block the following Monday. In future years, Spirit Week will be a cherished memory of the high school experiences.

Let’s Confer

We experienced excellent participation at Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is always a pleasure to welcome our families to our school. Our 9th graders are adjusting to the rigor of the academic program and the increased time required for homework. Our 10th graders are acclimated to the program and look forward to the IB curriculum in the junior year. It is readily apparent that IAM students are highly motivated and their first report cards indicate their ability to effectively handle class work, homework and extra-curricular activities.

Enrichment Activities

On Monday, Nov. 2, students had the opportunity to interact with their classmates and teachers at a fun filled day at Dumars. They made new friendships, tested their athletic ability and did not want to return to school.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, Mr. Nummer, a veteran, will speak to our students about his

World War II experiences.

On Nov.12, Mr. Sosnoski will address 10th graders in a presentation that covers his international travels in the world of finance and business.

On Nov.16, actors from Stratford will conduct a series of workshop with all of our students.

Meeting with our Parents

We've scheduled an evening meeting with our parents to provide an update on school activities. The meeting will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19 in Rooms 1 & 2 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We look forward to visiting with you.

A Pistons Outing

We're looking forward to an IAM family outing. Mr. Hrisoulis, our mathematics teacher, has arranged a field trip to a Pistons' game on Sunday, Dec. 6. Game time is 6 p.m.

A Joyous Holiday

As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded how very much we have to be thankful for, and express to our families a sincere wish for a joyous holiday.