

January 2012

Jan 9	Senior All Night Party Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 10, 11, 12	Class of 2016 Information Meeting 7:00 pm – Cafeteria
Jan 10, 11, 12,13	Mid-Semester Exams
Jan 16	No School – Professional Development
Jan 17	Second Semester Begins
Jan 17 - 20	Spirit Week
Jan 19	Financial Aid Meeting 7:00 pm – Cafeteria
Jan 21	Winter Dance – 7:00 -10:00 pm – Cafeteria
Jan 27	Principal’s Advisory Parent Meeting – 9:30 pm Varsity Choir Solo & Ensemble

A Wonderful Conclusion to 2011!

Celebrating the Arts

In December, we continued to enjoy the progress of our students in the Performing Arts. Our band and vocal music students celebrated the season and delighted the audience with music that included *Fireside Christmas*, *Feliz Navidad*, *I’ll Be Home for Christmas*, *Carol of the Bells*, *Dashing through the Snow* and *Nimrod*. The IAM Winter Concert concluded with a rousing finale involving the bands, choirs and audience in a sing-a-long. We are proud of our students and their teachers, Mr. Kosi and Ms. Bowes, and we look forward to the continual development of a truly outstanding Performing Arts Program.

On Dec. 16, our Varsity Choir performed for members of the Clinton Township Senior Center with a splendid Christmas Concert, and on Jan. 27, students will perform in Solo and Ensemble at Chippewa Valley High School.

Helping Each Other

On Thursday, Jan. 5, the Link Crew hosted a mid-term review session for 9th graders in the Cafeteria after school. Upper classmen assisted students with review material prepared by teachers. The event was coordinated by Link Crew sponsors, Mr. Tapp and Mrs. Rojeski, who also provided hot chocolate and donuts. What a sight, the cafeteria was full of industrious students studying together.

First Semester Exams

As we approach the end of the first semester, students should be reviewing and preparing for their final exams, on Jan. 10 through Jan. 13. Students will review during their first block and take the exam during the second block. First semester exams and semester grades will be posted on PowerSchool by Thursday, Jan. 19. Report cards will not be mailed home, since all grades are available electronically. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our teachers.

Kroger's Bringing HOPE to the Table

The IAM Student Council will be volunteering at Kroger, located at 41941 Garfield, on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 2-6 pm. Students will be encouraging shoppers to donate nonperishable food items to help feed hungry neighbors in their community. Please stop by and make a donation.

Spirit Week Celebrations

The IAM Student Council is preparing for Spirit Week for the beginning of 2nd semester, the week of January 17-20. There will be 4 dress-up dates, culminating with the classes competing in the "Tri-Wizard Tournament," a series of team and individual challenges on Friday afternoon. This is an exciting time for the student body as we look to have some fun after a week of exams. All students are encouraged to dress the part and participate in the events. Students should see the grade specific teacher/coach to sign up for events.

Professional Development Topics

While students enjoy a well deserved break from school, teachers will be engaged in professional development on Monday, Jan 16. In the morning, English teacher, Mrs. Supplee will discuss strategies for implementing research-based writing activities in all content areas that are aligned to the Common Core Standards. In particular, the staff will discuss techniques to help students write in a variety of formats, write for a particular audience and purpose, use technology to aid in the writing process, summarize, and transcribe. In the afternoon, MISD consultant, Mrs. Asaro will present information regarding standardized testing relative to the EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT.

Extended Essays

Mr. Alwardt will meet with all 11th grade students on Wednesday, Jan. 18, to introduce the procedure and timelines for writing the extended essays.

Our Winter Dance

The IAM Student Council will be hosting the Winter Dance on Saturday, January 21, from 7-10 pm in the school cafeteria. This dance is a casual event (school dress code applies) with a *white out* winter theme. Students should come prepared to have fun with their friends! The cost of the dance is \$10, with tickets on sale Tuesday, January 17 to Friday, January 20 during both lunches. Proceeds from the dance will go towards purchasing nonperishable items for Gleaner's Food Bank. Contact Ms. Szabo at aszabo@cvs.k12.mi.us with any questions.

IAM Yearbook Senior Ads

The deadline for submitting an ad for graduating seniors is Jan. 31. For additional information, go to www.yearbooksforever.com or contact Ms. Szabo at aszabo@cvs.k12.mi.us. Since limited space is available, please reserve your spot today.

Financial Aid Meeting

There will be a financial aid informational meeting for seniors and their parents on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars.

CAS Deadline

Seniors must submit all evidence relative to the CAS learning outcomes to their CAS advisors by Friday, February 3rd. Additionally, the final CAS reflection and the CAS journal will be due to their IB2 History teachers on February 2nd/3rd.

Principal's Advisory Parents Meeting

Please join us for our monthly parents' meeting on Friday, Jan. 27, at 9:30 am.

A New Year's Wish

The IAM staff extends warm wishes to our students and their families for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2012!