

## October 2011

- 10/4 *Germany Trip Meeting; 7:00 p.m.*  
10/5 *Count Day*  
*Fall Band and Choir Concert; 7:00 p.m.*  
10/10 *NHS Induction Ceremony; 6:30 p.m.*  
10/13 *Principal's Advisory Meeting; 7:00 p.m.*  
10/14 *End of 1st Marking Period*  
10/17 *China Trip Meeting; 7:00 p.m.*  
10/19 *Parent Teacher Conferences; 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Last Name M-Z*  
10-20 *Parent Teacher Conferences; 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Last Name A-Z*  
*5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Last Name A-L*  
10/21 *No School for Students; Professional Development Day*  
10/22 *IAM Fall Dance; 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*

### SOUNDS OF MUSIC

Our vocal and instrumental music students will have the opportunity to perform for our families on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., in the IAM Cafeteria. We look forward to enjoying their talent in the performing arts, at the Fall Preview Concert. Please join us.

### THE FIRST DANCE

This year, the IAM Fall Dance “Midnight in Monte Carlo” will take place on Saturday, October 22, from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. in the IAM Cafeteria. The cost is \$10 and 2 canned goods per student. Students may purchase tickets during their lunch hour between October 10 and 19. Guest forms for students wishing to bring non-IAM students to the dance will also be available during ticket sales. Tickets will not be sold after October 19 or at the door. All students are invited to attend; they do not need to attend with a date. Students must arrive by 7:30 and they may not leave before 9:30.

Please remind students to dress with “class” for our dance. Dress code is semi-formal attire with dress shirts, ties and jackets for young men. Jeans and gym shoes are not appropriate for this dance. Dresses should not display cleavage or bare midriffs. Young ladies should not wear attire that is too short or dips too low on the back, and slits should not be too high. Modesty in our attire is appropriate for high school dances. Please contact Ms. Szabo at [aszabo@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:aszabo@cvs.k12.mi.us) if you have any questions.

### STANDARDIZED TESTS

Ninth graders will take their first standardized test in high school on Oct. 19. The Social Studies MEAP is required of all 9th grade students in the State of Michigan. The test consists of two sections and assesses the students’ knowledge through 8th grade. We expect that all of our freshmen will perform well on this test.

All sophomores will take the practice PSAT on Wednesday, Oct. 12, as well as, all juniors who have elected to take the test. The PSAT/NMSQT® is the best preparation for the SAT®. Students who take the test in 11th grade and meet other program entry requirements may enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation programs. All students who take the PSAT/NMSQT will receive an official score report. They will receive scores in critical reading, mathematics and writing skills and will see how their scores compare to those of students across the country. Students will be able to see which questions were answered correctly and which were not. They will also receive information about how they performed on specific academic skills. (Reference: Official Educator Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT®). Test resources: *11practice Tests for the SAT and PSAT, 2011*, by Princeton Review; *Barron’s ACT* by Ehrenhaft, George; Lehrman L. (Paperback)

## **OVER SEAS TRAVEL**

We're planning to take students and parents on trips to China, France, Germany and Spain during Spring Break (Easter). An informational meeting for the trip to Germany is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. in Room 1 and for the trip to China on Monday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Vocal Music Room 20.

## **MEETING WITH OUR PARENTS**

We've scheduled a meeting, for October 13 in Room 20 (choir room) at 7 p.m. for parents who work during the day and are unable to attend the Parents Advisory Committee Meetings during the day. The meeting is informational in nature and will cover topics addressed in the monthly day meetings.

## **P/T CONFERENCES**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be in the Cafeteria on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., for parents of students whose last names begin with the letters M-Z; Thursday, Oct. 20 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. (A -Z) and 5:30-8:30 p.m. (A - L).

## **YEARBOOK INFORMATION**

### ***Yearbook Sales***

Yearbooks are available for purchase for \$50 from now until December 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring in a check made out to International Academy of Macomb, as well as an order form to reserve a book today! All order forms and money should be given to Miss Szabo to Room 14. See the attached form for more ordering information. If you are interested in ordering online, please visit [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com).

### ***Senior and Business Ads***

This year, the yearbook will feature Senior ads, as well as business ads. Prices begin at \$35 for a 1/8<sup>th</sup> size colored advertisement. If you are interested in purchasing an ad for your graduating senior or for your business, please visit [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com).

### ***Senior Photos***

The IAM Yearbook staff would also like to remind parents that Senior photos must be taken by November 1st. Visit one Fox Portrait Studio's various locations to have your student's official yearbook picture taken and to ensure that your child will be included in the Class of 2012 composite. Packages begin at \$20 and include a complimentary 11 x 14 composite. Parents are reminded that if you choose to use another studio, your child will not be included in the Class of 2012 composite.

**To submit an alternative picture, the picture that is chosen will need to be submitted on a CD (with the individual's first and last name labeled on the outside) with the following:**

- \* **1.5" head size from top of head to bottom of chin**
- \* **2.5 x 3" outer dimension**
- \* **300 dpi RGB color**
- \* **traditional portrait background in blues/browns**
- \* **no hands, no props, sharp focus image**

Please contact Ms. Szabo at [aszabo@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:aszabo@cvs.k12.mi.us) if you have any questions regarding yearbook sales, advertisements, or Senior photos.

## **COUPON CUTTING FOR THE MILITARY**

Thank you to all who have donated coupons to be sent to our adopted military base overseas. Since June of last year, the IAM has collected, cut, and sorted over \$35,000 worth of coupons to the men and women in the U.S. Marines in Iwakuni, Japan. Thank you for your continued support!

## **COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY REP VISITS**

We have had very successful college and university representative visit. Students, in all grades, are taking advantage of the opportunity to meet with the representatives and gain valuable information.

It is never too early to start planning for college! Here are some tips from the State of Michigan (Source: "Grab College Prep", a State of Michigan publication):

### **In 9th and 10th grade:**

Every year, review and update your EDP which includes the four-year high school course plan. Review the Michigan graduation requirements and make sure you're taking classes that prepare you for college. (IAM students already do)

- Attend all your classes regularly.
- Add electives to your course plan that develop your special interests and talents.
- Take the most challenging classes available. (IAM students already do)
- Continue to focus on learning. Monitor your GPA (grade point average) and remember that your grades are part of your permanent school record that colleges will want to see.
- Take the practice SAT test, known as the "Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test," in 10th grade. Sample questions are available through your counselor or on the Internet at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). (Taking the practice PSAT is for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.)
- Seek tutoring or extra assistance for difficult subjects. Don't let pride stand in your way. Everyone needs help at some point to reach goals!
- Strengthen your study habits.
- Continue your involvement with extracurricular and community activities. These are important to college admissions committees.
- Consider volunteer work and/or paid part-time work that provide opportunities for you to experience different careers.
- Continue to analyze your abilities and interests as they relate to possible careers.
- Ask family and relatives, college students and graduates for advice on how to prepare for college.
- Attend a college fair or visit a college Web site and begin researching colleges that interest you and ask yourself why they interest you.
- Begin to research college majors.
- Begin to research information on scholarships through the web and your counselor. If you haven't already, start saving for college.
- Continue to attend activities and programs being held on local college campuses.

### **In 11th grade:**

- Take time to set future goals and visualize yourself working through the steps to achieve your goals.
- Review and update your high school course plan. Review your graduation requirements and make sure you take classes that prepare you for college. Are there any changes needed because of your changing interests or college's admissions requirements? (IAM students already do)
- Focus on learning. Monitor your GPA.
- Continue taking the most challenging classes you can handle. You can even earn college credit (IAM students already do this)
- Take college admissions tests as early as possible: ACT, SAT, and state-mandated tests. (IAM students will take the ACT as a part of the MME in March 2011)
- Continue strengthening your study habits. Pay close attention to strategies for organizing and completing large projects, research papers, etc., that are completed over a long period of time.
- Continue exploring and analyzing your interests and abilities as they relate to possible careers.

- Search for job shadowing or internship programs that place you in actual work settings that provide hands-on experience in careers of interest.
- Continue your involvement with extra-curricular and community activities.
- Research colleges and universities that match your interests and academic needs.
- Meet with your counselor to become familiar with how to apply for college and financial aid.
- Continue researching information on scholarships.
- Contact local businesses, organizations such as your church and other community resources, for scholarships.
- Continue saving for college.
- Meet with your counselor in your junior year to finalize your high school course plan for graduation. A copy of your completed high school classes, known as your transcript, will be used as part of your college applications, so make sure the record is complete and accurate.