



April 1, 2011

Greetings,

The spring season is often referred to as a time of renewal, and as a school district, this spring certainly has been a time of renewal for us. As I shared in last month's newsletter article, at that time, we were anxiously awaiting to hear the results of the review that the Horizon Award Evaluation Team performed during the month of February at Indian Creek Middle School. In mid-March, we learned from the evaluation team that our designation as a Horizon School was renewed for a third time, again for a three year time period. This is indeed an accomplishment of which we can be proud as each time the team visits the school, they look for additional growth and achievement.

During the end of the month of March, our district also had its "once-every-four-years" compliance visit conducted by our regional office of education. This visit is conducted to determine if our district is in compliance with school code and state laws. The visit went extremely well and we were complimented on the organization and validity of our records, as well as our professionalism and helpfulness.

Spring is also a time when state officials begin to determine their budget for the next fiscal year (just as we do). What is done at the state level can have a tremendous impact at the school district level. If you remember last year, the state did not provide its competed budget parameters until the middle of the summer. This spring, there is an initiative to reduce the foundation level (money a district can receive from the state) by \$149. per student. While looking to reduce these funds for next year, our state remains behind in its reimbursement payments to our district this year for services that were rendered during the 2009-2010 school year. At this time, we have received the reimbursement for only one quarter of those services. We remain cautiously hopeful that by the end of this fiscal year, we will have also received the reimbursement for the second quarter of 2009-2010 services.

In conclusion, while our state continues to struggle to make timely reimbursement payments to school districts, Indian Creek continues to have a vision for its future. That is why for the past seven years in a row, our district has received the highest financial rating possible (that of "recognition") from the Illinois State Board of Education that a school district can receive.

Sincerely,

*Pamela R. Rockwood, Ph.D.*

Superintendent

W.Y.S.E. NEWS: The 2010-2011 W.Y.S.E. team completed their season March 9 at N.I.U. The season was fairly successful taking numerous first, second, and third place medals at the regional level and only one medal winner at the sectional level. Hopefully each member was rewarded for his/her efforts. Congratulations on a respectable season.

Ron Jefcik, Advisor

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the Indian Creek Education Foundation for purchasing a variety of materials for the middle school health curriculum this year. The materials are very much appreciated and will definitely help our students learn more about current health topics. The various teaching tools will be helpful engaging all students to better learning. These items included: "Portion Size" bingo game, "The Road to Health" board game, reproducible activities, "Super Size Me" DVD, and an "Occluded Artery Model" displaying a clogged artery with plaque and showing the difficulty of blood flowing through a restricted artery. Again, thank you ICEF. Your generosity is very much appreciated by both the students and me. Ros Richardson, ICMS Health Teacher

PURCHASE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK! Time is running out to purchase a yearbook! You can visit Jostens.com to pay for the book, you can bring a check for \$40 made out to Indian Creek High School, or you can bring cash to Ms. Rhodes during advisement, before, or after school. Not sure if you ordered a yearbook? Ms. Rhodes has the list of students who have paid or not paid. You can also find out at Jostens.com. With all the unique things that have happened inside and outside of school this year, the yearbook is an ideal way to remember them. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

Jennifer Rhodes, Advisor

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE – REGARDING OUTSTANDING FEES: Just a reminder that any outstanding school or activity fees for seniors must be paid in full by April 4, 2011. Outstanding lunch, library or sports uniform fees must be paid by May 11, 2011. If these fees are not paid in full by the due dates, seniors will be denied the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony and the end-of-the-year activity (senior trip).

INDIAN CREEK SPORTS BOOSTERS: The next Sports Booster meeting will be Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the ICBS faculty room. All IC parents are invited and encouraged to attend booster meetings. There is still a good inventory of Wolfwear items available. Please contact Beth Espe (815/739-5406), Ginger Browder (815/751-5441), or Ehren Mertz, Athletic Coordinator (815/824-2197) to purchase Wolfwear.

At the end of this school year Beth Espe will be stepping down as Sports Booster President. The Boosters would like to thank Beth for all her contributions to the Sports Boosters and the many hours she has volunteered her time for our student athletes. THANK YOU BETH!!!

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP: We would like to start by thanking everyone who helped with the spaghetti dinner. We had many people donate cooked hamburger, desserts, and time. We would especially like to thank Mrs. Rueff for her time and effort in helping this event become a success. Further, Mrs. Rueff and Mrs. Bend helped cook and direct the students to a wonderful job in the

kitchen and cafeteria. Also, thank you to the community for its continued support of students and education. Last, and certainly not least, thanks to the students for working hard to make the dinner a night to remember. In the dinner's short time, the students raised \$2600.

FAYS BBQ DRIVE-THRU DINNER: The next event for the Washington, D.C. trip will be the FAYS BBQ Drive-Thru dinner on Tuesday, May 3 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of April for \$11. We hope to see everyone there! Thank you.

Mr. Malm and Mrs. Watson

DONATIONS NEEDED: The FCS Department at Indian Creek High School needs donations of skeins of yarn, fabric, and crochet hooks. Items can be dropped off at the main office at 506 S. Shabbona Road, Shabbona. Thank you.

ACADEMIC BOWL TEAM: The Indian Creek High School Academic Bowl Team recently finished their season, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> place in conference with a record of 5 wins and 4 losses. They finished in 2nd place in the Little 10 Conference Tournament, beating the number 2 seed and number 3 seed to get to the championship match against HBR. Team members were: Steven Wessels, Kathleen Chester, Andy Barkei, Sarah Korhnak, Andrea Corriveau, Dayna Anderson, Griffin Gletty, and Shayne Phillips.

Al Connelly, Advisor

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION: The election for Board of Education members will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

Vaughn Boehne is running for an unexpired 2 year term.

The following people are running for four year terms. There are three positions open.

Pamela Ottengheime  
Jill Konen  
Shari M. Conley  
Daniel E. Sanderson

IVVC STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Congratulations to Karissa Paku for being nominated IVVC Student of the Month for Culinary Arts.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY: Indian Creek High School theatre is pleased to present "A Tomb With a View", a comedy thriller by Norman Robbins. This comedy who done it has a quirky cast of characters who gather for the reading of the will of old Septimus Tomb. Throughout the evening people disappear or are killed mysteriously. Who did it? The one in the toga? The one who thinks he's a werewolf? The gentle elderly lady? The mystery writer? Come and see for yourself on Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Indian Creek High School. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME: The Indian Creek Sports Hall of Fame selection committee is in the process of selecting inductees for the Indian Creek Sports Hall of Fame. Nominees shall have contributed to the betterment of the Indian Creek District including Lee, Rollo, Shabbona, and Waterman Schools. Individuals who excelled in sports offered, including but not limited to baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, dance, football, golf, soccer, softball, track, and wrestling. Nominees can include individual participants, teams, and community members who have contributed to successful programs for the communities' students.

Hall of Fame members will have expressed a genuine interest in the school's athletic programs. Nominees to the Hall of Fame must be out of school for 5 years before they are considered. Relevant members of the Illinois Sports Hall of Fame shall be automatically inducted into the Indian Creek Sports Hall of Fame.

The committee is inviting recommendations for the Hall of Fame. If you are interested in making a recommendation to the committee, a resume of accomplishments should be compiled and delivered or mailed to James Hicks, 211 N. Shabbona Rd., Shabbona, IL 60550. Additional materials will not need to be sent if you have already submitted materials for the committee. Resumes can also be e-mailed to [jehicks211@aol.com](mailto:jehicks211@aol.com).

Resumes should be received by May 31, 2011.

GREAT WRITERS RESIDE AT I.C.M.S.: This fall several of our middle school students entered an essay contest. The contest was entitled "How My Generation Will Make A Difference in 2020." DeKalb County Retirement group and the Sycamore Bank and Trust Company sponsored the contest. We are proud to announce that Anna McComb, a sixth grader won first place and received a plaque and \$75.00. Second place went to seventh grader, Jonathan Farnsworth, who also received a plaque and \$50.00. Third place went to Drew Headley, also a seventh grader, who received a plaque and \$25.00. At the award ceremony held Wednesday, March 23, the judges told us that 110 students entered the contest and they were very impressed by the writing skills demonstrated by our students. Congratulations students!

Mrs. Burton 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Language Arts, ICMS

I.C.M.S. SPELLING BEE: The I.C.M.S. Spelling Bee teams recently completed another successful season. The DeKalb County Regional Spelling Bee was held on February 26 at the Kishwaukee College Theater Auditorium. Congratulations to seventh grader Alexi Cluff for earning fifth place, as well as eighth grader Natasha Freund for earning third place. Natasha was also awarded an Amazon gift card.

Mrs. Inge Nicklaus's sixth grade team members included Renee Corriveau, Jenna Cowan, Anna McComb, Olin Simpson, Marie Meskimen, Tamara Ormond, and Makayla Schreck. On March 4, they competed with seventh and eighth grade team members Garrett Bronski, Matt Browder, Danielle Cunz, Jonathan Farnsworth, Ellie Gatz, Ben Roberts, and Elissa Rood at ICMS, with the student body and family members cheering them on. Congratulations to winners Tamara Ormond (1<sup>st</sup>), Jenna Cowan (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Anna McComb (3<sup>rd</sup>). Many thanks to Mrs. Cari Jo Goodrich for pronouncing the words, as well as Mrs. Geri Korhnak and Mrs. Allison Metz, who served as judges.

The Junior Ten Conference Spelling Bee took place on March 15 at the Paw Paw Junior/Senior High School gym. This meet featured thirty contestants representing six schools, including ICMS seventh and eighth graders Katie Cantrell, Natasha Freund, Jionna Gaudio, Captain Winston Simpson, and Amanda Smith. Congratulations to first place medallist Natasha Freund, who spelled twenty-two words correctly. This ICMS team was also awarded the first place traveling trophy for its premiere year, as well as a first place bar for a Junior Ten plaque. All Spelling Bee team members are to be commended for their poise and confidence displayed through their competitions this season. Advisors Mrs. Joanne Burton and Mrs. Carol Smith are so impressed with their team's dedication. Many thanks to the Spelling Bee parents for their support.

HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS: High School final exams are scheduled for May 16, 17, and 18. May 16 will be 1A, 2A, and 3A exams. May 17 will be 1B, 2B, and 3B finals. May 18 will be 4A and 4B finals. Early dismissal FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY will be 1:45 p.m. on May 16 and 17 and 11:10 a.m. on May 18. Bus service will be provided at the regular time of 3:10 p.m. Students may stay at the school and study and are not allowed to leave the building and come back if they don't have alternate transportation during the early dismissal times.

GRADUATION: Sunday, May 15 at 2:30 p.m. is the high school graduation in the high school gym. There are no tickets needed and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. If handicapped seating is needed, please contact the high school office at 815/824-2197. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school big gym. The public is invited to both of these ceremonies.

F.F.A. NEWS: As the year comes to a close the Indian Creek F.F.A. is hard at work with contests, banquet, and so many other activities. Ian Anderson, David Drendel, Hannah Bialas, Jacquelyn Prestegaard, Jordan Flewellyn, Kye Witek, and Megan Drendel all attended the Section 6 proficiency awards contest, with six moving onto districts at Joliet Junior College on March 16. Everyone did an amazing job even though none of our members will be attending the state level this year. These students have worked very hard throughout their high school careers to perfect their records and their SAEs. The officer team has also been working his past month on the upcoming banquet and end-of-the year activities. The 2011-2012 officers elect are as follows:

President – Megan Drendel  
Co Vice-Presidents – Ivan Harvell and Dane Fleming  
Secretary – Kye Witek  
Treasurer – Alan Suiter  
Reporter – Dallas Boehne  
Sentinel – Kaylyn Nehring  
Historians – Deanne Winterton and Sara Sanderson  
Sr. Farm Manager – Dillon Martenson  
Jr. Farm Manager – Garrison Govig

Congratulations to all of our officers for the upcoming year. We would like to say thank you to the senior officers for their intelligent deliberations and professional dedication as they picked these new officers. This year's officers will retire and the new officers will be installed on April 20 at the Indian Creek F.F.A. Banquet in the high school gym.

Jordan Flewellyn, Reporter

## **11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PSAE TESTING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**



***On April 27 and 28, 2011 Indian Creek High School will conduct the mandated state achievement testing of our junior class. Remember to have your student report to the high school no later than 7:20 a.m.*** In the interest of providing accurate accountability of our educational program, it is important that we have an accurate portrayal of our students' academic achievement. Administrators and teachers carefully study the testing results each year to help us determine how to best support all of our learners. The two-day series of testing is also one of the major factors used to determine if the high school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) as determined by state and national standards. All schools, elementary through high school, in the state of Illinois must have 100% of their students reach the proficiency level of meets/exceeds standards by 2014 in order to make the AYP. Each year the state has set the standards for AYP in increments to lead schools to reach the 100% benchmark in 2014. For example, this year 85% of our students must meet the proficiency level and in 2012 and 2013 92.5% must reach it. Also, the results of PSAE will be included on the student's permanent high school transcript and students may use the results as part of their college entrance requirements. Students may earn the privilege to receive a Career Readiness Certificate if they earn high marks on the second day of the assessment upon completing one additional assessment that the school provides, too.

***We would like to make you aware of the testing dates, so that you can encourage your student to put forth their best effort to provide us with valid test scores.*** Specific testing information has already been sent home at the end of February and all of our eleventh grade students have taken two practice exams. Results have been distributed to students and staff in preparation for the high stakes assessment. We have prepared focused study skill and test preparation lessons in our classrooms and learning labs to best prepare our students.

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## ICHS Music News

### IHSA Music Contests

**Four ICMS students participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** at Princeton HS. Carole Fleetwood, Deanna Francis, Tim Tausch and Jacquelyn Prestegaard all earned Excellent ratings. Congratulations!

**Boys State Basketball Tournament-Pep Band Performance- Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - What a blast we had!!! I can't thank the students enough for excellent behavior, great performances and a lot of fun. It was a wonderful trip and they represented Indian Creek with a lot of pride. The compliments from Civic Center personnel, fans from other teams and especially from the Newark community keep coming to my attention. Special thanks to Karla Creed, Sue Stiker, Randy Chester and Mike Arends for chaperoning the trip, helping with supervision and taking care of all of the student equipment and luggage. Thanks again to all of you for another great experience!

**The ICMS Band and Choir will travel to Morris on April 16<sup>th</sup> for the IHSA State Organizational Contest.** Students will be given more information upon return from Spring Break. The Band will

be playing Rough Riders March, Down A Country Lane and Overture For Winds. The band had a clinic over the contest selections this past Wednesday with Rex Benson, retired director from Mendota High School. The Choir will be singing Come To Me, Oh My Love, The River Sleeps Beneath The Sky and How Can I Keep From Singing. All choir selections must be memorized and students have been given a vocal track practice CD to work on their parts outside of rehearsals. Evening rehearsals will be scheduled upon return of spring break to prepare for contest and the upcoming spring concert.

**ICHS hosted the LT Band Festival on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Many parents helped throughout the day to sell water, organize the director's lunch and supper, chaperon the student meals and homeroom area and coordinate the feeding of 135 students for supper. Special thanks to Sue Stiker for preparing the meal and all of the band moms who helped her in the kitchen. I also want to thank the IC band students for being positive student hosts for our LT guests, setting up and along with many parents, putting everything back and cleaning up the gym during after the festival. I will have audio recordings of the festival available for students to take home in the next few weeks. Congratulations to the band for a wonderful performance.

**A big thanks to all of the tired students who helped with the CCC Auction on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>,** to the parents who were able to help with set-up on Saturday, with meal preparation on Sunday morning and working throughout the day. A special Thank-You goes to Karla Creed who coordinated her last auction lunch (yea!!!) and to Deb Farnsworth, who will be taking over this position for next year.

Every year, we ask parents to donate \$10.00 - \$15.00 per family to help defray the costs of the luncheon instead of asking you to donate food items, etc. We would appreciate your continued help with this fundraiser by sending in a donation over the next two weeks. Please send all donations in a sealed envelope with "IC Music Boosters" and your student's name listed below. Students should give donation envelopes to Mr. Feken. Thank You!!

**The ICHS Spring Concert is on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** It will feature the band and choir as well as artwork from the classes of Gloria Tyler. We will not have the traditional Fine Arts Festival this year and this will be the final concert for the year. Students will also be honored with our annual Awards Ceremony at the end of the concert.

**ICHS Graduation is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.** Band and Choir students should arrive at 1:20 p.m. for a 1:30 rehearsal. This will be our only time to practice prelude music with the Eighth Grade Band students. The band prelude begins at 2:15 and both Band and Choir will perform during the graduation ceremony. After graduation is over, students are required to move all equipment back to the room before leaving.



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## SES and WES Kindergarten Roundup

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Kindergarten Roundup will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM on **Tuesday, April 26th**, at Waterman Elementary and **Wednesday, April 27th**, at Shabbona Elementary. Parents need to bring their incoming kindergartener with them to pick up their registration packet and listen to presentations from each building's principal and kindergarten teacher(s). We hope to see all parents and incoming kindergarteners there. Children need to be prepared to listen carefully and quietly about how to succeed in kindergarten. Girls and boys who will turn 5 prior to August 31, 2011, are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2011-12 school year.

This is the **only** kindergarten registration that will occur. If you cannot attend, please contact your child's school office prior to the night of the roundup: SES (815)-824-2122 or WES (815)-264-3351.

### PRE-K SCREENINGS ARE COMING TO ICSD



Indian Creek School District will be conducting screenings for children birth through 5 years old on **April 21, 2011 at Shabbona Elementary School from 8:30-3:00**. The screening process should take about 45 minutes and parents should expect to complete a questionnaire on their child's health and social development. In addition to screening pre-academic ability a vision and hearing screening will also be done for children 3-5 years old.

Please call 815-824-8257 to schedule all appointments. **All screenings are done by appointment only.**

## April Newsletter 2011

**FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: ACT National Test Date is June 11, 2011.** Registration deadline is May 6, 2011. Late Registration is May 7-20, 2011.

AP testing will take place May 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in the high school library.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. for the annual Awards Night at ICHS. Parents whose children will be honored will receive letters. The public is also welcome to attend.

**SENIORS!!** Graduation is Sunday, May 15, 2011! Please see Mr. Lindley to discuss plans after high school and if you are attending a post-secondary institution and/or receiving scholarships from these institutions, please let Mr. Lindley know so that he can include them in the program for Awards Night.

**PSAE Testing:** Testing will take place on April 27, 2011 (Day 1) and April 28, 2011 (Day 2). All juniors will be taking this test and it is a state requirement for graduation!

### Scholarship Information:

- Please make sure to check the ICHS website for updated scholarship information and deadlines.
- Make sure students check updates outside of Mr. Lindley's office in the black bin for scholarship opportunities.
- Make sure to visit the following websites for more scholarship information: [www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org), [www.collegezone.com](http://www.collegezone.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), and [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com).

### Track Team

If you would like to donate any track or running equipment (shots, discus, cones, stopwatches, etc.) please contact Mr. Lindley at [alindley@kidsroe.org](mailto:alindley@kidsroe.org) or (815)- 824-2197. Thank You!

# High School 1 YEARS

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## Short Clips



### Driver's ed

You can start fostering good driving habits in your high schooler even before he gets a learner's permit. When he's in the car with you, point out safe driving. *Examples:* watching for pedestrians and other vehicles, making complete stops at stop signs, checking your blind spot before changing lanes.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Mastering a foreign language can help your child thrive in today's global society. Suggest that your teenager practice the language she's learning by weaving it into her day. For instance, she might count steps in German or write her to-do list in French. *Note:* Encourage her to continue taking a language throughout high school.

### First impressions

When meeting new people like coaches or friends' parents, your teen gets only one chance to make a good first impression. He should stand up straight, smile, and give a firm handshake. He should also introduce himself by name and use the person's name, too. ("I'm Steven. It's nice to meet you, Mrs. Everly.")

### Worth quoting

"What's right isn't always popular, and what's popular isn't always right." *Mahatma Gandhi*

### Just for fun

**Q:** Why did the chicken cross the road?

**A:** Because the light turned green.



## Landing a summer job

Summer jobs can mean more than a paycheck for your teen. Searching for work teaches valuable job-hunting skills that he will use for years to come. Also, colleges—and future employers—like to see work experience on applications.

Suggest that your child start looking for summer employment before the competition heats up. Share these steps.

### Plan ahead

Your teen can look in his planner and mark blocks of time to hunt for jobs and send in applications. Accounting for the hours in advance will give him practice managing his time and make his search less stressful.

### Prepare a resume

A good resume should include details about education, work experience (mowing lawns, walking dogs), extracurriculars (math club), and honors (National Honor Society). Having a resume will



show employers that your high schooler is serious about a job. And creating one teaches him how to condense information and highlight qualifications.

### Look for job opportunities

Encourage him to ask friends and family about jobs and to call or stop into places he would like to work. Your child can ask to speak to a manager—he'll sharpen communication skills as he explains his desire to work, offers his resume, and asks about job openings. He might also check newspaper ads and teen job sites (try <http://jobsearch.about.com/od/teenstudentgrad/a/teenjobsites.htm>). 👍

## Lyrics to learn by

Music can not only entertain your teen, it can also stretch her mind. Suggest these ways your high schooler can "tune in" to learning:

- To work on reading comprehension, have her read lyrics and think about the story they tell. Then, she can use her imagination to write a sequel.
- Your child can practice creative writing by making up her own songs. She can use humor in silly rap songs about funny topics. Or she might write serious lyrics to express her feelings.
- Encourage her to explore poetic devices by looking at lyrics. For example, she might find similes (using "like" or "as" to compare two things), personification (assigning human traits to an object), hyperbole (exaggeration), or alliteration (repetition of sounds at the beginning of words). 👍



# Note-savvy

Having good notes to review will help your child remember what she learns so she can do better on quizzes and tests. To get the most out of note taking, suggest that she:

- Keep notes for each class in separate binders or notebooks so they don't get mixed up.
- Date each day's notes and number the pages. Your teen will be able to find a specific day or week easily and keep her notes in order.



- Leave a couple of inches on the left side of the page and at the bottom. Later, she can add questions, main ideas, and observations.
- Pick out important points to write rather than trying to get down every word her teacher says. Definitions, formulas, and facts are key. So is anything the teacher repeats or writes on the board.

■ Fill in missing information as soon as possible. Your high schooler might check her textbook or ask a friend for items she missed.

■ Go over notes each night to reinforce what she learned. 👍



## Q & A

### Video-game limits

**Q** We recently got a new video game system. How can I limit my son's playing time and make sure he plays appropriate games?

**A** Experts recommend no more than two hours a day of screen time, including TV, computer, and video-game time.

To keep gaming in check, designate the amount of play that you'll allow (say, 30 to 45 minutes a day). Together, choose certain days of the week as non-video-game days to be sure he has time for other things. You might also require your teen to do homework and chores before playing video games.



To keep an eye on his game time, place the system in the living room or den. Also, check ratings on games brought into your house, including ones his friends bring over, and have him stay away from those that are rated "M" ("Mature") or "AO" ("Adults Only"). 👍

### Decisions, decisions

From what to wear to school to how to handle friendships, your child's day is filled with decisions. Here are three tips to help him make good choices:

1. Teens don't always realize they have choices about how to handle a situation. For example, if a friend is upset with him, your child might think there's no way to make amends. Encourage him to think about his options (send an e-mail explaining what happened, apologize in person, invite the friend to go somewhere).
2. Suggest that he consider the outcome of a choice. He may look cool at a party if he takes a drink, but if he's caught, he could be suspended from cross-country. If he doesn't drink, he may lose face with other kids but keep his spot on the team.
3. Evaluating past decisions can help your teen make better ones in the future. Once he has gone through with a choice (how to handle a poor grade, which summer program to attend), ask him how he feels about it. If he could go back, would he make the same decision? Why or why not? 👍



## Parent to Parent Good sportsmanship

At my daughter's first basketball game this season, I was surprised to hear a player complaining loudly about a referee's call. When we got home, I asked Elise what she thought about her teammate's behavior. She shrugged it off.

So I decided to talk to her about being a good sport. I explained that good sportsmanship shows respect for the game and the other players. I mentioned some examples of poor sportsmanship, such

as players "over-celebrating" a win or blaming losses on bad calls.

Then, I suggested that we think of ways high school players could show good sportsmanship. I said that players on the bench could cheer on their teammates. Elise said that losing teams could congratulate the winners. I told my daughter I thought our ideas were good—and I look forward to seeing them on the basketball court. 👍



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# 2011 BASKETBALL CAMP



The boy's basketball coaching staff would like to invite you to this year's summer basketball camp. Camp will take place this year at **Indian Creek High School** and will start on May 31st and end on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The times for each group are listed below. Our camp is open to any boy or girl that will be entering **grades 3-8**. Camp will focus on the following areas: ball handling, passing, shooting technique, defensive footwork, rebounding, group and individual instruction, station work, daily concepts of fundamentals, team concepts (Defense/Offense). You will also participate in fun games everyday of camp that will involve individual and team skills.

Every participant will receive a Summer Basketball Camp T-shirt. Special awards will be given out in each group. Pricing for camp is: \$40 for signing up one child and for each additional child is \$35. Registration deadline is May 20<sup>th</sup>. You may sign up after this date but will not be guaranteed a camp shirt. Please make any checks out to: Eric Schrader

## CAMP TIMES

**TUESDAY MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> – FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**GRADES 3-5: 9:00 - 10:30 AM**

**GRADES 6-8: 10:30 - NOON**

## **2010-2011 ICHS BOYS BASKETBALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **VARSIITY TEAM**

- 20-10 record
- Regional Champions (2010 and 2011)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Westminster Christian Tournament and Little Ten Conference Tournament

### **SOPHOMORE TEAM**

- 22-4 record
- Putnam County Christmas Tournament Champions
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Little Ten Conference
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at Westminster Christian Tournament and Little Ten Conference Tournament

### **FRESHMAN TEAM**

- 12-5 record

Please mail form to: Indian Creek Middle School  
 Coach Eric Schrader  
 425 S. Elm Street  
 Waterman, IL 60556

## 2011 Basketball Camp

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (2011-2012): \_\_\_\_\_

School: WES SES ICMS

T-Shirt Size: Youth 10-12 (M)  
Youth 14-16 (L)

Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Phone Number:

By signing above you waive the requirement that your son/daughter be insured for accidental injuries, which may occur during his/her performance during the IC Summer Basketball Camp of 2011. You will assume full financial responsibility for the cost of medical treatment if that should become necessary and will not hold Indian Creek School District and/or the coaches responsible for any accidents.

**Please use one form per camper to avoid any confusion.**



# 2011 SOCCER CAMP



The ICHS Boy's Soccer coaching staff would like to invite you to our fourth annual soccer camp on June 13<sup>th</sup>- June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Indian Creek boy's soccer team had one of its best seasons in school history in 2010 finishing with the 3<sup>rd</sup> most wins. The team made it to the conference championship for only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in school history and was 1 goal shy of tying the school record for goals scored in a season. At this year's camp we will focus on improving fundamental skills and team play. We will also play some modified games. This will be a great opportunity to work on individual skills with the help and guidance of high school coaches and players. We hope to have another great turnout this year. Every camp participant will receive a camp T-shirt. Camper of the week awards will be given to two campers per group and the award this year will include an official size 5 soccer ball along with registration fee waiver for 2012 camp. Registration will be accepted after May 28<sup>th</sup> but you will not be guaranteed a camp T-shirt.

**Helping out at camp this year will be Indian Creek's starting goalie, Aaron Bolton. Aaron has been selected to participate in the 2011 Gothia Cup in Sweden this summer. While in Sweden, Aaron will be training with collegiate and professional coaches along with representing the United States in an International Showcase for youths from all over the world. Aaron has to raise a large amount of money to cover the costs of this trip and is currently looking for sponsors to help alleviate the financial costs. A portion of every campers registration fee will be donated to Aaron's Youth World Cup Fund. For more information about this, please go to <https://secure.365sports.org/crm/team/sponsor/d3ip8khs/46470>**

### AGE GROUP TIMES

Grades 1-5	9:00-10:15 am
Grades 6-8	10:15-11:30 am

### Camp Dates

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 17<sup>th</sup>  
At ICMS Soccer Field

### Camp Cost

\$35 per camper, and \$30 for each additional child in family

**Registration due by May 28<sup>th</sup>**

Please Make Checks to: Eric Schrader

## 2011 Soccer Camp

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2011-2012): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male      Female      School: WES    SES    ICMS

T-Shirt Size: Youth 10-12 (M)      Adult Sizes: S    M    L    XL    XXL  
                         Youth 14-16 (L)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail to:  
Coach Eric Schrader  
Indian Creek Middle School  
425 S. Elm St.  
Waterman, IL 60556

By signing above you waive the requirement that your son/daughter be insured for accidental injuries, which may occur during his/her performance during the IC Summer Soccer Camp. You will assume full financial responsibility for the cost of medical treatment if that should become necessary and will not hold Indian Creek School District and/or the coaches responsible for any accidents.

**Please use one form per camper to avoid any confusion.**

# Indian Creek

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Helping Our Students and Our Schools



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

We thank you for all the donations, for your attendance and especially for your generous bidding!

The 28th Annual People-for-People Auction was, once again, a great success! Between the cash donations, silent auction and the live auction we grossed over \$21,200!

We truly appreciate how the whole Indian Creek community comes out to the auction and supports our school district with their money and their time. We want to thank those who donated the items, those who helped before and during the auction, and to those who bid on them. Auctioneers, announcers, hawkers, callers and all the workers, on Saturday during set up and on Sunday, before, during & after the auction, whatever part you played in helping with the auction this year, we truly **THANK YOU!**

Mark your calendars now for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual People-for-People auction on **Sunday, March 11, 2012!**