ICMS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Be respectful, responsible, safe, involved, and focused.

PICTURE DAY DATE CHANGE! On Wednesday, August 22nd, photographers from Lifetouch School Portraits will be here for our annual picture day. Order forms were sent home earlier this week. All students will be photographed for the yearbook, regardless of whether they are purchasing a picture package. **Please note:** Students may wear a collared shirt, blouse or a sweater with uniform pants or shorts. Girls may also wear a dress. No t-shirts, jerseys, low-cut tops, or jeans.

ICMS ICE CLUB MOVIE NIGHT: ICE Club hosts its First "Movie Night" on August 17th at 7 p.m. in the ICMS Gym, showing *How to Train your Dragon*. ICE is asking for any donations of soda, candy, air-pop popcorn, vegetable oil, popcorn seasoning, and water or anything else for concessions in order to raise money for the beautification of our school. Questions? Contact Mr. Dobell (rdobell@ics-charter.org).

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE: If parents have not re-applied for the National School Lunch Free / Reduced meal program, the application for the previous year will expire on August 26, 2012. Then the student will be on full-pay lunches. If you already have received a letter from us this year, then you don't need to re-apply.

FEES: Don't forget to send in money for your student's lunch accounts. Book fees are due; if you have not paid, please submit your payment to the front office.

NWEA TESTING STARTS MONDAY: The Northwest Evaluation Assessment (NWEA) begins Monday, August 20th. All ICMS students will be taking the NWEA in Reading, Mathematics, and Language Usage. This test is computer-based and provides testing data for the teachers on each individual student's academic progress throughout the school year to better serve each of students' academic needs. The NWEA test is given three times a year: fall, winter, and spring. Its goal is to show growth in students from the fall to spring. It is important for each student to be here next week during testing (please see the events section for the NWEA testing schedule for next week). Students will not be testing all day next week; they will have three testing sessions, one test per day. The average test lasts about an hour. However, it is not a timed test. Students can work at their own pace to complete the test. Please note: it is also important for your child to eat a healthy breakfast and be well-rested for school each day. Results from the first round of NWEA testing will be provided to parents during our student-led parent/teacher conferences in October.

IMMUNIZATIONS REMINDER: This is a gentle reminder that all students need to have their immunizations up-to-date by Monday, August 27th. If you have an appointment for your child to receive his/her immunizations after that date, please send in documentation from the doctor's office about when your appointment will be for immunizations. If you have any questions about your child's vaccine records, please contact Ms. Ewell.

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AUGUST AT A GLANCE

17th: ICE Club Movie Night
20th: NWEA Begins
20th: School Picture Day
27th: Immunization records due (Final Day)
28th: ICMS Volleyball Game 6:00 @ ICES
29th: ICMS Cross-Country Meet 5:30 @ ILSAE
31st: Professional Development Day (No School)

COUNSELOR ZONE: Mom and Dad, do you remember ever feeling as though you didn't fit in? Have you ever wanted to fit in and feel more comfortable in your surroundings? Well, your students are experiencing some of those same feelings; in middle school those feelings are more prevalent than ever. Students may want to make friends and not know how; they may be going through the up and down stages of adolescence; or they may have feelings of being alone in their world with many people around them. Being open with your student, communicating with them on a regular basis, letting them know how special they are, and how proud you are of their growth and accomplishments, can go a long way with your student. Here is what ICMS had to say... Jaeda M. (6th): "I feel good, I feel like I fit in here. I have a lot of friends too." Jaylah C. (7th): "I think you should be your own person and not try to be like everybody else. I think I kind of fit in here" Sarah M. (8th): "I think it's hard to fit in because there are so many kids here and you may want to be with all groups but it is hard sometimes. I feel like I fit in here." Miss Wright (ELA Teacher) "I think it's hard to fit in when you don't understand yourself." **Parents, please be more understanding and do what it takes to develop a relationship with your student to help them be their own person.**

CROSS-COUNTRY REMINDER: Students MUST complete a physical prior to running their first meet on Wednesday, August 29th. Your child's doctor's office should have the paperwork needed for the physical. We want to keep your children safe and healthy this season. I look forward to another exciting season together! Feel free to email Mrs. Laurenzana at blaurenzana@ics-charter.org if you have any questions.

SPREAD THE WORD — SEATS STILL AVAILABLE: We still have immediate seats open at our elementary school (ICES) in grades 1st and 2nd with few spots on the waiting list in 4th grade. We have short waiting lists here at ICMS in 6th and 8th grades. There are immediate seats available at IPA. If you know anyone who is looking for a small school with strong academic results, tell them about Irvington. For more information about ICES, please contact Jodie Lannan at 317-357-5359. For more information about IPA, please contact Deanna Pryor at 317-357-3770.

RUMMAGE SALE : Need to clean out your closets? Don't haul your valuables off to a thrift store just yet! The IPA PTSA is hosting a Community Yard Sale in Irvington on Saturday, Sept. 8th! If you live near the high school, you can have your own sale that day, and we'll handle the publicity for you. Just email us at ipaptsa@gmail.com, subject line "Yard Sale," and we'll include you on the map!

Paving the Irvington Way

6	Abby G.	Lily W.	Carsyn C.
7	Scott W.	Chris H.	Alex L.
8	Cameron T.	Alijah F.	

What's for Lunch...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY
Chicken Sandwich Hot Dog, or Turkey and Cheese Sandwich	Meatball Sub Popcorn Chicken Ham Pizza Salad	Beef & Bean Soft Taco Corn Dog PBJ	Pasta w/Meat Sauce Chicken Nuggets Baja Salad	Pepperoni Pizza Hamburger Ham & Cheese Sand.
Corn, Broccoli, Apple, Orange Juice	Tater Tots, Salad, Banana, Peaches, Vanilla Pudding	Pinto Beans, Fresh Carrots, Honeydew, Grape Juice	Green Beans, Tomatoes, Orange	French Fries, Celery, Watermelon, Apple Juice