



# The Signal

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## Students Choose Official Mascot

The speculation is over. ICHS athletic teams will now be called the Ravens. The process began in early October as dozens of ideas were considered. The three leading options -- the Buccaneers, the Horsemen and the Ravens -- were put to a vote of the student body. An overwhelming majority preferred Ravens as their first or second choice. The student council ratified the decision, and the mascot was unveiled at the student dance last Friday.

Students polled liked several traits of the raven. First, the species is known as the "brains of the bird world" for its high intelligence. Second, in Irish mythology, the raven wreaked havoc on the battlefield. Finally, some students, being fans of Edgar Allen Poe, liked the link to literature that this mascot provides. Poe's most famous work was the poem, "The Raven."



## ICHS Dance a Huge Success

The first dance in ICHS history occurred last Friday night. Over 40 students attended. Thanks go to all the students who showed up, the student council for organizing the event, and the staff for chaperoning the event. Special thanks go to Mr. Withem (Mrs. Withem's husband) who provided the music, Counselor Stephanie Brinsley for leading the decorating committee, and Mr. Werner for his role in working with the student council to make this event the success that it was. A semi-formal December dance is being planned.

## Cross Country Competes in Pleasant Run Run

The ICHS cross country team finished its inaugural season by competing in the 5-mile Pleasant Run Run. More than 500 people competed on that chilly morning last Saturday. ICHS is proud of our team's efforts this season. The results are as follows:

<u>Finishing Position</u>		<u>Time</u>
132	Kyle C.	43:40
135	Keith T.	43:54
210	Jemma L.	47:36
211	Lilian E.	47:37
256	Casey M.	52:26
272	Matt M.	54:36
275	Nick C.	54:43
307	Chantalle T.	63:14

## Basketball Kicks off Next Week

The ICHS basketball season begins Tuesday, November 7th. The girls' team will meet for practice at 3:15 and the boys will practice at 5:00. Full practice schedules will be given to players at their first practice. Students must have a physical form completed by a physician before practicing or competing. Coaches for the teams will be: Mr. Werner and Mr. Ballard (boys) and Mr. Simnick and Ms. Larkin (girls).

## Calendar of Events

<u>November</u>	
6	Flag Football Playoffs/Journalism
7	Basketball Practice
8	Journalism
10	½ Day School (Professional Development)

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