



Important Dates

December 2007

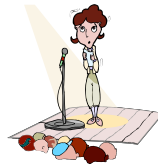
- 20 - Thursday, 1/2 Day
- 12/21 - 12/31/07 – Winter Break

January 2008

- 1 - Tuesday, NO SCHOOL – New Year's Day
- 9 - Wednesday – Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
-BOD Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - Monday, NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 23 - Wednesday, ISAAC Winter Concert, 7:00 pm, First Congregational Church
- 30 - Wednesday, 1/2 Day, Professional Development
- 31 - Thursday, All-School Celebration, 2:15 p.m., First Congregational Church



Director's Spotlight



Dear ISAAC Friends and Families:

Happy snow! I understand that some of you came to school on Thursday not realizing that school had been canceled. Since it was sunny and clear at that point, it was hard to even imagine the impending storm! Remember that we have to follow whatever New London public schools decide about closing. Since they provide busing for our New London students, we have to follow their closing schedule.

We had a special breakfast at ISAAC a couple of weeks ago with our legislators and potential funders. Several ISAAC students represented the school by giving tours and answering questions. They did a wonderful job! My thanks go to *Kenya Spearman, Jordyn Johnson, Lily Sparen, Aundre Bumgardner, Donovan Davis, Matise Venett-Davis* and *Ruben Johnson*.

We had a visit from members of the state department of education last week. They shared lots of compliments about our program and our building.

As we approach our winter break, I hope you have a lovely and restful time with family and friends. For those of you who celebrate the holidays, Happy Holiday!

My best,
Ruth A. Cole-Chu
Executive Director

ISAAC Parent's Corner ...by parents...for parents...



I'M GUILTY! I admit to a crime I will call, "Bad Drop-Off" or "BDO". As the First semester of ISAAC concludes, I admit to experiencing a lot of "firsts". My FIRST year at ISAAC, my FIRST time having a child in middle school, and my FIRST time driving my daughter to school instead of using the town bus system. So many 'firsts' are bound to make for some FIRST mistakes. Take for example, allotting only 30 minutes to get an 11 year old girl dressed, packed up, out the door and dropped off at school - big mistake! My second mistake is my "crime": I am a parent who hastily drops of and picks up their student in the wrong location.

Recently I learned the correct drop off is at the front side of the school along Governor Winthrop (facing the Radisson Hotel). Your student should then walk the short distance around the corner to enter the school. Very quick morning drops off can incur within the bus lane (between the bus curb and the school). **The worst place** to drop off or pick up is anywhere in the travel lanes on the side of the school surrounding the parking garage. This holds up traffic resulting in lost time for tenants who use the garage who in turn submit complaint about the school.

Please take a moment and see if you, like I, might be guilty of "BDO" and change your ways quickly. As I enter my second semester of ISAAC, I intend to make some changes to my FIRST year mistakes, beginning with earlier wake-up times and more importantly properly dropping of and picking up during busy school hours!

--*Darlene Davis (parent of Kalia Kornegay)*

Quote of the Week: "The one thing children wear out faster than shoes is parents." ~*John J. Plomp* (Author)

1st Trimester Awards

PIONEERS

Language Arts

Jalen Bryant	Silmari Roche
Anderson Delgado	Alex St. Louis
Juan Perez	Trevor Tricou
Amanda Overton	Lillian Von Winkle

Math

Sami Baatz	Matt Dunn
Jalen Bryant	Autumn Fritz
Joshua Buckley	Angeline Hector
Carolyn Curry	Juan Perez
Donovan Davis	Kim Sanon
Anderson Delgado	

Social Studies

Aryel Brosnan	Angelica Mata
Greg Chaffee	Juan Perez
Donovan Davis	Christian Rodriguez
Kalia Kornegay	Cynthia Vitorino

Science

Haley Brennan	Ashon Harkness
Aryel Brosnan	Ana Rivera
Jalen Bryant	Elijah Singer
Carolyn Curry	Kevin Vazquez
Anderson Delgado	

ENDURANCE

Language Arts

Jonathan Calhoun	Shannon Lozier
Zachary Dunn	Elsa Nonalaya
Annie Edwards	Galina Smith
Jay Franzone	Lily Sparen
Jordyn Johnson	

Math

Rivkah Berkman	Shannon Lozier
Jonathan Calhoun	Stephanie Martinez
Anthony Castagnaro	Samantha Overton
Brandy LeClair	Mayra Vitorino

Social Studies

Rivkah Berkman	Jason Piontkowski
Jonathan Calhoun	Daritza Rodriguez
Livnette Negrón	Lily Sparen
Laura Okerblom	Kenya Spearman

Science

Rivkah Berkman	Jay Franzone
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Luis Collado	Ashantee Gomez
Annie Edwards	JJ Vázquez
Chris Espinal	Jorge Verde

SPECIALS

TECH

Haley Brennan	Sydney Gomez-Martínez
Jalen Bryant	Zachary Graham
Jonathan Calhoun	JJ Miller
Carolyn Curry	Sara Miller
Donovan Davis	Alex St. Louis

Excellence in Health

Rivkah Berkman	Jordyn Johnson
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Passing all 4 components of Fitness Testing: 6th Grade

Haley Brennan	JJ Miller
Steven Donovan	Amanda Overton
Ahshi Harkness	Lillian VonWinkle

7th Grade

Chris Espinal	Juan Perez
Will Keating	Lynndell Pickett
Tommy Keech	Julien Richardson

8th Grade

Rivkah Berkman	Jason Pointkowski
Aundre Bumgardner	Troy Roberts
Deanna Cappiello	Christian Rodriguez
Brandy LeClair	Evan VonWinkle
Steffanie Perez	

MUSIC

Advanced Instruments:

Sean Pendleton	Galina Smith
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Vocal:

Jose Muñoz-Rivera	Lily Sparen
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Beginning Instruments:

Nick Gramolini	Ana Rivera
Juan Perez	Kimberly Sanon

Congratulations to students selected for Eastern

Region Middle School Music Festival:

Aundré Bumgardner, baritone
Hunter Greiner, baritone
Demetrius Hernandez, baritone
Sean Pendleton, trumpet
Galina Smith, clarinet

Lily Sparen, alto

Visual Arts

Sarah Blette	Livenette Negrón
Donovan Davis	Juan Perez
Sydney Martinez	Julien Richardson
Sara Miller	Nicole Rodriguez

Spanish

Jalen Bryant	Brucarmen Hernández
Alexa Chalas	Livennette Negrón
Ahshon Harkness	Silmari Roche

Most Improved in Spanish

Zipporah Dailey

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Bayer's crew for winning November's crew challenge!

HONOR ROLL

Honors

Grade 6:

Ellen Adams	Kalia Kornegay
Aryel Brosnan	Angelica Mata
Jalen Bryant	Sara Miller
Carolyn Curry	Carlos Morales
Donovan Davis	Amanda Overton
Crystal Diaz	Sean Pendleton
Paige Gilbert	Silmari Roche
Sydney Gomez-Martinez	Kimberly Sanon
Zachary Graham	Elijah Singer
Ahshon Harkness	Lillian von Winkle

Grade 7:

Katrina Brisson	Stephanie Martinez
Anderson Delgado	Elsa Nonalaya
Chris Espinal	Laura Okerblom
Tommy Keech	Juan Perez
Shannon Lozier	

Grade 8:

Jonathan Calhoun	Daritza Rodríguez
Briana Eccleston	Lily Sparen
Jordyn Johnson	Jorge Verde
Livenette Negrón	Jesús Vazquez

High Honors

Grade 6:

Haley Brennan	Autumn Fritz
Matthew Dunn	Alexandra St.Louis

Grade 8:

Rivkah Berkman

Kate Fioravanti

Arts Director & Head Teacher

2007-2008 ISAAC OPERA COMPANY

Production Manager

Briana Eccleston

Stage Managers

Aundré Bumgardner
Jesus Vazquez

Set Designers

Tiara Corley
Guillermo (Gil) Lopez
Livenette Negrón
Nate Patrick
Jeremy Rogers

Costume Designers

Sarah Blette
Jonathan Calhoun
Jezzika Graham
Alexandria Jackson
Jordyn Johnson
Juliza Lopez

Makeup Artists

Damaris Bonilla
Austin Grous
Steffanie Perez
Daritza Rodriguez

Carpenters

Stephanie Castillo
Dylan Hollis
Nathan Medina
Michael Morales
Jorge Verde

Electricians/Lighting Designers

Deanna Cappiello
Brucarmen Hernandez
Tylesse Riddick
Troy Roberts
Emilio Rodriguez
Liberty Scott

Public Relations

Tyler Doescher
Daniel Mata
Adam Morales
Aidan Quinn
Melissa Sánchez
Travis Ward

Composers

Elismari Acevedo
Rivkah Berkman
Zak Dunn
Nick Gramolini
Jason Piontkowski
Christian Salley

Writers

Hunter Greiner
Brandy LeClair
Ross Nee
Jessica Negrón
Galina Smith

Performers

Sara Chia
Ruben Johnson
José Muñiz-Rivera
Andrew Padilla
Lily Sparen
Evan VonWinkle

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Executive Director: Ruth A. Cole-Chu
David Howes: Director of Academics
Kate Fioravanti: Head Teacher
Janna Salmon: Director of Student Life

Attention 8th Graders & Parents!

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL DATES.....

JANUARY 2008

- 4 NL Science & Technology Magnet High School Application Deadline
- 15 Ledyard Agri-science & Technology Program Application Deadline
- 31 Williams School Application Deadline

FEBRUARY

- 1 Williams School & St. Bernard School Financial Aid Deadline
- 2 SSAT (private school admissions test) at Williams) www.ssat.org

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Kate Fioravanti, ext. 109
Arts Director & Head Teacher

Special Thanks...

...to all the parents who helped with the demolition of the future ISAAC Administrative Area. Your volunteering your time and energy to help ISAAC as we move forward is greatly appreciated.

A big BRAVO to you!!!

Willie Quiñones
Facilities Manager

It is the policy of ISAAC and the Connecticut State Department of Education to ensure equal participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise employment, because of race, color, religious creed, sex, mental retardation and past or present history of mental dis



ISAAC Winter Concert

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

7:00 PM



LOCATION: 1st Congregational Church,
State St. - New London, CT
(across the parking lot from ISAAC)

ADMISSION to the concert does not cost money, but instead we will accept grocery donations! All donations go to support the 1st Congregational Church. Items needed are: loaves of bread, pancake mix (just add water type), healthy cereal (dry), ham, soft spread butter, syrup, sausages, paper towels, plastic forks (only), styrofoam bowls, styrofoam cups. Thank you in advance for your generosity! (Sponsored by Mrs. Howes' Crew.)

Contact Mrs. Fioravanti at ext. 109 if you have any questions.

December 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21
		3:00 - 4:00 Team Pioneer After-School Extra Help Session	1/2 Day	NO SCHOOL
			Winter Break	
24	25	26	27	28
Winter Break				
31	1/1/08	1/2/08 Day 3	1/3/08 Day 4	1/4/08 Day 1
Winter Break				

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Day 3	2 Day 4	3 Day 1	4 Day 2
	NO SCHOOL New Year's Day			
7 Day 3	8 Day 4	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3
		3:30 Faculty Meeting ----- 5:30 Parent Meeting ----- 6:30 BOD Meeting		
14 Day 4	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3	18 Day 4
				Progress Reports Due
21	22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4
		3:30 Faculty Meeting 7:00 p.m. Winter Concert		3:30 ISAAC Social
28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4	Feb. 1 Day 1
NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		Reading Marathon	2:15 All-School Celebration	

Reminder to parents of *Groton, Ledyard, Stonington & North Stonington* ISAAC students...make transportation arrangements for your child/children on the following dates:



- Wednesday, January 30 - ISAAC has ½ day, Magnet does not (pick up your child at ISAAC at 12:15 pm)

