

# Happening

ISAAC

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September 9, 2011



## Important Dates

### September 2011

- 12 - Monday, IPAT Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 - Tuesday, BOD Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 - Wednesday, Back-to-School Night, **Please Arrive On Time**, 5:30 p.m.
- 30 - Friday, All-School Celebration, 2:15 p.m.

### October 2011

- 6 & 7 - Thursday & Friday, Team Endurance Camping Trip
- 10 - Monday, NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day
- 11 - Tuesday, NO SCHOOL, Professional Dev.
- 12 - Wednesday, BOD Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 & 14 - Thursday & Friday Team Pioneers Camping Trip
- 25 - Tuesday, High School Fair, 5:30 p.m.
- 31 - Monday, All-School Celebration, 2:15 p.m.

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### *Director's Spotlight*

ISAAC Parents & Families:

Welcome to the 2011-12 school year! We have many exciting things planned for our ISAAC students and community this year and are looking forward to a great year.

We sadly say farewell to several of our faculty members this year who have moved on to new ventures:

Mr. David Howes ~ Ms. Krista Pasioka ~  
Mr. Ernie Andrews ~ Ms. Myra Morrow ~ Ms.  
Tami Howes

**We wish them the very best in their new ventures!**

Along with goodbyes, we gladly welcome our new faculty members:

- Ms. Sheila Hofmann—PE & Health
- Ms. Heather Williams – Language Arts (previously LA Academy)
- Mr. Jon Tobiassen – Science
- Ms. Andrea Montgomery – Special Education
- Ms. Heather Williams – LA Instructor (previously LA Academy)
- Ms. Amy Taylor – LA Academy
- Ms. Marissa Lowe – Educational Assistant
- Ms. Barbara Zegarzewski is still with us and has transitioned to our Special Ed Department
- Mr. Michael Kuczynski – Social Studies Teacher

Some of the exciting happenings for this year include:

- Collaborations lined up with the Coast Guard Research & Development Center, the Tse-Tse Art Gallery, the Garde Arts Theater and New London Main Street with more to come
- Partnering with area universities including Connecticut College, Eastern CT University, and UConn to utilize college student interns to work with our students at tutors and mentors
- New programs for our After School Program including ice skating & swimming lessons
- Implementing a Co-Teaching model, enabling two instructors to be available to our students in the same class as well as for differentiation and small group instruction

Please stop by and visit our new ISAAC Development and Community Outreach office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Ms. Migdalia Salas will continue to serve us in seeking grants, collaborative programming, and community outreach thru that office. She would be happy to meet with our parents and hear your ideas and suggestions.

We have just launched a new Student Information System called PowerSchool which gives us opportunities for web-based parent contact. We will also be introducing some new communication platforms this year that will improve school-to-home communications. We will keep you posted on our progress!

As the new Director, I look forward to serving the ISAAC community. Please feel free to call me at any time if you need assistance or have ideas or suggestions.

Wishing all our students a happy and successful school year!

*Gina Fafard*  
Executive Director



**SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**  
**5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Come meet all of your child's teachers, see the classrooms and hear about all the events, classes and Expeditions that will be taking place this year.

**DON'T MISS IT!**

*Janna Salmon*, Assistant Director

# ISAAC 2011/2012 Over-Night Camping Trips

Endurance: October 6 & 7

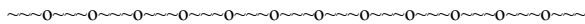
Pioneers: October 13 & 14

Why wait until the last minute? We are requesting **donations** of the following items for this year's camping trips:

- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Ice Tea Mix
- Lemonade Mix
- Graham Crackers
- Glow Sticks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Paper Towels
- Cups (for cold & hot)
- Wood for Campfire
- Chocolate Bars for S'mores
- Marshmallows for S'mores

Bring or send your donations to ISAAC as soon as possible. Also, Mrs. Rivera is in charge of dinner for both camping trips. So, don't be surprised if she calls you asking for a dish to share (e.g., baked chicken, baked ziti, macaroni & cheese, rice w/beans or pigeon peas, etc.).

## *Camping Trip Committee*



### *Breakfast & Lunch Program*

Applications for free or reduced price meals were mailed home over the summer. Please turn in all forms as soon as possible. Students who do not turn in an application will have to pay full price for breakfast and lunch. We will not be accepting charges. If you need an application, contact Lisa Johns, Lunch Program Coordinator, at ext. 102.

**Reminder:** Breakfast is not free unless you qualify for free lunch.

#### **Cost:**

- Breakfast = \$1.35; students who qualify for reduced meals pay \$0.35
- Lunch = \$2.45; students who qualify for reduced meals pay \$0.40
- Milk may be purchased for \$0.50.

Attention All Students!

The Native American Projects that were build in Social Studies teams last year need to be taken home. Please talk to your teammates from last year and decide who would like to take the project home. If projects are not picked up and brought home by Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, by 3:00 pm they will be recycled!

Thanks,

*Chris Blackshaw*

Visual Arts Teacher

### *Boxtops for Education*

ISAAC is a Boxtops for Education participant. This is an easy way to support ISAAC. We will get 10¢ for every boxtop clipped. So, come on, **clip those boxtops** and turn them in to Ms. Z.!

Thank you for your support!

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Director of Academics: David Howes  
Head Teacher: Kate Fioravanti

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*To contact the Title IX Coordinator, Janna Salmon, please call 447-1003, ext. 203.*

# Welcome to ISAAC, Class of 2014!

# September 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8 Day 4	9 Day 1
<b>No School LABOR DAY</b>				
12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 1	16 Day 2
5:30 p.m. IPAT Meeting	5:30 p.m. BOD Meeting			
19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3
		5:30 p.m. Back-to-School Night		
26 Day 4	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Day 3	30 Day 4
				2:15 p.m. All-School Celebration

# October 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 1
			<b>Team Endurance Camping Trip</b>	
10 Day --	11 Day --	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4
<b>No School Columbus Day</b>	<b>No School Columbus Day</b>	5:30 p.m. BOD Meeting	<b>Team Pioneers Camping Trip</b>	
17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 Day 4	21 Day 1
24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 1	28 Day 2
	High School Fair 5:30 p.m.			
31 Day 3	Nov. 1 Day 4	Nov. 2 Day 1	Nov. 3 Day 2	Nov. 4 Day 3
2:15 p.m. All-School Celebration				

