



## Important Dates

### November 2007

- 28 -Wednesday, 1/2 Day, Professional Development
- 30 -Friday, End-of-Trimester Celebration, First Congregational Church, 1:30 p.m.
- ISAAC Social (Dance), 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

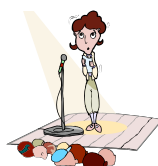


### December 2007

- 6 -Thurs., 1/2 Day, Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- 7 -Friday, 1/2 Day, Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- 12 -Wednesday, BOD Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 -Wednesday, All-School Celebration, 2:15 pm
- ISAAC Social, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- 20 -Thursday, 1/2 Day
- 12/21 - 1/1/08 – Winter Break



### *Director's Spotlight*



Dear ISAAC Families and Friends,

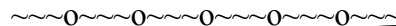
I hope everyone enjoyed a break over the long holiday weekend. In the spirit of the holiday, I would like to thank all of the ISAAC staff for their hard work and dedication to the education of our students. I would also like to thank the large group of parents who are involved with the school this year. Parent-teacher partnerships are an important way for us to improve the achievement of all students.

This Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. parents are welcome to join us at the First Congressional Church for our End-of-the-Trimester All-School Celebration. This special All-School Celebration is a time to acknowledge the achievements of our students. The teachers will present awards for Excellence in all academic areas. We will also announce the ISAAC Honor Roll. Students are awarded Honors if they receive a

B- or higher in ALL subject areas. Students are awarded High Honors if they receive an A- or higher in ALL subjects areas. I will also announce this month's winner of the Crew Challenge. It is an important time of recognition for our students. We invite parents and families to join us.

Report cards will be mailed out this week and enclosed will be the sign-up form for Parent/Student/Teacher conferences, which will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 pm. Please return the forms promptly to secure the most convenient times for you.

Best regards,  
**Janna Salmon**  
 Director of Student Life



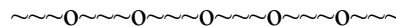
### *Picture Retakes*



**ISAAC Picture Retake Day** is Tuesday, December 4, 2007, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parents who wish to have their child's picture re-taken must send in the pictures they already received.

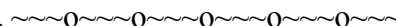


**Chris Blackshaw**  
 Art Teacher



### **TEAM PIONEER** After-School Extra Help

Thursday, Nov. 29 - Mr. Bayer  
 Thursday, Dec. 13 - Mr. Howes  
 Wednesday, Dec. 19 - Mrs. Lazarou



### *School Dance*

Friday, November 30, 2007  
 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Look for your child's Permission Slip in his/her Message Folder.

# ISAAC Parent's Corner

...by parents...for  
parents....

- ? Where is the permission slip for the after school dance?
- ? Why do I see ISAAC Happenings so infrequently?
- ? How did I miss the notice on school picture day?



If these questions sound familiar to you, then chances are you have not been seeing the weekly Message folder that all ISAAC students are expected to bring home and have signed by a parent. The bright yellow (or red) message folders are sent home with students on Tuesdays and contain important information that the school needs all parents to be aware of and often to act upon. In an effort to get these notices into your hands, all students are given a message folder with instructions to have it signed by parents and returned to their Crew teacher no later than Thursday of the same week.

When this issue was raised at the latest Parent Meeting, many parents weren't aware it was a weekly practice, while others had never even seen a folder! The result has been a severe lapse in communications between home and school. Your child may need to dig down into their backpacks and binders, but chances are once you ask it will appear. If however you get a blank stare from your young scholar, then please contact their Crew Teacher to see where the problem may lie. This is a valuable method to keep all parents informed; **Ask to see your child's Message folder and stay connected!**  
--Darlene Davis (parent of 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Kalia Kornegay)

**Quote of the Week:** "At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." - Jane D. Hull, Arizona Politician

**Next Meeting Reminder:** Wed. 12/ 5 @ 5:30 pm

**NOTE:** Interested parents unable to attend Wednesday night meetings, are encouraged to contact Pam Okerblom. Several sub-committees are being formed which will meet on alternative days and times and need volunteers.

Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Graders & Parents!

UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL DATES.....

## NOVEMBER

- 28 NL Science & Technology Magnet High School Tours, 4 and 7

## DECEMBER

- 1 Fishers Island School rolling admissions (starts Dec. 1 through April 15)
- 2 NL Science & Technology Magnet High School Open House, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 15 Technical High School Application Deadlines (Grasso & Norwich)
- 17 St. Bernard School Application Deadline

## 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](http://www.ssat.org)

ALSO, see attached HS At-a-glance sheet. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Kate Fioravanti, ext. 109

Arts Director & Head Teacher

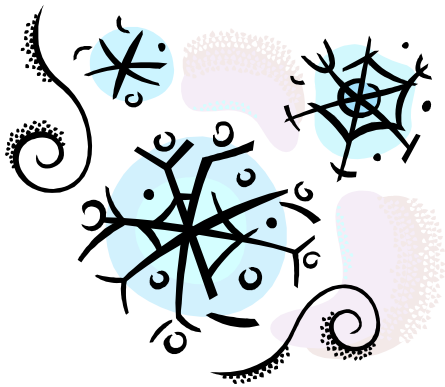
## ISAAC

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### Leadership Team

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

*It is the policy of ISAAC and the Connecticut State Department of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in any educational program including employment, because of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, mental retardation and past or present history of mental disorder, learning disability and physical disability.*



# ISAAC Winter Concert

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

7:00 PM



Mrs. Kate Fioravanti, Arts Director  
kate\_fioravanti@isaacschool.org or (860) 447-1003 x 109

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

It is my pleasure to remind and invite you to this year's first music concert! All students, families and community members are invited to attend. Students in the following groups are REQUIRED to attend as they are performing:

- Concert band
- Chorus
- Swing Choir



ARRIVAL: Students performing must arrive at 6:30 PM, though the concert does not start until 7:00.

CONCERT DRESS CODE: Students performing must wear black (or as dark as possible) from the waist down, white (or as light as possible) from the waist up. Gentlemen should also wear ties, but this is not required. Absences from the concert fall under the same rules as absences from school (see page 14 of the handbook). Unexcused absences will result in significant damage to students' grades.

ADMISSION to the concert does not cost money, but instead we will accept grocery donations! All donations go to support the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)

Support our music program by purchasing a CD of the concert.  
The entire concert is available for only **\$10** by signing up beforehand or at the concert!

***We hope to see you there!***

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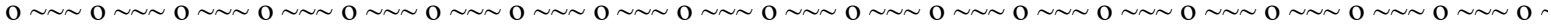
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3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 1	
	9:00 - 10:00 School Picture Retakes		1/2 Day Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences	1/2 Day	
10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	
		6:30 p.m. BOD Meeting	3:00 - 4:00 Team Pioneer After-School Extra Help Session		
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		3:00 - 4:00 Team Pioneer After-School Extra Help Session	1/2 Day	NO SCHOOL	
			Winter Break		
24	25	26			27
Winter Break					
31	1/1/08	1/2/08	Day 3	1/3/08 Day 4	1/4/08 Day 1
Winter Break					

Reminder to parents of *Groton, Ledyard, Stonington & North Stonington* ISAAC students...make transportation arrangements

