



Important Dates

Sept. 2007

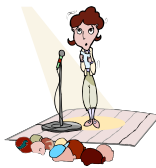
- 20 -Thurs., 1/2 Day, Professional Development
- 26 -Wednesday, School Pictures
- 28 -Friday, ALL-School Celebration, First Congregational Church, 2:15 p.m.
-ISAAC Social, 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

October 2007

- 1-5 -Monday-Friday, Scholastic Book Fair
- 10 & 11 - Wed. & Thurs., 6/7 Team Camping Trip
- 17 -Wednesday, High School Fair, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 & 19 - Thurs. & Friday, 7/8 Team Camping Trip
- 26 -Friday, ISAAC Social "Brock Party", 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.
- 30 -Tuesday, All-School Celebration, First Congregational Church, 2:15 p.m.
- 31 -Wed., 1/2 Day, Professional Development



Director's Spotlight



Dear ISAAC Families and Friends:

What a busy year it has been so far and lots of things coming up soon! **School picture day** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th, and the **Scholastic Book Fair** runs from October 1 through the 5th.

We've scheduled professional development for teachers on two afternoons this month to support teachers to teach reading in all subjects. Your students will be learning reading and comprehension strategies in math and science as well as social studies and language arts.

We have instituted a new program this year. On the last Friday of each month, the students **who have not received any behavior referrals during the month** are welcome to attend the ISAAC social from 3:15 until 5 p.m. Each social will be planned by student government.

Let us know what we can do to help your child succeed this year!

My best,

Ruth Cole-Chu

Executive Director

**Attention! Attention!
ISAAC BOOK FAIR
COMING SOON!
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, thru
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
PARENT & STUDENT
VOLUNTEER
WORKERS NEEDED!!!!**



**Please Contact Mrs. Lazarou
at ext. 214 To Sign Up as a
Volunteer.**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION.....

- Students are **not** to arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. If they do, they will have to wait outside the building, regardless of the weather.
- Students are offered breakfast from 8:00-8:20 a.m. in the Commons.
- **Reporting absences/tardiness:** Please call the school by 8:00 a.m. (447-1003, ext. 250) if your child is going to be absent or late. You will receive a phone call if we do not hear from you on the day of an absence. If no contact is made, the absence will be recorded as unexcused.
- **Students ARE in academic classes until 3:00 p.m.** We strongly recommend that you do not pick up your child until then.

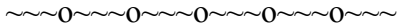


Camping Trip



The 6/7 Team will go camping on Wednesday & Thursday, October 10 & 11, and the 7/8 Team will go on Thursday & Friday, October 18 & 19. Parents, don't forget to sign up as volunteers. There are many ways you can help. Let's all do our part to make this camping experience a memorable one for our students.

ISAAC Picture Day is Wednesday, September 26, 2007, starting at 9:00 a.m. An order form will be sent home with students by Monday.



Lunch & Breakfast Applications

ISAAC offers a choice of healthy meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for **\$2.10** and breakfast for **\$1.35**. Children who qualify under U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced price of **\$.40** for lunch and **\$.30** for breakfast.

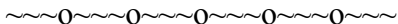
Lunch and/or breakfast must be paid in advance. For your convenience, lunch may be paid daily, weekly or monthly. Checks should be made out to: NLPS Lunch Program. If a check is returned due to lack of funds, you will be charged \$25.00 and will be asked to pay in cash for future meals.

Students for whom we do not receive a lunch application by Monday, September 24, 2007, will be charged full price for lunch and breakfast. Fees for breakfast and lunch are as follows:

- **Full Price:** \$2.10 (lunch), \$1.35 (breakfast);
- **Reduced Price:** \$.40 (lunch), \$.30 (breakfast);
- **Milk Only:** \$.40 (chocolate or white)

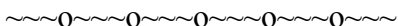
Please call Ms. Johns at 447-1003, ext. 202, if you have any questions or need additional information.

--Mildred Rivera
Administrative Assistant



Box Tops for Education

ISAAC participates in the Box Tops for Education program. If you collect box tops, please bring them in and turn them into Ms. Z. If you don't collect them, please start doing so! This is free money for our school! Thanks!!



8th Graders – It's Time to Think About High School!

It is time already for ISAAC 8th graders to begin thinking about high school for next year. The following dates are coming up:

HIGH SCHOOL FAIR - October 17, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at ISAAC . . . All the area high schools come to present to parents and students

Information Sessions (happen at 8:30 a.m. at ISAAC; presentation for students)

- Norwich Technical High School - Monday, 9/17
- St. Bernard High School - Thursday, 9/27
- NL Science & Technology Magnet High School - Tuesday, 10/2
- Ledyard Agri-Science & Technology program - Tuesday, 10/9
- Grasso Tech - TBD
- Williams School - TBD

Open Houses (happen at their school)

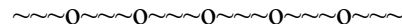
- Williams School - Tuesday, 10/2, at 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 11/6 at 7:00 PM
- Grasso Tech - Thursday, 11/8, at 5:00 p.m.
- Ledyard Agri-Science & Technology program - Wednesday, 11/14, at 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Mrs. Fioravanti with any questions. All current high school information and applications are available on the ISAAC website at:

www.isaacschool.org/current_options.html

Hope to see you at our High School Fair!

-- Kate Fioravanti
Arts Director & Head Teacher

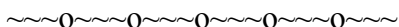


A LOST ART: INSTILLING RESPECT

There's been a fundamental change in family life, and it has played out over the years in Patricia Dalton's office. Teachers, pediatricians and therapists like her are seeing children of all ages who are not afraid of their parents. Not one bit. Not of their power, not of their position, not of their ability to apply standards and enforce consequences. In the Washington Post, Dalton describes how she has seen small children call their parents names and tell them they are stupid. She has

heard adolescents use strings of expletives toward their parents. Her assessment: Not only are the kids unafraid of their parents, parents are afraid of their kids! Many parents these days don't expect their children to contribute much around the house, although they do expect them to achieve outside the house. They have strong beliefs about what makes children successful and happy-ever-after, and underpinning those beliefs is the concept that they—the parents—are all-important in this quest. Such parents believe that self-esteem is the key to lifetime success, and to this end they compliment their children a lot. They are egalitarian, and they believe families should be democracies. Needless to say, they don't give orders. They believe that children will do things when they are ready to do so. They ask their child politely if he or she will do something and are surprised and dismayed when the response is "no." It's as if parents have rewritten the Fourth Commandment to read, "Honor thy children." And, boy, are they paying for it. When a teacher, pediatrician or therapist suggests that perhaps these "parenting" behaviors are not helping but in fact causing harm, such earnest parents can be hard to convince. They don't want to have to hear that their New Age concepts for raising kids not only do not work, but actually are prescriptions for disaster.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/09/10/AR2007091001174.html>



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