# ISAAC DRAGON TALES

## from the desk of Mr. Linski

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Week of October 3, 2022

🔒 @ ISAAC Principal Linski

#### ISAAC VANS A WELCOME SIGHT FOR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING!



*New London, CT*– ISAAC has long looked to help provide transportation for students. It has been something that families have been looking for or inquire about at registration time or when it comes to after-school programming. The 281 student middle school has some great news to share and it will help families that need it.

ISAAC was awarded its first-ever 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant (21 CCLC) to fund two different programs: Step-Up Summer Program and Step-In After-School Program. The grant will provide \$850,000 over five years: \$200,000 for each of the first three years, then \$150,000 and \$100,000 in the final two years. In addition, ISAAC was awarded funding through the ARP Enhancement Grant which helped purchase three vans: One 12 person Mercedes van (pictured) and two fifteen passenger Mercedes vans, currently due to be availed in January 2023.

One of a fleet of three ISAAC vans. Pictured is the 12 passenger van parked out front of ISAAC.

Right now, ISAAC is able to offer after-school transportation for students that participate in after-school programming or athletics under the 21 CCLC grant. Families have the option to have van transportation home to one of the local New London Elemen-

tary school hubs. Right now there are 4 total hubs available. The option is on FAMILYID when parents sign up their child up for one of the available after-school program options.

Vans are only available for 21CCLC programming and are not available for any other transportation options. If families have questions regarding the after-school programming or van hub drop offs, they are encouraged to call the school at 860-447-1003.

#### TEACHER SPOTLIGHT, MS.ALTMAN

Ally Altman loves being an educator. Her many teaching certifications include: Wilton Cake Decorating instructor, United States Gymnastics Coach and Trampoline and Tumbling judge, Fred Astaire Ballroom dance instructor, and Music and Theater educator. Prior to teaching music at ISAAC, she spent 15 years teaching Flying Trapeze

and Circus arts to students of all ages. She has worked alongside national gymnastic champions, Olympians, *Cirque du Soleil* performers and *Ringling Brothers* Acrobats. She also enjoys training service and therapy dogs and takes her service dog, Sasha, to gives educational talks and demonstrations about the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) around CT. Ally is very excited to be teaching music at ISAAC and working with such great colleagues and students.

#### Principal's Notes:



Hello ISAAC Families,

Just a couple of notes for the month of October. Please check your student's PowerSchool. With the quarter ending soon we want to make sure all students have their assignments turned in prior to the close of the quarter. Also, Basketball and Fencing signups will be open October 12<sup>th</sup> - November 16<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow soon.

#### Go Dragons!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

	IS	A	$\Box$		
<b>/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOE</b>					
MON	THES	WFD	THURS		

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
A Day	B Day/	A Day	B Day/	A Day
	Advisory		Advisory	

Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> \* No School \*

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> PTO MEETING</u> TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Zoom Link is listed on our ISAAC Website

> WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> 1sh Annual ISAAC Lip Dub!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> Picture Day!

OCTOBER 24-28 ISAAC Spirit Week				
Monday	— Hat Day			
Tuesday	— Twin Day			
Wednesday	— Wacky Wednesday			
Thursday	— Sports Day			
Friday	<ul> <li>Fancy Friday in honor of picture day</li> </ul>			