

ISSAQUAH MIDDLE SCHOOL E-NEWS OCTOBER 15, 2009

Picture Day

Dorian Studios will be at IMS on the morning of Thursday, October 22.

If you wish to have re-takes, please bring your picture package back to school.

For those purchasing for the first time – order forms are available in the office. Payment is to be made on picture day. Checks payable to Dorian Studios.

Mid Trimester II

Mid-trimester grades will be posted and available to viewing on Family Access on Wednesday, October 14 after 3:30 P.M.

IMS Athletes

Season 2 sports (Girls Basketball and Wrestling) will begin on Monday, November 2. We would appreciate your turning in the required paperwork by **Wednesday, October 28.**

All student athletes must have an ISD Athletic Registration Form, a Concussion Awareness Form, and a sport specific Inherent Risk Form. These can be found in the IMS office or on our website at

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/sports/MSsports/Default.aspx>.

Students must also have a current or updated physical exam and a valid ASB card. A student without one of these items will not be able to try-out or practice. Please have your student double check in the office to confirm that their physical will carry them through the entire sports season.

Intramural Girls Basketball will start the week of November 9. More information will be announced on the Morning Quah.

Parking Lot Safety

If you drive your student to and from the school each day, please do not block Clark Street or the intersection of Newport Way, Clark and Front Street. Also do not drive up the outbound lane on Clark Street. This is a significant safety concern. The

police will be ticketing offenders. If you see the drop off lane is full, please continue through the drive-through lane and circle the lot. There may be times that you will need to loop through the parking lot until a drop off spot opens and during severe congestion, you may need to exit through the intersection and circle back again. Bush Street is another good place to drop students. Do not use 1st Avenue during bus loading and drop off times. We have asked the Issaquah Police Department to help facilitate our traffic problems and would appreciate your cooperation.

Math Curriculum

Join us for a slice of pi and rational (hopefully) expressions! The Issaquah School District has scheduled three upcoming math-conversation nights. In light of the current **geometry and algebra curriculum adoption** process, administrators and math teachers invite all parents to come learn about the rationale for the recommended curriculum, *Discovering Mathematics*; to test-drive the recommended materials; to hear the results of District-wide parent and student math surveys; and to provide feedback about what type of math supports their students need. This is a comprehensive effort to understand families' math experience in the Issaquah School District. The math-conversation nights are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, at [Issaquah High](#); Tuesday, November 3, at [Liberty High](#); and Monday, November 16, at [Skyline High](#). More information about the geometry and algebra curriculum adoption, including FAQs and links to the new state standards, is [available online](#).

2009 Holiday Program to Help Families in Need

There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, necessities, please contact Terry Ostendorf, IMS School Nurse, ASAP (425) 837-6817 to obtain information on the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program. The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact your school nurse before the end of October. School PTSA's desiring to participate in a "Caring through Sharing" program will receive their families to sponsor through the Issaquah Food Bank.

IMS PTSA - Issaquah Special Needs Group

The group's mission is to help families with special needs children by providing information, resources, speakers and a network of other families. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month with the next meeting scheduled for November 10 from 7-8:30 PM in the IMS Commons. For a list of all the meetings, go to <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented/attachments/SpNdsPrntGr.pdf>