

Parent Notes - January 2010

NEW CELL PHONE POLICY EFFECTIVE NOW!!

Students caught with their cell phone during the school day beware! First offense: Cell phone taken away and returned at the end of the day. **SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES: Student must pay \$25 in order to reclaim their cell phone!** Don't get caught with your cell phone. Keep it turned off and in your locker!

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Your **EDUCATION EXPENSE CREDIT** receipt for calendar year 2009 is enclosed. Please add social security numbers as required. Attach this receipt to your Illinois Form IL-1040, Individual Income Tax return, if you figure an Illinois Income Tax credit for education expenses. Per the Illinois Department of Revenue Publication 112 (Jan. 2009), qualified education expenses include tuition, book fees paid for the rental of books, and lab fees.

NEW FINANCIAL AID FORMS for 2010-2011 are available in the main office. The FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment Application Forms must be completed for:

- 2010-2011 BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS. These grants are available to those who qualify and live in the Diocese of Joliet. Remember that you must reapply for these grants each school year.
- ICHS will also use the services of FACTS Management Company to perform financial need assessments for certain scholarships or if you want to be considered for tuition assistance from ICHS.
- **Very Important: If you received tuition assistance this year or previously, you must complete a new FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment application this school year to re-apply.**

Families may use the paper application or apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com. If you apply online, please select Applicant Sign In, then new users should select Create an Account or Returning Users should enter their existing Username and Password. Once you have registered and signed in, you will have the ability to complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application online. After completing the online application you will need to mail or fax the required supporting documentation. The tax information needed to verify your application is shown in the FGAA Checklist that is found online or in the paper application. **The application deadline for online or paper submission is March 1, 2010.**

SMART TUITION CHANGES FOR 2010-2011

For the 2010-2011 school year, all tuition payments will be due on the 10th of the month (August – May) in order to better match with our semester exam schedules. The late fee will remain at \$10.00, however, the grace period will be reduced to five (5) days after the due date before the late fee is charged.

Please PLAN ahead. Your present payment method will be rolled over for 2010-2011. If you use auto-debit as your payment method and the 10th of the month does not work for your auto-debit situation, please switch to the invoice payment method by completing a new Smart form at registration.

SMART TUITION WEBSITE – www.smarttuition.com

If you haven't already signed up to view and manage your tuition account online, please check out the new much more parent-friendly site. Parents can browse through information easier and faster, review their invoices digitally, create reports on their activity and manage settings and address information.

REGISTRATION 2010 – 2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

- February 17, 2010-Curriculum Guides and registration worksheets will be distributed to students during the school day at class meetings. Please review this material with your son/daughter prior to Registration Night.
- Registration Night will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the high school cafeteria for current freshman, sophomores, and juniors. Mrs. Field, Guidance Counselor, and Department Chairs will be available to answer questions and address concerns.
- Registration Night Schedule is set according to student's last name:

Ambrogi-Dempsey	6:00-6:30 pm	Meyo-Rivera	7:30-8:00 pm
DeRosa- Iosco	6:30-7:00 pm	Roberto-Zarnicki	8:00-8:30 pm
Johnson-Mesnard	7:00-7:30 pm		
- Please bring completed registration worksheet and the non-refundable \$275 fee. (\$125 will be applied to next year's tuition.) **REGISTRATION CANNOT BE COMPLETED WITHOUT PAYMENT.**
- **Class of 2014-Incoming Freshmen:** Registration will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010. Families will receive a separate mailing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPER "SUPPER BOWL" PARTY AND RAFFLE - Sunday – February 7, 2010

As a member of the IC family, you are invited to friends, parents and alumni who support ICHS athletics. There is **NO CHARGE** for the party as it is the Booster Club's way of saying thanks to our faculty, staff, coaches, and all those supporters who have helped raise funds for athletic program enhancements. There will be raffle squares available and one half of every dollar spent will go to enhance our athletic programs. The other half could go to a lucky winner like YOU! Don't miss out on the fun!

KNIGHT OF JEWELS DINNER DANCE, SILENT AUCTION, AND TUITION RAFFLE!

Join us on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at River Forest Country Club. Don't forget to buy a \$25 raffle ticket in order to be eligible to win a \$2500 tuition payment! Only 250 tickets will be sold and the winner need not be present to win. Questions? Call Carolyn Hansen in Development at 630-530-3485.

ICHS SPRING ART SHOW

Students will be displaying 2-D and 3-D art work from the 2009-2010 school year. All parents and students are welcome to join us for the reception on Wednesday evening, March 10th from 6-8:00 p.m. in the ICHS Media Center. Refreshments will be served.

HIGH SCHOOL SPRING PLAY – *West Side Story*

Friday, 3/26 7:30 pm / Saturday, 3/27, 7:30 pm / Sunday, 3/28, 1:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE-SUMMER RECREATION OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to the 8th annual Summer Recreation Open House sponsored by District 205 PTA on 2/18/10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Jefferson Elementary School, 360 E. Crescent, Elmhurst, IL. Questions? Contact Kristin Boxall kristinboxall@msn.com or Janis Foster janisfoster@msn.com

"YEAR FOR PRIESTS"

Pope Benedict XVI has declared the "Year for Priests" as a time for priests to spiritually renew themselves and for people to pray for priests. As part of the celebration, the Diocese of Joliet has produced a postcard that you can fill out to express your gratitude to priests who have had a positive influence in your life. A postcard is included in this mailing so feel free to mail it to a priest you know who deserves the acknowledgement of gratitude. Also, don't forget to pray for priests and more vocations to the priesthood.

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