

Iron Mountain Public Schools Alumni and friends NEWSLETTER

THEN AND NOW:

SPRING 2014

Then:

East Elementary was erected in 1960. Classes were held from 1961-2009. Initially 275 students moved into East Elementary on January 30, 1961, from the old Washington School.

NOW:

Fall of 2014 marked the return of students to East Elementary. East is the home of the Iron Mountain Public schools 4th, 5th and 6th' grades.



In addition to the updates that are happening over the next two years, outlined in greater detail in Mr. Jayne's article, there have also been some changes in the high school gym and surrounding areas.

Vending machines were removed from the Izzo-Marucci Center which made room for a new trophy case. Money was donated by the Tom Johnson Memorial and the Iron Mountain Athletic Booster Club for this project.



Additionally, new sideboards have been added to the existing scoreboards in the gym with money donated from MJ Electric, Coca-Cola and the Tom Johnson Memorial.



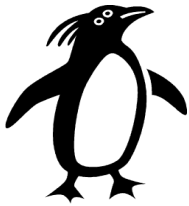
"Through the generous donations received by the school district, we've been able to make these two improvements. Our sincere thanks goes out to these organizations for their continued support of the school" said Tom Jayne.



SAVE THE DATE

DATE: Friday, June 27, 2014 at The Pine Grove Country Club

FORMAT: 6 person ~ 18 hole scramble



"JUST ONE MORE"

Golf Sponsorships Available

Email questions to Chris Hartman

hartmanc@imschools.org

On behalf of the Tom Johnson Memorial Golf Outing Committee, we welcome you to join us for "Just One More" in Tom's memory and to take part in our golf outing to support IMHS athletics.



From The Archives:



IMHS Alumni at the Casa Loma

Photo supplied by: Electra (Aneson) Tarachas

Left: Ted Pucci '47, Roland Mariucci '47, Rudy Mosca '45

Right: Al Crispina '46, Vince Eutizzi '47, Joe Anderoc



FROM OUR MAILBAG...

You are doing a marvelous job delivering such uplifting news and so interesting to read all about former students of IMHS. Janice (Raffin) Santi '55

Thanks and keep up the good work! Tom Briggs '67

Thank you for your hard work in getting the newsletter out. Sue (Podgornik) Tinti '68

Thank you for your marvelous newsletter. You keep us feeling connected to the schools we fondly remember. IMHS prepared us to fully excel in our school and career choices. For that we will always be grateful. Birdie Hanson '61

I enjoy the newsletter and hop it can continue. Mark Agnessi '47

Will enjoy the newsletter more now that I have relocated from the area. Victor Badini '45

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As I end the third year as the District's Superintendent I am taking this opportunity to update all of you on phase three and four of the \$9.5 million bond project.

Bond Proposal Updates:

The school district has been very busy the past 14 months planning, reviewing construction options and drawings, accepting bids, and implementing changes within the district. All as a result of the successful bond proposal passing on February 26, 2013.

The district has recently completed phases one and two of the bond construction. These two phases centered on district technology upgrades as well as some safety and energy enhancements, as outlined in the Fall 2013 newsletter. Work on phases three and four will begin in March 2014 and be completed for the most part by October 2015. The bids for the phase three work have been awarded to date and the phase four bids will be awarded by the end of April 2014.

The district is happy to report that at this stage of project development and bid awards, the entire bond proposal budget is within its target ranges and a contingency fund of over \$400,000 is still available to help cover any unforeseen construction obstacles.

Major Concentrations of Phase Three: Fall of 2014 Completion:

- New roofs at North Elementary and the high school.
- New and separate heating systems for the high school, East Elementary School, administration, industrial arts building & high school gym area.
- Upgraded exterior and interior lighting in all buildings.
- New "buzz in" security system at all buildings.
- New and additional security cameras in all buildings.
- Moving the high school offices from "C" to "B" Floor.
- Classroom refinements on "B" and "C" floor of the high school.
- Installing additional bathrooms on "C" floor of the high school.
- Installing additional electronic and data outlets as well as additional Apple TV's and technology in various district classrooms.
- Renovation of the high school gym locker rooms and public restrooms.

Major Concentrations of Phase Four: Fall of 2015 Completion:

- Renovation of the high school Auditorium, including the installation of the 376 alumni seats that have already been purchased.
- Renovation of the high school Media Center.
- Major renovations to the high school science department. New science labs and classroom lecture spaces will be added to all three science classrooms.
- Major renovations and relocation of the high school English department classrooms.
- Renovations to various high school classrooms, hallways, and stairwells. Furthermore, all buildings will undergo enhancements in the areas of new paint, new classroom furnishings, and various new technology enhancements.

In closing, I am confident that once Phase Four of the bond work is completed in the Fall of 2015, all staff members, students, and visitors of the Iron Mountain Public School District will enjoy the benefits and comforts of the work. All of our school district buildings will have enhanced school safety and security systems. In addition, our schools will have 21st century technology, enhanced classroom learning environments and state of the art efficiency operations for our current and future generations.

If you are interested in knowing more about our bond projects and/or would like a tour of the district buildings please call me and/or stop by anytime. I would be happy to discuss this topic with you in greater detail.

On behalf of the Iron Mountain Public Schools Board of Education, Administration, Staff, and Students I would like to thank all the voters who supported and helped pass the bond proposal. Your efforts have truly made a positive impact.

May summer soon arrive?

My Door Is Always Open,

Tom Jayne

IMHS Class of 1981



The Last Romantic War

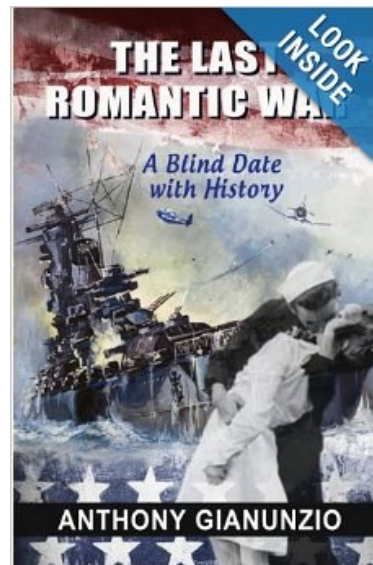
Idolo Anthony Gianunzio, IMHS Class of 1940 is a published author.

Anthony , known to his classmates as Idolo or Buzz, was the seventh son in a family of 11 children. His book *The Last Romantic War* is available through many book outlets. His book has five pieces attached to what he describes as his “Iron Mountain youthful experience.”

Anthony’s book draws from his experiences as a Coast Guard gunner’s mate during WWII. His ship mainly did escort, anti-sub and convoy missions. The key to the book is the ambience—a young mans view—set in World War II.

Anthony has four more books in the works. Look for them in a bookstore near

There are few voices alive today that can tell their story of World War II. Anthony Gianunzio is one of them. Portraying a time like none other in American history, his story-telling expresses a true ambience of heart-warming (and wrenching) moments in the chaotic entirety of that war. Vinettes, profiles, documents, humor and authentic dialogue make you feel a shipmate of this young gunners’s mate on the frigate U.S.S. Machias on duty in the Pacific. And as he said, “Armed with a cloth-covered prayers, a romantic heart, and a philosopher’s soul, I left youth and home behind to go to war. You come too.”



- As taken from Amazon.com

40TH CLASS REUNION

IMHS Class of 1974

Pine Grove Country Club—June 27, 2014 @ 6:00pm

Contact Randy Evosovich at 774-8072 or 282-6197

Or Mail Reservations to:

1974 Class Reunion, 626 East Stanton St,

REUNION NEWS

Do you have class reunion information you would like to share. Send your information to alumni@imschools.org or call Bonnie at 906-779-2610. The newsletter is published twice a year and if your information is



IMPS Continues To Give Back

Denim Days

Denim Days continue to be a success at Iron Mountain Public Schools. Each month the staff at IMPS contributes \$5 to wear jeans to school for a day. Money collected each month is donated to charity. Most of the money collected stays in the community to make a difference locally. Recipients of Denim Day Funds have been Northwoods Air Life-line, The Salvation Army, The Dickinson County Cancer Loan Closet, Michigan's MS Society, the L.Cpl. Eric Palmisano Care Package Fund, the TV 6 Can-a-thon, The American Cancer Society, and an IMPS student diagnosed with cancer, Camp UPeninsula, IMHS General Scholarship Fund--a total of \$2570 has been donated. The remaining Denim Day donations are slated to help the Community Foundation.

Staff at IMPS set out to make a positive difference in the community, and also to set an example of philanthropy for the students at IMPS. This goal was recognized when students at Iron Mountain High School/Middle School rallied together on a recent Denim Day and contributed \$1 each to wear pajamas to school. They donated the funds to a fellow student in treatment for cancer. The students have planned other fundraising efforts to help the student and his family as well. Denim Days are just another way the Iron Mountain Public School District is The Place To Succeed.



Pennies for Prescriptions

The Iron Mountain Education Association was awarded a grant by the MEA to host a community fundraiser. The IMEA held a "Pennies for Prescription" fundraiser to collect money to donate to St. Vincent DePaul to assist community members in their prescription costs. The fundraiser was held outside of the Superintendents office and in addition to a denim day over \$500 was raised for St. Vincent DePaul's prescription assist program.

Thank you...

Our Newsletter publication relies tremendously on the support and donations of Iron Mountain Alumni; thanks to all who have helped out! If you would like to make a donation toward future issues, checks can be made payable to: IMHS Alumni & Friends Newsletter. Send all donations to:

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217 Izzo-Mariucci Way, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Urban Rahoï '38, Peter Jensen '71, Mark Agnessi '47, Darrell Wickman '67, Mervin Bianchetti '53, Bill Ferzacca '45, Victor Badini '45

We're on the web!

WHAT I AM DOING NOW:

I am very proud to say I am a graduate of the Iron Mountain school system. I started my schooling at the Amidon School on the Northside. The teachers were not just teachers they were our friends and mentors. The memories from that school will forever bring a smile to my face. We then moved over to Central Middle School – the same happened at that school and so much more. Mr. Urbanski has gone to not only my wedding but to my siblings weddings as well – he was an amazing teacher. One of the teachers took me under her wing and offered me a job to clean her house (her house was already immaculate) – she did this to help me as our family was going through a divorce – her name at that time was Mrs. Mary Seit. She not only helped me in school but she taught me some great life lessons. I wonder how many schools take this type of personal interest in their students?

Once I hit Iron Mountain High School I recall not really knowing what I wanted to do with my life. The teachers helped change that for me. During one of my classes at the Vocational Center they had a guest speaker come and talk with our class – Rita Bon, VA Medical Center Public Affairs Officer. I was taking the Business Technology class at the center with Mrs. Sue Youngberg during this time. The topic that was discussed was that of business applications in a health care setting and student internships. The school helped me secure an internship at the VA Medical Center at the age of 16. I recently received my 3- year pin at the facility and I love going to work every day. The VA worked with me as I pursued a college education. I am currently the Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist and Lead Patient Advocate at the Medical Center. I have made it a point to reach out to as many local kids as possible to share internship opportunities. I was delighted to participate in a VA Career Day where the Iron Mountain school sent many student to get hands-on experience in a variety of professions both clinically and administratively.

I come from a large family – 3 of my siblings went on to own their own businesses and the others have all been successful.

What are you doing now?

We invite all alumni to share a high school memory about themselves, a faculty member or friend, or an update of what you are doing now for another edition.

Send stories to : Alumni, 217 Izzo-Mariucci Way, Iron Mountain, Michigan, 49801