

IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2012

SPOTLIGHT ON IRON MOUNTAIN- KINGSFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

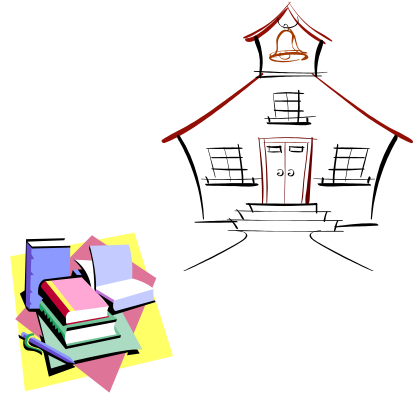
The 'Community Schools' is a consortium partnership between the Iron Mountain Public Schools and the Breitung Township Schools. This organization was created almost 50 years ago to embrace the concept of 'Community Education' which strives to strengthen, educate and support all members of our communities by delivering programming that encourages lifelong learning and healthy living. Iron Mountain Public Schools acts as the fiscal agent for Community Schools. The Iron Mountain-Kingsford CS Advisory Board serves to oversee operations, as led by the Community Schools Director, and make recommendations to the Iron Mountain School Board for formal action. The IM-K Advisory Board is made up of two Iron Mountain school board members, two Breitung Township school board members, the districts' superintendents, a representative from the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Women's Club, and one 'community at-large' representative from both Iron Mountain and Kingsford. The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools operation is currently located at the former East Elementary School. The building houses the Community Schools' office and 'Eastside High' Alternative Education and Adult Education Programs. The Alternative Education Program is a 9th – 12th grade high school setting with students referred from the four Dickinson County high schools (Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Norway & North Dickinson). The program employs three full time teachers, one of whom serves as the program principal, a part time teacher and one full time educational assistant. The Alternative High School offers an educational opportunity to students who are at risk of not being successful in their traditional high school environment. Each student enrolled is in pursuit of their referring district's diploma and must meet those credit requirements for graduation. The Adult Education Program is offered to students 18 and older. Classes are held during the day or in the evening for those working toward a high school diploma or a G.E.D. Certificate. A G.E.D. testing program is also set up at the Dickinson County Correctional Center to offer inmates an opportunity for a high school equivalency certificate. The Adult Education Program

also offers evening vocational classes (Auto Body, Auto Mechanics & Art) as Adult Enrichment opportunities for all area residents. Community Schools currently partners with the Dickinson Area Community Foundation to offer a Community Adult Literacy Program. Volunteer tutors are matched with learners who are studying to improve their basic skills in reading, writing, math, computers or English as a second language. In 2011-12 Community Schools awarded 30 high school diplomas and 18 G.E.D. Certificates. A formal commencement ceremony is held each year to celebrate. Many of these graduates have gone on to post-secondary education or employment. Currently there are 174 students enrolled in the Community Schools educational programs. For over 30 years Community Schools has offered pre-school classes for 3 and 4 year old children in our communities. This fall a 3 & 4 year old Pre-School class is offered at the North Elementary School and two Advanced Pre-School classes for 4 year olds are held at the Woodland Elementary School. These programs are held Monday – Friday and help to prepare children for kindergarten. Beginning in June of 2012, Community Schools has assumed direction of the Iron Mountain Child Care Program. Before and After School Child Care is offered at Central and North Elementary Schools. A full day child care center is available during the summer months at North Elementary. Children's Recreation and Enrichment Programs are offered to students at Iron Mountain, Kingsford and Bishop Baraga Schools. Community Schools offers elementary recreation programs which include Flag Football, Basketball League, and Elementary Track Day. Jr. High Track is offered at the middle school level. Children's Enrichment programs include Spelling Bees and Jr. High Quiz Bowl. Community Schools continues to coordinate with neighboring communities to orchestrate the Great 8 Winter Games. The competition concept is based on the former 'U.P. Games' which were held in various locations across the Upper Peninsula. Approximately 1,000 students participated

in 2012 at the one day February event. The local Great 8 Games are the last winter games event held in the U.P. The IM-K Community Schools, with support from the City of Iron Mountain, City of Kingsford and the Township of Breitung, runs the Summer Recreation Program. Activities are offered to pre-school through high school age children. Camp options include Baseball (T-ball, Coach Pitch, or Pitching Machine), Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, Football, Cheerleading, Golf, Bowling, Wrestling, Archery, Music, Drama, Spanish, Tot Lot, and Arts and Crafts. Nine hundred area youth participated in the summer of 2012. Community Schools has a long standing tradition of offering Adult Recreation Programs to all area residents. Hundreds of people participate in Men's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, Co-Ed Volleyball or Golf Lessons each year. The mission of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools is to respond to our communities' needs by providing educational, recreational and enriching opportunities, through the use of school and community resources and partnerships. Community Schools strives to enhance quality of life through learning. Anyone interested in more information can call the Community Schools Office at 779-2660.



PE/Wellness Class playing Bocce



Orienteering Trip to The School Forest



Pep Rally at Central Elementary



Hey, look what we are up to.



SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS ON...

How has the Iron Mountain Public Schools made the world a better place for our children?

(Your answers will be published in our next newsletter)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HONOR A FACULTY MEMBER IN A UNIQUE WAY?

The following former faculty of Iron Mountain Public Schools have a partial donation made in their “honor or memory” to the IMHS General Scholarship Fund. This means that they have not yet reached the \$100 required to add their name to the SIXTH General Scholarship Plaque. If you would like to make a donation to anyone listed below, or in “honor” of a current faculty member, this is a wonderful gesture. To date, the General Scholarship has awarded **OVER \$180,000 to 97 graduating seniors** of Iron Mountain High School. For this to continue, we need and greatly appreciate yearly support. The faculty names follow:

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| Richard Allen | Donald Antonetti | Greta Betti | Thomas Clarke |
| Richard Debelak | Dennis DeMerse | Barbara Edberg | Marvin Harry |
| Pauline Hill | Robert Hill | Norman Johnson | Tom Johnson |
| Jane Kamper | Jerry Kriegl | Nancy Lakari | Walt Lakari |
| David Menghini | William Mugford | Art Noel | Charles Novara |
| Dorothy Occhietti | Richard Olds | Duane Phillips | Jack Richtig |
| Ken Swan | Wally Swanson | Donna VanHolla | Ken VanHolla |
| Dennis Veale | Robert Youngren | | |

Please mail donations to:

**Scholarship Administrator
Iron Mountain High School
300 West B Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801**

Or email: laydonm@imschools.org with any questions



Douglas G. Villa Memorial Tech Scholarship for Class of 2013

The Iron Mountain High School Class of 2013 will be the recipient of the ***Douglas G. Villa Memorial Tech Scholarship***, which was established in memory of Douglas by his wife Lucille, family and friends.

Doug graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1944 and attended Michigan Tech University, as well as Northern Michigan University, earning a master's degree.

He was an Iron Mountain High School Industrial Arts instructor for 37 years in our school district. He began his teaching career at Longfellow School in Foster City before coming to IMHS. Doug was a true handyman and enjoyed sharing his skills with family and students alike. He was well-known among the residents of the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes as the "go to" person for servicing their boats at the marina. Doug enjoyed working Saturdays and summers there for many years.

It seems very fitting that his family and friends would memorialize him in this way - setting up a scholarship that highlighted his career field and helping a senior continue on this same path.

We thank the following donors who have made this scholarship possible: The Doug Villa Family, Dick/Jean Abraham, Bob/Barbara Beauchamp, Pat Blake, Tom/Jani Blake, Don/Mary Bodelin, Dahly Bosley, Henrietta Cavaiani, Alfred Corsi, Jr., Sueanne Debski, Don/Mimi Elsner, Marie Erickson, Randy Evosevich, Joe/Marilu Floriano, Sharon Fredrickson, Marcene Fuse, Betty Glanville, Dr. & Mrs. Sandor Goldstein, Roger/Barbara Haun, Joe/Meg Hillan, Paul/Lorraine Jacobs, Bonnie Evosevich Jones, Marilyn Keto, Allen J. Klingenberg, Peter/Vin Koffman, Michael/Christine Kusz, William/Libby Leavy, Lucille Massie, Robin McCarthy, Marcia McGregor, Merisant, Mike/Diane Mlinar, Dave/Cindy Mogush, John/Marcie Mouw, Paul Nelson, Greg Olson, Dorothy Person, Charles Porta, Denny/Kathy Povolo, Jack/Pat Richtig, Betty Ring, Lee/Barbara Sandberg, Ron/Patti Schneider, Don/Sharon Scholke, Norma Simone, John/Sue Skube, Delores Skube, Lois Swanson, Frank/Betsy Trumbell, Judi Trumbley, Jeff/Ellen VanLaanen, Glenn/Marie Windell, Rob/Annette Zimmerman and Vicki Zini.

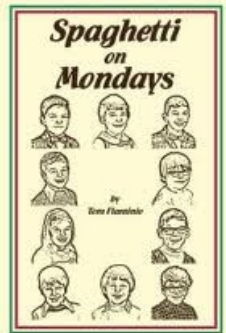
To be eligible for the Douglas G. Villa Memorial Tech Scholarship, applicants must be a graduating senior of IMHS, must be accepted for admission to an accredited one or two-year college, university or technical school; studying in the fields of automotive technology, auto collision repair, welding or heavy equipment repair. Applicants must also have successfully passed technical/vocational classes in the career field they are pursuing. The scholarship will be available in early spring 2013.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Douglas G. Villa Memorial Tech Scholarship can mail donations to: Scholarship Administrator, Iron Mountain High School, 300 West B Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Author of Spaghetti on Mondays



Tom Flaminio was born in London, England, where his father served in the United States Air Force. After his father's honorable discharge, his family moved to Iron Mountain, Michigan. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School and Michigan Technological University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. He lives in Marquette, Michigan on the shores of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



Class of '48 Reunion

The Class of 1948 Reunion Planning Committee is making tentative plans for next summer's 65th reunion and would like to receive the Class of 1948 input. We are asking classmates interested in attending the celebration to please select from the following choices:

Class Member Name: _____ Maiden Name (if female) _____

Spouses Name: _____ Number of Attendees: (Circle one) 1 or 2

Reunion Month Preference: (Circle one) June July August

Indicate your **two** preferences for Entress: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

The committee will select the majority of choice made and inform those interested in attending the event.

Please complete this form and mail it back by **January 10, 2013** to the address below:

IMHS Class of 1948
612 Fairbanks Street
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

GO GREEN AND HELP US SAVE ON MAILING COSTS!

Please consider subscribing to the newsletter online. Just send an email to: alumni@imschools.org and put "subscribe" in the subject.

Remember to give your name and address so we can remove you from the regular mailing list.

FROM OUR MAILBAG...

Thanks for the great job with the newsletter. It's great to get updates on IMHS—the school and the alumni—D Spigarelli '59

How ironic about Mrs. Johnson. I had lost my 1965 year book and had requested if I could maybe get a copy. The one I received was actually Mrs. Johnson's copy. I will always be indebted to her for her generosity.—S. Bailey

Nice Job!—B. Larson '51

Enclosed is my check to help offset the costs of printing and mailing the IMHS Alumni publication. This September the Class of 1952 will be holding its 60th Class Reunion. With this donation, I would like to honor my fellow class officers—President Ward "Archie" VanLannen, and Vice President Don Miller. Both were outstanding educators, ARchi in Lake Odessa and Don in Alma! We will all miss them at our reunion. They may be gone, but they will never be forgotten. Two of my best pals ever. Keep up the good work, as we all enjoy walking down memory lane with all of our alumni. Go Black & Gold!—J Hamm '52

Enjoy the newsletter immensely—it is great! As is IMHS. Thank you.—D Dixon '51

Thank you for sending the newsletter. My husband & I enjoy reading it. We appreciate the work that goes into it.—M Hassi '54

Keep up the great work. It's encouraging to see the pride Mountaineer alumni have.—D Miqazzi '98

I look forward to each newsletter. Very nicely done.—S Johnson Saxon '73

Thank you Iron Mountain Michigan School System on behalf of the Formolo family for the fine education you provided me, my brothers and sisters so many years ago! Your newsletter brings it all back to me. Though I never knew any of the individuals on your staff, the names of the staff are familiar names in my memories. Accept this small contribution as a token of appreciation to all who donates their time and effort to bring back fond memories through your newsletter.—F Formolo—'40

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$200 to cover the cost of one auditorium seat. My husband (Arch) Ward graduated from Iron Mtn. H.S. in 1952. He was very active in school activities and would be pleased to join with others in this project. The names of Earl Anderson '52 and Ray Burges '51 are familiar to me and were mentioned in your Spring 2012 Newsletter. They might know the whereabouts of "Arch's" '52 yearbook.. Ward VanLaanen passed away Sept 19, 2008.—E VanLaanen

I am the eldest son of John Dinnocenzo who graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1945 (I think). I got his email address off a newsletter that Came in his mail. This is to notify you of his death on March 14, 2012. Thank you. J Dinnocenzo



Dear Alumni and Friends:

As I enter the second year as the district's superintendent I would like to take this opportunity to update all of you on what's new and exciting in regard to the Iron Mountain School District 2012-13 school year.

New Developments: February 26, 2013 Bond Proposal Vote & Food Service Improvements.

Bond Proposal Updates

On August 7, 2012, the district's bond proposal, which I spoke about in the spring newsletter, was defeated by a mere 47 votes. As a result of this defeat, the Board of Education and the Bond Core Committee have met several times to discuss the defeat of the bond proposal and what to do moving forward. These meetings kept in mind the district's immediate and future infrastructure and classroom needs. The district will once again be asking the voters to understand and support another bond proposal on February 26, 2013. The new proposal will ask the citizens to vote for a \$9.5 million over 18 years proposal as opposed to \$11 million over 20 years in the August 2012 proposal. The money would be used to improve the district's aging heating and lighting systems, as well as improve the current state of our security and technology areas of operation. The main concentrations of improvement would take place in the Iron Mountain High School and North Elementary School. The district will be rolling out a great deal of information (district website, newspapers, & TV) on this subject between November 2012 and February 2013. So stay tuned and be an informed voter and supporter of the Iron Mountain School District.

Food Service Improvements

In an effort to comply with the new federal school lunch regulations and in the spirit of promoting health and fitness the Iron Mountain Schools in conjunction with Bishop Baraga Catholic Schools (our food service contractor) and a dedicated community committee have instituted the following food service changes.

- *Bought new, bigger and better, kitchen ovens and warmers
- *Instituted the serving of more homemade entrees with fruits and vegetables
- *Removed all soda and unhealthy snacks from our student vending machines
- *Instituted a mid-morning snack time in the high school. Students can purchase healthy snacks and drinks for 25-75 cents and take them to seminar
- *Instituted a salad bar in place of vendors during lunch time in the Izzo-Mariucci Center

Recent Alumni Building Tours

This past July and October I had the pleasure of giving tours of the high school to the graduating classes of 1992 and 1962 respectively. It truly is a pleasure to be a part of this process. The tours are filled with excitement, smiles, and many old stories from high school days. It seems like yesterday doesn't it?

"Take a Seat" Auditorium Project

To date our generous alumni have donated enough money to purchase 316 seats in their and/or their family's name. There remains room to purchase an additional 378 seats. The cost to purchase a seat ranges from \$175 to \$200. The movement to actually install the seats is now on the fast track and will be completed no later than the summer of 2015 if the upcoming bond proposal is successful.

Donations to help replace the lights at Mountaineer Stadium

The Iron Mountain Athletic Booster Club is working hard to save enough money to eventually replace the light poles and lights at Mountaineer Stadium. This is an expensive but worthy endeavor (over \$100,000), and the club would like to accomplish this by the fall of 2015. If you wish to donate to their cause, you can mail a donation to the following address. Write checks in care of the Iron Mountain Athletic Booster Club – Lighting Project.

Iron Mountain Athletic Booster Club

P.O. BOX 65

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Congratulations & Thank You

Before closing I would like to thank our students, teachers, advisors, and coaches on their many academic, extracurricular, and sporting event successes so far this school year. I would like to express my gratitude toward all those Alumni who have enclosed a generous donation in their correspondence as well as the past graduating classes who have bought auditorium seats, donated to our general scholarship fund, and/or made personal donations aimed at helping our students. These contributions are much appreciated and help our students succeed as well as help offset the cost of producing and mailing the newsletter.

It is my pleasure and honor to be able to serve you and the Iron Mountain Public School District in these challenging but exciting times. Please feel free to call, email, and/or stop in my office if I can help you in any way. Thank you for your interest and support of the Iron Mountain Public Schools.

My door is always open,

Tom Jayne

Superintendent

IMHS Class of 1981

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:

IMHS Alumni & Friends Newsletter

217 Izzo-Mariucci Way, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Blondy Larsen '51; Jack Hamm '52; Joyce Benzie '45; Class of 1957; Francis Formolo '40; Elaine

We're on the web!
www.imschools.org

Please help keep our school grounds BEAUTIFUL!



We are looking for volunteers and donations for the beautification of our school grounds. Retired Superintendent Scott McClure and his wife Lynn have spent this summer keeping the grounds around the high school campus and football stadium trimmed and well cared for. They have spent time planting flowers, weeding, watering, grass cutting, etc. Iron Mountain Public Schools could use more help in this area. We are hoping to get the Alumni and Friends of this district to join in. We could really use mulch for around the landscaping. This has not been replenished for some years now. Anything you are willing to contribute will be GREATLY appreciated!

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

or you can email them to alumni@imschools.org.