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# Mountaineer Milepost



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**Dear Iron Mountain Families,**

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021. On behalf of IMPS and the Board of Education we hope each student and family had an enjoyable Winter Break! Our busy schedules certainly makes time go quickly. Before we know it, we will be at Spring Break and the end of the school year! However, we have now started second semester. I hope that all of our students are ready to go. As we take on January and February please keep an eye on our website and our social media sites for weather related delays, cancellations, or changes to schedules. As always, we strive to make the best decision regarding school and student safety. Once we make a decision, we work to get the information out as soon as possible so you have as much notice for a change in the school day schedule as possible.

We are happy to have all of our students back in the building for the first time in a very long time. Our goals are to keep our students and staff safe, provide the best education possible, and be able to stay in our live classroom instruction on-site model. We believe this is best for the overall growth and

betterment of our students. We continue to work closely with our local Department of Public Health and monitor the data provided to our district to help us make decisions, which will help us meet our goals. We also consider the things we learned as we navigated through the first semester and experienced quarantines, shut downs, and the daily challenges.

We are continually grateful for our families' resilience, flexibility, and support as we have navigated these challenging times together. Please keep an eye out for any changes we may make along the way in order to help us meet our goals of keeping all of our students in the buildings as safely as we can.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's schools or central office. Thank you and we hope your 2021 year is off to a great start.

Respectfully,  **Jerry Sardina, Superintendent** [sardinaj@imschools.org](mailto:sardinaj@imschools.org) 906-779-2600

**~ 2021 IS HERE AND WE ARE READY FOR OUR STUDENTS TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERYDAY ~**

Our students' resiliency has been empowering to me as their school leader. Together we have been solving problems, staying prepared and prioritizing safety and health. I believe we will continue to thrive in these challenging times because of the strength I have seen in our students, staff and families. Our students want to be back in school because they need to learn, grow and maximize their potential. Let's all stay strong and keep our courage. Together we can plan for the future even if our challenges continue. Please let's all continue to practice the **3 W's** that help us sustain our learning capacity: **WASH HANDS, WEAR MASK, WATCH DISTANCE!** I believe in YOU – students, staff and families. See you in 2021!

**Your Partner In Education, William Traber, Grades 5-12 Principal** [traberw@imschools.org](mailto:traberw@imschools.org) 906-779-2610





## LAURA HAGAN - Executive Administrative Assistant to Superintendent

Laura Hagan has been a leader in the IMPS in one way or another since 2001. Mrs. Hagan became the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent 4 years ago.

Prior to her role as an Executive Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Hagan was a substitute teacher for 7 years, a Central Elementary Crossing Guard for 2 years, and involved with Music Boosters and Academic Boosters for many years. Mrs. Hagan and her husband have 6 children who have all gone through Iron Mountain Public Schools. Our youngest, Lexi, graduates this year. *I enjoy helping Superintendent Jerry Sardina and our staff and students in any way I can and do believe that Iron Mountain Public Schools is –*  
***THE Place to Succeed!***



## SERGEANT ADAM RAY & FALCON - School Resource Officer

Our Iron Mountain Schools are so fortunate to have Officer Adam Ray and our K-9 Hero Falcon located in a room right next to Principal Traber and School Success Worker Dawn Smith.

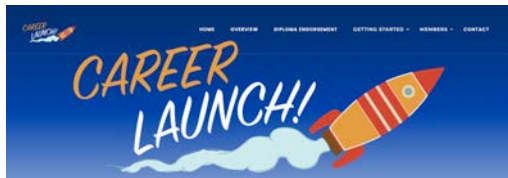
Adam Ray advises and assists students and parents in improving attendance, identifying problems that interfere with learning and educating students to become productive and healthy citizens. Officer Ray also handles police-related situations that involve the school community. Students see Officer Ray as a confidant and advisor who can especially assist them if they are a victim of crime. When School Resource Officers like Adam Ray are in schools, there is a reduction of potential problems resulting from an increase in school safety. Students at Iron Mountain know how to ask for help and who to ask for help!



## CATHY GENDREAU - Iron Mountain HS Scholarship Coordinator

### Iron Mountain Scholarships Are Approaching Fast!

Seniors, dig those scholarship folders out of your lockers and become familiar with the process. There are currently **95 SCHOLARSHIPS** listed in our scholarship guide and available to IM students! Be sure to read through your guide to determine which scholarships you are eligible for. The first group of IM scholarships are available to students February 2nd. *Please stop by the IMHS Scholarship Office and let's connect!*



### IMPS PARENT CAREER TOOL KITS - Visit Our IM Career Website!

Please take some time to visit the new IMPS Career Website designed to provide valuable information on career planning for students. ENTER [micareerlaunch.org](http://micareerlaunch.org) WEBSITE and CLICK MEMBERS. LOG IN by entering Email Address: [imcareerlaunch@imupmi.com](mailto:imcareerlaunch@imupmi.com) & Password: [IMSchoolscares2021](https://www.imschoolscares.org)

**Parent Tool Kits 7-12 provide 3 conversations about careers for grade levels: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12.** A great resource describing information on career preparation to discuss with your son or daughter.

