



A fan charter bus of 32 students drove to Mt. Pleasant, Michigan to see the Mountaineers take on the Beal City High School Aggies in MHSAA Football District Finals. The students and staff would like to thank the very generous donations to sponsor the fan bus:

LiUNA Laborers Union 1329, Edwards Automotive, Kim Harder Webb, Interstate Power Systems, First National Bank & Trust, U.P. Truck Center, Inc., Range Bank, IncredibleBank, and 41 Lumber.

LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT JERRY SARDINA

Dear Iron Mountain Family,

I just want to take a few moments of your time and send a heartfelt thank you, wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and maybe even spread a word or two of encouragement.

First, a thank you. Thank you for entrusting us to educate your child/children in a safe, loving environment. Choosing a school district is no longer a passing thought for parents. In light of today's school of choice options, politicized environments, social issues, and curriculum concerns, parents have a lot to consider when it comes to the education for their student(s). Iron Mountain may not be the largest district in the area, but I can assure you we are second to no one when it comes to building relationships and working alongside parents in the raising of your children. IMPS understands that, although very important, classroom instruction is just a small piece of all the effort that goes into preparing young people for their future. IMPS understands that citizenship, character, and integrity, are just a few examples of how we try to build relationships and foster an environment that is safe and reaches far beyond the classroom. Thank you for choosing us to help you raise young people we can be proud of.

I want to also thank all of you for the tremendous support this school year. Parents have graciously given their time, financial support, and especially have extended patience. I think we all expected to be beyond COVID and its far-reaching detrimental impact on education at this point, however, unfortunately we are still navigating all the issues. Our teachers and administrators continue to work tirelessly to adapt to the continuous changing environments, and our parents and guardians, many of whom are working from home, have supported not only their own children, but also each other throughout this unprecedented time. On behalf of the staff at IMPS, thank you for your patience and understanding and partnership approach to many difficult decisions.

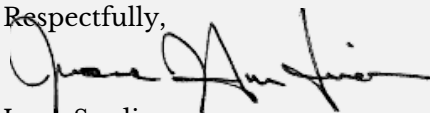
As different holiday breaks approach, I wanted to take a moment to reflect upon the successes of the first portion of the school year. Our students have demonstrated excellence in the classrooms, stage, and athletic fields. Academically, although COVID has taken a bit of a toll on the system, our students and faculty continue to shine. Visits to classrooms throughout the district give a true perspective of the examples of best practice teachers share each day as they try to make up for lost instructional time, close academic gaps in learning, and yet push forward with new learning. I have witnessed a tremendous sense of community and volunteerism as students participated in events all across our district and in the community. Our student-athletes had very successful fall seasons and we look forward to the start of the winter seasons. With the holiday season upon us, we look forward to the performances from our choir, bands, and elementary music programs. We will do our best to accommodate you for all these performances, and hope you will join us as we support the work these young people have been putting in.

Finally, as you enjoy time with your friends and families, this is a great time of year to give back to those in need. Take a moment to reflect on those who are serving our country and cannot be with their families and those who may be alone during the holiday seasons. Regardless of political and social points of view, I hope we can all agree that this time of year is an excellent time to share some generosity, love, and forgiveness. I believe that if everyone just spent a little more time on these three attributes and less time arguing, fighting, and worrying about other people's opinions or choices, we could build a community that makes a positive difference in the lives of others; one that builds up, encourages, and edifies.

Please remember to frequent our district website at <https://www.imschools.org/> for continual news and updates from around the district.

On behalf of the Board of Education, may this holiday season bring continued success, good health, and happiness.

Respectfully,



Jerry Sardina
Superintendent

WINTER FORMAL

The IMHS Mid-Winter Formal will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 from 7-10 pm.

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ALL-REGION & MID-PEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to senior middle-hitter Annslee Runsat on the honor of making the Division 3 All-Region Volleyball Team!

Annslee was also named the Mid-Peninsula Conference Player of the Year and was selected for the WestPAC All Conference first team earlier in the season.

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COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Coach Lori Cevigny on the well-deserved honor of being selected as the Division 3 All-Region Volleyball Subvarsity Coach of the Year! Coach Cevigny is a sixth grade Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at East Elementary, coaches Freshman and Junior Varsity Volleyball, and co-leads the Middle School Volleyball program. We are so lucky to have Coach Cevigny in our Mountaineer family.



VOLLEYBALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

The Varsity Volleyball team brought home the Division 3 District 66 Champion trophy on November 5 after their game against the Manistique High School Emeralds. The ladies fought hard and won the first three sets, 30-28, 25-14 and 25-18. Congratulations to the team and coaches, Coach Newberry and Assistant Coach Thomann! The team headed on to Regional Semi-Finals, where they fell to the Calumet Copper Kings, 25-12, 25-14, 25-13.



Annslee Runsat



Coach Lori Cevigny

VETERAN'S DAY



North Elementary participated in a Veteran's Day program during the morning of Veteran's Day. Our Veterans were honored by a beautiful performance of God Bless America by the students and a speech by guest speaker, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Anthony Bibbo, father of fourth grader Bowie Glass. The Color Guard was represented by American Legion Post 50.



East Elementary, Central Middle School, and Iron Mountain High School gathered in the Auditorium for Veteran's Day to honor those who have served. The High School Band played, the Middle/High School Chorus sang, and the schools received the honor of hearing from U.S. Marine Corp Corporal Pat Brown, father of senior Bella Brown. Thank you to the Honor Guard from American Legion Post 50.



ALL-REGION FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the three football players selected for the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Division 8 Region 1 All-Region: From left, Hunter Fortner, linebacker; Michael Talerico, defensive line; and Lucas Maxon, offensive line.



UPSSA ALL-UP 11-MAN FOOTBALL HONORS

Congratulations to Hunter Fortner, Lucas Maxon, and Luke Wolfe on the honors of being selected for the UPSSA 2021 All-U.P. 11-Man Team. Lucas was selected for the Offensive Dream Team for his position at guard. Luke was selected as the defensive back on the Defensive First Team. And Hunter was selected as a special mention for Defense with his position as linebacker. Great job guys, what an accomplishment!



First National Bank & Trust's Project Teddy Bear program has announced the fourth annual Bring-a-Bear Teddy Bear Toss, with the goal of collecting new stuffed animals to donate to local area emergency responders, charities, and crisis centers.

The Teddy Bear Toss takes place Monday, Dec. 13, at Mountain View Ice Arena in Iron Mountain, when the Flivver Co-op hockey team takes on the Negaunee Miners. The game starts at 6 p.m., and admission is only \$1 for attendees bringing a new stuffed animal donation to toss out onto the ice when announced.



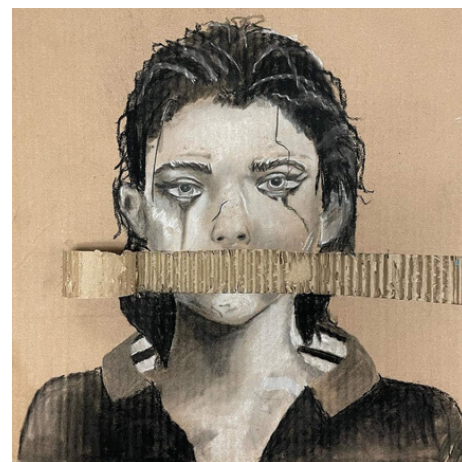
Central Middle School students are invited to go bowling at Recreation Lanes on Thursday, December 16.

More details to be announced as time comes nearer.

ASA ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Chloe Maycroft, who was selected as Iron Mountain's Association of Student Artists (ASA) Artist of the Month. ASA (Association of Student Artists) is a non-profit organization including 6 schools/2 states, Niagara, Pembine, Iron Mountain, Kingsford, North Dickinson, and Norway. This organization was formed in 1992. The purpose of ASA is to recognize creative excellence in students from the area school art programs. Among the activities supported by ASA is a monthly competition held in each school with a winning student selected as Artist-of-the-Month.

The winners from each school, along with their teachers were honored at a Chippewa Club luncheon on November 17.

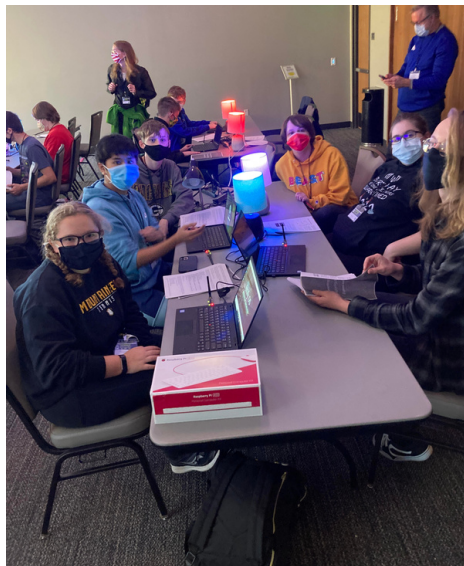


MEET THE MOUNTAINEERS

Meet the athletes who are participating in the Winter Sport Season at IMHS on Monday 12/6/21 at 6:00 PM in the Izzo Mariucci Gym.

YOOPERCON 2021

The Upper Peninsula Cybersecurity Institute at NMU held their inaugural cybersecurity event called Yoopercon '21 on Thursday, November 4th. Six students from Iron Mountain High School were able to attend the event and participated in hands-on events including hacking a car, a lock picking exercise aimed at teaching fundamentals of ethical hacking, IoT Hacking and Cyber Safety with a demonstration from the Michigan State Police and their cyber dog, Maggie. Students heard from a panel of young cyber professionals who discussed their jobs, career options and how they got started. All participants received a t-shirt, lunch and each school had a random student chosen to win a Raspberry Pi 400. The event is scheduled to take place each year.



BE NICE. CLUB RECEIVES NEW HD CAMERA

The Iron Mountain High School be nice. club thankfully accepted a HD camera donated from Ben Ryan and Sawyer Rietveld of the Dickinson-Iron Communities that Care (DICTC) group on Wednesday, November 10.

The camera is to be used in the school district for creating content such as images and podcasts that promote overcoming pertinent battles in the school district such as bullying and substance abuse. The camera was in thanks to a SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) grant acquired by DICTC.

Iron Mountain High School be nice. advisors, Junie Barrow, Allison Cevigny, and Dawn Smith accepted the camera on behalf of the be nice. club.



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SENIOR STUDENT AND PARENT
SCHOLARSHIP
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
5:30 PM
IMHS AUDITORIUM





ANNUAL CMS THANKSGIVING FEAST

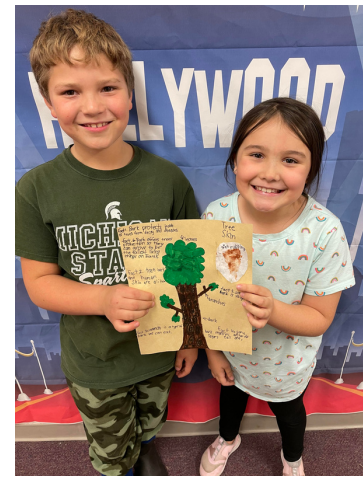
Thanks to donations from community members, IMPS families and IMPS staff-Central Middle Schoolers enjoyed a family-style Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday November 16th.

The food was prepared and served by the High School Varsity Club and they did a superb job!

A huge thank you to all that donated!



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LEARNING BY TEACHING

Mrs. Grenier's second graders created informational posters about what they learned about tree bark and then the second graders taught a lesson about what they learned to the kindergarteners from Mrs. Rosenthal's class.



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NORTH ELEMENTARY TO SEE DISNEY'S 'ENCANTO'

Thanks to the Iron Mountain PTO, students at North Elementary are invited to attend the Tri-City Cinema 8 on the morning Friday, December 17, 2021.

Permission slips have been sent home, cost is \$5.00 per student. The PTO provides pop, popcorn and bussing for the students.



IMPROVING THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE SCHOOL FOREST

Iron Mountain High School Environmental Club recently participated in an invasive species eradication event at the Iron Mountain School Forest. The club has participated in the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition Adopt-A-Spot Program within their school forest for the last six years. The Adopt a Spot Program was created by WRISC to encourage citizens and citizen groups to combat the introduction and spread of invasives.

Lindsey Peterson, WRISC Coordinator, taught the students about common invasive species for this particular forest. The students then worked to remove and treat invasive species such as Invasive Honeysuckle, Autumn Olive and Japanese Barberry. WRISC Project Manager Katherine Mentel accompanied the students in the eradication effort. The club has made great strides in this multi-year effort to improve the biodiversity of the school forest.





MOUNTAINEER ALUM, ALYSSA KHOR VISITS

Mrs. Yake's AP Computer Science Principles class at Iron Mountain High School had the pleasure of hosting guest speaker and Iron Mountain High School alum, Alyssa "Lil" Khor, on Tuesday November 23.

"I really wish this class was offered to me," Khor spoke of the AP Computer Science Principles class she spoke to while explaining her background and education that lead to her current Computer Programmer position with Ramsey Solutions in Franklin, Tennessee. After graduating from IMHS in 2015, Lil attended St. Norbert College in Green Bay, Wisconsin, majoring in Computer Science and attending an internship at Systems Control in Iron Mountain where she broadened her skills in C#, Javascript and HTML. Khor mentioned that during her senior year at St. Norbert College, she was listening to Dave Ramsey about eliminating student debt. By coincidence, today, you'll find her in Franklin, Tennessee creating tools for developers, using Python, Ruby, and Typescript, at Dave Ramsey's company, Ramsey Solutions.

After speaking and answering the class' questions, Lil took a look at student's Decision Maker applications they're working on in Mrs. Yake's Computer Science class. "What sport(s) should I play?" is the subject of IMHS seniors Bella Rosenthal and Annslee Runsat's (pictured) project, which helps the user narrow down the best IMHS sport options available to them according to preference, gender, and schedule availability. The Decision Maker app is a part of the Code.org curriculum that Yake has been teaching for the fifth year at Iron Mountain High School. The class is 2/3 coding, and 1/3 principles of Computer Science. Says Khor, "It's like solving a puzzle, working on a problem all day finding out- What is a better way?"



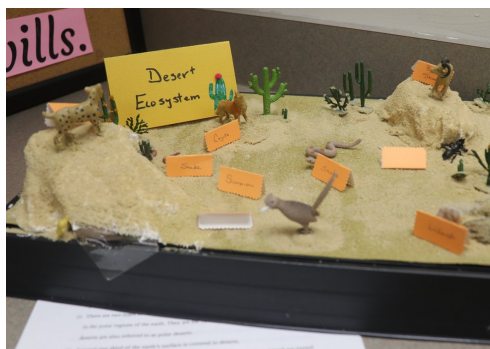
HOLIDAY CONCERTS

We kindly ask, in light of the COVID19 pandemic, that you try to limit the number of guests per student at our holiday concerts this year. All programs will be recorded and available for viewing after the live concert.



ECOSYSTEM DIORAMAS

The seventh graders put together ecosystem dioramas for Mrs. Wender's Social Studies class and presented them to their classes. You can see the amount of time and effort the students spent on their projects, so impressive. Great job!



PRIDE AWARDS PRESENTED

Congratulations to the recipients of the Pride Award, given to students or staff members who represent Mountaineer spirit and district pride, early kindergarten teacher Mrs. Beth Hart and fourth grader Kendall Elfe, daughter of Melanie Elfe of Iron Mountain.

Mrs. Hart is going on 23rd year with Iron Mountain Public Schools, 32nd year in education.

She is always willing to go above and beyond for her students and will be greatly missed as she is retiring at the end of the school year.

Kendall Elfe is always polite to not only staff but to all of the students and is willing to help whoever needs it at her school, North Elementary, teachers said. She is a role model in and out of the classroom and shows her Mountaineer pride everywhere she goes.



THE CAN-A-THON GAME-A-THON

Central Middle School and Iron Mountain High School participated in a Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Video Game-A-Thon tournament on the morning of Wednesday the 24th.

To spectate or participate, students and members of the Varsity ESport team donated a minimum of three food items to the TV6 Can-a-Thon. All the food items donated from Central Middle School and IMHS are being donated to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Iron Mountain.

An extra life is very valuable in a video game setting, and only one was granted to each bracket, one for Middle School and one for High School. Congratulations to the winners of the IUP (Extra life), eighth grader Gavin D. and sophomore Kyle L. Gavin donated 75 food items and Kyle donated 44 food items. Way to give back to the community we live in Gavin and Kyle!

The overall winners (pictured above) for the Middle School and High School tournaments were Tony R., Middle School, and Jack S., High School. Runners up included Zach G., high school, and Marcus L., middle school. Toilet bowl winners and runners up, respectively, were Brandon T., and Myles M. (high school), and Jaqai S and Lantz K. (middle school)

Thanks to Georgia M., 116 additional food items were donated after the Gameathon along with additional staff-donations, amounting the total donation to **over 1000 food items!** Wonderful job to all!



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Mrs. Coleman's Spanish classes celebrated Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, and honored their loved ones with beautiful Ofrendas. An ofrenda, which may be quite large and elaborate, is usually created by the family members of a person who has died and is intended to welcome the deceased to the altar setting.



SALMON EGG INCUBATION PROJECT

Mr. Martilla's 7th grade science classes released salmon eggs into an incubation tank in their classroom mid-November. Over the rest of the school year, the classroom will monitor the different stages of fish growth until the release planned at the end of the year at the Marquette State Fish Hatchery. Thanks to the help of Wildlife Limited for sponsoring the activity.



SURPRISE VISIT →

Early Kindergarten had a surprise special visitor on November 4. Mr. Bucky Johnson, head Boys Varsity Basketball coach, Varsity Football coach, and past Central Middle School math teacher, stopped by and read some stories to the class!

His animation had every student engaged in the stories. Once a teacher, always a teacher! Thanks, Mr. J!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Range Bank for their generous donation of classroom supplies to North Elementary this past month!



HEISMAN SCHOLARSHIP SCHOOL WINNERS →

From an applicant pool of thousands of high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2022, David Juul and Gabrielle Carey have been named School Winners in the Heisman High School Scholarship competition awarded by The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance.





BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Mrs. Rosenthal's Kindergarten class performed Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? (By Bill Martin Jr.) in Mrs. Basanese-Hill's drama class and they did a WONDERFUL job!



TRI HI Y BLOOD DRIVE

The IMHS Tri Hi Y club sponsored an Upper Peninsula Regional Blood Center blood drive on Oct. 27. 63 people attempted to donate and a total of 37 pints were collected. Tri Hi Y will host two more blood drives this school year, January 25 and April 12.





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Iron Mountain Public Schools Hot Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29	30	1 Chicken Nuggets Rice Pilaf Carrots with Ranch Fruit	2 Beefy Nachos Refried Beans Salsa Corn Oranges	3 Pizza Green Beans Strawberry Cups
6 Ham and Cheese Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges Cookie	7 Alfredo Noodles Tossed Salad Garlic Bread Fruit	8 Breaded Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes Corn Apple Sauce	9 Hot Dog Tator Tots Carrots with Ranch Fruit	10 Garlic Cheesy Bread California Blend Veggies Fruit
13 Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Puffs Fruit	14 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Sausage Apple Sauce	15 Meatloaf Buttered Noodle Broccoli Fruit	16 Soft Taco Meat, Cheese, Salsa Carrots Fruit	17 Chicken Leg Au Gratin Potatoes Corn Buttered Bread Cranberries
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

News

Breakfast served daily at 7:30 at North and Central.

PBJ served daily as an alternate to the main menu item.

Menu subjected to change, based on availability.

Milk Choice
1% white
Fat Free chocolate

Any questions can be directed to the Food and Nutrition Director by calling 779-7735



Great Eight Winter Games

All 4th - 8th graders are welcome to participate!!

Contact your schools office for more information.

Saturday, February 12, 2022

**Florence * Forest Park * Iron Mountain * Kingsford
Niagara * North Dickinson * Norway-Vulcan * West Iron Co.**