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Letter from Iron Mountain Public Schools Superintendent, Mr. Jerry Sardina

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North & East Elementary, Central Middle School, and IMHS all participated in a Welcome Back to School Event on Friday, September 17th

HOMECOMING 2021

Spirit Week will start on Monday, October 4 and will end on the day of the Homecoming Football Game on October 8

MUSIC BOOSTERS DUELING PIANO EVENT A SUCCESS

Dan Raferty and Peter Hernet, the N.E.W. (Northeast Wisconsin) Piano Guys played songs by request for over one hundred in attendance at the Braumart Theatre on Friday, September 17th. Tips to the dueling pianos act were donated and much was raised for the Iron Mountain Middle and High School Music Booster Club thanks to sponsors Kim Harder-Webb, First National Bank & Trust, Champion Inc., Coleman Engineering Company, John Fornetti Dental Center, MJ Electric, and Paul Fornetti Dentistry. Thank you to all that attended and donated.



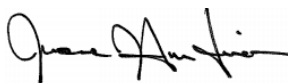
LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT MR. SARDINA

Hello Mountaineer Families,

Let me first say how excited I am about our Mountaineer Monthly. If you have not noticed yet, you will soon realize that IMPS will be communicating to parents and our community in a much more efficient and timely fashion. Now, more than ever, parents and our community will be able to access and use information, and more importantly, stay connected and involved with IMPS in much more convenient ways. Social media will be expanding, our district website will look very different and much more user friendly, and a host of other new resources will be available soon. We are exploring an IMPS app for parents to connect to our district and into their child's homework and grades right at the tip of your fingers through your smartphone. Check back often with us to stay up to date on these new initiatives. We are certainly very happy to be offering these opportunities to our parents and students and are very excited for the new developments yet to come.

Believe it or not, October is here. The school year started very well and although we've navigated some rough waters with COVID and masks, we continue to work through this time. I firmly believe that our partnerships of the parents and community with our teachers and staff is the foundational piece that allows us to be successful. Despite all the interruptions to teaching and learning, we have still managed several very important initiatives in the district; to name just a couple is our new curriculum K-12 for Math and English and also a new curriculum warehouse for our parents and community. Each of these initiatives take countless hours by our staff and I will be discussing these in detail at an upcoming State of the District update. Stay tuned for details on this community event.

Sincerely,



Jerry Sardina



FAMILY- SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS SURVEY

Parents, please be on the lookout for a survey to be sent via email this month in regards to family-school relationships. The survey covers barriers to engagement, family support grit, school climate, school safety, and a chance to share some free responses to prompted questions. Your participation is much appreciated.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On the morning of Friday, September 17, North Elementary students were bussed to the Central Middle School parking lot where carnival games and other activities were set up by Iron Mountain High School sports and clubs. In addition to activities such as face painting, musical chairs, and a photo booth- a dunk tank featuring Grades 5-12 Principal Mr. William Traber and school police officer Sergeant Adam Ray kept the students happy and having fun as they celebrated starting another new school year. "It's a good opportunity to get out on a nice Friday morning and have some fun", said Grades EK-4 Principal, Mr. Donny Bianco. After games, the students were invited to tour the newly opened Imagination Factory Children's Museum at the Our Place Community Center.

In the afternoon, grades 5-12 enjoyed the sunshine, participated in activities, and learned all about the numerous clubs and sports IMHS has to offer.

<https://www.uppermichiganssource.com/2021/09/17/iron-mountain-students-enjoy-back-school-bash/>



NORTH ELEMENTARY CHILDCARE

Childcare for ages three to twelve is available at North Elementary after-school. Click on link below for more information:

<http://imkcommunityschools.weebly.com/child-care.html>

HOMework HOUR

Students are invited to stay after school at North Elementary, East Elementary, Central Middle School, and Iron Mountain High School on **Mondays through Thursdays** at the following times for no-cost for help with school work.

North Elementary:
3:15 - 4:15 PM

East Elementary:
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Central Middle School:
3:00 - 4:00 PM

Iron Mountain High School:
3:00 - 4:00 PM

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAYS

East Elementary, Middle, High School Picture Retake Day-
October 8

North Elementary School Picture Retake Day- **November 3**

HOMEcoming 2021

Homecoming Spirit week begins on Monday October 4, 2021 with Color Day across the district.

Colors for Color Day Monday will be assigned as follows:

Black: 3rd grade, 8th grade, Seniors

Gold: 4th grade, 5th grade

White: 2nd grade, 7th grade, Juniors

Grey: 6th grade

Red: 1st grade, Sophomores

Green: Early Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Freshmen

Blue: Staff

Tuesday is “Cowboys vs. Aliens” Day.

Students are asked to appropriately dress like Cowboys or Aliens.

On Wednesday, students are asked to wear a jersey of their choosing.

On Thursday, North and East Elementary Schoolers are invited to wear their school and weather-appropriate pajamas and Middle and High Schoolers will be dressing as their assigned “Generations”:

Seniors: Senior citizens

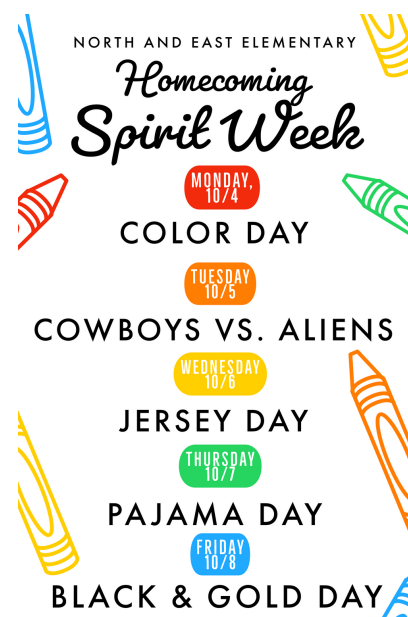
Juniors: “Dress like your parent”

Sophomores: Tweens

Freshmen: Babies

7th/8th Grade: Pick your favorite!

On Friday, the traditional Black & Gold colors are asked to be worn to **support our Varsity football team as they take on Hancock-Central High School for Homecoming!**



Prior to the Homecoming football game, there will be a **Pep-Rally and Powderpuff Football Game** during 5th-7th hour and the **Annual Tailgate Party** will be held at 4:30 pm at Mountaineer Stadium.

The **crowning** of Homecoming King and Queen will be during halftime of the **Homecoming game**, which will start at 6:00 PM on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Mountaineer Stadium, followed by the annual **Bonfire** at the empty lot located on the corner of W. Ludington St. and Stockbridge Ave.

The High School **Homecoming Dance** will be held on October 9, 2021 in the Izzo-Mariucci Center Gymnasium from 8:00 - 11:00 PM.

IM MENTORS

Students grades 7-12 are invited to sign up for the IM Mentors club, which consists of student leaders who enjoy helping others.

Impact Mentors: Visit elementary schools and present lessons on drug use prevention and bullying prevention

Reading Mentors: Read one on one with students grades 1-4

Museum Mentors: Help with children's activities at the Children's Museum on Saturdays

I Mentors: Provide support and information to students interested in improving study skills

Those interested in joining can sign up in the Student Services office with Mrs. Barnes.

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CLASS OF '22 SENIOR PARENT MEETING

There will be a Senior Class of 2022 Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 6 at 5:00 PM in the High School Auditorium to discuss Senior class events such as the Senior All Night Party, Class Picnic, and other Senior Class activities. Your attendance is encouraged and appreciated!



IMAGINATION FACTORY

The Our Place Community Center is proud to present the newly opened Imagination Factory Children's Museum located at 217 W. Hughitt Street, Iron Mountain.

The new Children's Museum features several interactive exhibits including a "Tiny Town" where children can play imaginatively, exhibits from Boss Snowplow and Systems Control, a topography-teaching sandbox, and an educational video-game mat, where children can interact with the game with their bodies (just to name a few)!

The Imagination Factory is open on Wednesdays and the weekends. More info can be found at: <https://www.ourplacecc.org/>

Wednesdays 9 am - 2 pm
Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm
Sundays 12 pm - 4 pm



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 HOMECOMING COURT

2021 Homecoming Court

Freshmen:

Skyler Spade
Hayley Jandreau
Jacob Powell
Gio Saldana

Sophomores:

Abigail Ruble
Shayna Hruska
Mason Stehley
Kyle Lautzenheiser

Juniors:

Natalia Brown
Aziza Burgoon
Joseph Colavecchi
Luke Decker

Seniors:

Allyssa Londre
Kaliyah Kincaid

Ella Rovedo
Isabella Brown

Kurt Adiao-Ryan
Evan Tregillis

Mason Mundy
Lucas Maxon