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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As we put the finishing touches on this school year, we've provided an opportunity to reflect on the work conducted in the district. The end of this year brings us a great sense of accomplishment and of relief! It has been a most challenging year for students, families, staff and our whole school community.

Approximately 15 months ago, I met with our faculty and staff to announce the Governor's closing of schools due to pandemic conditions. During that meeting, I told our faculty and staff that in times of difficulty or crisis, everyone's true character is revealed. How true that turned out to be! During our most difficult moments, our students, staff, parents, and school community rose to the occasion time



DR. STU CAMERON
Superintendent

and time again to support our students, their well-being, their education, and one another. As I've told graduating seniors many times, true leaders do the hard thing - conduct the hardest work and make the toughest decisions - when it is hardest to do. Based on my observations and experience these last 15 months, we live and work in an entire community of true leaders.

Thank you for your ongoing support this year. It has made all the difference for the children in our community and for those working in the district. I hope you enjoy reading about a number of the many accomplishments and awards earned by the district, district personnel, and most importantly, our students, in this issue of Spartan Nation.

With school year 2020-2021 behind us, know that our focus is pointed toward the future, and to the many accomplishments yet ahead of us! Go Spartans!



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DAR Good Citizen

On April 20, 2021, ICHS Senior Jager Land was honored by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) as this year's Good Citizen award recipient.

Mrs. Katherine Eschenburg, local John Crawford Chapter Regent, and Llewellyn Moyer, the chapter's Good Citizen chairperson and Chapter Chaplain, hand delivered a gift bag, banner, DAR pin and certificate. Jager was chosen for his Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism; the hallmarks of A Good Citizen representative. The chapter has been recognizing individuals for generations. To win this award, Jager was nominated by his peers and selected by the staff to have the opportunity to write an essay in competition for a statewide scholarship. His writing was impressive and we are truly proud of him, as is our local John Crawford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Congratulations, Jager.

2020 & 2021 ICS Friend of Youth Award

Mr. Scott Aldridge has been awarded the 2021 Imlay City Schools Friend of Youth award. ICS Superintendent Dr. Cameron comments that "Scott Aldridge is an excellent candidate for recognition as a "Friend of Youth." There are not enough superlatives to describe his work over the course of the last year on the Imlay City garden facility. He not only provided his expertise and recommendations as part of the garden's vision, he also personally put in many, many man hours to see it become a reality for our students. He has gone far above and beyond what we might expect a volunteer to do to assist our students."



Mr. Scott Aldridge - 2021 ICS Friend of Youth

In addition to his contributions in overall expertise and knowledge, he also spent many hours appealing to local businesses and individuals to bolster community support for the project. This resulted in a massive outpouring of support and donations from several businesses.

Dr. Cameron states "it is rare that we see an individual outside of the school district demonstrate this depth of commitment, care, and service to a project to benefit our students. Put simply, this amazing facility would not exist if not for the passion, commitment, and drive of Scott Aldridge, who volunteered for more than a year to see this project come to life and benefit students. Indeed, this is a project that will benefit students for the foreseeable future."

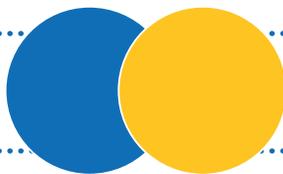
Due to the COVID-19 interruptions of 2020, ICS was not able to publicly recognize our 2020 Friend of Youth recipient. Mr. Scott Pries was awarded the 2020 Imlay City Schools Friend of Youth Award. ICS Superintendent Dr.

Cameron comments that Scott, who is also the district's Director of Bands, "is an individual who is passionate about teaching and learning in and out of the classroom. He not only takes pride in his daily teaching, he invests in multiple extracurricular activities, above and beyond the scope of his duties and responsibilities."

On cool and brisk Friday evenings, in the fall, Mr. Pries and his students fill the air with music, pep, and spirit as part of the home football game pre-show and halftime. He also hosts jazz club, Mr. P's Diner, summer camps, and can even be spotted helping coach students. He is a true advocate for the students of ICS.



Mr. Scott Pries - 2020 ICS Friend of Youth



BLUE AND GOLD ZONE

Girls' Basketball Wins First Ever MHSAA Regional Championship in School History

The Imlay City girls' varsity basketball team was just a few wins shy of playing for a state championship this season, winning the school's first ever women's Regional Championship, capping the best season in Imlay City history for the girls' program. This incredible season came to an end in a close loss in the Division 2 quarterfinals against a tough Detroit County Day squad (45-40). Despite the final outcome, our Spartans played with their trademark hustle, tenacity, and defensive prowess. The Lady Spartans ended the season 15-4, earning a BWAC championship in the process. The team's only losses in the regular season occurred in non-league games.

The Regional Championship run included District wins against Cros-Lex (57-33) and rival Almont (55-33), and Regional Tournament wins against North Branch (51-32) and Lutheran North (42-35).

Even more exciting is the knowledge that even bigger things are ahead of the Lady Spartans, as four players who earned BWAC post-season awards will be returning to the hardwood for the 2021-2022 season.

Congratulations, ladies, on an incredible, record-setting season! We are proud of you.

- 11-3 regular season record
- 10-0 league record – BWAC Champions!

TOURNAMENT GAMES

MHSAA Districts @ Yale HS

- Cros-Lex – 57-33 W
- Almont – 55-33 W

BWAC All League



Mary Lengemann
BWAC First Team League
and BWAC MVP



Kayla Rossen
BWAC First Team League



Ana Lengemann
Second Team All League



Abigail Thibodeau
Second Team All League



Jaya Forti
BWAC Honorable Mention and
Defensive All League



Lily Lengemann
BWAC Honorable Mention



2021
ICS
Varsity
Girls
Basketball

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MHSAA Regionals @ Imlay City HS

- North Branch – 51-32 W
- Lutheran North – 42-35 W

MHSAA Quarterfinals @ Brandon HS

- Detroit Country Day – 40-45 L



Softball wins first MHSAA District Championship since 2006

TOURNAMENT GAMES

MHSAA Districts @ Imlay City HS

- Almont – 7-2 W
- Goodrich – 13-3 W

MHSAA Regionals @ Clio HS

- Linden – 4-9 L

- **Senior, Emma Sellers** has committed to Oakland Community College to play Volleyball.
- **Senior, Makenzie Hayward** has committed to Alma College to play Softball.
- **Senior, Kayla Rossen** has committed to SC4 to play Basketball.



ICS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MISTY (FELTON) LAUTZENHEISER

Misty is a 2000 graduate of ICHS. Immediately after high school, she went to Western Michigan University with the goal of being a high school English teacher. After a year, Misty left Western to work full time. She then married and had two children. She stayed home

with her children for almost 10 years. When she returned to work, she began working as a classroom aide in a pre-kindergarten program. She was soon promoted to lead teacher of her own pre-kindergarten classroom. While working in that role, she also served on the building's Leadership



MISTY (FELTON) LAUTZENHEISER

Team and the Sunshine Committee. She returned to her studies at Lansing Community College where she earned her Associates degree in Child Development and Early Education, graduating summa cum laude. She is now back at Western Michigan

University working on her Bachelors degree in Child and Family Development. She has plans to continue her education and work towards her Masters degree. While she is quite happy teaching pre-kindergarten, she hopes to work up to being a director in an early childhood program. In her future, she sees herself teaching family and consumer science courses at the community college level.

Misty loved her time at Imlay City Schools. She was inspired by a great number of teachers. Specifically she appreciates the wisdom imparted to her by Ms. Morgan, Mr. Reinke's lessons that went far beyond English/Language Arts, Mrs. Abromaitis holding her to high standards and helping her celebrate her achievements, and Mrs. Felton (her mom) who was her personal cheerleader to her and every student who walked through her door. She cannot think of a single teacher who didn't have a positive impact on her schooling and life after high school. In fact, they are the reason she wanted to teach.

When asked what advice she had for current ICS students, Misty encourages students to "Keep going! Keep doing the difficult things. It's okay if you stumble or stray from your path. Don't be afraid to begin again."

What We Can Show Our Children

Author, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and founder of The WhyTry Organization, Christian Moore, describes **Resilience** as *"the ability to bounce back when you have every reason to shut down. Resilient people have both tapped and untapped reserves, enabling them to overcome and thrive as they face the setbacks, challenges, and fears of daily life."*

Christian Moore has learned to live a life of Resilience. He actually wrote the book on it...*The Resilience Breakthrough: 27 Tools for Turning Adversity into Action*. This April, he kindly and generously spent an evening with our community, to support our students, families, and staff in recognizing and strengthening our own Resilience. He shared the hope he finds in Resilience - not a 'far off in the future, maybe someday, fingers-crossed' kind of hope, but a 'right now, in this moment, what I can do' kind of hope.

Along with the sources of Resilience, Christian shared these specific tools from *The Resilience Breakthrough* that we can use in the hard moments, tools we can show our children:

- **We can Flip the Switch.** Just like we flip a lightswitch, we can choose how we respond - we can do the opposite of what people would normally do in a similar situation. *"When you Flip the Switch, you stop for a moment, realize that you can turn your pain into power, and move forward committed to being resilient."* We can acknowledge a problem and ask ourselves, *"How can I use this emotional pain, challenge, or situation to better my circumstances and make me more resilient - today, this*

hour, this minute, this second?" We can Flip the Switch. Our children can, too, if we show them.

- **We can focus our Emotional Fuel.** Just like a battery has both positive and negative sides, we experience positive and negative emotions every day. *"We can use both our positive and negative emotions as fuel to bounce back, get up, move forward, and keep going."* We can choose to control our responses to our emotions to create positive outcomes. We can focus our Emotional Fuel. Our children can, too, if we show them.

- **We can find Self-Grace.** Just as we give grace, kindness and forgiveness to others, we can give the same grace to ourselves. *"Recognize failure happens, forgive yourself, and keep moving forward. After doing everything possible to make amends, let go of the mistake, put the energy into being productive. Grace does not have conditions."* *"We all are juggling many things in life. Sometimes we drop a ball or two. We all fall short. That's why self-grace is so important. Keep picking up the balls as they drop. Resilience is in the striving."* We can find Self-Grace. Our children can, too, if we show them.

We can show our children how to be Resilient. Sometimes, they show us.

If you are interested in learning more strategies to strengthen Resilience as a family, please explore The Parent Guide to Resilience at <https://resiliencguide.org/>, an incredible, free resource from The WhyTry Organization.



ICHS CLASS OF 2021 TOP 10

Imlay City's High School Class of 2021's Valedictorian is Joshua Eades. Joshua is graduating from Imlay City High School with a 4.0 GPA over the course of his four year high school career. Joshua is the son of Jacob Eades and Amber Galvan. Joshua is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars. Previous to this year he has scored among the top in our nation on his PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test) granting him the title of College Board's National Rural and Small Town Scholar.



Next year, Joshua plans to attend Central Michigan University and major in Astronomy. Finally, Joshua sights his father as the most influential person in his life.

Imlay City's High School Class of 2021's Salutatorian is Jack Ragle, who carries a 3.92 GPA. Jack is the son of Jeffrey and Jennifer Ragle of Imlay City. Throughout his high school career Jack has participated in three years of varsity soccer and was elected a team captain in his Senior year. He has also participated in track and field for two years. Jack is most proud of his academic achievement, the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. This award is given to the most deserving student and is selected by the Science Department here at Imlay City High School.



Jack plans to further his education in the fall at Oakland University to pursue a degree in Computer Science. He credits his mother, Jennifer, as the most influential person in his life.

Macenzie Conn is the daughter of Carla Johnston and Jason Conn. Macenzie is graduating with a 4.0 GPA and is ranked third in the graduating class of 2021. Macenzie is most proud of her All A's Honor Roll all four years of high school and class counsel participation. Macenzie has been the treasurer of the National Honor Society in her Senior year. Furthermore, Macenzie has participated in Future Farmers of America and recently won first place gold award in the state Broiler Contest. She has earned the Greenhand Degree and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.



Macenzie will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to study Multimedia Journalism. Additionally, she has qualified to attend the Frederick Meijer Honors College on campus. Bethany Hamilton has been a great influence in Macenzie's life. Macenzie writes, "She shows passion and courage in everything she does. She gives back to her community, and she is an example of how you can always overcome the odds if you work hard enough."

Natalie Giglio graduates with a 4.0 GPA and is ranked fourth in the class of 2021 at Imlay City High School. Her parents are Antonio and Anne-Marie Giglio. She has served her class and her school as the Student Council Treasurer in her Junior year and Class President in her Senior year. She has been a Class Council representative, a National Honor Society member, and a Spartan Nation leader. Her focus has been on others like mentoring in Camp Overdrive and community service in Recycling Club. Natalie has been a JV and Varsity Volleyball player, where she was named team captain her Senior year.



Next fall, Natalie will be attending Saginaw Valley State University and majoring in accounting. Natalie goes on to share that her sister, Jordan is the most influential person in her life because she is hardworking and passionate about everything she does and pushes Natalie to do the same.

Jager Land, the son of Jeff and Carlee Land, is graduating with a 3.98 GPA and ranked fifth in Imlay City's High School graduating class of 2021. He has participated in soccer, basketball, and track. He has received the BWAC All Academic Team Award in all three sports. Additionally, Jager was elected as team captain and received the individual All Academic Team Award in soccer and Honorable Mention for track and field in his freshman year. Beyond the athletic fields, Jager is a member of the National Honor Society and a leader of Spartan Nation, a school spirit pep club.



In the future Jager plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a degree in Secondary Education. Jager was recently awarded the D.A.R. Award (Daughters of American Revolution). His positive influences cannot be narrowed to just one. He specifically cites his parents, grandparents and Coach Jager.

Madison Ross is the daughter of Timothy and Carmela Ross. She has earned a 3.9 GPA and is ranked sixth in our graduating Class of 2021. Madison has been involved as the

Co-President for Spartan Nation and Class Council Publicity Manager. Additionally, Madison has been involved in the school's Recycling Club and has been a National Honor Society member. Madison has been a member of Varsity Track and Field and Varsity Basketball.



Prior to this year, Madison was a Board Youth Representative MI-RCH, MY-LEAD Leadership conference participant and \$1 Prospect Recipient.

Upon graduation, Madison plans on attending Texas Tech University to major in Animal Science or Agriculture. While at Texas Tech she hopes to ride for their ranch horse team. Madison names her parents and the Gillilands as her most influential people in her life. "They inspire and motivate me to grow everyday. They are my biggest supporters." she says.

Kayla Rossen is the daughter of Dave Rossen and Denise Kipp. She graduates with a 3.91 GPA and is ranked seventh in the class of 2021. Kayla was an active member of Student



Council and Class Council as the treasurer. She was also a member of the National Honor Society. Kayla earned a varsity Letter in Basketball, where she was voted BWAC All League her sophomore and junior year, and All League 1st team her senior year. She earned All Academic Team honors during her sophomore, junior and senior years. Kayla also earned the Outstanding Senior Athlete Award. Kayla earned All Academic Team honors in Softball her freshman and sophomore year, and was named to the All Academic team in Volleyball her sophomore and junior year.

Kayla plans to attend a Community College and transfer to a University where she plans to pursue a career in the agricultural or environmental field. Kayla credits her parents as the most influential people in her life saying "They have pushed me to do my best so that I can succeed and be confident in myself. They are also my biggest fans and always are by my side."

Laura Pankey graduates with a GPA of 3.82 and is ranked eighth in the Class of 2021. Laura is the daughter of Justin and LeAnne Pankey. Laura has participated in Robotics, Cross Country, National Honor Society, Girl Scouts, piano lessons, Band, Choir, and Honor Roll during her high school career. Next fall Laura plans on attending Oakland University to obtain a Health Science degree. Ultimately she plans on becoming a Nurse Practitioner.



The most influential person in Laura's life is her mother, LeAnne. Laura states, "My mom is a strong individual and I admire how she handles difficult situations."

Raymond Liu is graduating with a 3.82 GPA and is ranked 9th in the Class of 2021. Raymond is the son of He Qin Liu and Michelle Zheng. Raymond has competed at the varsity level in Track and Field as a four-year varsity athlete, Football, and Basketball. He has earned All-League honors two times, as well as All-Team Defense. Raymond was also a member of the National Honor Society during his junior and senior year. Upon graduation Raymond plans to attend the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, to major in Biochemistry and pursue a career in either the medical field or the dental field.



Raymond identifies his Brother, Wei Lin Liu, as the most influential person in his life to date.

Jessica Denver, daughter of Brad and Martha Denver, is graduating with a 3.824 GPA and ranked 10th in the Class of 2021. She has competed at the varsity level in Cross Country and Track and Field each of her four years of high school. In four seasons of Cross Country, she was named Most Valuable Player and in Track and Field she obtained that same honor one season. She belongs to the Michigan Racers Track Club. Jessica has earned All State honors and All State Academic honors in both varsity sports. Beyond all those accomplishments, Jessica was selected by her peers to be a team captain in her Senior campaign.



Academically, Jessica is a member of National Honor Society and has earned Math and Chemistry Department awards.

Upon graduation, Jessica will attend Catawba College in North Carolina to major in Environmental Science. "I would love to protect and preserve our environment in the future. I will also be running on the cross country and track teams." Jessica names her parents as the most influential people in her life. "They have always been there for me and turned me into the person I am today."



HEALTH & WELLNESS

ICS Spartan Circuit

The summer brings about natural times for all (children and adults) to get outside and enjoy the nice weather and participate in physical fitness activities. If you are looking for a family friendly exercise experience, Imlay City Schools has the perfect place and activities for you. If you haven't had the opportunity to check out the Spartan Circuit, there is no better time than now to do so.

The Spartan Circuit is highlighted at our sports athletics complex on Blacks Corners Road. Here are the stations available along with a brief description of each station. As a bonus, use your phone camera to scan the QR code and see each station in action! You just need to open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code and the video will open automatically.

Balance Beam

Testing and improving balancing skills, an important aspect of motor development



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Hip Twister

A swivel stand which rotates as the arms and shoulders are held square in the overhead holds



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Horizontal Bars

Chin-ups are one of the best tests of a person's strength to weight ratio-a primary indicator of upper body strength



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Pommel Horse

Three exercise positions with bars which allow assisted dips to be performed



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Push Up Stand

One of the best developers of shoulder strength, this allows for the correct position and full range of motions while avoiding contact with the ground



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Self-Weighted Rower

Uses one's own body weight to provide resistance in the exercise



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Sit-Up Board

This is very appropriate for school age children and young adults to complete sit-ups



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Strength & Stretch Bars

Develop arm and shoulder power with a variety of assisted pulling and pushing exercises and bars at different heights providing a choice of resistance levels



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Two-Sided Rotator

Two positions available combining the standing and sitting rotators which stretches the obliques and abdominal muscles and serves to align the spine and lower back



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Vertical Jump Board

One of the most important sports skills and one of the best tests of leg strength and fitness



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Spartan Community Day

Have you noticed some improvements in some of our athletics areas? If so, it's thanks to the amazing volunteers who came together and spent an entire Saturday working around the district. Volunteers worked at the football complex and at the soccer fields. ICS supplied the materials and volunteers supplied the labor. There was cleaning, painting, and overall maintenance work happening throughout the day. This endeavor was organized by ICS parent, Jessica Keeping. ICS continues to be grateful and amazed at the support from our families and our community. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mortimer Lumber, Imlay City Hardware, and Lapeer's Sherwin Williams for their support during our many, many trips for supplies before, and after, Spartan Community Day. #ICSPartanPride



Beginnergarten, Kindergarten registration

Weston Elementary is continuing to enroll students for Beginnergarten, Kindergarten, and preschool classes for the 2021-2022 school year. Our classrooms offer a learning experience that provides quality instruction, promotes creative and critical thinking, and encourages caring, kindness, and friendship.



If you have any questions or are ready to begin the registration process, please contact the Weston office at (810)724-9812 or email Weston Elementary Principal, Mrs. Buhl-Hagey, at jbuhlhagey@icschools.us



Imlay City Athletic Hall of Fame 2020 – Inductees

This year, ICS is proud to identify three individuals inducted into the ICS Athletics Hall of Fame.

Trevor Harvey (student-athlete)

1990 Graduate (Football, Basketball, Baseball)

All-League in 1988, 1989, 1990 in Football,



Basketball, and Baseball. All-State in 1989 and 1990 in Football, Basketball and Baseball. Received college scholarship opportunities for all 3 sports. Selected to the All-State Dream Team in 1990 for Baseball. 1990 Blue Water Area Baseball Player of the Year. 1989-1990 Blue Water Area Athlete of the Year. 4-year Varsity Baseball starter. 3-year Varsity Basketball starter and scored over 1,000-points. Drafted by the Seattle Mariners out of high school but accepted a full athletic scholarship

to play baseball for Michigan State University. Played baseball at MSU from 1990 to 1995, being named captain his senior year. Played minor league baseball for the Colorado Rockies before entering the Air Force.

Ashley (Jager) Halsted (student-athlete)

2004 Graduate (Basketball, Track)

All-State Track Athlete – 9 times in the following events: 400m in 2001, 2002, and 2004, 4 x 400m relay in 2002 and 2003, 4 x 200m relay in 2002 and 2003, 4 x 100m relay in 2002 and 2003. In 2004 was part of five school records, currently still holds two. Attended Grand Valley State University on a track scholarship. Was named NCAA Division II All-American in 2007. Part of the NCAA Division II Medley Relay National Championship in 2007. Selected to 1st Team All-GLIAC in 2007. Grand Valley State University Team WorkHorse Award in 2006, 2007, 2008. GVSU Team Captain in 2008.



John Lengemann (student-athlete)

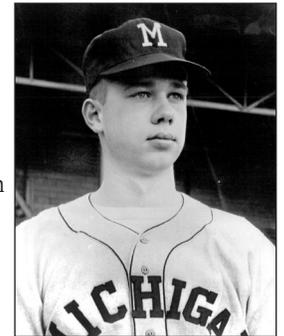
1959 Graduate

(Football, Basketball, Baseball)

In Football made the 1958 Associated

Press 2nd Team All-State, All-County 1st Team, All-League 1st Team. In Basketball in 1958 was All-County 2nd Team, 1959 All-County

1st Team. In Baseball – Won 22, lost 3 as a starting pitcher in the 1958 and 1959 seasons. Pitched a no-hitter, striking out 17 of 21 batters. Was a member of the University of Michigan Baseball team from 1959-1962.



US News and World Report names ICHS one of “America’s Best”

There are more than 30,000 public high schools in the United States, each with its own unique qualities. What if you could take a snapshot of each one and capture, at a particular moment, what kinds of students were enrolled there and see the quality of the education provided to them? If you were to collect these individual snapshots into one larger picture of the state of education in America's high schools, which high school would be chosen as “Most Likely to Succeed,” meaning that it set the best example of how to prepare students to be successful after graduation?

The US News and World Report attempted to answer that pivotal question by examining school data in critical performance related areas. Specifically, US News and World Report developed a formula to examine these areas through a multi-step analysis of each public high school.

Last week we were notified that Imlay City High School has, once again, earned special recognition as one of “America's Best High Schools” through US News and World Report's 2021 school ranking system. ICHS was recognized for its strong performance in National, State, and Detroit Metro-Area rankings, and it's placing in the top 40% of high schools nationally. As you may recall, this will be the fourth time in the last 15 years that Imlay City High School has been recognized as one of America's Best (2007, 2013, 2018, 2021).

This designation is important to us, as the methodology used to rank schools is based on students demonstrating outstanding outcomes above expectations. This is different than a static performance comparison, as it also recognizes schools who over-achieve with certain populations of students – primarily under-resourced students (minority populations, students living in poverty, etc.). The highest ranked public schools in US News & World Report's 2021 Best High Schools rankings are those whose students demonstrated outstanding outcomes above expectations in math and reading state assessments, earned qualifying scores in an array of college-level exams, participated in advanced coursework, and graduated high school in high proportions.

Specifically, the following metrics were used:

- **College Readiness (30% Weight)** – The College Readiness Index is measured by the proportion of a school's 12th graders who took AP exams and who earned college credit/qualifying scores on AP exams.

- **College Curriculum Breadth (10% Weight)** – This metric is calculated using the percentage of students who earned college credit/qualifying scores on multiple AP exams.

- **Math and Reading Proficiency (20% Weight)** – A measure of schools' student performance on State Standardized Assessments, as compared with other schools in the state.

- **Math and Reading Performance (20% Weight)** – This metric is a calculation of total State Standardized Assessment scores for a school compared with predicted/expected performance levels for schools with our demographic characteristics. This analysis measured how each school performed on state tests, considering the particular student population at each school – the ethnic makeup of the student population, the percentages of low-income families served by the school, the number of special education students served, and the per-pupil funding each school receives in order to offer education to its students.

- **Under-served Student Performance (10% Weight)** – This metric is a measure assessing learning by our low-income students and our minority population.

- **Graduation Rate (10% Weight)** – A measure of the proportion of students who graduated on time (in four years) with their class cohort.

When the analysis was completed, Imlay City High School was honored by US News and World Report as one of “America's Best.” This honor placed Imlay City High School among the top 40% of public high schools in the United States.

We've worked very hard to expand our programming, offering an early college option, dual enrollment, more Advanced Placement courses, and more challenging offerings for students. Our graduation requirements are more challenging than ever, considering the types of courses required of students. Our support programming is strong, and we've generated numerous programs to help close learning gaps between our various populations of students. The America's Best designation illuminates the worth of that work and the tangible outcomes that we see as a result of the incredible effort our faculty and staff exert to see our students become successful – not just for the short term, but after they leave ICS, as well.

This is a great honor not only for Imlay City High School, but even more so for the Imlay City School Community. This type of sustained success is only the result of a team effort; in this case that of staff and students, the ICS Board of Education, our parents and our community. It is only through the combined efforts of all of the stakeholders of our district that our schools and our students can achieve this level.

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Imlay City Schools is excited to share that artwork by ICHS Junior, Harley Roberts, won Dean's Choice from Mott Community College and the Greater Flint Arts Council in the "Young Artists Today" show and competition. This was Imlay City High School's first time entering the contest. ICHS had several pieces of student artwork on exhibition which can be seen by visiting www.greaterflintartscouncil.org and then clicking on "student show." We are proud of all entries and congratulate Harley on her winning artwork. Additional students who entered were: Senior Abigail Fox; Senior Avery Muxlow; Junior Isabella Friedenstab; Senior Jacob Dahn; Senior Natalie Giglio and Sophomore Rachael Smith.



Important dates to remember

2021

- June 28-July 26:** Free summer meals for children (at Borland Elementary)
- August 23:** First day of school
- August 27:** No school
- September 3-6:** No school
- November 4:** Early release
- November 5:** No school



Silent Dismissal

Weston Elementary staff and students honored those who have served our country by conducting a silent dismissal on Friday, May 28th. Prior to the silent exit, teachers talked to students about the purpose of Memorial Day. Students created flags in art class that they held during this time. Active and retired military personnel were invited to line our sidewalks and bus loop for students to see examples of local heroes. We were proud to say thank you to our service men and women.

