



THE SPARTAN NATION



▲ **BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE:** A bond continuation plan being considered by the Imlay City Board of Education would address a number of long-term needs without affecting the current district tax rate.

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Imlay City Schools bond vote planned for Nov. 5 ballot

The **Imlay City Schools Board of Education** is preparing to place a \$36.8 million bond proposal on the Nov. 5 ballot that will not increase the current district tax rate.

Superintendent Dr. Stu Cameron said voter approval of the bond proposal would allow the school district to address needs in five major areas:

1

Facility needs, including roofs, electrical, heating and cooling, and cost savings through improved energy efficiency in school facilities

2

Student safety improvements, including creating secure one-point entries at all school sites

3

Classroom improvements, updating the instructional learning environment by reconfiguring interior spaces

4

Six additional classrooms to address the growing enrollment in early childhood and preschool programs at Weston

5

A new 500-seat auditorium at Imlay City High School

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **JUNE 24-AUG. 6:** Free summer meals for children
- **JULY 10:** Read-a-Recipe event, 5 to 7 p.m. at Weston
- **JULY 17:** Book Mobile
- **JULY 24:** Read w/ Music & the Arts, 5 to 7 p.m. at Weston
- **JULY 31:** Bookmobile
- **AUG. 7:** Back-to-School Bash, 5 to 7 p.m. at Weston & Borland
- **AUG. 19:** First day of school for students
- **AUG. 23:** No school for students
- **AUG. 30-SEPT. 2:** No school for students
- **NOV. 7:** Half-day of school for students
- **NOV. 8:** No school for students

Bond vote consider for November ballot

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If approved, the district's millage rate would remain 6.5 mills, continuing a bond approved in 1993 for the construction of the current high school, Dr. Cameron said.

The bond proposal was developed following an intensive facility study completed by construction management and school architect specialists. In addition, school administrators met with bond financial planners to review ways to complete all necessary work without increasing the current tax rate. Community members also provided input through a series of focus panel meetings.

School officials have met with the Michigan Department of Treasury to review all proposed projects. Department of Treasury approval is required before a proposal can be placed on the ballot.

"Initially, the board and focus panel participants were concerned that we may not be able to address all short- and long-term facility needs and construct an auditorium for student and community use," said Cameron. "Board members didn't want to bring a proposal to the community that included an auditorium but did not address future facility needs. After further study, we are confident that approval of the bond proposal will address all facility needs for the next 12 to 15 years and provide an auditorium for student and community use."

Board of Education President Sharon Muir said that voter approval of the bond proposal will provide a positive educational environment for this generation and the next. "The bond proposal provides an opportunity to make substantial improvements in the Imlay City Schools learning environment and provide a 500-seat auditorium to showcase student performances in band, choir, orchestra, and drama," she said. "It will also provide an additional performance and meeting space for community use."

Cameron said the bond proposal will positively affect every Imlay City student and every Imlay City school facility. He said the list of projects is extensive. Once approved by the Department of Treasury, a complete project list and other information will be posted on the school district's website and be made generally available to the public.

Muir said the bond is necessary to assure that Imlay City students continue to receive a quality education and that all graduates are prepared for the future. "This is a win-win proposal for our students and the Imlay City community," she said. "I also believe a successful bond will attract new families to Imlay City and have a positive effect on property values."

Ed. Tech. Center honors seniors

Lapeer County Education and Technical Center held its Senior Awards ceremony on May 9. Anthony Najor, Ed. Tech. assistant principal, hosted the event in which teachers from each program presented top senior and honor awards. Ed. Tech. provides career and technical instruction for high school students in high-skill, high-wage, and high-demand technical careers. Imlay City Schools had 147 juniors and seniors who attend programs at Ed. Tech. as part of their school day. Imlay City students honored:

- Auto Body-Collision Repair: William Fuhr
- Careers in Education: Sarah Keller
- Computer-Aided Design: Mauricio Flores and Andrew Hintz

- Cosmetology: Sophia Rosillo
- Diesel Technology: Travis Brown and Dillan Sarka
- Health Science Professions: Carlos Gonzalez
- IT Net: Roy Gartley
- Marketing & Entrepreneurship: Ashley Arnold and Alyssa Grosskopf
- Public Safety Careers: Daniel Fredendall
- Recreational Vehicle Repair: Benjamin Elkin and Logan Moore
- Residential Electrical, Plumbing & HVAC: Emily Ulbrik
- Robotics & Mechatronics: Austin Orr
- Welding & Machining Technology: Steven Kline
- Perfect Attendance Award: Logan Moore, Austin Orr, Travis Brown, Mauricio Flores, and Carlos Gonzalez.



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Community makes our schools

Safer. Smarter. Stronger. These powerful words serve as guideposts on our school community's journey to make the district the very best it can be—now and for the future. They encompass the hopes of our parents, staff, and community members to position our children for success. Those three words — safer, smarter, stronger — underscore our resolve to provide generations of children in our community the learning environment, opportunities, and facilities they need to flourish academically, be competitive globally, and see their dreams become reality.

As a regular reader of Spartan Nation, I'm sure you'll agree that Imlay City Schools see success. Walking the halls of our buildings, the feeling of success is palpable. Whether experiencing our youngest children reading for the first time, seeing one of our many student groups conducting charitable work, experiencing the thrill of victory during a robotics team competition or basketball game, reading accolades about one of "America's Best" high schools, or simply enjoying the wide smiles of graduates as they cross the stage at commencement, it is easy to see the hallmarks of success. There are a multitude of them, both large and small, that occur every single day at Imlay City Schools.

Our community is justifiably proud of our schools. Our school community has always supported the children here. The Imlay City Board of Education has been careful to ask voters to partner with the schools only as needs present themselves, and only when well thought out, effective, and cost-efficient plans are in place. I'm excited to report that we have an opportunity to partner once again with our valued school community to take our district to "the next level," to make the district safer, to provide our students the very best possible learning environment, and to strengthen the facilities in the district for generations to come.

In this issue of Spartan Nation, I hope you enjoy reading about the continued success of our students and programs. I know you join in our excitement about the opportunities ahead.

Thank you for your support and for making the 2018-2019 a successful school year.



Dr. Stu Cameron
Superintendent

Seniors recognized at Honors Convocation

Imlay City High School celebrated its graduating seniors during the 2019 Honors Convocation. Students with scholarship opportunities also were recognized. The collective amount of scholarship money awarded to Imlay City seniors was over \$80,000. Thanks go to the following scholarship donors:

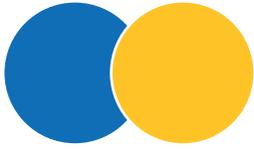
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Derek Nolin Memorial
- Devin Faden Memorial
- Eagles Auxiliary
- The Four County Community Foundation scholarships of Linda M. Felton Memorial, Laurie Lee Memorial, Hilda Hill Educational, Murdie Educational, W.K. Kellogg Youth Advisory, & Marie and Howard Dahn
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- IC Family Practice
- IC Medical
- IC Booster Club
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- Lions Club
- Lions-Craig Ferrier
- Odd Fellows Lodge #94
- Pinnacle Foods
- Principal's Award
- N.H.S. Red Cross
- Rotary Club
- Rotary Ed. Tech.
- George Souten Memorial
- Tami Gonyea Memorial
- Tri-County Bank
- Verstrete Memorial
- Wild Flower
- Caterpillar, Inc.

Free summer meals for children

Imlay City Schools is once again offering free meals for children this summer. Meals will continue through Tuesday, Aug. 6 and be offered Monday through Friday. Breakfast will be served from 7:45 to 9 a.m. Lunch is offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All meals will be served at Imlay City Middle School at 495 W. First St.

Free meals are available to children 18 years of age and under. Additionally, any person over 18 who participates in a public or nonprofit private school program established for mentally or physically handicapped also qualifies for free meals.

Please see the district website, www.icschools.us, for the full summer menu and other information.



BLUE AND GOLD ZONE

Spring sports provide highlights

Girls Track Team:

- Girls track wins Team BWAC title for first time since 2003
- Girls Track State Placers: 400m dash: Robin LeFevere-4th place-59.03 (new school record); Long jump: Robin LeFevere-6th place-17-02.50; 4 X 400m relay: McKinzie Winget, Sarah Hubbard, Jessica Denver, Robin LeFevere 6th place-4:06.90

College Commitments:

The following Imlay City students have signed letters of commitment:

- Softball: Isabella Barker, Lawrence Tech University
- Basketball: Kendall Sommer, Spring Arbor University
- Basketball and Soccer: Kayla Louwsma, Calvin College
- Track: Robin LeFevere, Oakland University
- Tennis: Summer Stoldt, Alma College
- Basketball: Logan Wilson, Olivet College

LITERACY

Summer reading is all in the plan

Reading is important to the success of Imlay City Spartans of all ages. To encourage reading throughout the summer, the district has planned some special events.

Spartan Bookmobile

The Bookmobile is back delivering books to people of all ages, infancy through adulthood. The Bookmobile will continue on Wednesday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 31 from 3 to 6 p.m. It will stop at the following locations:

- ICS Early Learning Center, 3:05–3:20 p.m.
- Alvin Norlin Pool, 3:25–3:40 p.m.
- North Almont Avenue and 3rd Street, 3:45–4 p.m.
- Belle River and 5th Street, 4:05–4:20 p.m.
- 620 block of North Blacks Corners Road, 4:25–4:40 p.m.
- Townsend Apartments, 4:45–5 p.m.
- Maple Vista, 5:05–5:25 p.m.
- Maple Grove Community, 5:30–5:50 p.m.

Several free family events are scheduled for the summer:

READ-A-RECIPE

Wednesday, July 10, 5–7 p.m., Weston Elementary

The evening features recipe reading and recipe making. The first 50 students will receive a special Spartan apron.

READ W/ MUSIC AND THE ARTS

Wednesday, July 24, 5–7 p.m., Weston Elementary

This event features puppet shows, special performances and skills clinics by a variety of local artists and musicians.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Wednesday, Aug. 7, 5–7 p.m., Weston & Borland elementary schools

A back-to-school scavenger hunt will take families through Weston and Borland. There will be face-painting, selfies with Sparty, and much more.

Music students have busy and productive year

- The ICBS Wind Ensemble received a 2 at MSBOA State Band Festival
- The ICBS Concert Band received a 1 at MSBOA State Band Festival
- The ICBS Senior class has participated in over 30 honors ensembles during their time at the high school
- IC band members performed in over 70 solo & ensemble events at MSBOA festivals





▲ **STUDENTS OF IRON:** Iron Man/Iron Maiden contest promotes fitness.

Students become strong as iron

The Iron Man/ Iron Maiden Contest for student fitness featured six individual fitness tests which complement the health class model of F.I.T.T., which stands for Frequency, Intensity, Time and Type.

This year, 84 competitors in 8th grade participated throughout the 3 weeks. In addition, 6th- and 7th-grade students attempted individual events during PE classes.

The following teachers have been instrumental in the success of this program: Juliann Kent, Mike Lamarra, Tim Schultz, Kim Perreault, Sara O'Brien, Dan Cook, Kristyn Kurka, Christy Diamond, Jean Bannister, Tiffany Dyer, Barb Gates and counselor Marianne Naas. In addition, specials teachers Christine Hibbler and Shayne Hellebuyck have adjusted their schedule to allow 8th grade students in their classes to compete in the event. Teacher Gregory Prendergast thanks Paul Druker for helping.

Diane Strohm of INKSPOT Custom T-Shirts helped us created Iron Man or Iron Maiden T-shirts. Rick and Lynn Bogart donated \$200 to help support the program. This year saw 17 winners. The top three in points for the Iron Maiden was Monique Hoblet, Sidney Livingston and overall winner Delaney Andrez. Delaney won the sprint (3.99 sec), pull-ups (23) and push-ups (42). In the Iron Man competition, Evan Shirling was 3rd, Julian Rojas 2nd, and Aden Guerrero was the overall winner.

2019 Winners Iron Maiden

Push-ups: Delaney Andrez

Sit-ups: (tie) Monique Hoblet and Kennedy Mitchell

Pull-ups: Delaney Andrez

Leg-Lift: Kasandra Smakaj

Shuttle Run: Sydney Livingston

Sprint: (tie) Sydney Livingston and Delaney Andrez

Coach's Choice (Overall high score): Gingerrose Howard and Tiffany Guerrero

OVERALL WINNER: DELANEY ANDREZ

2019 Winners Iron Man

Push-ups: Julian Rojas

Sit-ups: (tie) Evan Auger, Vance Towell, Latham Perry and Evan Shirling

Pull-ups: Aden Guerrero

Leg-Lift: Sergio Galiana

Shuttle Run: Haiden Craven

Sprint: Julian Rojas

Coach's Choice (Overall high score): Beau Hund and Andrew Kline

OVERALL WINNER: ADEN GUERRERO

ICS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kempf serves community in multiple ways



Ian Kempf is a 1983 graduate of Imlay City High School and a prominent figure in the Imlay City community. He has been the Eastern Michigan

Fair manager for the past 20 years, has been a Lapeer County commissioner for 18 years, and co-owns Kempf's Florist in downtown Imlay City, with his wife, Joi. He is involved with the Imlay City Lions Club, Rotary Club, Art in Action Initiative, 4-H, FFA, and more.

After graduating from Imlay City High, he studied at the Ohio Institute of Photography. After working behind the camera out west, he went on to work for an Arizona newspaper and a Detroit-based automotive magazine before returning to Imlay City.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT 'Age of majority' form may be needed

Students who reach the age of 18 or become

emancipated as

permitted by

law and who

wish to assume

full responsibility

for their grades,

attendance, and other school-related

procedures, must file an age of majority form through the high school main office.

The Parent/Student Handbook governs

the conduct of all students, including

those who have reached the age of 18

years. All students, regardless of age,

are fully subject to all school rules and regulations.





Hard work a hallmark of 2019 graduates

Imlay City High School graduated

its 2019 Senior Class on June 2.

Superintendent Dr. Stu Cameron encouraged graduates to stay focused and work hard as they enter the next phase of their lives. Also on the stage was Principal Brian Eddy; Dean of Students Josh Henley; and Board of Education members Sharon Muir, Greg Dennis, Ashley Whiting, Doug Van Dyk, Kaylee Kaeding, and Jim Preisel.



Casey James McCarthy, Valedictorian

Casey is the son of Denise and Allen McCarthy of Almont. He has been on the “All A’s Honor Roll” throughout high school. Casey is a member of the Chemistry Club and the Varsity Quiz Bowl team. He received the National Merit Commendation award, the AP Scholar with Honors award, and the Bausch and Lomb Science award. Additionally, he has received a Merit Scholarship from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. His hobbies include reading and debating. Casey will attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor majoring in pharmaceutical science. He hopes to attend Oxford University for graduate school to earn a Ph.D. His goal is to research and develop new medications. He said, “Every person who has passed through my life has influenced me to become the person I am.”



Aaron James Antonelli II, Co-Salutatorian

Aaron is the son of Tara Antonelli of Imlay City and Aaron Antonelli of Brown City. He is a member of the National Honor Society as vice president. Aaron has been on the “All A’s Honor Roll” throughout high school. He is a member of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team, the Recycling Club, and Spartan Nation. In addition, Aaron was a member of the junior varsity boys soccer team. He volunteered at Rotary Club during his junior and senior years. Aaron has also been a volunteer at the St. Clement Catholic Church soup kitchen in Romeo. He will attend Oakland University majoring in biochemistry. Aaron hopes to go to graduate school at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, to earn his master’s and doctorate degrees in biochemistry. He would like to discover cures for diseases. The most influential person in his life is his great grandfather, Steve Lomakoski. Aaron said, “He has taught me many life lessons that will assist me in my future endeavors.”



Benjamin Robert Kouri, Co-Salutatorian

Ben is the son of Susan and Paul Kouri of Attica. He has been on the “All A’s Honor Roll” throughout high school. He has also had perfect attendance for his freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Ben has earned the “Citizenship” award for his commitment to the community. He is a member of the National Honor Society as warden. Ben is also a member of the Recycling Club, Chemistry Club, and Book Club. In addition, he has volunteered at the Ruth Hughes Memorial Library and regularly donates blood to the American Red Cross. Ben plans to attend the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor majoring in environmental science with a conservation biology specialization, or earth and environmental sciences, with an environmental science sub-plan. Ben hopes to pursue a career with the U.S. Forest Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, or an organization related to conservation. Ben said, “The most influential person in my life is my father. He has taught me a lot about what to do and what not to do. Without him, I would be a very different individual today. The help he has provided allowed me to succeed.”



Grads ready to 'Venture' to next step

On June 3, Venture High School graduated 35 seniors in the class of 2019.

Graduates Tonya McCallum, Dalaiah Francis, and Seth Ponke spoke to their peers about being proud of their accomplishments and moving on to do amazing things in life. Venture Dean of Students Timothy Wolford, along with Superintendent Dr. Cameron and several ICS school board members presented the diplomas. Wolford said, "Congratulations to the 2019 Venture graduates. You have demonstrated determination and persistence in obtaining your diplomas. Continue your journeys, knowing that we are so very proud of you."

District puts books in student hands

Imlay City Schools educators know how important it is for students to continue reading throughout the summer. One of the best ways to keep our students reading is to ensure they have exciting reading materials in their hands. To that end, all students in grades K-8 could select several new books to take home during break. These high-interest books were possible due to the dedication and commitment to literacy of the ICS school board and district administration.

On book-selection day, students browsed through hundreds of choices. Students in grades 3-5 at Borland Elementary were overheard saying such things as:

"I can't wait to read this book!"

"This is my favorite author."

"I got one serious book, one non-fiction book, and this funny one!"

"I can't wait to show this to my brother."

"Let's take the same three titles and we can read them together."



HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health is as easy as 5-2-1-0

The district's Health and Wellness 5-2-1-0 Challenge winners were announced June 12 with many students and families participating. Prizes included a family pass to the Lapeer Rec. Center, a washer toss game, badminton set, volleyball set, battle bags game, disc slam game, bean bag toss, ladder ball, Slammo, 1 sprinkler, 2 T-ball sets, 2 bat/ball sets, 1 youth basketball, 1 adult basketball, 2 bouncy ball/jump-rope sets, 5 soccer balls, 4 Frisbees, 2 footballs, and 3 sidewalk chalk/jump-rope sets. The prizes were chosen to encourage continued physical activity during the summer. The 5-2-1-0 Challenge is a reminder of daily healthy choices:

- 5** – Eat five or more fruits and veggies
- 2** – Two hours or less of screen time
- 1** – One hour or more of physical activity
- 0** – Zero sugary drinks

Summer reading tips

- Read aloud with your child every day.
- Keep lots of reading materials around the house.
- Read the same book as your child and discuss it together.
- Listen to an audio-book together.
- Take your child to the library and to the school's summer reading events.
- Make trips fun by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, etc.
- Let your child help read recipes when preparing meals or goodies.
- Read for 20 minutes before bed.

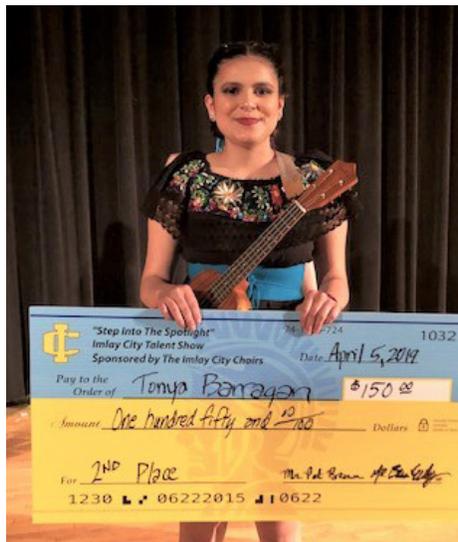
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▲ Spartan Marching Band Comedy performers Nick Hayes and Ruby Hellebuyck receive their first-place award.



▲ Tanya Barragan took second place with her rendition of "Un Poco Loco."

Talent show lets students take the stage and demonstrate skills

Students from Imlay City Middle School and Imlay City High School stepped into the spotlight for the second annual talent show on April 5. Students in grades 6-12 auditioned to participate. Judges were Daniel Schmier, Michael Guerin, Margaret DeLuca, and Mary Rodak.

Out of 18 acts, 1st place went to Ruby Hellebuyck and Nicholas Hayes for their Spartan March Band Comedy performance (\$250 prize), 2nd place to Tanya Barragan who performed and sang "un Poco Loco" with her ukelele (\$150 prize), and 3rd place to Dan Logan who performed and sang "Wish You Were Here" on guitar (\$75 prize). Additionally, Ahn Nguyen earned an Honorable Mention (\$50) and the crowd favorite, Rockaholics also earned \$50.

The Talent Show is sponsored by the Imlay City Schools choral music program under the direction of Alan Demski with special thanks to band instructor Scott Pries and his students, custodial and kitchen staff, teachers, and district administration.

A FULL LIST OF THE NIGHT'S PERFORMANCES:

- Hosts: Grant Grayvold and Elizabeth Fuhr
- Alycia Robertson, *Sweet But Psycho* by Ava Max
- Shelby Belan, *Piece by Piece* by Kelly Clarkson
- Krysta Sadowski, *Don't Stop Believing* by Journey
- Hannah Hayes, *Happier* by Marshmello
- Alexa Aguilar, *All of Me* by John Legend
- Kiley Schultz, *Turn the Page* by Bob Seger
- Neveah Alessandrini, *Warrior* by Demi Lovato
- Tiffany Guerrero, *A Thousand Years* by Christina Perri
- Tanya Barragan, *Un Poco Loco* by Anthony Gonzales
- Olivia Moore, *On My Own* from *Les Miserables*
- Travis Luden, *The Middle* by Jimmy Eat World
- Laura Pankey, *Oceans* by Hillsong
- Brandon Herrera, original song
- Anh Nguyen, *Perfect* by Ed Sheeran
- Nick Hayes and Ruby Hellebuyck, SMB comedy
- Kendall Farrell, *Titanium*
- Dan Logan, *Wish You Were Here* by Pink Floyd
- Rockaholics