

February 25, 2010

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**ISAT TESTING**

Manhattan Jr. High students will take ISAT's during the week of March 3 and March 8. Students will need a calculator for specific math assessments. Calculators are available at our school store for \$12. Please make every attempt to ensure your child's attendance during testing. Having sufficient sleep and a healthy breakfast prior to testing are also beneficial. Below is a schedule of tests administered.

DATE/ GRADE	WEDNESDAY MARCH 3	THURSDAY MARCH 4	FRIDAY MARCH 5	MONDAY MARCH 8
GR. 6	8:05 – MATH 1 9:10 – WRIT 1	8:05 – READ 1 9:10 – WRIT 2	8:05 – MATH 2 9:10 – READ 2	8:05 – MATH 3 9:10 – READ 3
GR. 7	8:05 – MATH 1 9:10 – SCI. 1	8:05 – READ 1 9:10 – SCI. 2	8:05 – MATH 2 9:10 – READ 2	8:05 – MATH 3 9:10 – READ 3
GR. 8	8:05 – MATH 1 9:10 – WRIT 1	8:05 – READ 1 9:10 – WRIT 2	8:05 – MATH 2 9:10 – READ 2	8:05 – MATH 3 9:10 – READ 3

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please be sure to leave a message in the main office **before** 8:00 a.m. if your child will be absent. Our voicemail system is on continuously enabling parents to call the school at **anytime**.

**NO CLASSES FEBRUARY 26 & MARCH 1**

There will be no classes Friday, February 27 due to Teacher Institute Day. There are no classes Monday, March 2, due to Casimir Pulaski Day.

**GO GREEN**

The Jr. High is selling these reusable shopping bags. If you are interested in them please contact the Jr. High at 815-478-6090x0 or [gjohnston@manhattan114.org](mailto:gjohnston@manhattan114.org)

**ORIGINAL**

Bag 18" x 14.5" approx.  
Pouch 3" x 4" approx.  
Capacity 25 lbs  
Fabric Durable Polyester

BLACK BROWN RED PINK MAROON  
PURPLE BLUE GREEN PALE GREEN MANGO

\$5.00 EACH

**REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR**

Registration Packets will be going home with our students the Monday before Spring Break, March 29th. The packets for students that will be in 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade next year need to be returned to school on or before Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration fees for the 2010-2011 school year have gone up \$15.00. If fees are paid by May 1, 2010 the fee will be reduced to \$120.00. If the fee is paid after May 1, 2010 the cost will be \$135.00. Kindergarten registration will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRING PICTURES**

On March 19, 2010 we will be taking spring pictures.

**SUBSTITUTE NURSE**

If you or someone you know is a nurse and would like to sub for the District when needed please give Diane Ponshe a call at the Business Office 815-478-4527.

### **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP**

A parent information meeting will be held for children entering kindergarten in the fall on Thursday, March 4, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Wilson Creek Commons. All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. All parents are encouraged to attend. Children need not attend. This evening will be informational only. You do not need to bring birth certificates. You will be given registration packets to take home, fill out and then return at kindergarten registration on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. or Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. If you know of any parents with kindergarten age children, please pass along this information to them.

### **FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

\*School Supply Kit order forms should be going home the beginning of March. Remember to turn in your School Supply Kit order forms by March 13, 2009.

If you'd like to advertise in our calendar, please call Marian Thrash at 815-478-4091. If you'd like to send your graduate next year a 'congrats wish' in the next year's calendar, please contact Marian Thrash @ 815-478-4091

\*Our next meeting is March 11, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. at Manhattan Junior High School in the library.

### **ARTWORKS 2009**

The Fine Arts Committee of Lincoln-Way Community High School would like to formally invite you to the upcoming fine arts festival, Artworks 2010, on Saturday, March 20, 2010. Artworks 2010 offers the public an opportunity to experience the many facets of the fine arts by providing hands-on visual arts demonstrations, a variety of musical performances, dance recitals and drama presentations. In addition, an art exhibit will showcase student work from the junior high as well as the elementary school. Festival-goers receive a program when they arrive detailing the ongoing activities. The event, which will be held at Lincoln-Way High School East Campus, is free of charge and open to the public from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided at a minimal charge. A program is also posted near the office at all school.

### **REMINDER FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE**

All Illinois children in kindergarten, second and sixth grades are required to have an oral health examination. A licensed dentist must complete these dental exams and he/she must sign the examination form.

Each child shall present proof of the dental examination by May 15, 2010. The examination must have been completed within 18 months prior to the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The dental examination forms are available in the nurse's office.

The state has also provided "Waiver" forms for families who may have difficulty obtaining a dental examination at this time. These forms are available in the nurse's office and are completely confidential.

Please contact the nurse's office if you are unable to obtain the required dental examination at this time, so we can discuss the steps that will need to be taken to assure your child's compliance with the state's regulations regarding dental exams.

### **ORCHESTRA/CHOIR**

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association solo and ensemble contest on February 13<sup>th</sup>. The students earned 23 first place and 11 second place medals. Maura Dausvardis earned perfect score.

The Demon Orchestra will compete on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in Homewood at the Illinois Grade School Music Association organizational contest. Good luck orchestra!

The Demon Choir will compete on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in Mokena at the Illinois Grade School Music Association organizational contest. Good luck, choir!

Thank you to all who purchased carnations for the Valentine's Day fundraiser!!!!

## **BAND**

March 3: Butterbraid Orders and Money to be turned in to Mrs. Pedziwater.

March 11: IGSMAPA Pep Rally Concert for Concert Band and Symphonic Band members. All band members are to report to school in full uniform by 6:30pm. This is a dress rehearsal for both bands to prepare for their contest on Saturday, March 13.

March 12 and 13: IGSMAPA Band Contest to be held at Manhattan Jr. High. We need all parents to please volunteer 2 hours or more. Concert Band will perform at 11:30am on Saturday, March 13 and Symphonic Band will perform at 1:00pm. Concert band members will need to report to the Jr. High at in full uniform at 10:30am and Symphonic Band members will need to report to the Jr. High in full uniform at 11:30am.

March 17: March Band Booster Meeting

## **CELL PHONES**

New traffic laws, as of January 1, 2010. Driver are prohibited from using an electronic communication device to compose, send or read an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway. Electronic message is defined as electronic mail, a text message, an instant message or a command or request to access an Internet site.

Drivers are prohibited from using a wireless telephone while operating a vehicle in a school zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone. More detail on these new laws can be found at: <http://www.dot.il.gov/>

<h2><b><u>IMPORTANT DATES</u></b></h2> <h3><b>MARCH</b></h3>
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| March 1    | No School – Casimir Pulaski Day                  |
| 2          | ISAT Testing<br>GVB 7 <sup>th</sup> Regionals    |
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| 4          | ISAT Testing<br>GVB 7 <sup>th</sup> Regionals    |
| 5          | ISAT Testing                                     |
| 8          | GVB 8 <sup>th</sup> Regionals                    |
| 9          | GVB 8 <sup>th</sup> Regionals                    |
| 10         | GVB 8 <sup>th</sup> Regionals                    |
| 11         | GVB 8 <sup>th</sup> Regionals                    |
| 12         | Track Try-outs shot put & discus 2:30 – 4:30     |
| 13         | Band Contest                                     |
| 14         | Daylight Savings Time                            |
| 15-19      | Track Try-outs 2:30 – 4:30                       |
| 17         | Mathematics Competition @ Liberty N.L. 5:30 p.m. |
| 19         | End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> qt<br>Spring Pictures     |
| 25         | LW Mathematics Comp. @ LW North 5:30 p.m.        |
| April 2-11 | Spring Break                                     |