



InTech News

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Parent Involvement Issue

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Changes to Parent-Teacher Conferences for November

Wow! Thank you to all the parents who attended the September parent-teacher-student conferences! Quite literally, we were overwhelmed—the 85% parent participation far exceeded what we had anticipated or experienced previously (and is much higher than most secondary schools would ever have).

Fortunately, having more parent involvement than expected is a wonderful problem to have and to solve. Unfortunately, during our September conferences, it led to long waits for parents and too little time for conferencing. We hope to see just as many (and hopefully even more) of you at our next conference, but have taken the following steps to prepare for such a large crowd and try to keep your total time at conferences to around an hour:

- 1) We have extended the hours (along with an all day session on Friday Nov 20, we will also have an afternoon-evening session on Thurs Nov 19).
- 2) We will also have scheduled times for parents to come in—so that waiting times between each conference will be much shorter.

Involvement Opportunities

InTech has need of several parents volunteering to assist with improvement committees (probably 3 meetings in the January-March time-frame) in the following areas:

- Assessment
- Community Building
- Educational Agenda (Mission, strategy, beliefs etc)

InTech also has need of Bilingual (Spanish/English) parents to assist with parent-teacher conferences.

To volunteer—contact the principal.

InTech Collegiate Governing Board Parent Member Elections

November 20

To make a nomination of yourself or another parent, please write your candidate on the list in the main office by Wed Nov 18, 2009.

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Upcoming Elections for Parent Board Members—Board Chair Message

Do you know that InTech has a Board of Governors? Do you know that the Board of Governors plays a large role in policy making? Do you know that the Board works hand in hand with the principal and staff to make InTech an exceptional place for your student to learn?

Our Board consists of eight members. Six of those members are appointed and two of the positions ARE ELECTED PARENT MEMBERS. On November 20 (during parent-teacher-student-conferences) InTech is holding an election to select two new parent members. The Parent Board Member plays a very unique and important role on the Board via first-hand interaction with the school.

Any parent is eligible to run for the Board as long as they have a student enrolled at InTech. The position is a 2 year commitment. A meeting is held once a month to discuss InTech business, policies and concerns.

If you are interested in running for Parent Member or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (435) 881-4600 or momdukes47@yahoo.com. When you are ready, submit a short paragraph and tell us a little bit about yourself. We will then conduct the election on November 20 during the Parent/Teacher conference.

One of the advantages of our school is the feeling of community and parent participation plays a key role in contributing to that. Please consider this position. Your voice on the Board gives an important perspective....you give voice for our students, teachers and staff.

Debora Seiter, ICHS Board Chair and Parent Member

Access to Grades for Parents (A reminder or if you experience problems)

To access student grades and lunch account information:

- Drop by the office to sign a permission form (if not already done)
- Go to www.intechchs.org
- On the middle right hand side of the top navigation bar, click on "Parent Resources"
- Click on "Check Student Grades"
- Enter your student's username and password

If you experience any problems, please call JaDean Frehner at 753-7377

Congratulations to the new Parent Organization Leaders!

Lana Rosen, President
Terryl Warner, Vice-Pres.
Patricia Lewis, Secretary

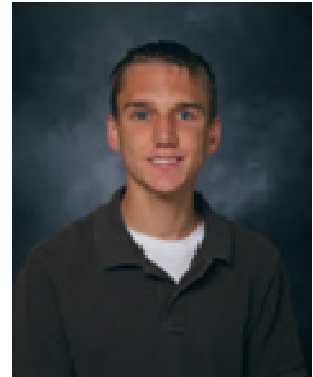
And a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to **MEGAN JEREZ**, for your years of dedication and service as the InTech PTO president. You have gone above and beyond the call of service.

National Merit Scholar Semi-finalist and Commendations

Jeff Karren is one of four National Merit Semifinalists from Cache Valley. All semifinalists' PSAT scores are among the highest in Utah. Jeff will have the opportunity to continue in the competition for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship. Additionally, Sarah Spall, Jordan Rozum, and Zach Lewis were honored with Letters of Commendation for their PSAT performance.

About Jeff:

Jeff is an example of success at InTech Collegiate High School. He is not only a National Merit Scholar Semi-finalist but also a regional winner in ExploraVision. He is an organist, swing dance instructor, computer guru, excellent writer, and motorcyclist. Jeff has a natural curiosity and energy for life. He wants to learn in order to satisfy his own inner nature to explore the world. This is a rare and great quality.



Jeff Karren

InTech Adds Two Computer Labs Through Purchase and Donation



New Eng. Computer

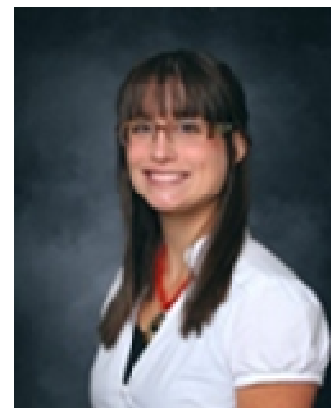
Each year, ICBS receives funding for its CTE programs. This year, these CTE funds were used to (among other things) replace the engineering computer lab with faster, beefier machines. An additional donated computer lab (from the Internal Revenue Service) has made it possible for InTech to have 2 open access and 2 dedicated computer labs and improve our computer to students ratio to 1:1.25.

New Member of Faculty for 2009-10: Julie Sismondi, Art/Multimedia

Julie Sismondi was raised in Puyallup, Washington, a small town just south of Seattle. She spent a lot of her time hiking around Mt. Rainier and in Seattle enjoying the fresh market of Pike's Place.

Julie moved to Salt Lake for college and received her Bachelors in Art with a minor in Psychology from Westminster College. She worked for over a year as a graphic artist; designing websites, logos, advertisements and anything needed for corporate art. She also worked as a freelance artist designing and taking photos. One cold winter day, she decided to go back to college for a Masters of Arts in Teaching.

Julie recently graduated this May with a Masters degree and an endorsement to teach visual arts from Westminster College. She now lives in Logan, is excited to start her career, ski/snowboard and plan a wedding for next summer.



Julie Sismondi



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Calendar

Nov 18:
ICHS Board Mtg (4PM)

Nov 19-20:
Parent-Teacher-
Student Conf.

Nov 25-27:
Thanksgiving Break
(no school)

Nov ??:

H1N1 Vaccination
Clinic

Relationships

Relevance

Rigor

**InTech Collegiate High School's Mission:
Encourage and prepare students in grades 9-12,
and especially those traditionally under-
represented; to pursue and complete college
degrees in math, science, and engineering;
to enhance the talent base in these fields.**

H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic at ICHS — Date to Be Determined

The Bear River Health Department will hold a clinic at ICHS to provide H1N1 flu vaccines (via shots). All InTech Collegiate employees and students will be able to receive the vaccine for free during the clinic.

The vaccination is not required, however, parents wishing for their students to participate must sign a consent form. This form will be mailed to parents directly from the BRHD. Students must have this form and a piece of ID (student card, driver's license) on the day of the vaccinations.

Originally, the BRHD informed InTech that the vaccination clinic would occur on November 5th. Due to vaccine shortages/delays cross the country, a new date has not yet been established. Once BRHD sets a new date, information will be posted to the ICHS website.

Please refer to the BRHD website for information regarding the swine flu, vaccinations, and prevention information. <http://www.brhd.org/>

Flu Prevention Guidance

The Bear River Health Department has provided the following basic guidelines for actions that everyone can take to prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza.

- 1) Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- 2) Wash your hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- 3) Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- 4) Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you are sick with flu-like illness, it is recommended that you stay home (including staying home from school) for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.