



InTech PTO Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

January

- 26 InTech Ice Skating Night - 7:15 - 9:15 pm
- 27 Board Meeting - 4 p.m.

February

- 2-4 UBSCT Testing for all 10th graders.
- 5 No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 12 PASTARAMA - Robotics Fundraiser
- 9 American Math Contest
- 15 President's Day - no school
- 26-27 Science Fair

LATE START

9th, 11th and 12th graders are on a late start school schedule on 2/2, 2/3 and 2/4. 1st: 10:35 - 11:40, lunch, 2nd: 12:05 - 1:10, 3rd: 1:15 - 2:20, 4th: 2:25 - 3:30.

**PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES:
FEBRUARY 5.**

Looking for an EASY way to volunteer? THE SCIENCE FAIR (February 26-27) will need some judges. If you are interested in helping, please talk to Dr. Kawamura at InTech or email her at skawamura@intechchs.org.

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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET JOINED THE INTECH PTO...

Our goal is for each INTECH parent to join the INTECH PTO. Why? Because it's part of being a fully committed learning community. All kids are welcome to PTO sponsored events. After all, it is all about the kids.

Principal Stanger's Message

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support of InTech Collegiate High School! We greatly appreciate the many ways that parents get involved in their students' education. This newsletter (which is itself produced by some of our parent volunteers) includes information on upcoming activities and several opportunities for parents to get involved. In this vein of parental involvement, I want to share with you our progress on some improvement suggestions from parents (and others) and also let you know of some upcoming opportunities to provide input on the school's next improvement efforts.

When I was hired a year and a half ago, several parents, faculty, and board members had just completed work on a series of improvement goals, which included:

1. Attract and retain a diverse student population
2. Ensure the educational and financial viability of the school
3. Ensure that students learn the Utah State Core Curriculum subject areas.
4. Provide students with opportunities to earn college credits
5. Implement a curriculum that focuses on math, science, and engineering using relevant projects and real-life work applications with an emphasis on active learning.
6. Build and maintain partnerships
7. Attract and retain high quality faculty and staff.

Since that time, we have worked to meet those goals and I'm pleased to report:

1. Our student body has not only grown every year but has also become increasingly diverse.
2. The school's financial stability is better than it has ever been (despite the downturn in the economy), and InTech is going through its accreditation renewal process this year.
3. As InTech grew to include a 12th grade, all of the classes required for graduation were also added.
4. Each year, the school adds additional college coursework to our curriculum (these courses sometimes rotate from year-to-year so that we can offer more).
5. Students at InTech continue to have opportunities to do hands-on projects in class, through clubs like FIRST and TARC, through competitions like Toshiba Science Fair, and through internships at USU. Several of these projects have placed regional and state competitions and have garnered awards, cash prizes, and scholarships for the students involved.
6. InTech Collegiate's Early College program, offered through our partnership with USU, is now in its 4th semester and has allowed several students opportunities to work on college credits in their degree areas. Additionally, our partnership with USU has led to multiple internships and other opportunities for students to get up on campus.
7. The faculty and staff are all appropriate licensed or authorized for their assignments (including some pending authorizations).

With significant progress on those goals completed, InTech Collegiate is determining the next set of major improvement goals. To assist with our ongoing improvement efforts, at the upcoming parent-teacher-student conferences, we will 1) have an *Indicators of School Quality Survey* for parents to complete and 2) invite parental participation in several focus groups that will look at various aspects of the school. Your involvement and input through these activities will be very helpful!

Thank you again for all you do to support your students and the school,

Jason Stanger

Did You Know...

Getting good grades in school does pay off! 7th through 12th grade students who receive at least one "A" on his/her report card are eligible to participate in Zions Bank pay for A's program. Submit your report card to any Zions Bank branch for a chance to win. For more information on Zions Pays for A's program go to <https://www.zionsbank.com/pays4as.jsp>

10th GRADERS – UBSCT

10th grade needs to be here at regular time for UBSCT (Utah Basic Skills Competency Test)

Feb 2: Writing UBSCT all 10th graders 9-10:30 am

Feb 3: Math UBSCT all 10th graders 9-10:30 am

Feb 4: Reading UBSCT all 10th graders 9-10:30 am

Can you spare some paper towels and/or hand sanitizer? If so, please send items with your student. Several teachers are requesting these items!

GET A FAST PASS FOR PTSC!!!

Parent Teacher Student Conference (PTSC) will be on Thursday, February 4, from 4:30 to 7:30 pm and Friday, February 5, from 9 am to 3 pm. Parents please call 753-7377 or email JaDean at jfrehner@intechchs.org to reserve a time slot and receive a fast pass. Limiting the number of visits each half hour keeps lines down and makes the conference faster and more efficient. If parents show up without a reservation, they will be asked to allow parents with a fast pass to go in front.

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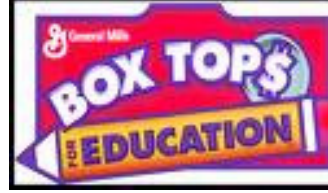
American Math Contest

The American Mathematics Competition will be on **Tuesday, February 9, 2010** in Mrs. Lawrence's Room. You will have 75 minutes to complete 25 multiple choice questions.

Students that finish in the top 5%, will be invited to take the annual American Invitational Mathematics Examination.

Box Tops for Education

If you have any Box Tops (from General Mills products), please feel free to send them to the school. We are now collecting Box Tops – each Box Top is worth \$0.10 and they add up quickly! A Box Tops for Education container is in the office.



Campbell Soup Labels

We are also collecting Campbell Soup Labels and have a container in the office. Please feel free to collect Campbell Soup Labels and send them to school. The labels can be used for class supplies.



Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

10 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE PTO

1. Your child benefits. Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems.
2. We make a difference.
3. We pledge to honor time constraints.
4. We have fun!
5. Meet nice people with whom you share a common bond – kids in school!
6. There's a lot to be done.
7. We can match volunteer positions with your interests.
8. We're welcoming!
9. We are about parent involvement, not fundraising.
10. This work is rewarding!

This Newsletter is a Quick Reference for School Happenings. The role of the Parent/Teacher Organization is to inform parents of the ongoing issues and events within the school. The PTO is an organization that recruits volunteers and also accents the existing educational program within our school and supports its staff. Funds raised by the PTO provide the means for assemblies and special functions that are held. This organization was formed by parents for the purpose of informing parents. Your PTO welcomes your input to this newsletter and all other services it provides. Please send newsletter ideas and suggestions to TerryJ.Wamer@yahoo.com.