

We need a mascot for our school! Students, bring your ideas to Back-to-School Camp!

# InTech Time NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ May, June & July Home Visits/SEOP Conferences
- ◆ June 28, 7-8:30 PM Parent-Student Meeting  
Calibration & Optical Laboratory Auditorium  
489 East 1650 North Research Parkway
- ◆ July 11-13 Community of Caring (Character Ed) Workshop at the University of Utah  
Contact Steve Zsiray
- ◆ August 1-3 Back-to-School Camp
- ◆ August 28 First day of school

If you are interested in registering, we still have some open slots for sophomores

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## Message from the Principal

The new school year is nearly upon us. There is so much to be done. We have the greatest teachers, staff, students, parents and community members. I want to thank everyone for your patience. It has taken me longer than expected to recuperate from my motor scooter accident. The five broken ribs really got to me. I will get the home visits completed.

I am really happy to be seeing that students are embracing the reading program. Remember, read ten books off the list, and have them verified by staff. We will begin the process of verify-

ing the books after the summer camp – August 1-3 at USU. Camp will be extremely fun. JaDean Frehner, Theresa Burch, and Megan Izatt have done great work in organizing this event. I am very excited to see what happens.

Our building is moving ahead and will be ready for August 28. I predict we will be in the building about the second week of August. Keep your hopes up. We will have an open house (to be determined), and a ribbon cutting, before the school opens.

To quote Sheriff Bud Cox, President of the Utah Sheriffs'

Association, "Do not let professions, hobbies, or strong personal desires deter us from spending time with our children and being part of what/how they learn, what they do, where they go, or whom they spend a lot of time with." Parents will always be welcome in our schools. There are no requirements to be there, just be there for your kids! I look forward to meeting and knowing each of you.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 28th of June. We will finalize some items regarding schedule and entertain any questions you may have. Thanks,

—Steve Zsiray

## InTech Renovations

Every week on the website Theresa Burch posts updated pictures of the renovations of our campus. In April we saw huge empty rooms and toilets assembled in our commons area. May showed us ripped up walls and plumbing trenches. In June we were finally able to get a glimpse of what our new school was becoming when the walls were framed and the huge area on the east side of the building was divided into classrooms.

Although it has come a long way, our school still has quite a bit of work that needs to be done before we can move in. Steve Zsiray recently met with the architect for an update on the progress.

They plan to work on sheetrock and wiring soon, as well as relocating some ventilation shafts.

When they complete these, they will get started on some of the more detailed interior work, including hanging the doors and installing the sinks and toilets. The new main entrance will also be constructed soon.

We have been told that the renovations are on schedule and that the building should be complete the first part of August. In the opinion of the InTech staff, the sooner the better! We will need as much time as possible to organize the media center, get labs and classrooms set up, and move in all of the furniture we acquired from the Merrill Library when it closed.

As we add more students, our school will grow with us, either into the building located to the south of us, or into the parking lot to the west.

*Pictures to the right: Renovation progress  
The same central area of our school (looking north) as it is being  
divided into classrooms.*

*Be sure to check the website for regular photos of the progress!*



## Bulletin Board

- ◆ We are gathering funds to purchase signage for our new building, including a mounted sign, a sign for the lawn, and a scrolling marquee. If you would like to make a donation, please make checks out to InTech Collegiate High School and send them to Steve Zsiray.
- ◆ We are creating a school handbook that will contain a student directory. We will verify student information (phone numbers, addresses, email addresses) at the next Parent-Student Meeting. If you DO NOT want your student's information included in this directory, please notify Theresa at the meeting or via email at TBurch@intechchs.org
- ◆ We will be accepting ideas from students about what our mascot should be. You can email these ideas to TBurch@intechchs.org or bring them to our Back-to-School Camp.
- ◆ If you have any announcements you would like to have printed in our newsletter or posted on our website, please email TBurch@intechchs.org

## Academic Resource Center

InTech will be focusing on teaching our students organizational skills to help them be more prepared for academic success. To accomplish this, we contacted Carol Rosenthal, assistant director of the Academic Resource Center (ARC) at Utah State University.

Carol has been with USU since 1991 and has been the assistant director of the ARC for ten years. Teaching students to be organized is a key part of her mission at the ARC. "Organizational skills are critical so that students can be competent managers of themselves and can therefore devote time, effort, and energy to those tasks that will help them be the most successful."

The ARC provides services and programs that enhance students' academic performance and eases their transition to Utah State University. Carol noted that the transition from high school to college is challenging for many students, even those who are academically talented.

Besides organizational skills, the ARC teaches students time-management, test-taking strategies, and anxiety-reducing skills. Programs like the ARC that provide "learning assistance" are available at many universities to teach students the skills they will need to succeed in college. "Effective learning strategies or study skills are not innate



skills. These skills must be consistently taught, modeled, and reinforced."

Carol stated, "Integrating study skills and learning strategies into InTech's classes, as well as the challenging learning environment, will help to ensure that students will be successful when they begin their college careers."