



# December 2007

# INtime NEWS

InTech  
Collegiate  
High School  
Newsletter

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See the website for our  
teachers' email addresses!

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Friday, December 7  
InTech Arts Night, 7-9 PM  
Come support the arts at InTech!
- ◆ Tuesday, December 11  
-Dress Down Day for students  
who have not had any dress code  
violations since November 13  
-Board Meeting 1 PM
- ◆ Wednesday, December 12  
Deadline to turn in ski day  
permission slips and money
- ◆ Thursday, December 20  
Ski Day—Buses leave at 8:30 AM,  
Will return around 5:15 PM
- ◆ December 21-January 4  
Christmas Break—No School
- ◆ Monday, January 7  
Back to School  
First day of Spring Semester

Stay caught up on school  
announcements at  
[www.intechchs.org](http://www.intechchs.org)

## Message from the Principal

The construction of the additional classrooms for InTech is nearing completion. Just today, Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> they cut out the doorway into our commons area from the adjacent covered walkway. It was immediately blocked off to prevent students from entering the unfinished area. The contractor has begun wiring and connecting the sprinkler systems and the painters also came in today to prep for their job. The contractor expects the new classrooms to be finished and ready for use when we come back from the Christmas holiday vacation on January 7. This will provide us those extra rooms we so desperately need and take Mrs. Carlisle and Ms. Watterson out of the hall. I can only imagine their joy to once again be in a regular classroom. Just a reminder that the last day of this semester is December 20<sup>th</sup>— this is also our first scheduled ski day.

We want to thank all of you who have responded to the request for information from Sarah Titus, the AmeriVista worker who runs our library and is putting together the InTech school directory. Please continue to send that information. Sarah, Melissa Seidle and myself have also been involved with interviewing the potential candidates for the Spanish tutoring program that we will implement next semester. All the candidates we interviewed for this position were highly qualified. We will make a decision on which candidate we will hire by December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are now waiting for those parents interested in having their student involved in the Spanish

tutoring program to turn in their applications so we can determine the number of students for the morning or afternoon sessions. Remember the last day to register is the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

InTech is pleased to announce that we have become the recipient of a grant over \$9700 to be used for science supplies provided by Campbell's Scientific. A thank you just doesn't seem to truly convey how grateful we are to Campbell's for their generous contribution to our school. But just the same, "Thank You!" That money will go a long way to enhance the science program with the material we desperately need.

Finally, the staff at InTech would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Zsiray for all the time and effort he put forth in laying

the groundwork for InTech to be established as a charter school. It was his devotion, dedication and insight that helped make InTech possible. As a staff we will work together to maintain Dr. Zsiray's vision of InTech as a school that will challenge and educate all students who attend, and that will continue to be a model of academic excellence. We wish Dr. Zsiray the best.

— John Hernandez



Dear InTech parents,

InTech Collegiate High School has received notice of the retirement of Dr. Stephen Zsiray, who has been Principal of InTech Collegiate High School since its inception.

InTech is grateful to Dr. Zsiray for his efforts in establishing and organizing the school and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Dr. Zsiray will be available as a consultant to the school through the remainder of this school year.

Mr. John Hernandez has been appointed Acting Principal during this interim period, and we appreciate Mr. Hernandez's experience and willingness to serve at this time. A process and a timeline for the selection of the new principal will be established by the Board and in consultation with parents, faculty, and staff.

InTech will continue to fulfill its mission as an outstanding math, science, and engineering charter school. We are very optimistic about the future and would greatly appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,  
The Board of Governors, InTech Collegiate High School

## Bulletin Board

- ◆ Parents, please make sure to call in and excuse your students when they are absent.
- ◆ If you have not turned in your form for the student directory, please do so before Dec. 3.
- ◆ The forms and fees for the Spanish Conversation Table are due Dec. 7.
- ◆ Our first ski day is on Dec. 20. Students should be bringing home a permission slip that their parents/guardians will need to sign and return to the school by Dec. 12.
- ◆ Melissa Seidle will be sending home forms to schedule SEOPs for sophomores after the Christmas break.
- ◆ The Science Fair has been moved to Feb. 28. Dr. Kawamura desperately needs judges! Parents, please contact her if you are interested in being a judge.

## Feature Student

### Peter Daniels

Nominated by Dr. Kawamura



It is my privilege to nominate Peter Daniels for this month. Peter is a model InTech Collegiate HS student. He works hard in his Earth Science class and works well with almost anyone. One of the most impressive aspects of Peter's academic character is his willingness to get things done on time, and most of the time, a few days early. His lab book has always been turned in on time and the extra effort is always made.

*InTech Collegiate High School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and an Equal Opportunity Organization for students.*

# Career Exploration

Our Career Exploration program is designed to introduce students to different fields that might interest them. We would like to thank Mrs. JaDean Frehner for her excellent work in organizing presenters for our students every Friday. If you would like to present to our students, please contact her at 753-7377 or by email at [jfrehner@intechchs.org](mailto:jfrehner@intechchs.org).

On November 2, students were able to attend one of several presentations. Dr. Jeremy Ellis spoke about careers in dentistry and showed before and after pictures of dental procedures.

Dr. Lance Seefeldt from USU's Chemistry and Biochemistry Department spoke about the potential for using algae as an alternative energy source. He explained algae's efficiency in converting the sun's energy and how it could be used to make biodiesel fuel.

Lenaye Howard and Kara Parker, undergraduate researchers at USU, spoke with students about the importance of research and how students could apply for research fellowships. They also spoke about their own research projects.

On November 9, our sophomores attended a career fair presented by the USU Biology Department. Daryll Dewarld, David Wallace, and Yvonne Kobe explained to students that whatever their aspirations were, from financial to philanthropic, that there was a career in the field of biology that could meet them.

On November 16, our students took a field trip up to Utah State University. Our freshmen attended



*Above: Students listen to a Career Exploration presentation*

a physics demonstration by Dr. James Coburn, where they learned principles of physics through engaging and entertaining displays.

The sophomores attended a mechanical engineering presentation by Dr. Leijun Li. They learned about autonomous airplanes that could be remote controlled to fly over war zones and take pictures.

Jim Wellings from USU's Distance Education Department hosted a small number of students in his facility. He talked about fiber optics, and showed students classrooms around the world through a live video link.

We would like to thank each of our presenters for their willingness to teach our students.

## PTO Message

Service projects---We're trying to find out if anyone in the community knows of a hands-on project that the kids could do for Christmas, or other events or activities. Please call Meg Jerez at \_\_\_ or Kathy Curtis at \_\_\_\_.

We want to THANK KSM Guitars for their generous donation of the two acoustic guitars. One will be presented on December 14th through the InTech On Track Program.

Thanks also to those who helped make the Golden Corral event so fun and successful!! We netted \$1374.00 and hope to make that an annual event.

We need committee chairpeople and committee members.... Here is the structure of the PTO presently: President: Meg Jerez, V Pres: Nikki Anderson, Secretary: Eleanor Wellings, Treasurer: Kathy Curtis, Volunteer Committee Chair: Alice Hooper, Teacher Liaison: Alice Carlisle. We still need committees for the following, as presently the above members are doing double-duty: Communications, fundraiser, etc. etc.

## Beginning Guitar Class at InTech

Mr. Hernandez will be offering an after school beginning guitar class one day a week. The day of the week is yet to be determined, but possibly Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:15. The classes will start spring semester when we come back from our holiday vacation. Students will need their own guitars (preferably acoustic) and a three-ring binder to put instructional materials in. Later they will need to purchase a beginning guitar book. Mr. Hernandez will provide that information in the class. Sign up on the school bulletin board.