



InTech InTime NEWS

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InTech
Collegiate
High School
Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Tuesday, February 5, 2:30 PM
Ribbon cutting
- ◆ Thursday, February 7, 6-8 PM
New Building Open House
- ◆ Tuesday, February 12
Dress Down Day for students who
have not had any dress code
violations since January 8
- ◆ Friday, February 15
Deadline to turn in ski day
permission slips and money—after
this date a late fee will apply
- ◆ Friday, February 15
Valentine's Dance
- ◆ Monday, February 18
Presidents Day—No School
- ◆ Friday, February 22
Ski Day—Buses leave at 8:30 AM,
Will return around 5:15 PM
- ◆ Wednesday, Feb. 27
Teacher Prep Day—School ends
at 12:30 PM
- ◆ Thursday, Feb. 28, 1-6 PM
School ends at 12:30 PM
Parent Teacher Conferences—
Last names A-L
- ◆ Friday, February 29, 1-6 PM
School ends at 12:30 PM
Parent Teacher Conferences—
Last names M-Z
- ◆ Thursday, February 28
Science fair

Make sure to visit our
website at
www.intechchs.org

Principal's Message

January 7th of this year marked a big step for InTech Collegiate High School. It was the day that the students and staff were able to move into the new expansion. It was an exciting time for all of us at InTech to feel the growth of our school and added classrooms. This new area includes Social Studies classrooms for Mr. Dewey and Mrs. Reeder, Mr. Baker's engineering classroom and lab, the new kitchen area where lunch is served, a new commons area and more bathrooms. The new addition also includes two offices – one for Ashlee Godfrey, our bookkeeper and the other for Janene Dykstra, our part-time resource teacher. Make sure to come take a tour during of the newly improved school during our Open House on February 7th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please tell all those interested in InTech to come to our Open House.

I would like to thank some of the people who helped make the transition to our new building easier. Mr. Baker and his family spent a lot of time over the holidays at the school making sure that the classrooms were ready. I would also like to thank Gayle Bowen and Space Dynamics for donating desks, bookshelves and filing cabinets for the new



SPECIAL EVENTS

FEB. 5th from 2:30 to 3:30 PM: RIBBON CUTTING

We are having a ribbon cutting for our new addition. Even though the kids have been using it for a few weeks, we are ready to introduce it to the public. The USU Administration, InTech supporters, and the press are invited to join in.

We hope that you will too.

Feb. 7th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM: OPEN HOUSE

We are having a new student recruitment Open House to show off our school, our students and achievements. This event is being widely advertised and we are hoping for a large turnout. We hope to see you there (and don't forget to bring a friend)!

rooms. Our thanks go out to the Edith Bowen Lab School, which donated 28 drafting tables and chairs to be used in the new engineering classroom. Thanks to Monica Neilson, the Innovation Campus coordinator who brought over a crew to help us move. I must also thank our science teacher, Dr. Kawamura, who also spent many days over the holidays allowing students to catch up on their assignments.

Our first school dance of the New Year was a success. The students who attended danced their hearts out and had a grand time. The InTech dances would not be the same without the amazing array of lights and the famous Disco Ball that has become the center piece of each dance—Thank you, Jim, Eleanor and Anne Wellings for your contribution!

Our first ski day was on the 18th of this month. Over 50 students took to the slopes at Beaver. It was a marvelous day of skiing and I am glad to report we had no injuries.

*InTech students
skiing at Beaver
Mountain*

Our continuous drive to work towards developing new curriculum that meets the needs of our students took a step backward in regards to our Spanish conversation table tutoring program. We had interviewed and hired two Spanish tutors - one for the morning and one for the afternoon. We had students all signed up and it all looked like a go when it came to our attention that the Electronic High School (EHS) was not registering any more students for Spanish until later this spring. Without the credit that the students would have received from the EHS, only two of our students signed up, so we had to put the program on hold. We apologize and are also extremely frustrated knowing how much work Sarah Titus and Melissa Seidle had put in to get this program started. We are looking at the possibility of hiring a certified Spanish teacher for an after school class.

As I enter my second month as acting principal, I realize how important it is for a small charter school like InTech to have not only a competent staff who are dedicated to making our school successful, but also a lot

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- ◆ Teton Science School is a wonderful, week-long field trip open for all InTech students (even incoming freshmen). The field trip is from Aug. 4-8. Applications are available on the science website or at the school. The deadline is Feb. 15. Contact Dr. Kawamura for more information.
- ◆ The lottery is coming up! Parents, please let our secretaries know if you have other children who will be attending InTech next year so we know how many slots we have available for new students.

Feature Students
Michael, Matt, & Alex

Nominated by Mr. Dewey



I would like to nominate the Petersen brothers (Matt, Michael, and Alex). Each of them has demonstrated to me in a variety of ways, their respect for me, their consideration of others and a genuine interest in learning. These attributes and their sense of humor makes my job quite enjoyable. Thanks, "my brothers", your smiles and attitudes have had a very positive effect on me.

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of outside support. There are many volunteers (many of whom I have not mentioned by name) who have given freely of their time because they believe in our school and want to ensure that InTech continues to grow and be successful. These generous supporters include not only parents but also members of the Board of Governors, other charter school staff, as well as staff from Utah State University, Cache and Logan districts. It is encouraging to me to know that we have so many capable, responsible, committed people out there who are willing to help InTech define itself and grow into a strong academic institution. —John Hernandez, Acting Principal

InTech Board of Governors - Committee Progress Update

The Curriculum and Program Committee has accomplished a major task in developing a "Pathway to Graduation Form" that will be used to document student progress in the subject specific credits they have already earned and options and requirements for additional credits necessary. Counselor Melissa Seidle will explain the form to all students in class presentations so that students can fully understand where they currently stand and what else is needed. The form was also presented at our Parent Meeting on Jan. 29. Melissa is planning to meet with all parents and students on an individual basis to ensure they understand student progress and plan their course toward graduation and the earning of additional credits if desired. Marlies Burns, Director of Charter Schools at the Utah State Office of Education has reviewed the Pathway and has given it her approval.

The Recruitment and Public Relations Committees are in full swing. The committee worked together with the staff and faculty to put together

two exciting events: the Ribbon Cutting on Feb. 5 at 2:30 PM and the Open House on Feb. 7 from 6 to 8 PM. The mission of these events is to celebrate our achievements AND to recruit new students. We hope all of our InTech students and parents attend (and don't forget to bring your friends!). In addition to these events, the committee has organized radio ads and newspaper coverage and is working to design pamphlets, posters and flyers to distribute throughout the valley. If you would like to assist with these efforts or have other suggestions, please contact Deb Seiter 563-8002 or email at momdukes47@yahoo.com. Another big thanks to Debbie Seiter, Erin Brewer and Gayle Bowen for all their efforts, ideas, and contributions to this committee.

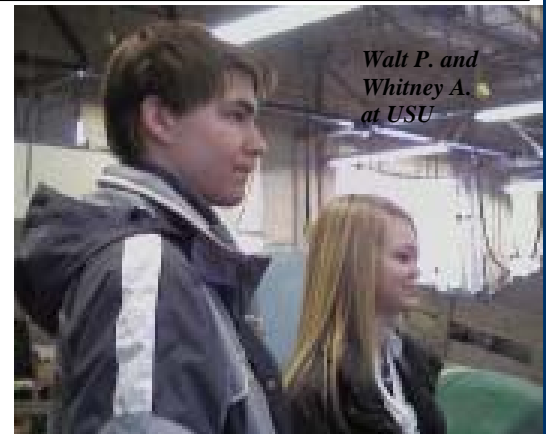
Dr. Patria de Lancer Julnes is heading our Strategic Planning Committee. The committee will look over the original charter of InTech Collegiate High School and develop a mission, goals, and objectives that are in line with this charter.

PTO News

The successful Golden Corral fundraiser last fall was a big step toward getting signs for our school. It's time to start thinking about another fundraiser to help us help the students. Suggestions so far include reselling treats prepared by a local restaurant and sold to us at cost, having casual t-shirts made to sell to students and all InTech supporters, and a future car wash (visualize the layer of salt we'll have by spring!). Share your thoughts on these ideas, give your own, or help put one into motion.

There's also a great need for donations to the InTech OnTrack program. OnTrack rewards students for their contribution to the classroom with weekly and monthly drawings for prizes. Prizes have varied from a candy bar to a guitar! Drawings may include something out of your 'emergency birthday gift' box, a great find from a dollar store, or an item you've asked a vendor to donate. (Thank, KSM, for the guitars!).

Your PTO is on the move with the formation of by-laws and better use of email and InTech's web site. Weekly reminders and minutes are emailed to registered members. Your participation at any level is greatly valued!



Walt P. and Whitney A. at USU

Career Exploration

On January 11, our freshmen students learned about police technology from Lt. Hancock. Our sophomore students learned about military careers from Tanya Olson.

On January 25 our students took a field trip up to USU. Our freshmen visited the Anthropology museum. Our sophomore students attended either a mechanical engineering lab or the art museum.

We would like to thank all of our presenters and field trip hosts!