

Hobart Middle School



Parent Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

2/12

Valentine Dance 6-8pm

2/14 & 2/17

School IS in session!

2/19

6th grade band concert 7pm

“I BELIEVE IN LOVE”

2014 VALENTINE DANCE

The Physical Education Department of Hobart Middle School is sponsoring the “I Believe in Love” Valentine Dance. The Valentine dance is on Wednesday, Feb. 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Main Gym of HMS. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6.00 per student. Everyone who purchases a ticket for the dance will be registered for the girl and boy stuffed animal drawings. During the evening, twenty Valentine stuffed animals that will be drawn and given away to lucky boys and girls. The Valentine Dance also features the famous, lighted “Dance Stage”. Our students enjoy dancing on the dance stage with their friends to popular songs.

The physical education department will be selling a variety of Valentine socks for students to wear on the dance floor. The Valentine socks for girls will sell for \$1.50 a pair.

The FACS club will be selling the “cup cakes for causes” at the dance. The concession stand will be open as well during the dance for food and drinks.

The Music department will be taking photos of students and their friends at the dance. The costs to the students are as follows: 8 x 10 picture is \$5.00, 5 x 7 picture is \$4.00, 4 x 6 picture is \$3.00. A big thank you goes to the art teacher, Mrs. Rakoczy who is drawing the backdrop for the photos.

The physical education department believes in the need for physical activity through daily physical education, sports and dance. Physical activity is important to the overall health and well being of everyone, including all school-age children. The benefits of physical activity are well documented and include the mitigation of many health risks, including those for developing Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol. Physical activity also contributes to the building and maintenance of healthy bones and muscles, improved health-related fitness, and positive social and mental health.

Also, an increasing body of scientific evidence suggests that healthier students are better learners and that physical activity can improve academic achievement and influence academic success in school.

ISTEP TESTING SCHEDULE

ISTEP+ APPLIED SKILLS	MARCH 4-6
ISTEP+ MULTIPLE CHOICE	APRIL 28-MAY 9



MAKE A PLAN TO PASS THE STATE ASSESSMENTS! STUDENT WORKSHEET

Step 1: Circle your score from 2013 - If you don't know ask a teacher or your counselor!

ISTEP+- English	ISTEP+- Math	ISTEP+- Social Studies	ISTEP+- Science
DNP Pass Pass+	DNP Pass Pass+	DNP Pass Pass+	DNP Pass Pass+
SCORE:	SCORE:	SCORE:	SCORE:
<u>CUT SCORES:*</u>	<u>CUT SCORES:*</u>	<u>CUT SCORES:*</u>	<u>CUT SCORES:*</u>
5TH: 468/548 6TH: 478/579 7TH: 501/584	5TH: 463/556 6TH: 487/590 7TH: 511/603	5TH: 483/550 7TH: 486/545	6TH: 467/531

**When looking at cut scores, look at the grade your child was in last year. The first score is for Pass and the second is for Pass+. For instance, if your child is in 8th grade, look at the 7th grade cut scores.*

Step 2: Use the FREE Resources to Prepare for Testing

Visit the SCOH's website. <http://www.hobart.k12.in.us> - click on the Cool Tool called, "Test Prep for Goal Setting." The "Test Prep for Goal Setting" Cool Tool includes past test items, testing blueprints, scored tests and Scoring notes. Check out the ideas to get extra assistance to complete the plan below and pass the state assessments.

Step 3: Develop A Smart Goal Plan. What is Your Plan?

SMART Goal ISTEP+ English Example:

S: Achieve a score of Pass on the ISTEP+ English in 8th grade.

M: Achieve a score of Pass+ & complete work.

A: Yes, it is attainable.

R: I will do this by completing my classwork, studying the past ISTEP scoring guides on writing, practice using 2 pt and 6 pt writing rubrics.

T: I will complete this by mid February, so I'm ready for the ISTEP test on March 4th.

SMART Goal ISTEP+ Math Example:

S: Achieve a score of Pass+ on the ISTEP+ Math in 8th grade and an A in class.

M: Achieve a score of Pass+ and 95%-A grade

A: Yes, it is attainable.

R: I will do this by completing my classwork, using the Khan academy to review skills from 8th grade math, and attend Friday tutoring.

T: I will complete this by mid February, so I'm ready for the ISTEP test on March 4th.



From the Desk of Mrs. Warren...

Hi, Parents! As you know, ISTEP is right around the corner! We are anticipating great scores this year and look forward to showing the Department Of Education what great learning is taking place at HMS! We would like to top our Spring 2013 scores of 78.3 % Proficiency in Language Arts and 84.1 Proficiency in Math, and teaming together to help our students makes me confident that we can do so! I'd like to make you aware of how we are preparing students for ISTEP+ which is scheduled for March 4-6 and April 28-30. (Please keep in mind that the March test could be moved to March 11-13 because of weather closings.)

- Step Up Class (Language Arts class for students who are enrolled in Math 180, current until May 9)
 - ISTEP Remediation sessions during the school day (6 sessions in Feb. & 6 sessions in April right before the two portions of the test)
 - ISTEP Review during homeroom period from now until the end of the test in May
 - After-school Boost class Tuesday and Thursday for one hour, providing Math and LA instruction
- Please call Mrs. Schammert (942-8541 X 8305) in the main office if you would like to pick up an ISTEP packet to work on with your child at home.

Students who take part in any of the above will be invited to our Sundae bar at the end of the school year. Thanks so much for helping us help our children to reach their potential!



6th grade PE students preparing for the Valentine Dance (they are holding up socks)