

HIGH SCHOOL ONLY: Exam Exemption forms were made available to every high school student Friday December 4th. I am attaching it to this email. There are a few changes this year, so please help your child navigate the new protocol.

Virtual students will be communicated with by Michelle Difrancesco, who will be overseeing all exam exemptions and exam proctoring. Virtual students will follow the same testing schedule as our face to face students but proctored in a different environment (see schedule below). If you have a high school student in virtual classes, you can email Michelle at michelle_difrancesco@indianrocks.org

Qualifications for both virtual and face-to-face

Students that will be considered qualified for exam exemption are based on the following criteria:

- 5 or fewer unexcused absences in the semester
- Good disciplinary standing (refer to page 53 in the student handbook)
- An A average (89.5 or higher) for the semester

The number of exams students can exempt are listed below.

- (12) Twelfth Grade- All Exams
- (11) Eleventh Grade- 3 Exams
- (10) Tenth Grade- 2 Exams
- (9) Ninth Grade- 1 Exam

1. Students must earn a semester grade of an A in the class they want to exempt by Monday, December 7th. If they do not have an A in the class, they do not qualify for an exemption in that class.
2. Students have to turn the completed exemption form into Rachel Blithe in the office by Wednesday, December 9th, no later than 5:00 pm.
3. Based on the chart above, students can exempt the number of exams allowed for their grade level. This year students can get approval for as many of their classes that they qualify if they lose their exemption status in their first choice. (We are giving them a backup option if they lose one or more of their chosen exemptions.
4. Students should list their classes in order of preference on the form.
5. If students lose their exemption for their first choice, they will now have the ability to ask permission for another listed class. For Example: If a 10th-grade student can exempt 2 classes, but they qualify for 4, the student will list on the form (in order of preference) the classes they would like to exempt first. If the first exemption is lost, then we will go to the next one on the list.
6. Any student that needs to choose a different exam to exempt MUST see Rachel Blithe in the office no later than Thursday, December 10th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Middle school exams will follow the schedule listed in this newsletter. Virtual Middle School students will take their exams online during the scheduled time. The only exception is 8th grade students receiving High School Math Credit (ALG. 1). Please contact your teacher for more information about middle school exams.



Candy Cane Sale

The annual Candy Cane sale is back, and proceeds will benefit the Angel Box and Pack a Sack Stockings hosted by the Honor Societies. **If you are interested in sending a Candy Cane to a student or a staff member, please use the attached form at the end of the newsletter, and turn into the School Office**

***Order form deadline is Thursday, Dec. 11**
****Delivery is planned for Monday, Dec. 14 to all classes (Tuesday is the backup day if necessary)**

Thanks for your support
 Have a great day

IRCS Student Council 2020



Decorate them the week of Dec. 7th. Lockers will be judged the morning of Friday, Dec. 11th. Top 2 from each grade MS/HS will be announce the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 11th.

Prizes

Top 2 per grade win! (14 winners)
 1st place- \$30
 2nd place \$20

Have fun, be creative & spread some Christmas Cheer!

- Decorate the locker assigned to you
- Locker number visible
- Positive Christmas & School Spirit
- No profanity, vulgar, suggestive, or offensive language or pictures
- Decorate locker ONLY
- Material used must be removable
- Clean up your mess



December 9th and 10th
2 Day Ticket- \$5 1 Day Ticket- \$3
DRESS DOWN GUIDELINES

YES:

- Headgear- Hats, bandanas, etc.
- Capris
- Finger-tip length shorts
- Dressy styles- suits, ties, dresses, etc.
- Overalls
- Flannel pants
- Cargo pants/shorts

NO:

- Offensive writings/images
- Any Band shirts (Christian or secular)
- Political issues/slogans
- Spaghetti straps/Tank tops
- Bellies showing
- Pajamas
- Running/short shorts (must be finger-tip length)
- Flip Flops/Backless Shoes
- Clothing with holes
- Yoga style tights/pants
- Other inappropriate styles (such as too tight/holes, off shoulder, etc.)



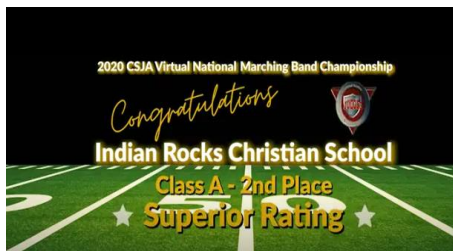
Christmas theme Dress Days (free for everyone)

- Friday, Dec. 11- Ugly/Tacky/Funny Christmas Sweater
- Monday, Dec. 14- Christmas Hats and Socks
- Tuesday, Dec. 15- Christmas Blast- anything Christmassy, red/green colors, go all out with all the extras-elf, Santa, reindeer, Grinch

NOTE: Have fun but stay appropriate. All Christmas apparel MUST follow school rules listed above for dress down days.

First Semester Exam Schedule

	High School	Middle School
Dec. 15	Full Day for students. 7 th period Exam: 12:59 - 2:39 PM	Full Day for students. 7 th period Exam: 1:05 - 2:45 PM
Dec. 16	½ Day 1 st and 2 nd period Exams 1 st Period Exam: 8:00 - 9:30 AM 2 nd Period Exam: 9:45-11:15 AM	½ Day 1 st and 2 nd period Exams 1 st Period Exam: 8:06 - 9:36 AM 2 nd Period Exam: 9:51-11:21 AM
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The Golden Eagle Regiment had the wonderful opportunity this year in competing in the 2020 CSJA Virtual National Competition. This competition had 30 bands from 9 different states competing virtually. Many of the bands that participated have won state and even national competitions in the past.

The Golden Eagle Regiment in the 1A division placed 2nd place with a score of 85.3, and 12th overall in the competition! This is an incredible accomplishment as they placed just below some of the top performing bands in the county amidst all of the 2020 events! I am so incredibly proud of the hard work and accomplishments that the Regiment has achieved this year. I am excited to see just how far this group goes in the future.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kjpdwY2tewTVsvhJXhxfX2Xcx4_QhsTI/view?usp=sharing

Class of 2021

Senior Slideshow for Graduation

- We are requesting to have pictures that show stages of growth. (Example: 1 baby, 1 elementary, 1 middle/high.)
- The photos must be submitted on a flash drive, labeled with the students' names in a zip lock bag.
- To allow plenty of time to produce each slideshow, the flash drives are due on Friday, January 22, 2021. You may deliver them to Rachel Blithe in the MS/HS office.
- We already have a digital file containing the formal senior photo.

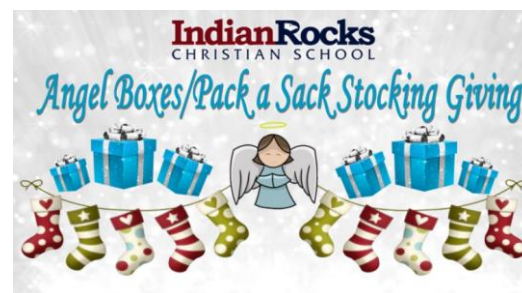
Please submit the flash drive to Rachel Blithe
 Administrative Assistant to the MS/HS Principal
 727-593-8759

If you have any questions you can email her at Rachel_Blithe@indianrocks.org



IRCS STEM Center has been up and running first semester with a buzz of activity. This semester it has been utilized as a space for computer coding, robotics, elementary enrichment, and research clinics. Stay tuned for more information about our soft opening for our IRCS families this coming semester!!!

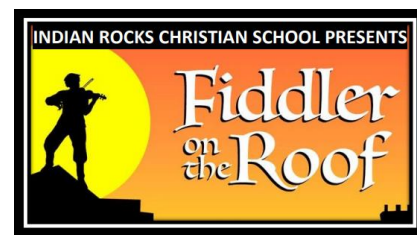
<https://www.ircs.org/academicsoverview/stem/>



Christmas Blessings & Greetings IRCS Families!

The world has Giving Tuesday, but at IRCS we are excited to have the Giving Season! Our Christmas Outreach to give 90 teens in long term foster care Angel Boxes, and 110 Pinellas County elementary and middle school students Pack a Sack Stockings is in full swing. We have 2 weeks to reach our monetary goal of \$8150, several have already generously given, and we are currently at the \$3000 mark. Elementary and preschool families are donating snacks and school supplies by grade, and we are seeking the monetary donations to cover the gift cards, Bibles and books. We have one dental office seeking toothbrushes and toothpaste for our 200 kids from their suppliers and welcome any additional help with this. We are ready to supply the 501c documentation to any of our school families who own a business or work at a business that donates to this type of outreach to benefit those in need in our community. We know there are many who are struggling, but if you, your business, or your employer is able we appreciate your partnership in bringing Christmas to these children in need. Below is the link for online giving. All donors will receive the documentation needed for tax purposes in January. Thank you!

www.ircs.org/angelboxes



Showtimes for performances

January 28th at 6:00 pm

January 29th at 7:00 pm

January 30th at 1:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm

If you have any questions email Mrs. Farver at Rhonda_Farver@indianrocks.org

GOLDEN EAGLES ATHLETICS

Dec. 7	4:00 MS Girls Soccer vs. Cambridge (home) 5:30 MS Boys Soccer vs. Cambridge (home)
Dec. 8	4:30 JV Boys Basketball @ St. Stephens 6:00 Varsity Boys Basketball @ St. Stephens 4:30 MS Girls Basketball vs. Keswick (home) 6:00 Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Keswick (home) 5:00 Varsity Girls Soccer @ Canterbury 7:00 Varsity Boys Soccer @ Canterbury
Dec 10	4:30 JV Boys Basketball vs. Carrollwood (home) 7:30 Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Carrollwood (home) IRCS Live! 4:30 MS Girls Basketball @ Bradenton Christian 5:30 MS Boys Basketball @ Bradenton 5:00 MS Boys Soccer @ Bradenton 6:00 Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Calvary (home) IRCS Live!
Dec. 11	3:30 MS Girls Basketball vs. Admiral Farragut (home) 4:30 MS Boys Basketball vs. Admiral Farragut (home) 4:30 MS Boys Soccer @ Keswick 6:00 JV Boys Basketball @ St. Pete Catholic 7:30 Varsity Boys Basketball @ St. Pete Catholic 6:00 Varsity Girls Basketball vs. St. Pete Catholic (home)

For More Information about upcoming athletic events, visit our website

<https://www.ircs.org/calendar/>

Need a Schedule Change?

It is that time of the year - 2nd Semester Schedule Change (subject to course availability). Deadline for changing classes is December 18th. You can pick-up a Schedule Change Request form from Student Services. If you have any questions email Mrs. Difrancesco at michelle_difrancesco@indianrocks.org



This Thursday December 10th IRCS will follow small group chapel schedule

High School	Middle School
Pep/Small Group Bell Schedule	Pep/Small Group Bell Schedule
1 st Period 8:00 - 8:41	1 st Period 8:06 - 8:47
2 nd Period 8:47 - 9:28	2 nd Period 8:53 - 9:34
3 rd Period 9:34 - 10:19	3 rd Period 9:40 - 10:25
4 th Period 10:25 - 11:06	4 th Period 10:31 - 11:12
5 th Period 11:12 - 11:53	5 th Period 11:18 - 11:59
Lunch 11:53 - 12:30	Pep/Small 12:05 - 12:40
Pep/Small 12:30 - 1:05	Lunch 12:40 - 1:17
6 th Period 1:11 - 1:52	6 th Period 1:17 - 1:58
7 th Period 1:58 - 2:39	7 th Period 2:04 - 2:45



Join us on Wednesday Night for **FAMILY STYLE MEAL**
TAKE \$3 OFF
AT INDIAN ROCKS BAPTIST CHURCH

"Bring the Dinner Table at Home to Indian Rocks, with our new Family Style eating line for Wednesday Night Dinner"
Serving: Homemade Mac N Cheese, Grilled Sausage & Chicken, Bacon, Chives, Fresh Bread, Crackers, Fruit & Dessert Drink Included"
1 Person \$10
2 Person \$16
4 Person \$30
6 Person \$42
Extra Person \$6
Cheerfully in Christ **Jamie Groves**

Mark your calendar

Dec. 7	Start Decorating lockers
Dec. 9	Exam Exemption forms due Dress Down Day (1Day \$3- 2 days \$5)
Dec. 10	Small Group Chapel Dress Down Day (1Day \$3- 2 days \$5) Last day to change Exams if a student lost exemption status
Dec. 11	Deadline for Candy Cane Sale Form Ugly/Tacky/Funny Christmas Sweater Locker judging and prizes
Dec. 14	Christmas Hats and Socks Candy Cane Delivery
Dec. 15	Full day: 7 th period Exam (see exam schedule above) Christmas Blast- anything Christmassy, red/green colors, go all out with all the extras- elf, Santa, reindeer, Grinch Backup day for candy cane delivery
Dec. 16	Half day: 1 st and 2 nd Period Exams (see exam schedule above)
Dec. 17	Half day 3 rd and 4 th Period Exams (see exam schedule above)
Dec. 18	Half day: 5 th and 6 th Period Exams (see exam schedule above) Deadline for class changes for 2 nd Semester





Christmas Candy Cane Sale \$1

TO: _____ (first and last name)

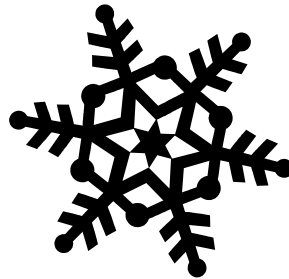
Merry Christmas Message

Homeroom/1st Period Teacher: _____

FROM: _____

Select one: \$ 1

- Peppermint
- Fruity



Please fill out one slip per candy cane and return to 1st period teacher/office by **Thurs. Dec.10th**

EXAM SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 15-18, 2020

DAY	DATE	EXAM	TIME
Tuesday <i>Full Day of School</i>	December 15	7 th Period Exam	12:59 - 2:39 PM (HS) 1:05 - 2:45 PM (MS)
Wednesday <i>Middle & High School Half Day of School</i>	December 16	1 st Period Exam	8:00 – 9:30 AM (HS) 8:06 – 9:36 AM (MS)
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