

THE CREEK NEWS

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Summer Swim Announcements

Indian Creek Swim Club (ICSC) | A year-round swim team for those looking to make swimming their sport! A swimmer can join at any time and is not required to remain on the team for any length of time.

Summer Swim League | A summer-only swim team for new swimmers! The league will run from May 31 to July 8.

ICSC Swimming Lessons | Available to all ages and abilities: It is never too late to learn to swim! Up-coming sessions will be May 23-June 30 and July 5 to July 28.



For more details, go to indiancreekswimclub.com, email administration@indiancreekswimclub.com, or call Coach Martin at (317) 878-2128.

Announcements

- Don't forget to vote for your 2022 ICHS Midnight Rose Garden Prom Queen and Prom King! Link available in Canvas.
- The Lady Braves Tennis team traveled to Edinburgh on Saturday and pulled off a 4-1 win over the Lancers in the varsity rounds. They also won all of their JV matches.
 - Varsity Winners included
 - Singles: Lauren Foster and Zoe Rayback
 - Doubles: Emilee Scott & Olivia Perry and Avery Buress & Add Tunnell.
 - JV Winners included
 - Singles: Katlynn Zupancic and Grace Soots.
 - Doubles: Allie Gault and Kylie Lemmon.

The Lady Braves are 5-2 this season and traveled to Owen Valley on Monday for another WIC matchup.

- Congratulations to the Indian Creek Concert and Symphonic Bands on outstanding performances at ISSMA Organizational Contest this weekend! Both bands received Gold Ratings overall, and Symphonic Band received Gold Ratings from all three judges. Congratulations on this achievement—we are proud of you!

Construction Tours

By the time you get this newspaper, students will already be on their way to tour the construction site! Today and tomorrow, groups will get to take a look out back and participate in fun construction-based activities! This is an exciting opportunity!

All juniors will tour the construction site with their IRP on April 27th; half of the senior class will go at this time as well. All freshmen will tour the site with their 6th period on April 27th; half of the sophomore class will go at this time as well. The remaining students will tour the site during IRP on April 28th! If you are a sophomore or junior, check with your IRP teacher to see what day you will be touring the site!

Get Plugged in at IC

Being part of a club during high school can offer you a place to explore your interests with like-minded people. For the remainder of the year, we will be highlighting a club each month to bring awareness to the various activities offered at IC. This month, read on to learn about the Spanish Club (article by Callie Shively).

Mrs. Carlson, the sponsor of Spanish Club, has been juggling a series of activities for her club members. The most exciting we've heard of so far was the Spanish Club Lock-In. Mrs. Carlson bought Mi Jefe for everyone and they had enough chips left over to use for the next week's Spanish Club meeting. During the lock-in they participated in multiple activities including scooter races, scavenger hunts, and watching Encanto.

Mrs. Carlson originally was hesitant to be the sponsor of the club, but since volunteering she's had a lot of fun with it. "I love seeing how much the kids love it!" she says. "We mostly focus on having fun while learning about culture." Creating Spanish Bingo for St. Patrick's Day, organizing a lock-in, and thinking of fun games to play during the meetings, Mrs. Carlson specified that she didn't want the club to feel like another class. She believes the students enjoy the club because "We try to make it a very comforting and fun environment." Food, Friendship, and Fun are the club's main goals. "Everyone always has someone to talk to!" Mrs. Carlson says. "I'm sure having food at every meeting doesn't hurt!"

Teachers of the Month: March and April Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. Atwood by Jerry Johnson

In March, Mrs. Ferris, one of our science teachers here at the high school, won teacher of the month. Jerry Johnson got the opportunity to sit down with Mrs. Ferris and discuss the award.

The teacher of the month award is earned by a student nominating their favorite teacher. The student is usually picked at random by Mr. Skobel who then asks you to write a note to the nominated teacher. Mrs. Ferris was nominated by Keely Skobel.

“I’m really humbled,” Mrs. Ferris said, “because I know there are a lot of really good teachers here, so when I got it of course I was excited and feeling really thankful and grateful that, you know, a student appreciates what I am doing in the classroom and enjoys being in my classroom.” This isn’t the first time she has won the award: She also earned it a few years back.

“This year it seems like it’s been a more difficult or challenging year,” she explained, continuing on to say that “the enthusiasm of doing science labs is not there like it used to be.” She said that earning the award “really surprised me.”

When asked who she would choose as teacher of the month, she said Mrs. Koron, one of our other science teachers. “I know she works very hard and makes lesson plans that are organized and well-presented and the kids, you know, have a good time in her classroom, and she is a great friend and mentor to me.”

Mrs. Atwood, an English teacher, was nominated for April. She says the award is incredibly important because of the difficulties the Covid-19 Pandemic has created. She points out that teachers need to focus on “...not only...academic success, but their social success and ensuring [we are] connecting and making an impact.” Even being nominated reminds her that she is still making positive impacts even when she struggles.

“Paisley Giger nominated me,” Mrs. Atwood reported. Paisley cited Mrs. Atwood’s approachable and engaging nature as her reasons for picking her English teacher. “I believe having a relationship with students is key to their academic success. ...when they feel comfortable with me, they will respect me.” Mrs. Atwood explains this respect leads to classwork being completed and, consequently, class being an enjoyable experience.

When asked who she would choose for the award, she explained that all of our staff is “INCREDIBLE” and picking just one would be impossible. A teacher from her education that she would have picked though was her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Maddox because “She made learning fun” and helped to build Mrs. Atwood’s confidence. Mrs. Maddox was also superb at making genuine connections with students—something Mrs. Atwood strives to emulate!

Meet the Soccer Coaches! by Chelsea Guernsey

As previously announced, IC is starting a soccer program at the high school level! The coaches have officially been hired and had a chance to introduce themselves to students at the call out last Wednesday.

Coach Smeltzer, a 2007 ICHS graduate, is going to coach the boys. He coached previously at Mooresville High School for 5 years along with coaching club soccer for younger ages at Center Grove. “I will also be a coach to help players to realize the true potential of being a student athlete,” he said.

Coach Shoaff, a 5th grade teacher at the intermediate school, will be coaching the girls soccer team. She was the goal keeper for Austin Peay State University’s soccer team, but this is her first time taking on a head coach position. When asked why she wanted to coach, she expressed her desire to share her love and passion for the sport. She also knows the impact that achieving goals can have on an athlete.

During summer practices, coaches will focus on expanding the skill set of the teams. The athletes will have various levels of skill and general fitness, so because of its large role in the sport, endurance will be a main focus of the training. Coach Smeltzer stated that his team would be practicing as much as allowed by IHSAA to prepare for the fall season.

With coaches who want to focus on team building and character development of their athletes, this will be a great environment for the 2022 season!

Riley Dance Marathon

In case you somehow missed Brice Singleton’s amazing advertisement video last week, the Riley Dance Marathon took place last Friday!

Students had an awesome time dancing the night away (and other fun activities that did not require quite as much coordination)!

This year, we were able to raise \$7,647.79 for Riley Children’s Hospital! If you are interested in supporting Riley, you can visit rileychildrens.org/about/ways-to-give to learn how to make a difference for the families they support.

