



# International Academy of Saginaw

## February 2021 Newsletter

### Dear IAS Families:

We wrapped up an AWESOME 1<sup>st</sup> semester on January 27, 2021. I want to give a shout out to all of our students and staff for working so hard this semester. This demonstrates the resilience of the IAS Wildcats, regardless the challenges that we may face, we shall overcome to be successful. This is demonstrated in our data from the winter MAP testing. I am so proud of all the students' growth since September. We had many of our students achieve both their Math and Reading goals. We also had many of our students achieve either their Math or Reading Goal. I wanted to recognize all of their hard work and give them all a shout out in our newsletter.

With the temperatures getting colder outside, please emphasize to your children to keep their mask up while they are in school. Unfortunately as we are inside more during the winter it gives the viruses and germs a better chance to spread. Please make sure if your child is not feeling well, it is best to keep them at home. IAS promotes and encourages frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the day. Even though cases are going down in Saginaw County, I do not want all of us to drop our guard against the COVID virus. Stay safe and healthy, and I am looking for an even better second half of the school year.

Thank you,

Austin Brinkman, Principal

### Important Dates

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| <b>February</b>    | <b>Black History Month</b>      |
| <b>February 15</b> | <b>No School Presidents Day</b> |

### IAS SPOTLIGHT

#### Staff Member of the Month

- **Yecenia Cruz**

#### In-Person Student of the Month

- **Aiden Richardson**  
**KG**

#### Student of the Month

- **Chaerish Pritchett**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

### SCHOOL MESSENGER

Parents in order to make sure you are receiving our phone messages from School Messenger, we need to have your phone number up to date in our system. We use this system to send out reminders and send critical information.

Visit us at [iasacademy.org](http://iasacademy.org)

Or call us at **(989) 921-1000**

## Celebrating Black History Month

### Who Started Black History Month?

Carter G. Woodson, known as the “Father of Black History,” is credited with developing Black History Month. Woodson, whose parents were enslaved, was an author, historian and the second African American to earn a PhD at Harvard University.

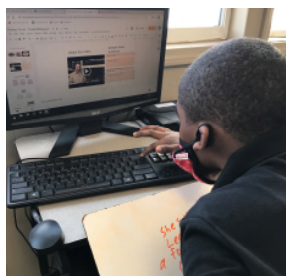
### Why is Black History Month in February?

Woodson chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, a famed abolitionist who escaped from slavery, and President Abraham Lincoln, who formally abolished slavery.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science

By Ms. Bradley

This month in science, our 3rd graders became Paleontologists and began a several week study on fossils! We discussed what we already knew about fossils, and what more we wanted to know about them. These eager researchers then completed a Fossils Web Quest, where they watched videos and researched fossils online to discover the different types: body and trace fossils. They also learned how old one of these items has to be to be called a fossil. We are excited to continue our search and find out what more we can learn about dinosaurs from the past!



**Pic Above:** Rodney Turner III working on the Web Quest

### New Staff Members

IAS would like to welcome **Justen Self, Todd’Nita Taylor,** and **Caleb Huegel** to our staff for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. Justen Self will be taking over the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and teaching Intervention Math for 6-8 grades. Todd’Nita is a recent graduate, of my alma mater Ferris State University. She will be working as a building para professional. Finally, Caleb Huegel will be working as our part-time night custodian.

### SKYWARD Student/Family Access

You can now access all of your students grades and attendance through SKYWARD. The link to access the student/family access is on our schools website [iasacademy.org](http://iasacademy.org).

You will need to select the **parent portal** option at the top of the webpage, to gain access to the **SKYWARD link**. When the log in page appears there is a drop down box below the username and password box that you will need to select **family/student access**.

Log in name is the first 5 letters of your last name, first 3 letters of first name, then add 3 zeros. If you have not yet done so, please call IAS (989) 921-1000 or contact your student’s teacher for your SKYWARD password ID #.

### Attendance

Attendance and participation is critical for your child’s virtual learning experience. Please make sure your student is logging into **every class each day**. Attendance is taken each period for all classes. It is important that your student is having meaningful 2 way communications with their teachers.

In addition to attendance, a student should have a quiet distraction free environment to focus on the learning for that day. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you have questions about the online learning process. If you need email passwords reset, please call IAS at **(989) 921-1000**.

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**AWESOME JOB**, to all of our students who made their winter 2021 **MAP Goals!** I want to recognize all of the students who worked very hard to achieve their goals. This is no small task and this demonstrates the extreme hard-work our teachers and student are putting for this year!

**These students met BOTH their Math and Reading winter Goals.**

- Damien Caffey
- Sunii Caffey
- Ah'Brielle Clayton
- Malina Culberson
- London Evans
- Savannah Ezell
- Carter Gonzales
- Tierney Hardy
- Carter Hudson
- Hope Jacklin
- Bryan Jackson
- Promyse Jones
- Sa'Riyah Jones
- EllieMay Kahabka
- Breonna Kellogg
- Brayden LaRoque
- Gregg (Bryce) Lewis
- Tavonna Liles-Walton
- Tavonnie Liles-Walton
- Lauryn Mackie
- Passion Pendleton
- Aiden Richardson
- Malaysia Reed
- London Thomas
- April Torres
- Serenity Vine
- D'Andre Wiley
- Sydney Woods



**These students met their winter Math Goals.**

- Marcus Baker
- Braylen Brewer
- Ahijah Eichelberger
- De'Leon Finch
- Antonio Gonzales
- Lakari Hardister
- Janyia Howard
- Ciane Jackson
- Joshua Johnson
- Issis Love
- Aaliyah Martinez
- Channen McCleave
- Amariona Murray
- Nevaeh Nickleberry
- Estrella Ortega
- Ja'Miya Payne
- Paris Teague
- Rodney Turner III
- Ky'Lise Vine
- Layla West
- Jayden Williams

**These students met their winter Reading Goals.**

- Shavez Baker
- Majyi Bates
- Sa'Mar Caffey
- LaOshee Carpenter
- Chris Collins
- Khalil Cooper
- Ta'raji Deberry
- Sariah Kellogg
- Yohannes Kindred
- Janiya Long
- Craig McAdams Jr.
- Braxton Mercino
- Rosita Ortega
- Brian Patrick
- Brooklynn Patrick
- R'Mani Pierson
- Chaerish Pritchett
- DeArius Reid
- Siy'Aerah Reid
- Char'Lay Teague

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Middle School Schedule

### 6 Grade Schedule

<b>Art Elective</b> 8-9 Thomas	<b>Science</b> 9-10  Alderink	<b>Math (1A) Edgenuity</b> 10-11 Alderink	11:00-12 <b>DEAR (ELA 2A)</b> /LUNCH Alderink	<b>Math (2A) Intervention</b> 12-1 Self	<b>Social Studies</b> 1-2  Bala	<b>ELA (1A)</b> 2-3  Husmann	<b>ELA Enrichment (ELA 2B)</b> Alderink
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### 7 Grade Schedule

<b>Math (2A) Intervention</b> 8-9 Self	<b>ELA (1A)</b> 9-10  Husmann	<b>Social Studies</b> 10-11  Bala	11:00-12 <b>DEAR (ELA 2A)</b> /LUNCH Husmann	<b>Elective Lifetime Fitness</b> 12-1 Thomas	<b>Math (1A) Edgenuity</b> 1-2 Husmann	<b>Science</b> 2-3  Alderink	<b>ELA Enrichment (ELA 2B)</b> Husmann
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#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Project By Ms. Alderink (Parker)

Students in 7th grade have become engineers and are designing their own device to keep a can of soda cool. They are relying on their knowledge of heat transfer, conductors, and insulators to construct a soda can holder out of "useful junk" found laying around the house, designed to keep your soda cold for as long as possible.



Pictured to the left is  
7<sup>th</sup> Grader **Brian Patrick**

#### Getting to Know your Staff at IAS

##### Mr. Glenn Williams 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

Graduated College from: **Kentucky State University and Grand Canyon University**

Favorite Food: **Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese**

Favorite Superhero: **Black Panther**

Dream Vacation Destination: **Israel**

Favorite Hobby: **Customizing Cars, Playing Pool**

Favorite Video Game: **None**

Favorite Movie: **Big Daddy**

Children? **3 Children**

