



International Academy of Saginaw
December 2021 Newsletter

Dear IAS Families:

As we move forward into the New Year, there are a few areas that IAS will be focusing on. The first will be providing opportunities for students to earn prizes for good attendance. We know that attendance directly impacts learning, and it is important for us to recognize those students coming to learn every day.

With the COVID situation plaguing everyone, we have been a little relaxed on the dress code this past year. **Starting January 5**, after returning from Christmas break, we will be fully enforcing the student dress code. Please see the attached information about the dress code. Students who are not following dress code procedures will first receive a phone call home to get proper school attire. Students who have a dress down coupon for the day, will be exempt from the dress code for that day only.

Thank you,

Austin Brinkman, Principal

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES 2021

Christmas Break Thursday December 23 thru
Tuesday January 4

IAS SPOTLIGHT

**Staff Member of the
Month**

- **Maya Guerra**
Office Manager

Student of the Month

- **Braxton Mercino**
6th Grade

**Boy Scouts of America
Scoutreach Program
Rejoining IAS**

The Scoutreach program will be working with all grade levels on the following core areas- **Teamwork, Safety, Citizenship, Communication Skills, and Education**. They will be providing learning activities to our students once a week.

Visit us at iasacademy.org

Or call us at (989) 921-1000

Winter Weather School Closings

In the event school needs to be cancelled due to weather, **IAS will report closing to ABC 12, NBC 25, and FOX 66.** IAS will also be sending a call from school messenger.

Please make sure that your correct phone number is updated into our system.



1st Term 2021-22 All A's Honor Roll

- Ah'Breille Clayton
- Azariah England
- Ciane Jackson
- SaRiyah Jones
- A'Ryiah Laster
- Ashonna Thompson
- Samari Townsend
- A'Iyannah Welsh

1st Term 2021-22 A/B Honor Roll

- Jamylah Brown
- London Brown
- Ivy'Anna Curry
- Ahijah Eichelberger
- Savannah Ezell
- Lakari Hardister
- Hope Jacklin
- Sariah Kellogg
- Symone Land
- Aaliyah Martinez
- Channen McCleave
- Braxton Mercino
- Willis Ramsey
- Malaysia Reed

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.

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 #.

Pop Bottle Drive Fundraiser

IAS is collecting empty pop bottles to use as a fundraising opportunity. This fundraiser will be used to purchase Positive Behavior rewards for our students.



Attendance Rewards

Students will be receiving attendance tickets each day they are present. Every two weeks they will be able to purchase items off the prize cart. If a student has a perfect attendance for the month then they will be able to participate in a pizza and popcorn party.



Bullying 101

IAS teachers are working with student's everyday teaching them how harmful bullying to students. This is a part of our curriculum to start each student's day.

How is bullying defined? – Bullying is an intentional behavior that hurts, harms, or humiliates a student, either physically or emotionally, and can happen while at school, in the community, or online. Those bullying often have more social or physical “power,” while those targeted have difficulty stopping the behavior. The behavior is typically repeated, though it can be a one-time incident.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

Please makes sure your phone number is updated in our system to receive important IAS phone messages. Also, check to make sure you are connected to your child's teacher on **Class Dojo**.

Getting to Know your Staff at IAS

Mrs. Karen Thomas

Literacy Support/SAFE Room



Graduated College from:

Delta College

Favorite Food:

Chinese and Tacos

Dream Vacation Destination:

Hawaii

Favorite Hobby:

Retail Therapy

Favorite Video Game:

Old School Ms. Pac Man

Favorite Movie:

Madera

Fun fact about me:

I love to dance