



Family Journal for the Week of November 28, 2007

It is a fine thing to have ability, but the ability to discover ability in others is the true test. – Lou Holtz

Assignments and Due Dates – Now Online! *Digital Portfolios are on the way!*

Go to www.iacs.digication.com to find most student assignments, office handouts and announcements. Additionally, students are in the process of developing their online **digital portfolios** here. Parents may log in using their students username and password. Contact Ryan Ferdinand at rferdinand@innovationcharter.org for assistance.

Winter Athletics

This season students will be participating in the following athletic activities: Basketball, yoga, hip-hop dance or fitness club. **Please note the following policy detail:** Students should not miss any of their practices or scheduled meetings for their athletics requirement, except in the case of an illness or family emergency. Any student that needs to miss a practice for one of these reasons needs a parent or guardian to contact Ms. Pimm by phone at 978-970-0100, extension 305 or Mr. Landberg at 978-265-2921 as soon as possible. In the case of an illness, a doctor or school nurse's note will be required. Failure to attend practice or scheduled meetings may result in a need to repeat the requirement in a future season.

Dress Code

After December break, the staff will begin to enforce the dress code more closely. Please note that the staff will focus on the following details from the code beginning in January:

- Students are not to wear t-shirts or sweatshirts that have logos, sayings, quotes, iron-ons, athletic team jerseys or advertisements. Plain t-shirts or sweatshirts are acceptable. Collared shirts – polos or button downs are preferable.
- Students are not to wear torn jeans, pants or cut-off shorts. Capri style pants and clean/unworn jeans or shorts (weather permitting) are acceptable. Solid color jeans (not-faded) or casual dress pants are preferable.
- Girls should not wear halter tops or low riding jeans or anything else that that might show a bra strap or other undergarments. Girls may wear dresses or skirts, as long as they are sufficiently long.
- Boys must wear their pants at their waistline, ideally with a belt. No low riding jeans that expose boxer shorts or underwear are acceptable. Under shirts and tank tops are not acceptable.
- IACS logo clothing is acceptable at all times, but if you are giving a presentation or attending an important meeting, it is always advisable to step up your appearance.
- Students should follow the footwear guidelines laid out in the handbook.

At IACS we want the focus for our students to be on their academic work and themselves as people – not on who has the latest styles of clothing and, oftentimes, the most expensive styles. While we recognize this is an adjustment from middle school, we hope that families, and students, see the benefit of making this adjustment. Should students have a question as to whether they are wearing the appropriate clothing, they can come to see me. Students who do not wear the appropriate clothing will be given a set of clothing to wear for the day that meets the guidelines of the dress code. Should you want to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me directly at 978-265-2921. – *Thanks, Walter*

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Important Dates

December 4 – First day of winter athletics

December 7 -- First meeting of the Robotics Club

December 21 -- December Break begins at noon

Note: Presentations of Learning (POLs), listed on the school calendar for December 19, will be postponed until after the first semester.

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