



Hematite Highlights

ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUGUST, 2011

School Contacts

Birchview School
485-6341

Brian Veale, Principal
Melissa Corkin, Secretary

Ishpeming High School
Ishpeming Middle School
485-1066

Vicki Lempinen, Principal
Shelly Johnson, Secretary

District Office
Central School
Special Education
485-5501

Stephen Piereson,
Superintendent
Connie Bertucci, Secretary

Transportation
Brian Veale,
Director
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First Day of School

All schools in the Ishpeming School District will open for the 2011-2012 school year on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Teachers will meet in the morning and students will report for a half-day in the afternoon. Classes at the Ishpeming High School and the Ishpeming Middle School will begin at 12:00 p.m. and classes at the Birchview School will begin at 12:30 p.m. Parents of children in early childhood programs and kindergarten programs will receive a letter explaining the schedule for their children.

Board of Education

The Board of Education meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ishpeming High School library. Board Members are:

Robert Nadeau — President
David Leverton — Vice President
Geno Maino — Secretary
Angela Kiviniemi — Treasurer
James Smith — Trustee
Lyle Warner — Trustee

Daily School Schedules

| | Birchview | Central | IMS | IHS |
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| Classes Begin | 8:30 a.m. | 8:45 a.m. (Early Childhood) | 8:00 a.m. | 8:05 a.m. |
| Dismissal | 3:40 p.m. | 3:30 p.m. (Early Childhood) | 3:00 p.m. | 3:02 p.m. |

Notice - Asbestos Management

As required by Federal and State regulations, the Ishpeming School District has employed the service of AECOM and Environmental Consulting and Inspection Services to monitor and develop guidelines for the encapsulation or removal of asbestos from the buildings of the district. The firm of Lake Shore Environmental Industries, Inc. is the contractor for encapsulation and removal of asbestos. AECOM, Environmental Consulting and Inspection Services, and Lake Shore Environmental are licensed by the State to perform these duties.

The Ishpeming School District has been encapsulating and/or removing asbestos as required under the appropriate State and Federal regulations. A copy of the Ishpeming School District Management Plan for asbestos abatement is available to parents, guardians, employees, and other residents in the Business Office, Ishpeming School District, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming, Michigan during regular office hours. For additional information, contact Anthony Bertucci, Business Manager.

Freedom of Information Requests

Requests for documents pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) may be directed to Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming, Michigan, 49849.

Statewide School Safety Information Policy

Pursuant to the Statewide School Safety Information Policy (Public Act 102 of 1999), parents are notified that the Ishpeming School District Board of Education held 0 weapons expulsions hearings in 2010-2011.

Family Education Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students 18 years of age and older (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s educational records.

They include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s educational records within 45 days of the date of the request. Parents or eligible students may submit a written request to the school principal.
2. The right to request that a student’s educational record be amended if the parent or eligible student believes that the educational record is incorrect or misleading. Parents or an eligible student may direct a letter to the school principal stating what part of the educational record is inaccurate or misleading.
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s educational records except to the extent that FERPA authorizes release without consent. Unless the parent notifies the Superintendent within 30 days of distribution of this notice, information requested will be provided upon request.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA to Family Compliance Office, USDOE, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-1605.

Ishpeming Schools Team With Great Lakes Radio/WRUP 98.3 FM

The Board of Education has entered into an agreement with Great Lakes Radio/ 98.3 FM WRUP to broadcast Ishpeming High School girls’ basketball, boys’ basketball, and football. The Board has named WRUP 98.3 FM as the “Official and Exclusive” radio broadcasting outlet for Ishpeming High School athletics.

In addition to broadcasting contests on the FM dial, Great Lakes Radio will produce a players and coaches show and will do features on academics, activities, and events.

WRUP 98.3 FM has a clear signal for a radius of 75 miles which means that all athletic events will come in loud and clear. Stay tuned as Ishpeming High School reaches across the central Upper Peninsula on WRUP 98.3 FM.

District Web Site

If you have Internet access, be sure to take a look at the district web site at
www.ishpemingschools.com

Teacher Qualifications

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all schools provide, upon request, information on teacher qualifications including certification, diploma, college majors, as well as graduate degree information.

Parents may also request this information about any paraprofessional who provides Title I services to their child.

Information on teacher qualifications may be requested by contacting Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming 49849.

Release of Certain Student Information to Military Recruiters

Federal and Michigan laws require that the Ishpeming High School provide military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students. A parent/guardian or 18 year old student may exercise the option to withhold consent for the release of this information by contacting Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming 49849 or by calling 485-5501.

Exchange Students

Ishpeming High School will be hosting 10 exchange students for the 2011-2012 school year.

Our newest Hematites are:

Hong Yu Li—China
Zihao Zeng—China
Qinqyue Zhang—China
Louise Gjerding—Denmark
Mathias MunchHansen—Denmark
Laura Rahtu—Finland
Stefan Nachmann—Germany
Isabella Stocker—Germany
Pui Fan Lam—Korea
Jun Sung Choe—Korea
Nattha Lorjinda—Thailand

Please welcome these students to our school and our community.

Notice of Pesticide Applications

Public Act 131 requires that information be provided regarding pesticide use in and around school buildings. Please note the following:

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| Pesticides | Demand CS Termidor SC (outside use only) Phantom Max Force FC |
| Applied By | Guardian Pest Control Company |
| Application Schedule | Buildings are inspected on the second Friday of each month after dismissal. If a problem is observed, insecticide is applied after dismissal. |
| Location of Application | Exterior foundation, foundation cracks, pipe openings, storage areas, floor drains, wall cracks, behind sinks |
| Pesticide | Talstar Plus Fertilizer |
| Applied By | Superior Lawn Care |
| Application Schedule | As needed basis - spring, summer, fall |
| Location of Application | Direct application to lawn areas |

New Faces

Faculty/Staff:

Danielle Coron, Assistant to Special Education Consultant
Shelley Johnson, IMS/IHS Secretary

Coaches:

Dustin Brancheau, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Zachry Gauthier, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
Brad Waters, Junior Varsity Football Coach
Briana Bancroft, Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach

Volunteer Coaches:

Paul Pruet, I.M.S. Cross Country
Jamie Tasson, I.H.S. Dance Team

2011-2012 Bus Schedules

The 2011-2012 bus schedules will be available on the District website at www.ishpemingschools.com. For any questions please contact Brian Veale, Transportation Director at 485-6341.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Ishpeming School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, or handicap in the admission to, access to, participation in, benefits of, or employment in its programs or activities as provided by district policy and in compliance with Federal and State law.

For information, please contact Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 E. Division, Ishpeming 49849 or by calling 485-5501.

Notice of Non-Discrimination in Vocational and Applied Technology Education

In compliance with the non-discrimination regulations of the Vocational Education Division of the Michigan Department of Education, notice is hereby given that the Ishpeming School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, marital status, or handicap in offering vocational education and applied technology opportunities to students of the school district.

For information, please contact Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 E. Division Street, Ishpeming 49849 or by calling 485-5501.

Happy Retirement

We had three employees retire from the Ishpeming Public School District. They are:

Ruth Cox, Food Service

Virginia Holmgren, Food Service

Sharon Nicholas, Food Service

Thank you for all your years of service.

Athletic Passes

Family athletic passes for the current school year are now on sale. Stop by the I.H.S. office between 7:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m to purchase. Prices are:

Family Sports Passes (Must all reside in the same household):

1-2 Members \$85 3-4 Members \$95 5+ \$105

Student Sports Passes

1 Student \$25 2-3 Students \$45 4+ \$65

Residents of the Ishpeming School District who are at least 62 years of age can receive a district athletic pass at no cost. A drivers license or other proof of age and residency is required. Once issued, a senior athletic pass does not have to be renewed.

2011-2012 Calendar

- Professional Development Days For Teachers – Tues., Aug. 30, Wed., Aug. 31 & Thurs., Sept. 1, 2011
- First Day of School for Students – Tuesday, September 6, 2011 – IMS/IHS Students Report at 12:00 p.m.— Elementary, including afternoon kindergarten begin at 12:30 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Break – Thursday, November 24, 2011 and Friday, November 25, 2011
- Final Day of School Before Winter Break – Wednesday, December 21, 2011
- Winter Break – Thursday, December 22, 2011 through Friday, December 30, 2011
- Classes Resume – Tuesday, January 3, 2012
- Records Day (No Classes) – Friday, January 20, 2012
- Professional Development Day (No Classes) - Friday, February 24, 2012
- Final Day of School Before Spring Break – Friday, March 30, 2012
- Spring Break – Monday, April 2, 2012 through Monday, April 9, 2012
- Classes Resume – Tuesday, April 10, 2012
- Memorial Day (No Classes) – Monday, May 28, 2012
- Final Student Day (1/2 Day) – Friday, June 1, 2012
Professional Development (1/2 Day)
- Records Day (1/2 Day Make-up if necessary) — Monday, June 4, 2012



ISHPEMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS ALL A's!

Birchview = A I.M.S. = A I.H.S. = A

Congratulations to Birchview Elementary, Ishpeming Middle School, and Ishpeming High School, for each receiving an "A" on the State report card ~ another job well done!

The Michigan Department of Education annually makes a determination of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all public elementary, middle, and high schools in Michigan. AYP evaluates schools and school districts in the areas of academic achievement, participation in state assessment, graduation rate for high schools, and student attendance for elementary and middle schools. In addition, MDE reports on *Education YES! - a Yardstick for Excellent Schools*, the state school accreditation system under which letter grades are assigned for academic achievement and indicators of school performance to determine state accreditation of Michigan schools.

"MEAL MAGIC"

Ishpeming Public Schools has transitioned to a new meal system, "Meal Magic". As a cost saving measure and part of the State "Best Practices" our food service is now being contracted through the Negaunee Public Schools. With "Meal Magic", meals are paid for electronically. Paper tickets will no longer be used. Parents will have the ability to create an account electronically where they may add funds to their child(ren) account, check balances, and coming soon they will be able to see when (and what) they have purchased. For those who do not have access to the internet or for those who choose not to add funds via internet, they may add funds to their account(s) at school. For additional information regarding "Meal Magic" please visit the district website @ www.ishpemingschools.com.