



DRAGON TIMES



March 2010

March Dates to Remember:

1st-10th	ISAT TESTING
1st—3rd	7th Grade Volleyball Regional Tournament
2nd	Scholar Bowl 4:00 Here
9th—11th	8th Grade Volleyball Regional Tournament
9th	Scholar Bowl 4:00 at Girard
12th	11:35 Dismissal *** End of the Quarter Dance—6:00 – 9:00
18th	Scholar Bowl 4:00 at Nokomis
25th	Scholar Bowl 4:00 at Mt. Olive
31st	2:10 Dismissal Spring Break
April 6th	School Resumes

Ahhh! Spring is just around the corner! ISAT Testing will be completed March 10 and the quarter will end on March 12. Report cards for the third quarter will be mailed out shortly after that. It's hard to believe the fourth quarter is almost here. We would like to see all of our students continue with their best efforts for a strong final quarter of the year.

One sure sign of Spring is the start of Track practice on March 1. The first meet is April 1 with the Dragons hosting Litchfield and Pana. We wish the Lady Dragon Volleyball teams continued success in Regional play and beyond. The HJHS Scholar Bowl Team is heading into March with a 1-1 record.

Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser is underway with the final turn-in day on March 10. The more tubs of cookie dough sold, the more activities we can provide for our students. After school, on March 10, the Dragon Fire club will be filling 4,000 Easter eggs for a local organization. Please make note of other Dates to Remember, including the End of the Quarter Dance on March 12.

Another sign of Spring . . . Spring Break! Students will be dismissed from HJHS at 2:10 on Wednesday, March 31, and school will resume on Tuesday, April 6.

MEDIA MESSAGES

The 'Gotta Love It' Book Fair made its goal. There are new books for all teams and teachers who turned in wish lists to the library. The first new books were put into circulation last week.

Our Valentine drawing winner was Cede Thacker. Thanks to Mia Pearson and Kassie Price for helping with the 'Gotta Love It' decorations and to Mia for supplying Cede's dragon prize.

Don't forget to have fantastic reading material for testing days. You may not have much homework—so enjoy the break with a great page-turner. Tell the staff which of the new books you've enjoyed and which were the snoozers. (Hopefully, none were boring.)

ISAT TESTING

All students will take the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in March. The ISAT is a state-mandated battery of tests that assesses the extent to which each student has mastered state standards and objectives. The results from the ISAT will also provide data that tells how each student's performance compares to other students in our school as well as all other students in Illinois.

This year's testing days are March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 9th, and 10th. The HJHS teachers are working diligently on preparing our students for the ISAT tests and would like your help on test days.

Please mark these dates on your calendar so that you can help your child do his/her best on these tests by:

- 1) Making sure that your child attends school on the testing days
- 2) Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing
- 3) Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing
- 4) Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand test directions
- 5) Letting your child know that you have confidence in his/her ability to do his/her best
- 6) Advising your child not to worry about the test—just do the best he/she can.

We will review the test results along with information from our local assessments to help us improve our school program. In addition, you will receive feedback of your child's performance on these tests. Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have any questions about these tests.

Science Fair Winners Advance to Regional at SIU-E

Congratulations to all the seventh-grade students who participated in the Science Fair on February 11. It was great to see so many projects, parents and students. Devon King, Caitlin Fenton, Hannah Fogle, Destiny Barricklow, Macy Willman, Dakota Winans, Zach Funk and Jesse Glover earned Grand Prize ribbons on their science fair projects. They are now eligible to compete in the Regional Science Fair at SIU-E on March 13. Great Job and Good Luck!

