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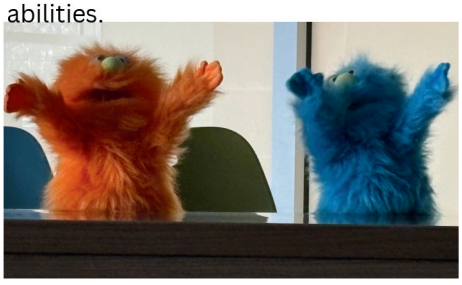
Monthly Highlights

What's New at the IC



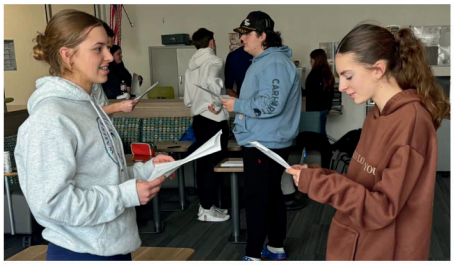
IMPAIRED DRIVING INITIATIVE

Dave Hankins, RN-BSN, from McLaren Macomb is an Injury Prevention Coordinator and the overseer of the Impaired Driving Initiative. Mr. Hankins led an impactful outreach education presentation. Students participated in hands-on activities, including impairment-simulation goggles, balance and coordination challenges, and a driving simulator that included texting while behind the wheel. This interactive approach combined motor tasks with visual impairment to realistically demonstrate the effects of alcohol, drugs, and fatigue on driving abilities.



PERFORMING WITH PUPPETRY

The Puppetry in Theater class transcends mere entertainment, incorporating Performance Techniques (Acting). Specifically, it facilitates: Voice Manipulation, wherein students will learn to adjust pitch, rate, and volume; Focus and Eye Contact, ensuring puppeteers maintain engagement with the audience; Breath and Movement, emphasizing the creation of lifelike illusions; Independent Reaction, teaching puppets to react autonomously; and Final Production, where students will either craft a short, original script or adapt an existing story.



THOU ART SHREWD

Students in Mr. McCulloch's ELA 9 class at the IC engaged with Shakespearean language by crafting three-word insults and exploring their meanings. Subsequently, students playfully exchanged insults using original Shakespearean vocabulary, fostering an environment of laughter and enjoyment as they prepare for their study of Romeo and Juliet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar. 18 - PLC Early Release
- Mar. 30 - Spring Break Begins
- Apr. 6 - Spring Break Ends
- Apr. 7 - Classes Resume

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

The month of February brought a lot of fun and innovative classroom experiences for our students. Mrs. Moran, while studying early human development, engaged the students in taking care of babies at different developmental stages. Mrs. Fregetto's students made homemade pizza during their life skills studies. Mr. Leuenberger's students spent time learning about immigration patterns throughout the world. Mrs. Woodard's students engaged in deep discussions around the Halocaust, as told through Night. Thank you IC staff and students for a great month of learning.

With Kind Regards,
Michael Walling



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INNOVATOR OF THE MONTH



Audrey Provost
9th Grade

Audrey received a gift bag full of goodies, which included an IC water bottle, portable phone charger power bank, and some sweet treats. Congrats to Audrey

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Getting to Know...



AMANDA DENNY



What is your favorite aspect of teaching?

"Connecting with students"

What is one thing about you that most people would not guess?

"I met my husband at SCHS"

If you could only eat one meal (repeatedly) for the rest of your life, what would it be?

"Pizza"

What is your favorite sports team?

"I don't have one"

What was your favorite thing from this past summer vacation?

"Taking a nap almost every day"

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4th Hour Geometry/ 5th Hour Geometry / 6th Hour Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry

THE GALLERY



