

SCHOOL BRIEFS

CVS to get \$2 million in new computers

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — The Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a \$2 million purchase of new computers at its meeting Feb. 9.

The bid, which totaled \$2,465,445.63, is for computer replacement at 10 of the district's elementary schools, its administration and maintenance buildings, and at Iroquois Middle School. The computer installation work is scheduled to begin next month and wrap up sometime this fall.

A Chippewa Valley sub-committee reviewed the purchase and funding will come from the 2005 Building & Site Fund and the Macomb Intermediate School District.

Parents welcome to open houses

FRASER — Fraser Public Schools are hosting two open house events to tell parents both in district and out of district about the programming offered by the district.

On Feb. 23-24, the Dooley Early Education Center will open its doors to display its early childhood programs to parents. Parents can learn about day care and kinder care, preschool for kids ages 3-4, and Toddler Time programming for kids 18 months to 3 years old. The event runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. both days at Dooley, located at 16170 Canberra in Roseville.

On Feb. 25 the district will host its kindergarten open house from 7-9 p.m. The event is for parents only, and information will be provided about kindergarten curriculum, food service and latchkey, and parents can meet teachers, administrators and other parents. The event will be held at Fraser High School, located at 34270 Garfield Road, between 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads.

Registration will not take place at the events, but each elementary school will host individual kindergarten round-up days. Dates and times for registration will be announced during the events.

For more information, contact Assistant Superintendent Judith Sikorski at (586) 439-7014.

Chippewa Valley choirs debut on PBS

CLINTON TOWNSHIP — The varsity choirs at Chippewa Valley and Dakota high schools will be featured in the television special "Tim Janis, Celebrate America" on Detroit's PBS channel at 8 p.m. March 4.

The special will showcase the choirs' talent with their performances of popular American songs selected by Janis, who's nationally well-known for his "Music with a Mission." The choirs were chosen to perform in the special after being recognized for their performances at Michigan School Vocal Musical Association choral festivals.

The choirs went to the Detroit television studio Nov. 17 and recorded with Janis.

"Working with such a talented group of students is so exciting. ... I truly believe through music we can really inspire our own communities during these trying times," Janis said.

Kent Wattleworth, director of Chippewa Valley High School's varsity choir, said his group of students sang Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind." He said although learning the folk song was a challenge, his students did a great job.

"They did really well," he said. "It was certainly a cool experience for them, seeing what it's like to record in a television studio."

Auction benefits school activities

FRASER — The Activities Department at Fraser High School is hosting silent and live auctions at the Vintage House during a Feb. 27 fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will benefit the classes of 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, and Activities Department officials hope to eliminate all other fundraisers if the auction is successful.

Money raised will be used to offset homecoming costs, prom costs, Spirit Week costs and other activities that students take part in.

The Activities Auction will be 7 p.m.-midnight. The \$25 ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, a pasta bar, chocolate fountain, all beverages and entertainment. Payment for any auctions won will be due that night.

Advance tickets are available by calling Nancy Skopas at (586) 439-7353. The Vintage House is located at 31816 Utica Road in Fraser.

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