



# News from the IMC



## Take a Look

### Database Passwords

Get ready for a big change. You will no longer have to memorize passwords for the databases and online catalog to login from home. Staff members will use their voicemail extension as the ID and their last name as the password. Students will use their student ID numbers and last names. This should make it much easier to you to access and use the databases from home.



### New Databases

*Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society* - provides comprehensive coverage of the of 150 controversial issues in society today by offering historical perspective, expert perspectives, and primary and secondary sources. Excellent source for English and Social Studies, debate topics and research papers.

*Points of View Reference Center* - This database is designed so students gain a complete understanding of the full scope of a controversial issue. Points of View Reference Center is unique because it includes a series of questions and additional material to generate further thought. Also included are thousands of supporting articles from the world's top political and societal publications.

*Literary Reference Center from Ebsco* - This replaces and expands upon MagillonLiterature Plus by including many more scholarly journals and full-text of classic books in addition to literary criticism author biographies and plot summaries.

*Gale Virtual Reference Library* - This library contains ebooks of many reference books that can be accessed by simultaneous users twenty-four hours a day. **The ebooks include reference books in all subject areas.**



*Science Reference Center* - contains full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, and other sources

*Biomedical Reference Center* - contains over 200 full-text medical journals covering all areas of medical study. Be sure to also look at Academic Search Premier and the various Nursing databases

## Video on Demand

Video on demand allows the user to view or download videos or video clips. These are high quality videos that you can use in show in your classroom or use as part of your PowerPoint presentations. Video clips can be used to illustrate a lesson. There are 3 video on demand services available in the high school.

United Streaming from Discovery Education provides over 4,000 videos for every subject area from such providers as Discovery School. The positive feature with this service is that you can actually download the videos and clips to your computer or a CD or flash drive for ease



of access. In contrast, the videos and clips that you save to your lists on Safari Montage are downloaded to the district's file server. Safari Montage is part of the Library Video Company, so access is provided to many well known video companies including PBS, National Geographic, Schlessinger Media and A&E Home Video. In fact, many of

the videos in the IMC collection are found in Safari Montage. The GCAVA offers a video on demand service that allows clips to be downloaded. Learn 360 offers videos from Sunburst Media as well as other publishers. All of these video on demand providers can be accessed from the IMC home page using the database link.



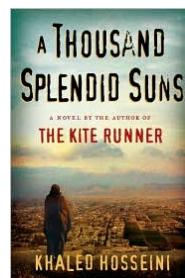
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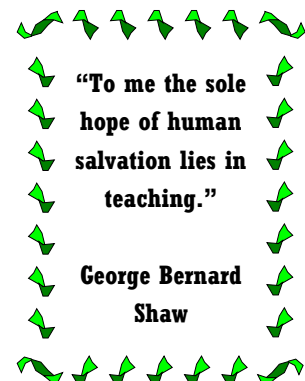
### Staff Book Club

The first meeting of the book club will take place on Thursday, Nov. 27th. It will be a combined meeting of the students and staff. You can read one or all of the following books

- A Thousand Splendid Suns*
- My Forbidden Face*
- The Kite Runner*



Discussion Guides are on the IMC Home Page - Click on the link for Book Clubs



Since this is the same day as the Board meeting, we are planning to go out to dinner at a local restaurant. Please Join Us!