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#### THANK YOU Staff Breakfast (Sept)

#### **Chairs**

Lida Buckner & Sandra Puliezi

# VPs of Programs

Victoria Evans & Wendy Cummins



#### **Volunteers/Contributors**

Christina Johnson · Michele Sevart · Ellen Yoon · Victoria Evans · Lisa Small · Heidi Fuhs · Cindy Liddle · Meng Qian · Melissa Watts · Jaime Crothers · Toni Hunter · Carmela Gellos · Daphne Lenhardt · Sara Carmichael · Danielle Graham · Dallas Serumgard · Sandy Schmidt · Laurie Bateman · Elaine Eckert · Sheila Barlow · Yoon Kim · Amy Korb · Laurie Staats

#### THANK YOU New Family Coffee (Sept)



New Family Ambassador Chairs

Amber Zielinski and Rebecca Fay

Host Valerie Yanni

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#### THANK YOU Angel Program (October)



#### **VPs of Programs**

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#### **Chairs**

Joanne Wrightson (right) & Jen Crewe (not shown) ihsangelprogram@gmail.com

#### Fall 2019 Friday Volunteers

Leslie Banic · Sandy Schmidt · Alyssa Darragh · Victoria Evans · Diane Karl (shown in photo) · Tracy Drake · Kendra Hoffman · Sarah Riggs · Marisa Garcia Struck · Kristin Brennock

#### 2019-2020 Open Chairs/Positions

#### Want to help?

- ▶ Chair SAT/ACT Practice Tests
- ► Committee Healthy Student
- Co-chair Golden Acorn Awards
- ► College and Career Center Support

#### **Eventual Need**

- ► Senior Scholarships (need 2)
- ► PE 5K
- ► Community Service Fair

# Upcoming Events

- New Family Ambassadors' Mixer Oct. 15, 6 PM to 8:30 PM, Capri Cellars
- ► IHS College and Career Night Oct. 16, 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM(juniors/seniors/parents)
- ► IH PTSA Grant Requests Due Oct. 18
- ► Next PTSA Meeting Nov. 15, 9:30 AM (vote on grants)



# **LOOK WITHIN**



Deadline Oct. 30, 2019

Issaquahhighptsa.org

2019 – 2020 Call for Entries!

Deadline for Entries:

For Details:

#### One Business Item

Approval of Consent Agenda

Sept. Minutes from our General Membership Meeting

► Sept. Treasurer's Report



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The questions tonight came from responses to the Parent/Guardian survey emailed directly to current IH PTSA Members.

The survey was also posted in the October 1, 2019, IHS E-News.

There were 35 responses. Questions were grouped by subject matter.

1) Are there discussions taking place regarding the most recent deaths in our district due to the fentanyl overdose?

What investigative efforts are taking place?

What is the plan to prevent this from happening to other students?

2) How is Issaquah High educating students about the dangers of opioids?

How are drugs kept out of the school?

3) What is the plan for ongoing education to the student body?

Are topics such as alcohol use, vaping, and cyberbullying included?

4) Are there any improvements in the works concerning traffic around the high school?

What are the constraints?

5) What is the timeline for the new high school?

In the meantime, what can be done to alleviate the stress on staff and students in overcrowded schools? More portables?

6) When the new high school opens, do you anticipate that theatre spaces, like the shop and the black box, will be returned to their original purpose or is the change permanent?

7) How will boundaries change after the new high school built?

What will the feeder system to the high school look like?

8) What is the plan for future snow days?

9) Can parents receive notifications regarding school closures and/or delayed starts (due to inclement weather or other emergencies) through texts and auto messaging in addition to notification via the website?

10) With a school start date in September, the school year seems misaligned with national AP testing which occurs in ealy May.

Is there any consideration of a school year shift?

11) What is the feedback on the 7-period days?

12) How is the block scheduling working out, and do you anticipate needing to adjust it next year?

13) The number of academic counselors seems too low to provide proactive or personal outreach to all students.

Can anything be done?

14) How are Running Start students being supported?

15) How will the new bond issue affect Issaquah High or its feeder schools?

Would increasing the School Impact Fees (fees paid by new building projects) be a viable option to reducing levies?

16) School spirit appears lower than in the past. Perhaps it's due to overcrowding and not feeling as intimate.

Is there a committee of advisors and students who address school spirit?

17) Any questions from the floor?