



# Welcome to Issaquah High PTSA General Membership Meeting

---

**May 18, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Kim Wilkinson & Birgit Aarrestad  
Co-Presidents IH PTSA**





# Agenda and Meeting Documents

---

Available at [issaquahhighptsa.org](https://issaquahhighptsa.org)

-Go to **PTSA Info**

-Select **Meetings and Financials**



# Thank you to our Volunteers!



Senior Scholarship Committee  
**Lisa Dow (chair), committee members:**  
**Sathya Kannan, Teresa Fornia, Cyd Morgan, Amy Korb PLUS thank you to IHS staff Jennifer Marbut for help verifying eligibility**



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week  
**Amy Korb**  
**Rachel Stoner**  
**Laura Schmidt**

Essay Writing Workshop  
**Tracie Kinsley (chair), Wendy Maruchek (ran Zoom & Eventbrite registrations);**  
**Speakers: Ruth Schauble, Lisa Hanson, Nhien Quach and Larissa Marple (ARROW asst. director helping with pairings)**  
Entrepreneur webinar:  
**Kim Guarino Bulger (presenter)**



Awards Committee- Outstanding Educator to be awarded 5/26  
**Carla Geraci (Chair), Wendy Cummins, Shamitha Sridharan**



Grants  
**Cristine Varzali (Chair),**  
**Committee members: Wendy Cummins,**  
**Kim Wilkinson, Carla Geraci**



# Thank you to our 2020-21 Board



Co-Presidents

**Kim Wilkinson**

**Birgit Aarrestad**

Secretary

**Alisa George**

Treasurer

**Tara Moe**

Assistant Treasurer

**Bhavna Patel**

Co-VPs of Communications

**Wendy Maruchek**

**Satnam Purewal \*\*\***

Co-VPs of Events

**Heidi Fuhs**

**Kristen Allen-Bentsen**

Co-VPs of Hospitality

**Rachel Stoner**

**Laura Schmidt**

Co-VPs of Programs

**Wendy Cummins**

**Sathya Kannan**

VP of Outreach

**Blyth Claeys \*\*\***

Director of Advocacy

**Carla Geraci**

Director of Best Practices (SOE)

**Alisa George**

Directors of Membership

**Nicole Garcia**

**\*\*\* Graduating Board Members**



# Secretary's Report

---

4.23.21 Minutes

Alisa George - IH PTSA Secretary



# Treasurer's Report

---

April 2021 Financial Report  
Approval of 2021-22 Budget  
Announcement of Financial Review



Tara Moe - IH PTSA Treasurer

Our guest speaker is:

**Andrea McCormick**  
**IHS Principal**



# Grants Cycle #3

## IH PTSA MISSION

*To expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at Issaquah High through programs, volunteers, advocacy and financial support.*

IH PTSA budgets money every year to fund selected projects and programs proposed by teachers, staff, parents and/or students to further our mission.

Cristine Varzali - IH PTSA Programs





# Spring Grants

**Annual budget:** \$5,000

## **Criteria:**

- Does it foster student learning?
- Will it have a long-term impact?
- Does it strengthen our school community?
- Does it reach a large number of students? And/or target an underserved population?
- Is PTSA the most important funding source?

## **Grants Review Committee:**

- Wendy Cummins, Carla Geraci, Agnes Huang, Cristine Varzali, Kim Wilkinson
- Committee meeting held May 7 – approved 6 grants for GMM vote



# Grant Requests

Grant No.	Grant Name	Description	Amount	Submitted By
1	<b>ASB Communication System</b>	10 Walkie Talkies for assemblies	\$198.17	Jordan Frost & Will St. Andre (ASB)
2	<b>Event Headset Microphones</b>	2 Microphones with Headset for assemblies	\$127.98	Jordan Frost & Will St. Andre (ASB)
3	<b>French Magazine Subscription (Scholastic)</b>	Magazines to build French language library, impacts 180 students	\$544.52	Veronique Silverman (teacher)
4	<b>Job Skills and Functional Goals</b>	Paper Shredder for pre-vocational training, including job skills	\$249.97	LRC2 Program
5	<b>Student Art Gallery</b>	Designated gallery space to display fine and digital art. Gallery setting fixtures and lighting. 4 LED Tower Display Cases (\$2100), Plate Easels (\$100), S&H (\$600), Taxes (\$200)	\$3,000.00	Bridget Jones (teacher)
6	<b>IHS College &amp; Career Center Bulletin Boards</b>	2 large banners	\$675.00	Karen Stevens (staff)
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,795.64</b>	

# Senior Scholarships

Wendy Cummins & Sathya Kannan - Co-VP's Programs

Lisa Dow - Chairperson

Wendy Cummins to present

**This year the PTSA is excited to award 7 senior scholarships worth \$750 each**

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Abi Chinn**

**Erin Freese**

**Clara Halling**

**Julia Kwon**

**Amira Narvaez**

**Emily Robinson**

**Sasha Shunko**

---

*Students currently enrolled at IHS, with a 2.0 or higher grade point average, committed to furthering his/her/they education, by attending an educational institution immediately following IHS graduation.*



<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/SeniorScholarships>

# What are our current membership numbers?



## ***2020-21 Memberships***

796 Family Members

43 Staff Members

839 Total Members

## ***Budgeted 2020-21***

800 Members

**Nicole Garcia - VP Membership**



# Community Service

Nicole Garcia- Chairperson



Community Service Cord – Awarded to all seniors who have earned 100+ hours throughout their high school years

Senior deadline was May 1st

Recipients will receive their certificates and graduation honor cord at cap & gown pickup on May 19th

Underclassmen can continue to enter hours throughout the summer

# I Matter Because...

2020-2021



Learn more and get involved! [PTA.ORG/REFLECTIONS](https://pta.org/reflections)



## Reflections

"I Matter Because."

WOW! Aashika Vishwanath earned an Award of Excellence at the National level for her dance choreography piece, I'm Who I am and I'm Complete. Congratulations Aashika! Way to go!



Reflections Chairpeople- Kristen Allen-Bentsen & Heather Bratton (Wendy Cummings to present)

<http://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/Reflections>

# New Family Ambassadors

**New Family Ambassador Program** The program offers access to shared high school and community resources, as well as connections to established families to help answer questions, offer suggestions and ultimately welcome new families to Issaquah.

## **UPCOMING EVENT:**

**Capri Cellars**

**Tuesday, May 25 from 6:30 to 8 pm.**

They will have a couple of tables reserved under the tent outside. There will be food and beverages (wine, beer, cider and non-alcoholic drinks) available for purchase. Capri Cellars is located at 88 Front Street S., near Dollar Tree.

Event held last month at Capri Cellars ---->



<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/New%20Family%20Ambassadors>





# Hospitality

Laura Schmidt & Rachel Stoner - VP's





ISSAQUAH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 411



PARENT ED

## SRO Listening Session for IHS

- ISD and City of Issaquah organized event for IHS families/students
- Chance to voice opinions, hear concerns regarding SROs in our schools
  - SRO = Student Resource Officer, provided by Issaquah Police Dept
  - FAMILY Session Wed, May 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm
  - STUDENT Session Wed, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9pm
  - See IHS E-News from 5/13/2021 to **REGISTER for Zoom Link**

PARENT ED

## 2021 Action Forum for Youth

(by Influence The Choice – in partnership with the Issaquah Schools Foundation & ParentWiser)

Wed, May 19<sup>th</sup>,  
11:30am-1pm

Data and discussion on pandemic substance abuse/behavioral health trends, embracing adversity, managing crisis, and building resilience in students.

Features an ISD student panel who will share personal experiences over this past year and brief community updates from Congresswoman Dr. Kim Schrier and Issaquah School District Superintendent Ron Thiele. Moderated by 2019 Skyline Alum, David Kim.

Register for Zoom link!  
See *IHS E-News* 5/13/2021



# SENIOR EVENTS UPDATE



**Heidi Fuhs & Kristen Allen-Bentsen - Co-Vice-Presidents Events**

Cynthia Lydum - update on Senior Events

Nicole Garcia - update on Senior Celebration





Issaquah High School



Senior

Graduation

Celebration

Class of 2021

**Veterans Memorial Park**  
(in old downtown Issaquah)

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, from 12 – 5 PM**

an afternoon picnic and entertainment  
**for Class of 2021 Seniors**

Registration requested, see:  
<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Home>

Questions, email:  
[IHPTASeniorCelebration@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTASeniorCelebration@gmail.com)

Presented by IH PTSA



IH PTSA Communications

# FOLLOW US

<https://www.facebook.com/IssaquahHighPTSA>

<https://twitter.com/ihptsa>

<https://www.instagram.com/issaquahhighptsa/>



中文 WeChat (Mandarin Chinese)

Español WhatsApp

To join WeChat or Whats App, please email [ihptsaFACE@gmail.com](mailto:ihptsaFACE@gmail.com)

# Issaquah Schools Foundation



- ❖ *Nourish Every Mind* – fueling success for every student, every school
  - 79% of goal – THANK YOU!
  - View inspirational community program at [isfdn.org](https://isfdn.org)
  - It's not too late to donate! Any amount, one-time or monthly
  
- ❖ **NEW! Academic Grants for ISD Students, K-12**
  - Individual \$500/student to help pay for tutoring/academic assistance
  - Applications open through June 4 at [isfdn.org](https://isfdn.org) (Our Programs, scroll down to Student Academic Grants)
  
- ❖ **Seeking Sophomores – Student Board Trustees for 2021-23**
  - Student leaders who enjoy connecting w/ people
  - Help drive policies and educational projects across ISD
  - Apply at [isfdn.org/students/](https://isfdn.org/students/)





- May 19 Senior Cap and Gown Pick-up
- May 26, Senior Photo Day
- May 18-23, WSPTA Convention
- May 27, 9:30am Issaquah PTSA Council Meeting
- May 31, Memorial Day
- June 2, 10:30am - 12:30pm PTSA Board Meeting
- June 3, Senior Recognition Virtual Ceremony
- June 4 Yearbook Pick-up for Seniors
- June 6, 12pm-5pm, IHS Senior Celebration (Memorial Park, downtown Issaquah)
- June 9, Senior Slideshow and Breakfast
- June 11, 2021 4:30pm Graduation at T-Mobile Field
- June 17, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

<http://issaquahhighptsa.org>

Questions? Email [issaquahhighPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:issaquahhighPTSA@gmail.com)



Thank you for  
joining us today!

Hope you all have a safe and  
fun summer.

See you next year at our  
monthly GMM's!

