



## Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45 General Membership Meeting

January 13, 2023  
9:30 AM

Via Zoom

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### **Our PTSA Mission**

The IH PTSA strives to expand educational opportunities and enhance the learning and social environment at Issaquah High School, through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support benefiting all Issaquah High School students, families, and the community.

**Call to Order** Wendy Maruchek called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Proper notice of the meeting was given and a quorum was present. Meeting documents were distributed via email and posted to the IH PTSA website.

In attendance: Wendy Maruchek, Tracy Drake, Julie Gamble, Shamitha Sridharan, Karissa Mobilia, Shravya Nellutla, Stephane Smithson Chan, Chelsea Musick, Chanju Lee, Kim Wilkinson, Wendy Cummins, Tanya Russell, Julie Carr, Raquel Koz, Erin Connolly, Liliana Medina

### **President's Report** (*Wendy Maruchek*)

All meeting documents, including the consent agenda, can be found on our website. Links were included with the meeting invite.

The consent agenda (November 18 meeting minutes and November and December financial results) will be filed as presented.

Thanked volunteers, by name, for helping with Staff Breakfasts, translating services, and shopping for our food insecure students.

Reviewed how the PTSA provides extra food for students who are food insecure.

Reviewed how the PTSA helps with translation services for ISD Canvas videos.

Open positions:

- Staff Appreciation Co-Chairs
- College and Career Center Chair
- New Family Connections Co-Chairs
- SAT/ACT Practice Tests Shadow Chair
- Senior Events Co-Chairs
- Senior Farewell Chair

Please reach out to Wendy Maruchek if interested in any of these positions.

### **Treasurer** (*Erin Eaton and Pauline Tamblyn*)

Taxes were filed on November 15, 2022.

### **Business**

Presented the slate for the 2022-23 Nominating Committee.

**Motion 1:** Wendy Maruchek moved to elect the following to the Nominating Committee: Tracy Drake, Shravya Nellutla, and Qun Pan. Seconded. Poll vote. Motion approved.

## Speakers

Erin Connolly, Principal:

- Winterfest was held right before winter break. Hosted winter wishes, assembly, and after-school activities.
- Finals: 1/24 - 1/26
  - 1/24 - finals 6-7 - half day
  - 1/25 - finals 3-5 - full day, but adjusted schedule
  - 1/26 - finals 1-2 - half day
  - 1/27 - no school
  - Running Start students should work with their Running Start professors and their IHS teacher if they have to miss class(es).
- Added more choice Nest days.
- MLK Day - video via iVision in January; will have a larger event during Black History Month in February.
- New ISD/IHS website - still working through some issues to ensure information is posted in a timely manner. The calendar now requires an extra click to see all the details.
- 1/17 Nest option to learn more about Running Start.
- Second semester schedule change information has been emailed to families. The schedule change form is on the IHS website <https://issaquahhigh.isd411.org/academics/schedule-changes> There is no guarantee schedule changes will be approved.
  - Working on adding an Algebra 2 lab class to help students who are struggling with Math.
- Course registration for next year opens on February 14.
- TOLO spring dance on April 1. ASB will be sharing more details soon.
- IHS will host the SAT at IHS during the school day on 3/22. Juniors only. Students will need to register. The schedule will not be adjusted.
- IHS does not have plans to offer the ACT at IHS.
- If outside PE credit forms turned in to Counselor, but haven't heard back yet. Students should follow up with Counselor again via email. If that doesn't work, they can make an appointment with their Counselor, or send an email to Erin Connolly.
  - Traditionally ½ of all class types must be taken at IHS (vs. outside). Now the district is rounding this up, so 1.0 PE credits (of the 1.5 required) can be taken outside of IHS.
- Parking lot safety email send to parents this week. There are no plans for Issaquah PD to regularly monitor the parking lot, but they can be asked.

Liliana Medina, IHS Family Liaison

- Supports all feeder schools into IHS.
- Helps families navigate and understand the school system.
- Part of the Equity Department. Host several workshops throughout the year to assist families.
- Family liaisons are the connection between families and schools.
- Assists and supports school administration.
- Supports families in need with 3rd party organizations.
- Can help students with college and career readiness.
- Run an interest group for Latino students on Tuesdays after school.
- Services are available to every student, regardless of language.
- Meet with families and families that are referred by the counselors.
- Works with IHS Angel Program when needed.
- Would love to see a guide created to help newer immigrant families. Directed Liliana to the IH PTSA FAQ: <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/New%20to%20IHS> The counseling office shares information about the IH PTSA program, New Family Connections, with new families. PTSA can work on providing a document with useful information.
- Discussed services that are offered and that could be offered to students who transfer mid-year. Discussed the possibility of Eagle Crew helping. Currently, TAs in the Counseling Office help with this.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Membership** (*Shravya Nellutla and Wendy Cummins*)

Staff - 113 - 126 certified staff this year - free memberships offered to staff this year - goal is 100% staff membership  
Family - 587  
Individual - 88  
Student - 14  
Total - 802 - goal is 900 members

### **Outreach** (*Karissa Mobilia and Chanju Lee*)

#### **Angel**

Large Angel distribution prior to winter break. Normal distributions continue each Friday.

Can sign up to be part of the Angel committee on our website:

<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Packet/Volunteer/VolunteeringPacketPage/1>

### **New Family Connections**

Coffee with the Principal and IHS Security on January 20 at 9:30 at IHS.

To join:

- As a new parent: [www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamily](http://www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamily)
- As a seasoned parent: [www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamilyAmbassador](http://www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamilyAmbassador)
- More info: [www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamilyConnections](http://www.tinyurl.com/IHSNewFamilyConnections)

### **ParentWiser**

Cultivating Resilience January 18 at 4 PM - register [www.parentwiser.org](http://www.parentwiser.org)

Raising Humans in the Digital World - February 6 at 7 PM - register [www.parentwiser.org](http://www.parentwiser.org)

### **Programs** (*Tanya Russell and Kim Wilkinson*)

#### **SAT/ACT Practice Exams**

January 28 - ACT

February 4 - SAT

February 8 - score feedback session

Can sign up for practice tests on the PTSA website. <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/SATACT/Practice%20Tests> Cost is \$25 per test. Scholarships are available: [IHPTSAFamilyResources@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTSAFamilyResources@gmail.com)

Looking for someone to shadow the Practice Exam Chair this year and take over the program next year.

### **Grants**

Applications are due today. The committee meets next week. You can still join the committee if interested.

### **College and Career Center**

Informal Q&A about Running Start in March (tentatively March 14).

### **Senior Scholarships**

Deadline mid-April. [www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaseniorscholarships](http://www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaseniorscholarships)

### **Hospitality** (*Qun Pan*)

#### **Staff Breakfasts**

Next Staff Breakfast is February 1. To sign up to donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054aa8a922a3fc1-ihsstaff5#/>

To get on the volunteer list: <https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Packet/Volunteer/GuestInfoPacketPage/0>



Influence the Choice video contest - due 3/18 - <https://www.influencethechoice.org>

The Garage - [issaquahteencafe.org](https://issaquahteencafe.org)

ISD Family Partnership events: <https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity/parent-events-and-workshops>

WhatsApp Group - not PTSA, but it for IHS parents with questions and answers - <https://bit.ly/IHS-Whatsapp>

Reviewed difference between PTSA, ASB, Booster Club, and Issaquah Schools Foundation

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?			
Four separate but complementary organizations that enrich the Issaquah High School experience for your student and family.			
IH PTSA	ASB	IHS Boosters	Issaquah Schools Foundation
Issaquah High Parents Teacher Student Association	Associated Student Body	Issaquah High Booster Club	Issaquah Schools Foundation
A 501(c)(3) non-profit member organization dedicated to promoting the education, health, welfare, and safety of all students at IHS. IH PTSA focuses on programs that directly impact student learning.	A student-run organization that supports the IHS student body, focusing on extracurricular clubs, school spirit, and school activities that are cultural, athletic, recreational, or social in nature.	A non-profit, fundraising organization that supports and enriches the extra-curricular high school experience for our kids while they attend Issaquah High School.	A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides district-wide programs that support opportunities for every student in every school.
<b>Representative Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Angel Student Assistance</li><li>• College and Career Planning</li><li>• Healthy Students</li><li>• Grants</li><li>• New Family Connections</li><li>• Reflections Art Contest</li><li>• Senior Events</li><li>• Staff Appreciation</li><li>• Teacher Classroom Funds</li></ul> <b>Primary Fundraiser:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Pass-the-Hot Campaign</li></ul> <a href="https://issaquahhighptsa.org">issaquahhighptsa.org</a>	<b>Primary Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student Recognition</li><li>• All-School Assemblies</li><li>• Dances</li><li>• After-School Activities</li><li>• Spirit Days &amp; Theme Weeks</li><li>• Charitable Projects</li></ul> <b>Primary Fundraisers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership Fees</li></ul> <a href="https://issaquahhigh.isd411.org/student-life/activities">issaquahhigh.isd411.org/student-life/activities</a>	<b>Primary Focus:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Support for ALL Extracurricular IHS activities</li><li>• Student/Program Recognition: BoosterBuzz, Scholar Athlete Awards, Another Eagle is Going to State Signs</li><li>• Sports &amp; Senior Scholarships</li><li>• Program Grants</li></ul> <b>Primary Fundraisers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership Fees</li><li>• Issaquah High Logo-Wear Sales</li><li>• Annual Fundraising Events Outdoor / Indoor Concessions</li></ul> <a href="https://ihboosters.org">ihboosters.org</a>	<b>Representative Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After School Academic Support</li><li>• Backpack &amp; Supplies for Students in Need</li><li>• Cultural Bridges</li><li>• Fine Arts Funding</li><li>• Food Aid</li><li>• Robotics and STEM Clubs</li><li>• Teacher Grants</li><li>• TEALS Program Support</li></ul> <b>Primary Fundraisers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All in for Kids Campaign (Fall)</li><li>• Nourish Every Mind Breakfast and Luncheon (Spring)</li></ul> <a href="https://isfdn.org">isfdn.org</a>

## Upcoming Events

Jan 16 - MLK Holiday, no school

Jan 18, 4 PM, ParentWiser Event, Dr. Lisa Damour & Reena Ninan, Coping with Difficulty and Cultivating Resilience

Jan 20, 9:30-10:30 AM, Coffee with the Principal and IHS Security. Sponsored by New Family Connections but all are welcome

Jan 27 - Teacher Work Day, no school

Jan 28, 8:45 AM, PTSA ACT Practice Exam

Jan 30, 7-8 PM, Senior Parent Meeting for PTSA Senior Events

Feb 1, Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Feb 4, 8:45 AM, PTSA SAT Practice Exam

Feb 6, ParentWiser, Raising Humans in a Digital World

Feb 8, 7 PM, PTSA ACT/SAT Practices Scoresback Session

Feb 10, 9:30-11 AM, IH PTSA Membership Meeting

Feb 11, 7:30 PM, Swingin' in Vienna

Feb 14 & 15, 8th Grade Registration Night at IHS

Feb 15, WA State PTA Game Development Competition Due

Feb 15, WA State PTA Essay Contest Due

Feb. 15, WA State PTA Senior Scholarship Entries Due

Feb 16, Hidden in Plain Sight (Influence the Choice)

Feb. 20-24, Second Winter Break

Adjourned 11:02 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Drake, Secretary

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