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**A FANTASTIC PTSA YEAR:** Thanks to our nearly 1,200 PTSA members, including more than 100 active volunteers, who contributed to such a jam-packed, fun and successful year!

Here's a reminder of some of your valuable contributions to Issaquah High School in 2014-15:

*New-to-IHS Night ~ Classroom funds ~ Advocacy for education  
Student directory ~ Angel Program ~ Special Services support  
Staff meeting hospitality ~ Volunteer Fair ~ Staff biographies  
Student assistance funds ~ Picture Day ~ Senior Scholarships  
5K runs ~ Staff Appreciation Week ~ Shakespeare in the classroom*

*Newcomers get-togethers ~ ISF support ~ Textbook Checkout ~ Senior exit interviews support  
Staff luncheons ~ IFashion Show ~ Community Service Program ~ Reflections Art Program  
SAT prep classes ~ SAT and ACT mock exams ~ Outstanding Educator awards ~ Parent education  
Health Room support ~ Senior Breakfast ~ Baccalaureate ~ Senior Celebration*

#### **PLUS YOU FUNDED NEARLY \$17,000 IN GRANTS!**

- Fitness Equipment \$2,450
- Student Art Collection \$ 800
- Economics Textbooks \$2,500
- Chemistry Calculators \$1,850
- Visitor Tracking System \$4,400
- Extended Library Hours \$4,000
- Community Parent Night \$ 200
- Guided Studies Incentives \$500

**FINAL PTSA MEETING OF THE YEAR:** Please join us this Friday, June 5, in the IHS Office conference room at 9:00 am (social time), and 9:30-11:30 am (meeting).

*Your Co-Presidents, Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe*

### **2015 Outstanding Educators**

Issaquah High PTSA is happy to announce our 2015 Outstanding Educators:

**Melanie Bonnano, Counselor**  
**Shannon Henderson, Language Arts**  
**Kelly Henry, Science**  
**Andrea McCormick, Principal**  
**Alex Stevens, Science**  
**David Wood, Social Studies**

Congratulations to these special IHS staff members! Our students are so fortunate to have such dedicated, caring teachers and administrators.

**And Speaking of Educators...Reception for Retiring Art Teacher Cyndi Moring:**

Do you remember the many colorful art projects your kids brought home from elementary school?

After 22 years of teaching art at Cougar Ridge, Cyndi Morning is retiring. Come wish her a happy retirement at a reception at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, June 16, in the Cougar Ridge library. She would love to see past students and families. *Thanks to Jamie Allott, Cougar Ridge PE teacher, for letting us know.*

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## Community Service Program

174 Honor Cords were awarded to members of the Class of 2015. Their time, energy, and commitment builds community and enriches lives.

**Next year's IHS students:** Any community service performed over the summer can count toward the PTSA Honor Cord. Don't forget to document your hours. For hour logs and more information, visit [here](#).

## Angel Program

For the third straight year, generous IHS parents and local businesses ensured that nearly 100 students in tough financial situations were able to obtain confidential help with groceries and other essentials. These students and their families also had the opportunity to shop for new and gently used clothing in our private Angel Closet. Making life a little less stressful with common school expenses for those in need brings all students a better school experience. Thank you to our kind and supportive community of IHS families who donated money and clothing to make this all possible. *Co-chairs: Laurie Foreman & Julie Siefkes*

## Great Opportunity to Take a Practice SAT or ACT Test

Huntington Learning Center at 1460 NW Gilman Blvd is offering two practice tests in June:

- SAT: Friday, June 19, 9:00-1:00 pm
- ACT: Saturday, June 20, 9:00-1:00 pm

Your student will experience a full-length practice test and receive an individualized test analysis and a one hour test overview and goal-setting session with an exam prep professional. There's no enrollment obligation to participate, and 100% of the proceeds from IHS students will be donated to IH PTSA.

Space is limited, so register [here](#) and pay by June 12. Cost is \$25 per exam; deliver cash or check, or pay with credit by calling Huntington at 425-391-0694.

## Reflections Arts Program

Congratulations once again to Julie Kwon! Her visual arts entry, "The World Would Be a Better Place if We Pursued Our Dreams," continued to gain recognition as it was selected by the National PTA to receive an Award of Merit in the high school judging division.

The 2015-2016 Reflection's theme is:  
*Let your imagination fly*

Students can submit up to three entries, and summer is a great time to start creating them. Entries will be due in October 2015. Find the rules for each category [here](#).

## A Couple Calls to Action:

**Wondering what to do with extra school supplies?** Do you have a student heading off to college and extra school supplies to give away? The Angel Program receives some supplies thanks to the Issaquah Schools Foundation but needs more throughout the year. Be an Angel and help our students start the new school year well prepared. Drop your donations in the box marked "Angel" in the front office. Thanks!

### **Interested in a leadership role with IH PTSA?**

There are several committee chair positions available; we are also seeking energetic volunteers for events throughout the upcoming school year. PTSA offers a great opportunity to participate in IHS activities, meet other parents, and help shape PTSA programs. There is no better way to understand your student's high school experience than joining the PTSA. We would love to have you join us.

### **Think about...**

New to IHS Night, Picture Day, and Textbook Checkout happen early in the school year; you can sign up to help at these events when you register your student in August. We're also looking for a new chair for our Fashion Show. Please contact [Becky Gordon](#) or [Bertina Loeffler Sedlack](#) for more information.

**Thank You!**

## CLASS OF 2015

Final reminders for your last, fantastic week as an IHS student

**BACCALAUREATE** (Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, 1121 SE 228th in Sammamish)

This inspirational event is an opportunity for seniors to come together and celebrate the spiritual side of graduation. Join the Class of 2015 for an evening of reflection and appreciation for each other, friends and family. There will be a courtyard reception following the ceremony. This is a wonderful time to take photos of your senior and their friends, while enjoying some delicious refreshments. Although seniors can't wear their caps at Baccalaureate (gowns only), parents can certainly bring them along for courtyard photos! Contact: Chair [Ami Maron](#)

**SENIOR BREAKFAST** (Thursday, June 11, 8:30 am at IHS)

**Attention Parents of Seniors:** The Senior Breakfast is Thursday, June 11, at 8:30 am. Directly after breakfast they will be going to practice the graduation walk. It is super fun to volunteer at this event. You get to see all of the kids together, and they are giddy! For many of you, this will be the very last volunteer opportunity at Issaquah High. We need many, many volunteers to make this event memorable for our kids!

Click [here](#) to visit Sign Up Genius and volunteer and/or donate food items. Contacts: [Marilyn Evans](#), [Stacey Eastern](#) & [Michele Chamblin](#)

**SENIOR ALL-NIGHT CELEBRATION** (Friday, June 12 - Saturday, June 13)

**Again, Attention Parents of Seniors:** The Senior Grad Night Celebration is the same night as graduation—Friday, June 12. If you have not signed up your senior, please do so in the next few days. Time is running out, and space is limited. The cost is \$168 and covers all the amazing entertainment, bus transportation and tons of food. Visit this PTSA [webpage](#) to sign up online and print the required registration forms. These forms get turned into the front office this week. Should you need financial assistance, contact [Laurie Foreman](#) for a partial scholarship. All matters are confidential.

If your senior is signed up for Senior Celebration, please take a minute to review the letter sent last week about the guidelines for your student, especially on what they can and cannot bring that evening. You can also read the letter [here](#).

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## Messages from Our Community

### SUMMER HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Host families needed in Issaquah to host French and Spanish teens for 3 - 4 weeks this summer. The students are coming to practice English and make friends with American locals. Students bring their own spending money and are covered by comprehensive medical and accident insurance. Families receive orientation materials, 24/7 support, and a small hosting stipend. Please contact Ian Goff at [ian@andeo.org](mailto:ian@andeo.org) or 503-274-1776. Learn more about Andeo [here](#).



### Look What You Did!

You came together as a community and raised over \$700,000 at the Nourish Every Mind Breakfast and Luncheon to support Great Schools and a Great Community! Your investments



Great schools and a great community. Your investments benefit every student in every classroom, every day. If you missed the event, [visit our website](#) to view photos or contribute.

#### Make New Friends Across the District

There's still room for you at one of our fun themed parties benefiting the Issaquah Schools Foundation. View the [Auction Catalog](#) to see where there's space for you and which of your friends are already attending.

#### Who Says There's No YOU in Team?

Come learn more about the many ways to volunteer with the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Attend our Volunteer Open House on June 3 from 7 to 8:30 pm at 6061 167th Ave SE, Bellevue. Call us at 425.391.8557 for more information.

#### You've Got Their Backs

Through the Tools 4 School program, we're gearing up to provide 1,000 fully stocked backpacks this August so that students can arrive at school equipped for learning. Your organization, workplace or neighborhood can participate as a Tools 4 School team, raising funds for backpacks and school supplies or simply collecting new backpacks. To participate or for more information, contact Barb de Michele at 425-391-8557 or [barb@isfdn.org](mailto:barb@isfdn.org).

#### Cool Beans!

Love coffee? Join our Coffee for Kids program with a monthly subscription to Camano Island Coffee. Ten percent of every order supports the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Receive \$20 off your first order. Visit [Coffee for Kids](#) to register.



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