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**Our best wishes to you and yours
for a wonderful winter break
shared with family and friends.**

*Please join us at our monthly membership meeting this Friday, Dec. 12
in the IHS Office conference room at 9:00 am (social time), 9:30-11:30 am
(meeting). Park in visitor or student parking & sign in at the front desk.*

College Test Prep at IHS

Mock exams and prep classes are great ways to help your student practice and gain confidence for college admissions exams. PTSA has two opportunities coming up in January:

1. MOCK SAT & ACT Exams

Administered by a KAPLAN rep, these tests approximate the real SAT and ACT exam experience, including material covered, time constraints and scoring:

- Mock ACT: Sat, Jan 24, 8am-1 pm
- Mock SAT: Sat, Jan 31, 8am-1pm

An optional joint feedback session will be held on Mon, Feb 9, from 6-7pm in the IHS library. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

The exams are held at IHS and cost just \$25. Register at the PTSA [website](#).

Contact: Mock Tests Chair [Karen Starcevich](#)

2. SAT PREP CLASSES

Now's the time to register your junior for our SAT prep classes, held at IHS and taught by IHS teachers. Note: Sophomores will not benefit as much, since the SAT is changing in 2015.

Math

Mondays, Jan. 26-Mar 9 (except Feb 16)
3:00-5:00pm or 5:30-7:30pm

Reading & Writing

Thursdays, Jan 29-Mar 12 (except Feb 19)
2:45-4:45pm or 5:00-7:00pm

Angel Program Updates

The PTSA Angel Program supports IHS families who are in need in a wide variety of ways.

NEW: Emergency Food Assistance. We now have non-perishable food supplies on site, courtesy of the Emergency Feeding Program of King County. If your family is in need, contact [Kim Michael](#), IHS Registrar (425-837-6141).

NEW: Angel Closet Expanded Hours. Starting in January, the Angel Closet will be open twice per month: 1) the first Wednesday morning (as usual) plus 2) the first Friday at the end of the school day. The Angel Closet is a private area for those in need of gently used clothing such as coats, shirts, sweatshirts, and jeans. All those in need are welcome.

*The IHS PTSA Angel Program is funded by
generous donations from parents and in-kind
donations from local businesses.*

Contact: Angel Program Co-Chairs
[Laurie Foreman](#) & [Julie Siefkes](#)

The Gift of Service this Holiday Season

Volunteer opportunities abound during the holidays...please encourage your student to give of their time! Their talent and passion strengthen our community and enrich lives. Both seasonal and year-round volunteer opportunities can be found on the IHS Career & Counseling

2:45-4:45pm or 5:00-7:00pm

Center [website](#).

The cost is \$100 and includes the College Board SAT Prep book. Register at the PTSA [website](#).

Contact: SAT Prep Classes Chair [Jeanne Simon](#)

Contact: Community Service Chair
[Bertina Loeffler Sedlack](#)

Congratulations IHS Reflections Finalists!

Julie Kwon ~ Kimberly Lum ~ Lauren Rosen ~ Rachel Rosewater ~ Annika Smith
Michelle Sun ~ Ariel Susanto ~ LilyAnn Vu ~ Claire Warren

Special Artists: Donovan Adams ~ Brett Allen ~ Anya Rutledge ~ Trinity Vasquez



The District reception for Reflection finalists and their families will be Tuesday, Jan 13 in the IHS Commons. Everyone is welcome!

Our thanks to Becky Gordon and Sandi Lum, Reflections Co-Chairs, for all their efforts in making this program a success.

Messages from Our Community



3 Ways to Shop and Give this Season

Give great gifts and support great education when you participate in one of the Issaquah Schools Foundation business partner promotions. Thank you!

1. **Glassybaby** – These hand blown collectible tea lights and glass votive candleholders make the perfect gift for teachers, friends and family. Through December 24, use code 'ISF' in-store or online and 10% of your purchase will be donated to the Foundation. [Check out the Glasybaby Holiday Collection.](#)
2. **Barnes & Noble**—Give the gift of reading to a student from the Foundation's VOICE Mentor or Pre-K Summer School Programs. Next time you visit Barnes & Noble at Pickering Place, add a Holiday Book Drive purchase to your order. Books are available for as little as \$3 at checkout. Promotion runs through December 31.
3. **Fred Meyer** – Whether you're shopping for decorations, school supplies or groceries, your purchase can benefit your student when you participate in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. Link your card at [Fred Meyer Community Rewards](#), then each time you shop, you'll help improve educational resources for your child.

2 Ways You're Changing the Status Quo

1. **Technology**: Did you know that only 8% of high schools in the nation are certified to teach AP Computer Science Classes? Thanks to you, Issaquah high schools are among the elite eight. This fall, 742 high school students are studying computer science and/or web design on the campuses of Issaquah, Liberty and Skyline high schools.
2. **Voz de la Comunidad**: When Issaquah Valley Elementary moms Margarita Leas and Marisol Visser saw the frustration caused by language and cultural barriers they pledge to develop a solution. The result-Voz de la Comunidad-a Spanish language magazine designed to bridge the gap between Spanish-speaking families and the greater Issaquah community. [READ MORE.](#)

Have Extra Money in Your Charitable Budget? Consider a year-end gift to the *All in for Kids* Annual Fund Campaign. Your donation will help us raise the final \$45,000 required to meet our current commitments, fully fund Academic Enrichment Grants and offer yearlong mentor support to Start Strong participants. [DONATE NOW.](#)

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Our Heartfelt Wish for the Happiest of Holidays. Enjoy your winter break.



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