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February 2015



Lots to Love at the February PTSA Meeting, including:

- Four grant requests
- Overview of college, job, and volunteer resources from our college counselors
- Updates from school administrators

Friday, Feb. 13 - 9:00 am (social time) & 9:30-11:30 am (meeting)

Sign in at Patti's desk and head to the IHS main office conference room.

Volunteer Fair for Students this Wednesday at IHS

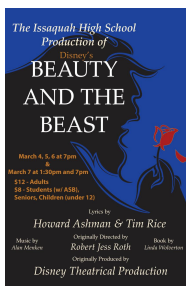
Wednesday, Feb. 11, during both lunches, IHS College and Career Center

Encourage your students to find a rewarding way to share their time and talent by coming to the College and Career Center this Wednesday during lunch, where they can talk about volunteer opportunities with several organizations including the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank, Mountain to Sound Greenway, Relay for Life, VOICE Mentor Program, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, Red Cross, Swedish Hospital, Providence Marionwood, Eastside Baby Corner, & Washington Trails Association.

At the Fair students also can learn more about the IH PTSA Community Service Program that rewards students for their service. All documented service hours count toward a Community Service Honor Cord to be worn at senior graduation. It's one of only three honorary cords available to graduating seniors and the only one not dependent on academic performance. Contact: Community Service Chair [Bertina Loeffler Sedlack](#)

Thank You from Beauty and the Beast

Thank you IH PTSA members! The wireless microphones you helped to fund last year (in partnership with IHS Booster Club) will be put to good use for our upcoming musical - *Beauty and the Beast*. Come see your generosity in action at our show:



Issaquah High School presents the musical

Beauty and the Beast
March 4, 5, 6, & 7 at 7:00 pm
March 7 at 1:30 pm

Ticket Prices: Adults \$12, IHS students (with ASB card) \$8,
Children (under 12) & Seniors \$8

Come enjoy the timeless magic of *Beauty and the Beast*!

A Message from the School: Providing Feedback to IHS

Issaquah High School prides itself on being a school to which parents are happy to send their children. However, we know that we aren't perfect! Constructive criticism is really helpful and encouraged in order for us to remain reflective and work on constant growth. With the invitation of constructive criticism, it might be helpful to note that we do have district policy (4220) regarding staff and program complaints. The spirit of the policy includes 2 main ideas: the parent/student should attempt to resolve the problem with the individual employee (or employee overseeing the program) and the employee should have the opportunity to remedy complaints before any next steps. We enjoy serving our Issaquah community and welcome anyone to come in and solicit our help in order to have nothing short of a great experience. If you're unsure about who oversees any specific program, just call our main office and our amazing receptionist, Patti Hanan, can direct you to the right place!

Curious about School Funding in Our State?

Monday, March 2, 7 - 8:30 pm, King County Library Service Center (960 Newport Way, Issaquah)

Issaquah PTSA Council is excited to host Heidi Bennett, a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker and education advocate, to talk to us about education funding, a VERY important issue this legislative session. This is open to anyone interested, so please share this with your communities.

"Show Us the Money - WA State Budgets" is a presentation that every parent needs to see to understand the McCleary Decision, the Basic Education Bills, and what's up with education and funding. It includes "School Funding 101" so every parent can understand and advocate for improving education in Washington state.

Heidi Bennett has been an education advocate for over 10 years working with PTA/PTSA, League of Education Voters, and Schools First (Seattle Levy Campaign). Active in WA state PTA and Region 6 PTAs, she is a regular in Olympia advocating for education in our state and works on various task forces and committees at the Seattle Public Schools offices. Contact: [Dea Barnett](#)

Class of 2015: IS YOUR SENIOR IN? Inviting All Seniors to the Senior All-Night Celebration

Senior Celebration will be here before you know it - have you reserved your senior's spot for the party of the year???

Secret venues, delicious food, amazing entertainment and surprise after surprise - this is a once in a lifetime event!!!

If your senior is not in - GET THEM IN. Have your student print the forms from the PTSA website, complete them and bring them to a volunteer in the Commons during lunch any Wednesday in February. Completed forms will be entered into a raffle drawing for great prizes!

For scholarship assistance, please contact [Laurie Foreman](#).

[Register & Get Forms Here](#)

And Save June 10 for Baccalaureate
Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish

What is Baccalaureate? Since the 8th century, people have gathered at baccalaureate ceremonies to celebrate achievement, express gratitude and inspire each other. Our ceremony allows members of the Class of 2015 to gather one last time before graduation and share in the inspiring performances and

Class of 2015 to gather one last time before graduation and share in the inspiring performances and words of their classmates. Student performers may sing, play music, dance, read a poem or an original piece, or find an alternative way to express their talents. There will also be a keynote speaker for this wonderful event.

The Baccalaureate ceremony is a non-denominational, uplifting event sponsored by the PTSA and held at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish. We welcome all members of the Class of 2015, their families and friends, and IHS staff members. Auditions for Baccalaureate will be held in April and May - look for signs posted at school.

Please plan to join us to honor the Class of 2015 as they begin their transition from high school.

Career Center Volunteer

Help the College and Career Center Organize Summer Opportunities: Are you great at organizing information? We're looking for a volunteer to collect the flyers and emails about summer opportunities that come to the Career Center, identify the key details, produce a Word document, and post it on the Center's site. A simple but very appreciated way to help our students and school. Contact: VP-Volunteers [Ginger Wilfong](#).

Last Call: Awards Nominations

Nomination deadline: Friday, Feb. 13

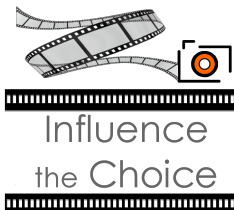


Last chance to nominate an outstanding volunteer for our Golden Acorn and Outstanding Advocate awards. These awards honor people who have given exemplary volunteer service to youth in our community. Find the forms here: [Golden Acorn](#) & [Outstanding Advocate](#). Contact: Awards Co-chair [Marni Kilzi](#).

Messages from Our Community

Back by Popular Demand: The "Influence the Choice" Student Video Contest!

Contest deadline: Saturday, Feb. 28



Sponsored by the Drug Free Community Coalition, the contest asks young people who live within the Issaquah School District boundaries to create commercials of no more than two minutes, showing students how to Positively influence other students to resist the temptations of alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs. Last year's contest was a big success, and we are once again offering cash prizes. The grand prize is \$1,000! Contest rules and entry form can be found at www.healthyyouthinitiative.org.

Parents and Students Invited to Meeting about School Resource Officer

Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 9 am in the large conference room of Issaquah High School main office

There will be an informational meeting with Chief Behrbaum of Issaquah Police to discuss the proposed change of the current IHS School Resource Officer, Karin Weihe, effective this coming fall. The purposes of the meeting are for the Chief to share the rationale for the proposed change and for parents and students to provide feedback regarding the impact of this proposal. Contacts: [Jody Mull](#) or [Alison Meryweather](#).

The Sorority Life Information Event

Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 pm, Meeting Room 1, Bellevue Regional Library (1111 - 110th Ave NE)

Save the date! The Sorority Life, a recruitment information event, will take place on March 3 at the Bellevue Regional Library. This is an opportunity to learn about the benefits of sorority life and how to navigate the recruitment process.

Sponsored by Overlake Alumnae Panhellenic, the event is free and open to high school girls of all grade levels and their parents. Registration is not required. Information about the OAPH scholarship program will be available. For further information, visit www.overlakealumnaepanhellenic.org.



ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

It's February and the Issaquah Schools Foundation is all about the love. Who's on our Valentine list?

- **You ...our parents, volunteers and donors** who partner with us to improve education for all Issaquah School District students.
- **... our teachers** who go above and beyond to find innovative ways to engage our students.
- **...and our students** who inspire us to work harder and dream bigger every year. Seeing your children discover, develop and achieve their academic potential brings us infinite joy.

Issaquah Parent to Emcee *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon

Get ready to be entertained at the Issaquah Schools Foundation's **17th Annual *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon** on **Thursday, May 14**, at the Issaquah Community Center. We're thrilled to announce our emcee, **Fred Granados**. Fred is not only an in-demand professional emcee; he's also a local parent whose kids attend Issaquah schools. **Emmy Award-winning news anchor Molly Shen** returns as emcee for the **2nd Annual *Nourish Every Mind* Breakfast** on **Wednesday, May 20**, at Eastridge Church. Both events will feature touching stories, memorable moments, socializing and networking time. Contact your PTSA/ISF Rep to save a seat at your school's table. Want to start your own table? Contact Jenell Tamaela, j.tamaela@isfdn.org.

You Shop, They Give, Students Win!

You can earn money for our students when you shop with Amazon and Fred Meyer.

- Use the Issaquah Schools Foundation website to **log onto amazon.com**. You'll earn 8% of your purchase for the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Visit isfdn.org for our Amazon link.
- Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Issaquah Schools Foundation at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Search for us by name or number, 91119.

Empty Closets = Full Tummies

Donate to Issaquah's new **Value Village** store **February 17-21**, and the **Issaquah Schools Foundation will receive a portion of your donation**. Proceeds will benefit the Foundation's **Basic Student Needs program**. Stop by 5530 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway with your donation, and thank Value Village for supporting our students.

Bring the Happiest 5K on the Planet to Town

The Issaquah Schools Foundation has the opportunity to bring the Color Run to town this August. This untimed, fun-centric race douses participants with colors at each kilometer and ends with a music and dance festival. **We think it would be a great way to kick-off the school year. If you agree, help us bring Color Run to town.** The Issaquah Schools Foundation must assure organizers that we can attract at least 2,000 to a Color Run. We need your help.

1. [Click Here](#) to go to the Color Run website.
2. Look for the 'JOIN VIP List' box on the right side of the page.
3. Add your name and email.
4. Select Issaquah as your first choice city.
5. Submit.

That's it. Color Run will tally the entries and let us know if we're approved for an event. Log on today. Our deadline is February 28. Thank you!



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