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KUDOS: *Issaquah High PTSA has the most interested and engaged membership around, hands down!* While other PTSAs work to find volunteers and persuade people to attend meetings, we have a full house every month, new ideas being generated regularly and new programs implemented year round.

OCTOBER RECAP: Thank you to the nearly 50 people who came to our October membership meeting. We had some thoughtful, productive discussions and approved three PTSA grants:

- (1) \$4,000 grant to hire an EA to keep the library open after school four days/week. Thanks to member Onti Rosen for her initiative and Principal Andrea McCormick for her quick implementation.
- (2) \$4,300 grant to purchase a new visitor tracking system for IHS. Thanks to Security Officer Neil Lasher for his diligent efforts to improve school safety and Ami Maron, our Safety Committee representative.
- (3) \$200 grant for a Counselor's upcoming "Community Parent Night." Thanks to Stacy Clawson, IHS On Time Graduation Specialist, for her work with parents and students.

GRANT COMMITTEE: Our new grant committee has been working hard to update the grant review process to make it more user-friendly, consistent and efficient. Look for the revised guidelines/application and encourage teachers and staff to keep those good ideas coming our way.

NEXT MEETING: Please join us this Friday, Nov. 14 in the IHS Office conference room at 9:00 am (social time), 9:30-11:30 am (meeting). Park in visitor/student (not staff) parking and check in with Patti at the front desk. See you Friday!

Your Co-Presidents, Cyn Baumert & Anne Watanabe

SHARE THIS GOOD NEWS:

IHS Library now open after school!

Thanks to PTSA, PTSA donors, and our indefatigable Onti Rosen and her focused committee, the school library is now staffed and open after school:

- Monday, Tuesday & Thursday hours are 7 am-3:45 pm
- Wednesday hours are 9:45 am-4:45 pm

Now, students waiting after school to meet with a teacher or practice with a sport's team can use that time to study and access the computers in the library.

UPCOMING PTSA EVENTS

Thursday, Nov 13
Reflections Reception
7-8:30 pm
IHS Commons

Friday, Nov 14
PTSA Monthly Meeting
9 am Social time
9:30-11:30 am Meeting
Conference Room,
IHS Office

Community Service Program

As the holidays approach, the need for volunteers in our community increases exponentially. Please encourage your student to help meet the need. Their skills, talents, and energy can help bring joy and relief to the needy of Issaquah and King County.

The IH PTSA Community Service Program aims to assist and reward all IHS student volunteers. The Community Service Honor Cord, available to graduating seniors who have fulfilled the required number of service hours, symbolizes their commitment to community. It is one of only three honor cords and stolls available to graduating seniors, and the only one that is independent of academic performance.

Find suggestions for current volunteer opportunities on these websites: [IH PTSA](#) and [IHS College and Career Center](#).

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

Angel Program Ready to Help

Our PTSA Angel Program helps IHS families in financial need in two special ways. It provides **emergency financial relief**. If things are tough at home and you are having trouble meeting everyday demands for groceries or other needs, contact Kim Michael, IHS Registrar, at michaelk@issaquah.wednet.edu or 425-837-6141 to ask about a gift card to Safeway, Target or Fred Meyer. You will need to print and fill out an [Issaquah School District Scholarship Eligibility Application](#) beforehand and turn in to Kim Michael. All matters are handled in the strictest confidentiality.

Our **Angel Closet** is a private area only for those who may need gently used clothing such as coats, jackets, shirts or fleeces. Look in the school eNews for the announcements on when it is open. All those in need are welcome.

The IH PTSA Angel Program is a unique program designed to be a support system for those in financial need at IHS. It is completely funded by the generous donations of parents.

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

Matthews Thriftway Shoppers

Earn money for IH PTSA every time you shop. Simply [register](#) with the My Matthews Rewards program and designate IH PTSA as your My

Mock Exam Opportunity

Mock SAT and ACT exams will be offered in January. The tests are administered by a KAPLAN Representative and are meant to approximate the real SAT and ACT exam experience - including the material covered, time constraints, and scoring. The cost is just \$25, and the mock exams are conducted at IHS.

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

An optional joint feedback session will be on Monday, Feb 9, 6-7 pm, in the IHS Library. Parents are encouraged to attend also.

Sign up online at the [PTSA website](#).
Contact: Mock Exams Chair [Karen Starceвич](#)

Great Value on SAT Prep Class

We have SAT prep classes for math and reading & writing right here at Issaquah High School. Winter SAT prep will most benefit juniors due to SAT test changes coming in 2015. All SAT prep classes are taught by IHS teachers.

Math:

- Classes are Mondays, Jan 26-Mar 9 (skipping Feb 16)
- 3-5 pm or 5:30-7:30 pm
- Cost is \$100

Reading & Writing:

- Classes are Thursdays, Jan 29-Mar 12 (skipping Feb 19)
- 2:45-4:45 pm or 5-7 pm
- Cost is \$100

Register now online at the [PTSA website](#).
Contact: SAT Prep Chair [Jeanne Simon](#)

Issaquah Special Olympics

The Issaquah Special Olympics Bowling team received many medals at the Regional bowling tournament. We are proud of our bowlers. Way to go Eagles!

Issaquah Special Olympics Basketball will start early December. Be on the look out for more details. Our popular team will be sporting new uniforms this year -- Thank you to the Issaquah

program and designate IH PTSA as your My Community Recipient.

Already registered? Follow the link to make sure IH PTSA is your My Community Recipient.

Contact: VP Ways & Means [Tricia Jerue](#)

Thank you to the Issaquah High Athletic Department!

Contact: [Sandi Lum](#), Issaquah Special Olympics parent representative

Reflections Artwork on Display

Thank you to all the students who participated in the Reflections Art Program! The visual arts and photography entries are displayed just outside of the IHS Library. If you happen to be at school volunteering or for a function, on your way out stop by the Reflections display, enjoy the art and vote for your favorite piece. There will be a Reflections reception for participants and their families on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014 from 7-8:30 pm in the school Commons. Come enjoy light refreshments and the company of other student artists.



Contact: Reflections Co-Chairs: [Sandi Lum](#) & [Becky Gordon](#)

Inviting All Seniors to the Senior All-Night Celebration

What is Senior Celebration? This annual graduation night event is brought to you by IH PTSA. Graduates will be celebrating all night in a chaperoned, safe, drug and alcohol-free environment. It is a final opportunity for the Class of 2015 to celebrate together. Past graduating classes remember this celebration as a highlight of their senior year.

How much does it cost? The cost is \$168 for this all-inclusive night: transportation to at least two fun-filled, activity-packed SECRET venues, entertainment, dinner, breakfast and FUN, FUN, FUN all night long!

Two payment options are available: 1) Pay \$168 in full now; or 2) Pay \$84 now, with the remainder due March 2, 2015. *Full and partial scholarships are available. All information will be kept confidential. If you or someone you know is unable to afford this event, please contact Angel Program co-chair [Laurie Foreman](#).*

Register Now! Space is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Early registration is highly recommended!

Questions? Contact Senior Celebration Co-chairs [Maureen Walsh](#) or [Tabitha Mays](#)

[Register Here](#)

Messages from Our Community

"Living a Glee-Ful Life: Possibilities and Potential for families and young people growing up with special needs"

Saturday, November 15 at Bellevue College. Tickets \$15. Doors open at 2 pm.

Event sponsored by ParentMap

Actress Lauren Potter from the popular TV show "Glee" will be the keynote speaker, and Liberty HS graduate Steven Ferreira will also give a presentation at this event. For more information, visit the Issaquah PTSA Council special needs [webpage](#).

Issaquah Special Needs Group - Open House!

November 17, 2014 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the KCLS Service Center (960 Newport Way NW)

Come join us for a fun and educational evening. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents whose children receive special education services. We will have resources, refreshments and plenty of time to connect with other parents. Find more information [here](#).



All in for Kids Marathon Nearing Completion

Parents and community members have gone *All in for Kids* in record numbers this year. From August through October, more than 2,000 families contributed a whopping \$411,000. Kudos to our donors and hardworking All in for Kids committee. You make it possible for our kids to receive the BEST education instead of the BASIC education funded by the state.

All in for Kids continues through the end of the year. If you haven't yet made your donation, please consider doing so today at www.isfdn.org. Your gift in any amount will help fund programs that benefit every student, at every school. After you've given be sure to look for your name on the ['In Crowd'](#) donor list. Thank you!

Holiday Shopping Bazaar/Issaquah Schools Foundation Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE to SHOP and support the Issaquah Schools Foundation!!! **Thursday, November 13 from 9-1 pm at Blakely Hall in the Issaquah Highlands (2550 NE Park, Issaquah)**, join a group of local Eastside "mompreneurs" who have partnered together to create a Spectacular Holiday Shopping Bazaar. There will be local vendors selling unique, luxurious and affordable gifts for you and everyone on your gift list this holiday season! Treat yourself to personalized stationery and gifts, jewelry, cosmetics, men's and women's clothing, home accessories, handmade chocolates, skin care products and much much more! **A portion of all sales will be donated to Issaquah Schools Foundation...**more reason to shop as your money will be benefiting our schools! Hope to see you there!

Grants Gone Live!

Online applications for **Academic Enrichment Grants** go live on **Monday, November 10**. Teachers, staff and **parents may apply** for projects that reflect creativity and innovation in education and/or support school needs not currently covered by building or district budgets. **If you have a great idea, talk to your teacher and/or principal.** You can learn more about the grant process [here](#).

What Have We Done for You Lately?

Have questions about the Foundation and how those *All in for Kids* Annual Fund donations are helping your school? Check out the list on our [programs page](#).

You Did It!

Second grade teachers at Maple Hills elementary received an Academic Enrichment Grant to purchase materials that would help their students learn to love math. Judging by the student thank you letter below, their plan worked.



"Thank you for the math books! They helped me learn. Give Me Half helped me learn about fractions. More Carrots helped me learn to sort. Thank you!"

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