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Upcoming Meeting Date

Please join us for our monthly board and general meetings on April 20th.

We'll start at 9:00 with coffee and treats, and then begin the meeting at 9:30 sharp. As always, ASB Advisor and Teacher Representative Tim Baynes and Principal Paula Phelps will be there to answer your questions. We will also be electing officers for 2012-13 and reviewing funding requests.

Community Celebration

Please come commemorate the school that we built together during the Issaquah High Community Celebration at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3. For more than a century, our school has been at the heart of Issaquah's history and culture, and—thanks to the support of residents through the 2006 bond—Issaquah High is ready to continue that strong tradition in a new, state-of-the art building. While the first phase of the construction opened to students in fall 2010, this spring marks the completion of the entire project. The staff and students are proud and excited to say thank you. There will be a slide show of the construction, tours of the building, student music and art showcases, and refreshments provided by PTSA.

Bond Information

REMINDER: YOUR BALLOT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND IS IN THE MAIL! PLEASE VOTE YES FOR THE BOND AND MAIL IT BACK IN! THANKS!

If you would like more information about the bond, [click here](#).

Senior Celebration

Scholarships still available: Don't let a lack of funds prevent your senior from attending senior celebration. We are still able to offer scholarships to those in need because of the generosity of IHS parents and local businesses like Fischer Meats and Darigold. Email for more information.

Permission Forms: Parents please make sure you have sent in a permission form. Your student must have a form on file before they will be allowed to sign up for a bus. If you have not done so already, please download and mail in a permission form.

Allergies: If your student has any type of allergy we should be aware of, please email.

Senior Baccalaureate

Auditions for Baccalaureate are right around the corner. Does your senior have a favorite song, written word, poem, dance or other artistic expression that has held special meaning for them throughout their high school years? Encourage them to share their inspiration with fellow seniors, family and friends at the 2012 Baccalaureate celebration on June 9th. **Auditions will be held April 24th and May 10th at 2:30 pm in room 2413 – Mrs. Irish's room.** We look forward to the seniors' performances and sharing this meaningful celebration with all of you. Individual and group performances are welcome. Groups must have at least one senior.

Senior Scholarships

Graduating seniors: PTSA Senior Scholarship applications are now available;

select either the college or university scholarship application or the vocational, career or technical school scholarship application. If you're planning to continue your education upon graduation you may be eligible to receive one of six \$500 scholarships from PTSA. Deadline for completed applications is **April 20, 2012**. A few hard copies are also available in the IHS Career Counselor's Office. For questions, please contact the PTSA Scholarship Chair Cyn Baumert.

Staff Appreciation Week...Coming Soon

Staff Appreciation Week will be held from May 7th through May 11th. We are in the midst of planning three amazing events for the week including a cupcake day on Monday May 7, a staff breakfast on Wednesday May 9, and an Italian luncheon on Friday May 11. If you would like to help and haven't already signed up and received an email from us, please contact the committee. We will be circulating food signup sheets for each of these events in mid-April. The IHS teachers and staff work so hard on behalf of our students all year long, help us show our appreciation by making these events really special.

Issaquah Middle School Panther Passage

Panther Passage Validators Needed, April 17 – 27, 2012.

Volunteers are still needed to listen to 8th grade presentations and give positive written feedback. Validators must be over 21 years old to volunteer. Please consider signing up for a shift or two and meet some of our delightful IMS 8th graders. We're using VolunteerSpot to help us organize our upcoming activity. Please click here to learn more and sign up to help. Thanks for making a difference! If you have any questions, contact Elaine Sakamoto, ehsieh1@aol.com.

Special Olympics

Track and field season has started! This year our team consists of students from IHS, LHS, and ACT (transition program). Meet schedule: King County Regional meet- April 22 (Sunday); Tahoma Invitational meet- May 5th (Saturday); Kiwanis Invitational meet- May 19; and State meet is June 1- June 3. Meets are all day events. For more information, please contact Sandi Lum, IH PTSA Special Services Liaison.

Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)

Got Lunch?

Want to enjoy the most energizing, informative and inspiring lunch of the year? Join us at the Issaquah Schools Foundation's **14th Annual Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon, Thursday, May 10** from 11 am – 1 pm at the Issaquah Community Center. **Nourish Every Mind** is THE place to learn

more about what the Foundation does for your child, how it impacts our schools and what you, as a parent, can do to make sure the Foundation can continue to improve education for every student. **There are no tickets to buy in advance.** Just contact Blair Baumer, your ISF Rep, to reserve a seat at IHS's table. You can do even more by forming a table of your own. Contact Cathia Geller. She'll give you all the details. See you in May!

Something to Talk About

You'll have much to discuss after viewing **American Teacher**, the second entry in the ISF/ISD/IEA/PTSA sponsored **Community Conversations** film series. Narrated by Matt Damon, the acclaimed documentary reveals the joys and frustrations of today's teachers and asks viewers to consider the current state of the teaching profession ... do we value our teachers? ... are they equipped to prepare our children for the future? The screening will be followed by a panel discussion featuring current and former teachers. Don't miss your chance to join the conversation at the **FREE** screening of **American Teacher, Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 6:30 pm** at Issaquah High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Award Winning Teachers

Winners of Classroom Enrichment Grant awards were surprised in their classrooms by Foundation volunteers bearing balloons and banners on Thursday, March 1st. The Foundation awarded 10 grants to teachers across the District for projects of \$1,000 or less that enhance the learning environment in our classrooms, libraries and schools. Congratulations to our winners for going above and beyond to make our students' education the best it can be. Click here for a complete list of grants. Check out the Issaquah Reporter article about the grants here.

Like Shopping?

You'll love My Community Place, our newest business partner. You'll find a wide variety of stores and services---everything from Barnes & Noble and the Microsoft store to Legos and Lowes. Up to 10% of your purchase price will be donated to the Foundation. It's an easy way to combine shopping and philanthropy. Click Here to learn more about MyCommunity Place and to view offers from other Foundation business partners. Click the badge on the left side of the screen to enter the site and shop at one or more of the participating merchants.

[New online newsletter from OSPI](#)

Washington State's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) this week announced the debut of an online newsletter called "TEACH."

According to OSPI, the newsletter will highlight opportunities for educators and schools, events and trainings, teaching and learning resources, and

features on implementing the Common Core State Standards in Washington classrooms. Even though its focus is on teachers, a review of the first edition indicates that this will also be a valuable resource for parents as well, especially those who want to learn about resources that may be available to their children's school or school district. For example, the inaugural issue highlights the release of a recently created online resource on dyslexia, with information that is useful to both teachers and parents. You can review the initial issue of the newsletter [here](#), and subscribe to receive it regularly [here](#).

Dates of Interest

April 3	IHS Community Celebration, 6:00 pm
April 5	<i>American Teacher</i> -Performing Arts Center 6:00 pm
April 9-13	No school--spring break
April 18	Sophomore Parent Night - Performing Arts Center 7:00-9:00 pm
April 20	IH PTSA Meeting--IHS Main Office
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
9:30 am	Meeting Begins