

# Issaquah High PTSA e-news

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### **Co-Presidents' Letter**

As we come to the close of our second and final year as Co-Presidents, we would like to give heartfelt thanks to all our amazing PTSA members for their involvement and support! There have been so many wonderful highlights, but here are just a few:

- Our membership numbers are higher than ever before. We are up 28% from last year, earning us the only Washington State PTA Platinum Level membership award given in the Issaquah School District.
- Our donations came in 50% higher than projected, the most raised, ever. That allowed us to triple our special funding request line item, giving us the ability to fund more, and larger teacher grants.
- Our volunteers put in THOUSANDS of hours, not only for PTSA programs, but around the school. Beyond simply lending a hand, your volunteerism often helped save the school the cost of hiring subs for

programs like Picture Day and AP Testing.

- We introduced a number of new and exciting programs with the goal of bringing our growing community together, such as New to Issaquah High Night and the incredible i-Fashion Show.

Our PTSA is the envy of many in the district and the region, and it's all because of you. Again, we thank you for your support and wish incoming President Blair Baumer and her new board and committee chairs all the best!

### Upcoming Meeting Date

Please join us for our monthly board and general meetings on June 8th. We'll start at 9:30 with coffee and treats, and then begin the meeting at **10:00** (new time!) sharp. As always, ASB Advisor and Teacher Representative Tim Baynes and Principal Paula Phelps will be there to answer your questions. Our annual luncheon will follow the meeting at 11:30 am.

### SAT and ACT Preparation

As the end of the school year approaches, you might be thinking about the college admission tests (SAT & ACT) that your student may be taking next year. Did you know that the PTSA offers convenient, reasonably priced, options to help your student prepare for these important exams? A **Mock** (practice) **SAT** exam is offered in September, with another in February. A **Mock** (practice) **ACT** is offered at the end of January. Mock exams are a nice opportunity to practice and get score results without it counting. The test score will be between you and your student. Note: don't confuse these Mock exams with the PSAT that many sophomores and juniors will take at IHS in October.

Additionally, the PTSA offers 6-weeks-long classes, taught by Issaquah High School teachers, to prepare for the SAT. The **SAT prep classes** are offered twice next year (fall and winter), with both afternoon and evening classes to choose from. Exact dates and Registration for the Mock exams and SAT Preparation classes will be available online beginning in August.

### Senior Celebration

Congratulations Class of 2012-- more than 260 of you will be attending Senior Celebration-- a new IHS record! Please be at the IHS commons at 10pm sharp on June 11 ready to have a blast! Be on time-- latecomers will be left behind. Pick-up time is 6am Tuesday morning. Come wearing comfortable clothes (sneakers and socks are recommended) and remember to leave **all** possessions at home. Please notify us if medication will be required.

A huge thank you to the very generous parents and local businesses like Darigold, Fischer Meats and Christian Manley Orthodontics who made it possible to award 15 scholarships this year! Thanks also to the parents and businesses like Costco, Jamba Juice, Extreme Pizza, Panera Bread, QFC, Swerve Driving School, Sylvan Learning, Spirit Gear Northwest, and Stone Field Northwest who have also supported senior events with prizes and contributions!

### **Special Olympics**

IH Special Olympics track and field team will be heading to state finals June 2-3, 2012 at Fort Lewis! Our team just got a new team banner for the occasion! Go Eagles! For more information, please contact Sandi Lum, IH PTSA Special Services Liaison and IH Special Olympics parent rep.

### **Tools for Schools**

Once again, the Kiwanis and the Issaquah Food Bank are joining forces to provide school supplies and backpacks for families in need. Last year these organizations helped over 500 Issaquah students. The district has indicated that number may more than double this fall if all eligible families participate. The IEA (Teachers Union) and ISF (Issaquah Schools Foundation) and Issaquah community members are all pitching in to help meet this need. Please consider supporting the gift card drive which will run through June 8th. The Kiwanis are looking for gift cards to use to purchase school supplies when they go on sale in July and August. Backpacks will then be filled with the appropriate supplies and given to the Issaquah Food Bank for distribution to families within our district. All schools benefit from this wonderful program! Gift cards from Office Depot would be most appreciated since the Kiwanis have been able to negotiate a special deal with them, however cards to Fred Meyer, Staples or Target will also be gratefully accepted. Please drop off gift cards in any denomination in the collection box labeled "Tools for Schools" in the main office, or bring them along to the June 8<sup>th</sup> PTSA meeting. For more information, contact Suzie Kuflik [suzie@risingstarphotos.com](mailto:suzie@risingstarphotos.com).

### **2013 Auction and Fashion Show**

After much deliberation and scheduling analysis, next year's Second Annual Auction and Fashion Show Event will be held March 8, 2013. We look forward to another fabulous evening and seeing many more new faces! There are tons of ways to help out for this exciting event, so keep your eyes peeled for the PTSA volunteer signup in the IHS registration packet this summer, and we'll see you on the Runway!

## **Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF)**

### **WOW!**

That's our reaction to the success of the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon**. On May 10, 1,000 guests filled every square inch of the Issaquah Community Center and raised a whopping \$650,000 in support of our students and schools. This generosity will allow the Foundation to contribute to the District's new Elementary Literacy Adoption, fully fund our roster of current programs and expand our reach to explore new initiatives—including basic student needs and a pre-K summer school pilot to increased STEM support for high schools. THANK YOU to our Table Captains, sponsors—especially Swedish and Microsoft—guests, speakers and volunteers for making **Nourish Every Mind** a success.

Take a look at the videos shown at the Luncheon.

[ipads](#) for Special Needs

Financial Literacy Curriculum

Elementary Science in Action

### **You Gave BIG**

*Thanks to the donors who participated in the Seattle Foundation's GiveBIG Campaign on May 2. \$6,575 was contributed during the 24 hour fundraiser. This amount is eligible for matching funds from GiveBIG sponsors so our final check may be even BIGGER. Like Us on [Facebook](#) for updates.*

### **This Year, Donor Dollars ...**

- *Increased by 7% the number of WA students taking the AP Computer Science tests through support of the TEALS (Technology Education and Learning in Schools) program.*
- *Brought cutting edge, hands-on, standards-aligned science instruction to 8,000 elementary students.*
- *Provided safe, supervised locations for nearly 3,000 middle school students to study and receive assistance from classroom teachers at After-School Homework Labs.*
- *Ensured no high school student (including Tiger Mountain and Echo Glen) missed the opportunity to take the PSAT.*
- *Enabled 210 mentors to help 300 elementary, middle and high school students improve academic achievement, reengage with their school communities and improve their self-esteem.*
- *Taught 3,000 middle school students that 'money doesn't grow on trees' with the Financial Literacy Curriculum*
- *Enhanced the District's special needs and highly capable programs.*

**THANK YOU** for all you've done. We are proud to live in a community that cares so deeply about education. Have a terrific summer.

***Planning to Shop this Summer?*** Add this link-- **Shop Amazon for ISF** to your bookmarks. Each time you use it to log onto the Amazon site the Foundation will receive a donation of up to 8% of your purchase.

### **Dates of Interest**

June 8	PTSA Meeting
9:30 am	Coffee and Conversation
10:00 am	Meeting Begins
11:30 am	Luncheon
June 9	Senior Baccalaureate—Eastridge Church
June 11	Graduation—Safeco Field
June 19	Last Day
August 29	New to IHS Night
September 4	First Day