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**MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS.** We were thrilled to have so many people (including new parents) at our meeting last month which began with our Golden Acorn celebration (see below). Kudos to the hard working Awards Committee of Marni Kilzi & Becky Gordon, and to Stacy Heller & her hospitality team for the amazing treats to help us celebrate!

Committee chairs reported on Fashion Show, Baccalaureate, Senior Celebration, Staff Appreciation, Community Service Program and Angel Program. Our guest speaker was Tori McBride, the IHS onsite mental health counselor, who offered an overview of her services, how students

access those services and how she works with staff, teachers and outside providers. We are extremely fortunate to have her at Issaquah High!

As usual, updates from Principal Andrea McCormick and School Resource Officer Karin Weihe were topical, enlightening and much appreciated!

**APRIL MEETING.** We hope to see you this Friday in the IHS office conference room. Carpool if you can, as parking may be tight.

**Friday, April 17**  
**9:00 am (social time)**  
**9:30-11:30 am (meeting)**

Come to meet and vote on our proposed 2015-16 officers:

*President:* Becky Gordon & Bertina Loeffler Sedlack  
*Secretary:* Liz Herbst  
*Treasurer:* Diane Burdette  
*VP Hospitality:* Stacy Heller & Sandi Lum  
*VP Communications:* Tami Curtis & Valerie Yanni  
*VP Events:* Stephanie Morton & Ginger Wilfong  
*VP Programs:* Onti Rosen & Anne Watanabe

## IH PTSA Congratulates Our 2014-15 Awards Recipients:

**Golden Acorn:**  
Anne Watanabe, Sandi Lum

**Outstanding Advocate:**  
Alison Meryweather, Julie Siefkes





*(Julie, Sandi, Alison, Anne, & Betsy)*

**We're also proud of two members recognized by the Issaquah PTSA Council:**

Dianne Buggé, Outstanding Advocate  
Betsy Gordon, Golden Acorn

**Thank you for your dedicated service to our school and community!**

## Family Fun Night - Come to the IHS Auction & Fashion Show!

*Friday, April 24, IHS Theatre - Evening begins at 6:30 pm*

[Buy](#) your tickets today for the Issaquah High School Auction & Fashion Show!

- **Bid** on exciting auction items
- **Support** ASB activities and [Northwest Behavioral Associates](#), a local nonprofit that provides therapy and education to children with autism and their families
- **Be delighted** at the fun and fashion in this year's IFashion Show
- **Order** your tickets [online](#) today!
- **Give credit** for your ticket purchase to your favorite Issaquah High model before April 21, and they can have a chance to win Top Model!

To get the latest details, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and Instagram ---- #IssyFashion

Contact: IFashion 2015 Chairs [Stephanie Morton](#) or [Lisa Clawson](#)



**Get Your IFashion Tickets Here!**

### Baccalaureate Assistant & Prospective Chair Opportunity

Ami Maron, our Chair for this year's Baccalaureate, is looking for a special someone to help with this year's event. This year you would be involved in and learn about all of the components of this wonderful event, and next year you would be prepared to step in as the chair or co-chair. Interested? Contact [Ami Maron](#)

### Prom Dress Donations Welcome

The Angel Closet would love to repurpose your student's gently used prom dress. If you would like to donate a dress that is no longer needed but still in great shape, please bring it to the front desk at school. You'll make someone looking for a special dress for prom very happy!

## CLASS OF 2015

**Apply for an IH PTSA Scholarship** (Deadline: Thursday, April 16)

Any senior planning to continue his or her education after graduation is eligible to apply to receive one of six \$500 scholarships from the Issaquah High PTSA. Get your application form on the PTSA [website](#) and be sure it's received by April 16. Contact: [Kristen Allen-Bentsen](#)

### **Be Recognized with an Honor Cord at Graduation** (Deadline: Friday, May 1)

Encourage your senior to complete their 50 service hours and submit their Hours Log so they can be recognized at Senior Commencement with an Honor Cord. This is a terrific opportunity for your student to build community, enhance their college application, and meet the service requirement for many college scholarships. Logs can be turned in at the IHS Front Office or emailed to [issyhighcommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:issyhighcommunityservice@gmail.com). Find the program details [here](#). Contact: [Bertina Loeffler Sedlack](#)

### **Audition & Send Your Picture to Baccalaureate**

*Auditions - April 15 & 20, May 18 & 20*

*Event - Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish in Sammamish*

You've saved the date for this special event; now, how about your seniors? Any talents they want to share with their classmates one last time before Graduation? Baccalaureate is the place to do it! Do they play an instrument, sing or dance? If not, how about a reading that means something to them...Shel Silverstein, Dr. Suess? Last year the big hit was two students performing with Chinese yoyos!! Auditions are coming up - April 15 & 20, and May 18 & 20. Sign up forms and audition time slots are available on the table in the front of the Main Office.

A highlight of the evening is the Class of 2015 slideshow. Please remind your senior to email [darryndieken\\_ms@msn.com](mailto:darryndieken_ms@msn.com) their name, post-graduation plans, and a high quality picture as a .jpeg attachment.

### **Sign Up for the Senior All-Night Celebration** (Friday, June 12 - Saturday, June 13)

**A once in a lifetime event!**

Secret venues, delicious food, amazing entertainment and surprise after surprise...

If your senior is not in...GET THEM IN. Print and complete the forms from the PTSA [website](#), then bring them to a PTSA representative in the Commons during lunch on a Wednesday. Completed forms will be entered into a raffle drawing for great prizes! For scholarship assistance, please contact [Laurie Foreman](#).

**Senior Celebration - Sign up here!**

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## **Messages from Our Community**

### **Issaquah Special Needs Group: Water Safety & Summer Activities Resources Presentation**

*Tuesday, April 14, 7-8:30 pm, Issaquah Middle School library  
Free event; Everyone is welcome*

Please join us for a special presentation by Harriet Ott, certified aquatic therapist (ATRIC), focusing on teaching children with special needs how to be safe around water. Her presentation will provide parents with the information they need to instill in their child a strong respect for water safety while learning the skills they need to enjoy water based recreational activities.

We will also have flyers, brochures, and handouts for summer camps and special events so you can begin to make plans for a fun and safe summer. Learn more [here](#).

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## **School-Based Mental Health Community Forum**

*Tuesday, April 21, 6-8:00 pm, Swedish Issaquah (751 NE Blakely Drive, Second Floor Conference Center)*

The Issaquah School District has partnered with Swedish Medical Center to provide mental health services for their high school students at Issaquah, Skyline and Liberty, offering confidential counseling for many topics including depression and anxiety, worry, and relationship concerns. The mental health counselors are licensed social workers and employees of Swedish Medical Center and funded by the Issaquah School District.

Please attend this community forum to meet hospital and school leaders, learn more about this program, hear about successes from the current school year, and have an opportunity to ask questions. All community members and families are invited to attend, especially those with 8th graders.

More information and an online form to RSVP are available [here](#).



#### **Your Place at the Table**

Have you reserved your seat for **Nourish Every Mind?** The Issaquah Schools Foundation's signature event is your opportunity to meet, mingle and learn how much our students benefit from your support. Join us for the **17th Annual Nourish**

**Every Mind Luncheon** on May 14 at the Issaquah Community Center or the **2nd Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast** on May 20 at Eastridge Church. For more information, contact your PTSA's Schools Foundation representative or Carolyn Kennedy at [carolynk2@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynk2@hotmail.com).

#### **Bringing Big Ideas to Life**

Our Balloon Brigade was back on the town on March 27 to surprise the winners of our **Kateri Brow Big Idea/Biggest Need Grants**. Twelve teachers received Kateri Brow grants ranging in amount from \$1,500 to \$9,800 to fund innovative programs for students throughout the district. Learn about this year's awards at [isfdn.org/grants/kateri-brow-2015](http://isfdn.org/grants/kateri-brow-2015).



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