



PRESIDENT'S BLOG

AUGUST 2020

Hello from your new IH PTSA Co-Presidents!

With last week's decision that Issaquah School District will begin the 2020-21 school year remotely, we would like to take this opportunity to share important links and information to help you navigate the return to school.

Important Links:

- **[Issaquah School District plan for reopening schools](#)**
- **[Superintendent Ron Thiele's statement on remote start](#)**
- **[King County Department of Health guidance](#)**
- **[Washington State OSPI guidelines on reopening schools](#)**
- **[Issaquah High School website](#)**
- **[IH PTSA website and calendar](#)**

IH PTSA has been a wealth of information for our families at Issaquah High. This year we are planning on having our fall events online including New to Issaquah High Night, PTSA meetings, College/Career resources, ParentWiser speakers and more. We will continue to work closely with our teachers providing staff appreciation as well as giving each teacher \$100 from the PTSA for class material reimbursement. We also award \$10,000 in academic grants each year.

IH PTSA's Angel Closet supporting students in financial need will be in operation throughout the school year with help from our school staff if needed since volunteers will not be allowed inside the school until further notice. We will celebrate our graduating seniors through our Senior Farewell, yard signs and other Phase appropriate activities. IH PTSA is excited to be able to award over \$3000 in scholarship opportunities to seniors for furthering their education. All students can still work toward completing 100 community service hours to earn a PTSA-sponsored certificate and honor cord at graduation.

This school year will be a challenge for students, teachers and parents alike. With all of us working together as a community, we will get through 2020. Thanks to your responses on our July survey we will be able to better tailor our programs to meet the needs and desires of our IHS families. Have an idea for a community-building virtual experience? Send us an email at issaquahhighptsa@gmail.com

**Best Regards,
Birgit Aarrestad
Kim Wilkinson**

Are you PTSA-ing? Follow us, join us, share your ideas with us. We cannot improve PTSA and do as much as we do without you. Be sure to join PTSA during the August Enrollment Verification Process.

Thank you!

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