

# Issaquah High PTSA

Spring 2021

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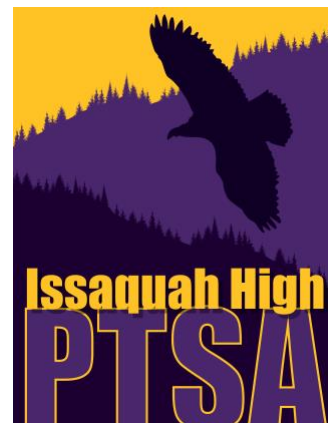
Welcome to our final blog of the 2020-21 school year and what a year it's been. Never would we have imagined that remote learning would be so long or so hard, but we all have survived and are excited to start planning for next year. Thank you to all the amazing IHS teachers, students, parents, volunteers, and supporters who have helped throughout the pandemic.

Even with all the craziness of this past year, your PTSA accomplished many things – some remotely and some in-person.

We'd like to highlight a few things we are most proud of and take a look ahead to the 2021-22 school year. Have a great and well-deserved summer break!

Best Regards, *Birgit Aarrestad & Kim Wilkinson, IH PTSA Co-Presidents*

- **GRANTS** – IH PTSA fulfilled grants this year for both teachers and students including a new art exhibit/gallery, headphones/microphones/walkie-talkies, magazines for our French classes, paper shredder for our LRC2 students and banners for the College & Career Center.
- **STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK/OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR** – All of our teachers were so deserving this year. The PTSA celebrated them with mugs filled with treats, lunch from Chipotle and decorations. Three teachers were awarded our top honor- Outstanding Educator – Congrats to Hiroki Danshita, Rachel Heilman and Joseph Nguyen. A huge thank you to ALL Issaquah High staff from your PTSA.



## Upcoming Events

### August 30

New to IHS Night

4:00-8:00 PM sessions, RSVP link coming later in summer

### September 17

First IH PTSA General Membership Meeting 21-22

### October 20

Ask an Academic Advisor Night, 6:00PM



- **GOLDEN ACORN/OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE WINNERS** - PTSA also celebrated our own PTSA volunteers and awarded our top honors of “Golden Acorn” to Nicole Garcia and “Outstanding Advocate” to Wendy Marucke. Congrats!
- **MOCK TESTS** – Did you know that the PTSA works with a local company to offer mock ACT and SAT tests throughout the year? Not only does this help our students prepare for their college entrance exams, but also it has been a great fundraiser for our PTSA.
- **COLLEGE WORKSHOPS & SCHOLARSHIPS** – PTSA hosted numerous Zoom workshops throughout the year for our students who are planning on continuing their education beyond Issaquah High. Thank you to Coordinator Tracie Kinsley! Many webinars are still available [to view](#).
- **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS**- We were excited to award 7 scholarships to well-deserving seniors. Congrats Abi Chinn, Erin Freese, Clara Halling, Julia Kwon, Amira Narvaez, Emily Robinson & Sasha Shunko
- **SENIOR PARTY IN THE PARK** – With no senior All Night Party this year due to Covid regulations, the PTSA came up with another way to celebrate our amazing seniors and send them off with one last party. Our seniors will end their 4 years at Issaquah with a fun filled Sunday afternoon with music, food, and games. Congrats Class of 2021!
- **TEACHER/STUDENT/STAFF SPOTLIGHTS** – Do you follow us on social media? We have a Twitter account as well as Facebook and Instagram. Get to know your fellow teachers/students/staff at Issaquah High by reading our weekly spotlights. If you missed any of our teacher spotlights, look them up anytime on our [website](#).
- **ASK AN ACADEMIC ADVISOR NIGHT** was an opportunity for those new to the American High School system to ask questions directly to IHS Counselors. The presentation is [available to view](#) on the PTSA website. Next year's event will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.
- **PARENTWISER** Speakers were amazing this year! Take some time to catch up on [parent education speakers](#) you may have missed by viewing recordings this summer.

### THANK YOU PTSA VOLUNTEERS!



## Upcoming in 2021-22

IH PTSA is starting to plan for the 2021-22 school year. Our New to IHS Night at Issaquah High is scheduled for the evening of August 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be giving tours to new families and clubs and organizations will be there to answer questions. Issaquah High's new principal will be there too to welcome our new students & families.

Additionally, for new families or individuals who feel like they want to connect with more families, the PTSA has a group called [New Family Ambassadors](#). They offer numerous ways to connect with people -you can work one on one with an "ambassador" where you'll be introduced to an individual for the year who can answer all your questions and/or you can come to our social events. All are welcome!

Now's not too early for your students to start working on a [Reflections](#) entry. Next year's theme is "I will change the world by...".

In addition, your student can volunteer over the summer and earn volunteer hours toward an optional senior graduation [Community Service](#) cord. One hundred volunteer hours earns your child a cord for graduation as well as a certificate. Their hours do not need to be from an organized event. Do you know an elderly neighbor who might need yard work or grocery shopping? A student just needs to log their volunteer hours (all must be none paid) and have a parent or supervisor sign off on those hours. It's never too early to learn to give back!

Issaquah High PTSA is currently still looking for some committee leaders and volunteers for next year. If you want to join a great group of parents to help make Issaquah High a better place for our students, drop us a note. You can volunteer for only a few hours per year or as many hours as you would want. New people and fresh ideas are always welcome. [ihptsapresidents@gmail.com](mailto:ihptsapresidents@gmail.com)

**Thank you for supporting your student, teachers and PTSA this year. We hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer break. Be sure to join IH PTSA during Back-to-School Enrollment Verification to support your IHS community in 2021-22.**

