

# Welcome to November's PTSA General Membership Meeting (GMM)

Nov. 17, 2023

Please type name in chat for attendance

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# President

Wendy Maruchek

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## Oversees:

- General Membership Meetings
- Board of Directors/Board Meetings
- New to IHS Night
- Curriculum Night
- Monthly Meetings with Principal

The screenshot shows the Issaquah High PTSA website. The left sidebar contains the following menu items: Home, Membership, PTSA Info (highlighted with a blue arrow), Programs & Events, College & Career, Volunteer, and Senior Events. The main content area features a header with the PTSA logo and contact information. Below the header is a calendar for the month of September. The calendar shows the following events:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10
		Staff Appreciation Monthly Breakfast 10:30a IH PTSA Monthly BOD Meeting	6:00p ISD School Board Meeting 6:00p Curriculum Night	10:30a New Family Connections Coffee	
12	13	14	15	16	17
	6:30p Booster Club Membership meeting			9:30a IH PTSA Membership Meeting	8:45a College Prep: ACT Practice Testing

Below the calendar is an "Announcements" section with the following text:

**New Family Connections: Issaquah Gilman Starbucks**  
Join us for coffee at the Issaquah Gilman Starbucks on Friday, Sept. 9, 10:30 am to 12 noon. This is especially for those new to the school or new to the area. Oldtimers will be available to answer questions. Drop in anytime and build some connections! Sponsored by PTSA's [New Family Connections](#).

**2022-23 ACT / SAT Practice FALL Exam Dates Available for Registration:**  
ACT: Sat, Sept 17, 2022; SAT: Sat, Sept 24, 2022.

# Agenda and Meeting Documents

Available at [www.issaquahhighptsa.org](http://www.issaquahhighptsa.org)

-Go to **PTSA Info** (left sidebar menu)

-Select **Meetings and Records**

-Must be a PTSA member to view documents

Not a member? Join at [www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaJoin](http://www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaJoin)





# Agenda

## •Consent Agenda

- Oct. GMM Minutes
- Oct. Financial Reports

## •Business:

- Grants
- Guest Speaker
  - Principal Erin Connolly
- President's Thank Yous
- Committee Updates & Announcements



Linda Stone - Secretary  
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# Secretary's Report

[Consent Agenda:](#)

Oct. Minutes

Oversees Awards Chair :  
Shamitha Sridharan



# Treasurer's Report

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[Consent Agenda:](#)

Oct. Financial Reports

Erin Eaton - Treasurer   Pauline Tamblyn - Asst Treasurer  
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# WSPTA Legislative Assembly Update

## Top 5 Legislative Priorities for 2023-2024

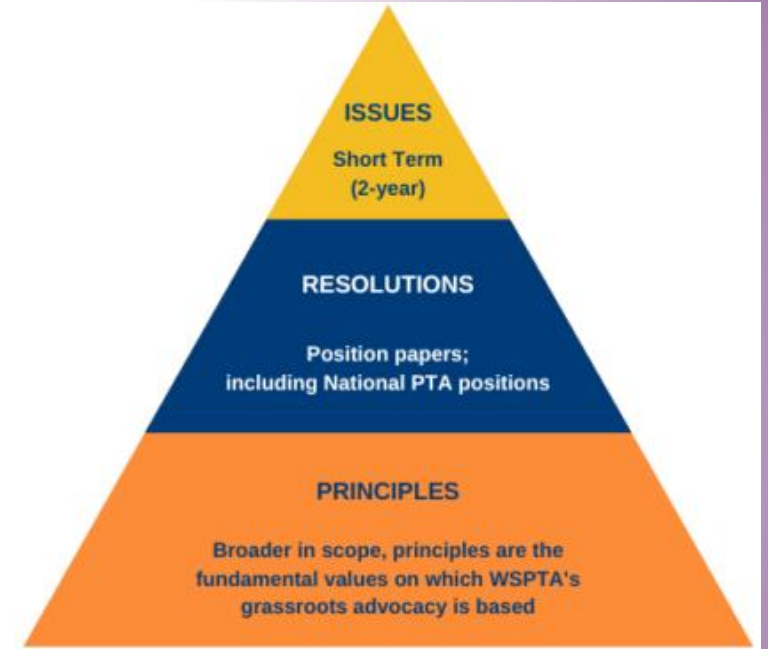
Addressing the Student Mental Health Crisis

Addressing Critical Gaps in Education Funding

Preventing and Reducing Gun Violence and Suicide

Addressing Funding, Inclusion, and Supports in Special Education

Building and Maintaining Safer School Facilities



<https://www.wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/>

Subscribe WSPTA's [Action Network Group](#) to receive legislative action alerts.

***Focus on Advocacy Day:*** Jan. 15, 2024 @ 9 am - 2:30 pm (in Olympia)

Julie Carr rjdcarr@aol.com

# IH PTSA Grant Requests

## November 2023

### Overview

- Presenting three (3) grants for membership vote
- Annual budget \$10,000

### Committee Members

Tracy Drake  
Wendy Maruchek

Pavan Kanaparthu  
Cristine Varzali

### Grant Criteria

- Expands educational opportunities and enhances the learning and social environment at IHS through programs, volunteers, advocacy, and financial support
- Fosters student learning
- Provides long-term impact
- Strengthens our school community
- Reaches a large number of students and/or targets an underserved population
- PTSA is the most appropriate funding source
- Requestor/department received PTSA grant recently (priority is given to new applicants)



## Grant Requests

Grant No.	Grant Name	Description	Submitted By	Amount
1	Outdoors for All Event	<p>Outdoors for All is a nonprofit organization that works to enrich the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through outdoor recreation.</p> <p>The event: students try various adapted bicycles. This event will give students with different levels of abilities to enjoy riding a bicycle. For some, it is their only opportunity to ride a bike. For many, it will be their first time riding a bike.</p>	<u>Helly Harel</u> (teacher)	\$250.00
2	Refillable Water Station Installation by Theater	<p>Grant will cover the remainder of the cost to install a refillable water bottle station above the theater's current water fountain.</p> <p>The theater and surrounding hallways are used for several activities, including band, orchestra, the theater department, and several of our CTE credit classes. IHS currently only has 1 refillable water bottle station by the gym. Beyond the environmental concerns of plastic water bottles, it will help create less trash.</p> <p>Total cost of installation is \$2,997 (quote from ISD plumbing contractor Jerry Byers). Cascade Water Alliance will donate \$2,000 to support this project, leaving us with a remaining \$1,000 to raise.</p>	Matthew Fischer (student)	\$1,000.00
3	LRC II Classroom Materials	<p>Learning Materials:</p> <p>1 Shredder (Vocational job for LRC II students); 10 Headphones for student laptops; 2 Wobble chairs; Fidget toys</p>	<u>Kinsey Krebill</u> (teacher)	\$500.00
		Total		\$1,750.00

# Our guest speaker today is:

**Erin Connolly**  
**Principal**  
**@ 11:45 AM**



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- If you have a question, type it into chat or put in chat that you would like to speak.

**Thank Yous**



# Thank you to our Volunteers!



## November Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Nov. 1, 2023)

Larke Witten, Jean Shan, Katie Bell, Renuka D'Souza, Melissa Tilley, Jyothy Praveen, Inkyung Ryoo, Daying Chen, Wendy Maruchek, Qun Pan, Silvia Panaro, Kristin Bendt, Sharon Heuchert, Molly Maybell, Valentina Bello, Maria Graham, Beth Miller, and Chen Li

## VPs of Hospitality

Qun Pan & Chandana Prattipati





# Thank you to our Volunteers!



## Grants Committee (Nov. 6, 2023)

Tracy Drake  
Pavan Kanaparth  
Wendy Maruchek

## Chair of Grants Committee Cristine Varzali

## VP of Programs Tanya Russell



## Volunteer Opportunities 2023-24

Nominating Committee

Shadow for Grants Chairperson

Staff Breakfast Chairperson

Staff Appreciation Week Chairperson

Issaquah Schools Foundation Rep

ParentWiser Helper

Contact [issaquahhighpts@gmail.com](mailto:issaquahhighpts@gmail.com)  
for more details



Senior Events  
Volunteer Opportunities 2023-24

Senior Farewell Co-chairs  
& committee members

Contact [issaquahhighpts@gmail.com](mailto:issaquahhighpts@gmail.com)  
for more details

# **Potential Committee Updates**



## Director of Membership

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## Current membership numbers

(as of 10/4/23)

557 Family

81 Individual

28 Students

15 Staff

*total current members: 681*

## Membership goal for 2023-24

900 total members

100% Staff Membership



## Co-VPs Events

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### Oversees:

- New to IHS Night
- Picture Day/Laptop Checkout
- Textbook Checkout
- Senior Events
  - Senior Farewell/Celebration
  - Senior Breakfast
  - Senior All-Night Grad Party



## 2024 Senior Yard Signs (\$25)

On sale until Feb. 1, 2024

[www.issaquahhighptsa.org](http://www.issaquahhighptsa.org)

Scholarships at [IHPTSAFamilyResources@gmail.com](mailto:IHPTSAFamilyResources@gmail.com)



## 2024 Senior All-Night Grad Party

Early bird \$175

Tickets on-sale at

[www.issaquahhighptsa.org](http://www.issaquahhighptsa.org)

Night of Graduation

(Monday, June 17, 2024)

Scholarships at

IHPTSAFamilyResources@gmail.com





## VP Hospitality

Qun Pan &  
Chandana Prattipati

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### Oversees:

- College and Career Hospitality
- Staff Back-to-School Lunch
- Staff Monthly Breakfasts
- Staff Appreciation Week



# December 6, 2023

## Breakfast Sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054AA8A922A3FC1-45810202-ihsstaff#/>

# January 3, 2024 Breakfast Sign-up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054AA8A922A3FC1-46146233-ihsstaff#/>

## From 2023 Fall Staff Survey

“Whenever someone makes coffee cake, I know it will be a good day.”



## Co-VP's Outreach

Angela Dahrea

& Maya Greene

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### Oversees:

- Angel Program
- Ask an Academic Advisor Night
- Family & Community Engagement (FACE)
- Healthy Students
- New Family Connections
- Parent*Wiser* Education
- Red Safety Backpacks

# New Family Connections (Nov. 8 @ Capri Cellars)



Stay tuned for January's Coffee with the Principal event at  
<https://issaquahhighptsa.org/Page/Programpages/New%20Family%20Connections>



# Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank



**PTSA supports *Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank*.**

**[Gift Card Donation \(IHS\)](#)**

**<https://issaquahfoodbank.org/>**

# Staff Pancake Breakfast (Feb. 14, 2024)



We would love to have more dads, uncles, and grandpas involved with PTSA. Consider signing up to treat the staff. Of course, we welcome help from everyone.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054AA8A922A3FC1-46178577-ihsstaff#/>

# ParentWiser: Relieving Frustration (Jan. 16)



ParentWiser brings the latest research and educational information into the homes of our student families to support parents in raising thriving individuals. We are made possible by a partnership with the Issaquah School District PTSA and Issaquah Schools Foundation.

## 2023-2024 EVENTS

**10/3 at 6pm**

*Virtual*

**Phyllis L Fagell, LCPC**  
*Middle School Matters*

**11/6 at 7pm**

*Virtual*

**Lisa L Lewis, MS**  
*The Importance of Sleep*

**1/16 at 7pm**

*In-Person*

**Jenni Pertuset**  
*Relieving Frustration*

**2/7 at 7pm**

*In-Person*

**Cynthia Clumeck Muchnick, M.A.**  
*The Parent Compass: Practical Steps  
to Navigate the Adolescent Years*

**3/7 at 6pm**

*Virtual*

**Terri Bacow, Ph.D**  
*Goodbye, Anxiety*

Registration for this in-person event will appear at [www.parentwiser.org](http://www.parentwiser.org)



# Angel Program

## CONFIDENTIAL



Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank

**POWER PACKS**

IH PTSA Angel Closet is a safe place for students to "shop," located at IHS, in a private office area. Periodically, students may find toiletries, personal care items, weekend food packs, booster wear, coats, jeans, and more.

### Need HELP?

Contact your counselor or PTSA.

Questions? Email [IHSAngelProgram@gmail.com](mailto:IHSAngelProgram@gmail.com).

Attendance Office coordinates and follows up with families and Angel Program.

[www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaAngelProgram](http://www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaAngelProgram)

Karissa Mobilia & Julie Gamble - Co-Chairs



# Angel Program



Sign up for the Angel Program's Weekend PowerPacks (Food & Toiletries)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084AAEAC22A31-weekly3#/>

Angel Program Webpage

[www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaAngelProgram](http://www.tinyurl.com/ihptsaAngelProgram)



## Co- VP's Programs

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### Oversees:

- College & Career Planning
  - SAT/ACT Saturday Practices
  - Webinars
- Community Service Honor Cords
- Grants
- Reflection Art Competition
- Senior Scholarships

# SAT / ACT Practice Tests

## Winter Practice Exam Dates

ACT - Saturday, January 13, 2024

SAT - Saturday, January 20, 2024

Scores Back Session - Wednesday, January 24, 2024

### Registration Deadlines:

ACT - Register by Sunday, January 7

SAT - Register by Sunday, January 14

Register here: [ACT/SAT Practice Tests](#)

Questions: [ihptsaccp@gmail.com](mailto:ihptsaccp@gmail.com)

# College & Career Planning Webinars

Series of speaker events and webinars. Examples of topics include College Planning 101 and Essay Writing.

Stay tuned for 2023-24 line-up.

Find recordings of past webinars here:

[College & Career Planning Webinars](#)

Questions: [ihptsaccp@gmail.com](mailto:ihptsaccp@gmail.com)



## Community Service Honor Cords Big Heart Community Service Program

Awarded to seniors who have documented 100+ volunteer hours throughout their high school years.

Recognized with a special cord at graduation

Seniors - Hours Due by May 1

Find info and student report hours here: [Community Service](#)

Questions: [issyhighcommunityservice@gmail.com](mailto:issyhighcommunityservice@gmail.com)



# Grants

**PTSA runs three grant cycles a year - fall, winter and spring. Open to staff, students and parents!**

**Fall grant cycle closed and voted on at November 17 GMM.**

**Next Due Date: January 12, 2024**

**Find dates, guidelines and more here: [IH PTSA Grants](#)**

**Questions: [ihptsagrants@gmail.com](mailto:ihptsagrants@gmail.com)**



# Reflections Art Recognition

National PTA program where students submit original work reflecting on the theme in six categories.

Call for entries closed November 1 - nine received.

Congrats to the nine students moving forward to Issaquah PTSA Council for district judging.

District reception to be held in January.

Learn more here: [Reflections](#)

Questions: [reflectionsihptsa@gmail.com](mailto:reflectionsihptsa@gmail.com)

**I am  
Hopeful  
Because...**

Explore the arts and  
express yourself!



# Senior Scholarships

Five \$1000 scholarships offered towards continuing education technical/vocational pursuits, two-year and four-year colleges/universities.

Application Deadline: April 15, 2024

Learn more here: [Senior Scholarships](#)

Questions: [ihptsascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:ihptsascholarships@gmail.com)





# Washington State PTA Programs

Essay Contest - Deadline February 15, 2024

Learn details here: [WSPTA Essay Contest](#)

\$2500 Scholarship Program - Deadline February 15, 2024

Find details here: [Scholarship Program - WSPTA](#)



## VP Communications

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### Oversees:

- IH PTSA Weekly Bulletin
- IH PTSA Signage, I-Vision Coordinators
- IH PTSA Social Media Coordinators
- IH PTSA Website
- ISD & IHS Peachjar eFlyers
- IHS Special Features
- IHS Staff Bios & Photos

# FOLLOW US

<https://www.facebook.com/IssaquahHighPTSA/>

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<https://www.instagram.com/ihptsa/>



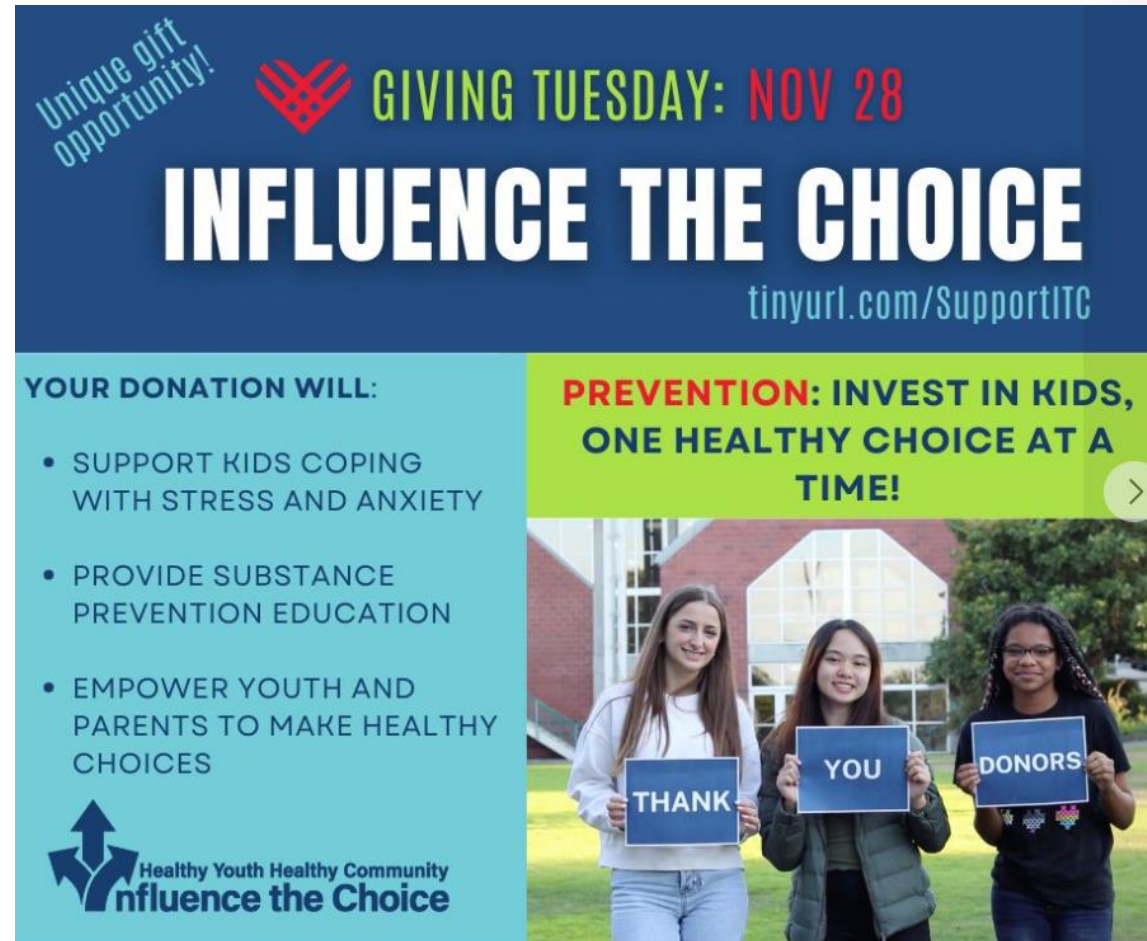
**Follow, join, & support YOUR Students and Teachers through PTSA**

中文 WeChat (Mandarin) & Español WhatsApp  
Contact Maggie Ge, VP of Communications


# **Other General Announcements**



# Influence the Choice



Unique gift opportunity!


 **GIVING TUESDAY: NOV 28**

## INFLUENCE THE CHOICE


[tinyurl.com/SupportITC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportITC)

**YOUR DONATION WILL:**

- SUPPORT KIDS COPING WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY
- PROVIDE SUBSTANCE PREVENTION EDUCATION
- EMPOWER YOUTH AND PARENTS TO MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES

 **Healthy Youth Healthy Community**  
**nfluence the Choice**

**PREVENTION: INVEST IN KIDS, ONE HEALTHY CHOICE AT A TIME!**



PTSA supports *Influence the Choice*. We would like a parent rep for Influence the Choice.

<https://www.influencethechoice.org/>

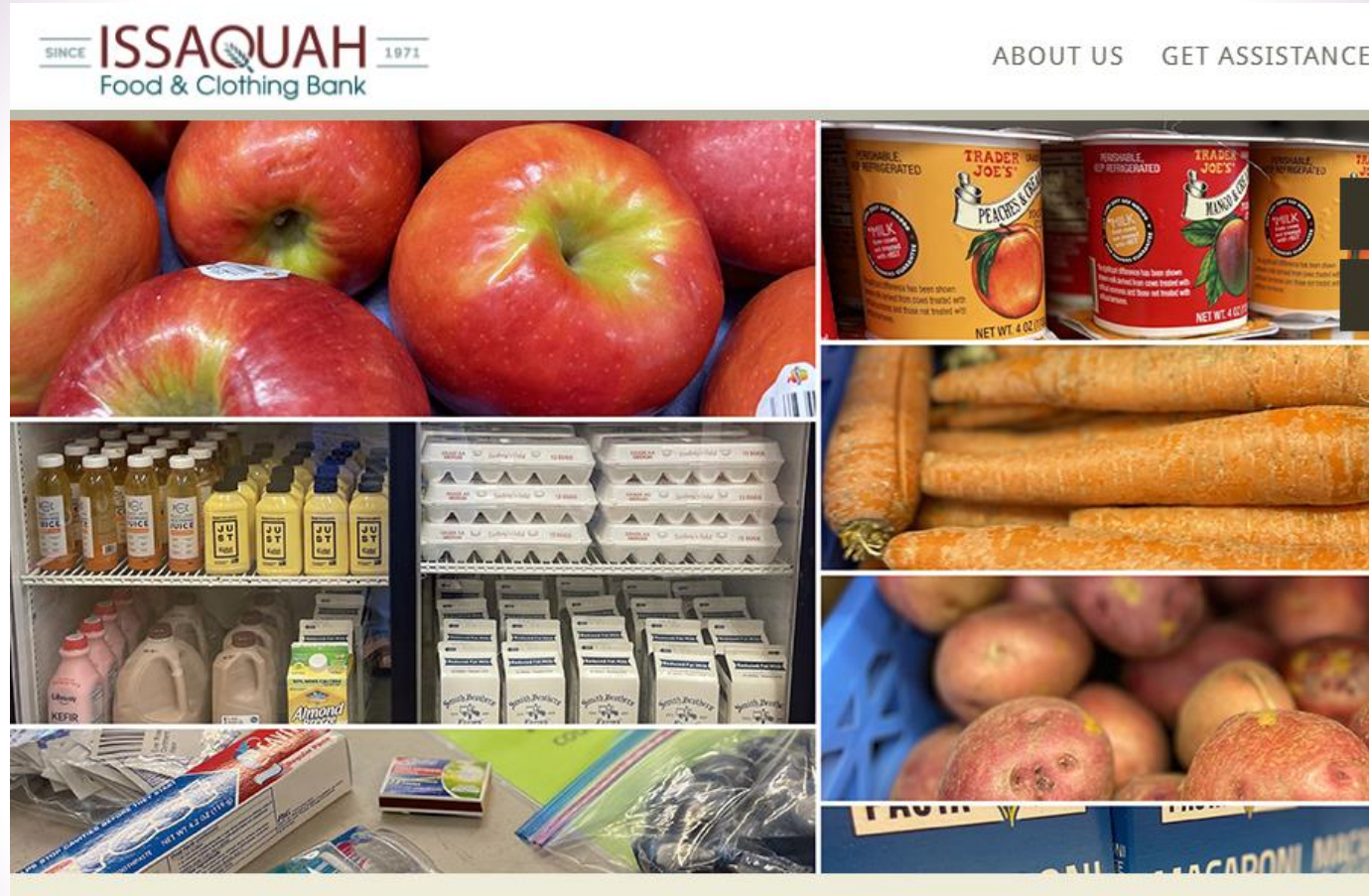
# The Garage - A Teen Cafe



PTSA supports *The Garage - A Teen Cafe* within walking distance of IHS  
[issaquahteencafe.org](http://issaquahteencafe.org)



# Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank



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**[Gift Card Donation \(IHS\)](#)**

**<https://issaquahfoodbank.org/>**

# Issaquah Schools Foundation



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PTSA would like an *Issaquah Schools Foundation* representative. Contact [issaquahhighptsa@gmail.com](mailto:issaquahhighptsa@gmail.com), if interested.

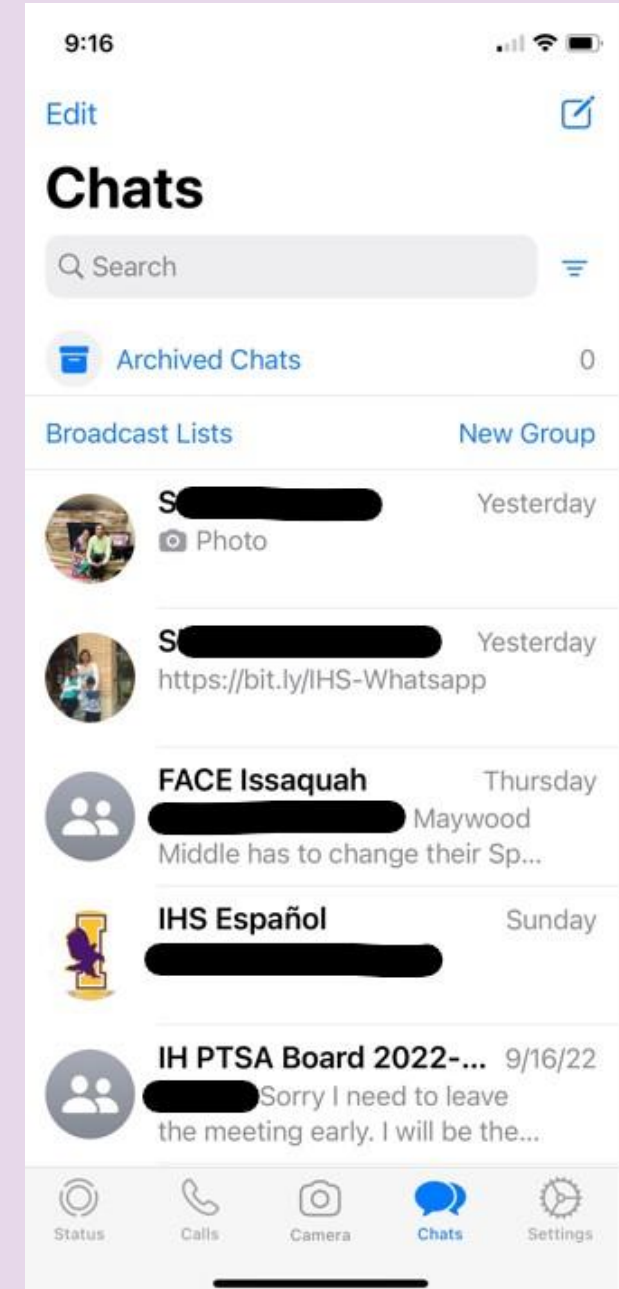
# WhatsApp Group (not PTSA)



WhatsApp is a group texting app.  
You can ask questions in the group.

Interested? Fill out the form to be added to the group.

<https://bit.ly/IHS-Whatsapp>





# IHS

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Four separate but complementary organizations that enrich the Issaquah High School experience for your student and family.



### IH PTSA

Issaquah High Parent-Teacher-Student Association

A 501(c)(3) non-profit member organization dedicated to promoting the education, health, welfare, and safety of all students at IHS. IH PTSA focuses on programs that directly impact student learning.

#### Representative Programs:

- Angel Student Assistance
- College and Career Planning
- Healthy Students
- Grants
- New Family Connections
- Reflections Art Contest
- Senior Events
- Staff Appreciation
- Teacher Classroom Funds

#### Primary Fundraiser:

Annual Pass-the-Hat Campaign

[issaquahhighptsa.org](http://issaquahhighptsa.org)

### ASB

Associated Student Body

A student-run organization that supports the IHS student body, focusing on extracurricular clubs, school spirit, and school activities that are cultural, athletic, recreational, or social in nature.

#### Primary Focus:

- Student Recognition
- All-School Assemblies
- Dances
- After-School Activities
- Spirit Days & Theme Weeks
- Charitable Projects

#### Primary Fundraiser:

Membership Fees

[issaquahhigh.isd411.org/  
student-life/activities](http://issaquahhigh.isd411.org/student-life/activities)

### IHS Boosters

Issaquah High Booster Club

A non-profit, fundraising organization that supports and enriches the extra-curricular high school experience for our kids while they attend Issaquah High School.

#### Primary Focus:

- Financial Support for ALL Extracurricular IHS activities
- Student/Program Recognition: BoosterBuzz, Scholar Athlete Awards, Another Eagle is Going to State Signs
- Sports & Senior Scholarships
- Program Grants

#### Primary Fundraisers:

Membership Fees  
Issaquah High Logo-Wear Sales  
Annual Fundraising Events  
Outdoor / Indoor Concessions

[ihsboosters.org](http://ihsboosters.org)

### Issaquah Schools Foundation

Issaquah Schools Foundation

A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides district-wide programs that support opportunities for every student in every school.

#### Representative Programs:

- After School Academic Support
- Backpack & Supplies for Students in Need
- Cultural Bridges
- Fine Arts Funding
- Food Aid
- Robotics and STEM Clubs
- Teacher Grants
- TEALS Program Support

#### Primary Fundraisers:

All in for Kids Campaign (Fall)  
Nourish Every Mind Breakfast and Luncheon (Spring)

[isfdn.org](http://isfdn.org)

# UPCOMING Events

[issaquahhighptsa.org](http://issaquahhighptsa.org)

Questions? Email  
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## Upcoming Events

- [Nov. 15-18, 7 PM, IHS Play, She Kills Monsters](#)
- Nov. 20, Winter Sports Night
- [Nov. 21, Yearbook's Summer Photos Deadline](#)
- Nov. 22-24, Thanksgiving Holiday, no school
  
- [Dec. 6, Staff Appreciation Breakfast](#)
- Dec. 12, Winterfest Assembly
- Dec. 18-Jan. 1, First Winter Break, no school

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Questions? Email  
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## Upcoming Events

- [Jan. 3, Staff Appreciation Breakfast](#)
- Jan. 3, PTSA Board of Directors' Meeting
- Jan. 9, Boosters Membership Meeting
- [Jan. 12, PTSA Grants Due \(winter cycle\)](#)
- [Jan. 13, ACT Practice Exam](#)
- Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr Day, no school
- Jan. 16, [ParentWiser](#) "Relieving Frustration"
- Jan. 19, 11-12:30 PM, PTSA Hybrid General Membership Meeting
- [Jan. 20, SAT Practice Exam](#)
- Jan. 24, PTSA's scoresback session
- Jan. 26, Teacher's Work Day, no school
- [March 13, official SAT at IHS](#)



Thank you for  
joining us today!

Next General Membership Meeting

Friday, Jan. 19

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Hybrid:

Zoom and IHS Conference Room

Guest : Principal Connolly

