## IH PTSA PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

Fall 2021

# **#HowDoYouPTSA**

**Happy Fall**! Leaves are turning, kids are back in the building, sports are in full swing and a new principal is leading the school. Lots of exciting changes are happening at Issaquah High.

A great way to stay up to date on what's happening at IHS is to follow us on **social media**. One of our posts already reached over 1500 people. Do you follow IH PTSA? We have <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> accounts.

# What IH PTSA has accomplished so far!

Wow, what a busy start of the year! IH PTSA has been in the school a few times already with co-hosting **New to IHS Night**, helping IHS during **Picture Day**, handing out much needed supplies through our **Angel Closet** and spoiling our fabulous teachers/staff though **Staff Appreciation** meals. Lots of pictures were posted on social media! Did you see them?

IH PTSA also hosted <u>College and Career</u> webinars, new to IHS in-person get-togethers though our <u>New Family Ambassadors</u> program, <u>SAT/ACT Practice Tests</u> and <u>Parent Education</u> webinars. Hopefully you and your student have taken advantage of everything IH PTSA has to offer.

Have a **question** for your **Co-Presidents**? Email Kim Wilkinson & Birgit Aarrestad @ <u>ihptsapresidents@gmail.com</u>





Are you a PTSA member? We need you (and your \$20) to help support our students and staff. We can't do this alone. Become a member at IssaquahHighPTSA.org

## What IH PTSA has planned!

**IH PTSA** <u>General Membership Meetings</u> Do you know that <u>Principal Erin Connolly</u> speaks to our PTSA members at every GM meeting. Come listen and ask Erin questions. Be in the know!

**Spotlights, spotlights and more spotlights**! The Co-Presidents of IH PTSA are proud to present to you our **Spotlight Series**. Get to know your students' teachers as well as the student body by checking out IH PTSA Spotlights on social media or our website.

#### **College and Career Center**

IH PTSA is excited to host yet again the much anticipated **Ask an Academic Advisor** evening on October 20th. This is a chance for you and your student to listen to advice on what classes your child should take, how and when a child needs to apply to colleges and **Running Start**. IH PTSA will continue to host **SAT/ACT Practice Tests** throughout the school year as well as numerous other webinars.

<u>Student Community</u> <u>Service Hours</u> Learn how your child can earn a white honor cord for graduation.

IH PTSA will offer again <u>Scholarships</u> as well as <u>Educational Grants</u> to qualified recipients.

#### PTSA's <u>Reflections Art</u>

**Contest** Does your child enjoy art? This years' theme is "I will Change the World By..." with the deadline for **applications** – Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Numerous categories are showcased including **visual arts**, **photography, dance choreography, film making, literature and music composition**. Last year one of Issaquah High's own students received a national award!

#### **Monthly Staff Appreciation**

Do you want to help spoil our staff with food and goodies? Next Staff Appreciation Breakfast - Oct 6 - Sign up <u>here</u>

#### Senior Events IH PTSA is

getting ready to celebrate our 2022 graduating class and we need your support and advice. Our first planning meeting of the year is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Education** IH PTSA is proud to offer parent education webinars. **ParentWiser**: Building Resilience and Positive Coping Skills – Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

<u>Volunteer</u> Numerous opportunities for you to help make IHS a better community!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

- Oct 5, Applying to Colleges in 2021-22 Webinar
- Oct 6, Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Oct 6, 10:30am IH PTSA Board Mtg
- Oct 12, 7pm IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Oct 13, Family Connections Q&A support
- Oct 13, 7pm ParentWiser, Building Resilience/Positive Coping
- Oct 15, 3pm Grant Applications Due (1<sup>st</sup> set)
- Oct 18, Teacher Work Day
- Oct 18, Senior Portraits Due
- Oct 19. 6:30pm NFA Capri Cellars
- Oct 20, 6pm Ask an Academic Advisor Night
- Oct 26, 7pm Senior Events
  Planning Mtg
- Oct 27, Staff Appreciation
  Breakfast
- Oct 28, 6:30pm ISD School Board Meeting
- Oct 29, PTSA Reflection Contest
  Due Date
- Nov 11, Veterans Day
- Nov 12, 9:30am IH PTSA General Membership Meeting
- Nov 14, IHS Picture Retakes
- Nov 16, NFA Capri Cellars Mixer
- Nov 17, Staff Appreciation
  Breakfast
- Nov 18, 4pm ParentWiser Raising
  Independent Children
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday