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 29th. 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 26th.

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

<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 (1st 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