

Issaquah High PTSA

"Soaring to New Heights"

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Co-Presidents' Letter/Upcoming Meeting Date

The leadership of the Issaquah High PTSA is thrilled to welcome all members, students, staff, and alumni to what is sure to be an amazing year for the Issaquah High community! It's a time of new beginnings for our school, and in this spirit of new beginnings, we've done some remodeling of our own: we've given our website a new look. We hope you find it a useful tool to access a plethora of valuable information. Go to www.issaquahhighptsa.org, and let us know what you think.

Thanks to all of you who have already used our website to register for Membership, donate to Pass the Hat, Volunteer, and many of our other PTSA sponsored programs. For those of you who don't feel comfortable with using Pay Pal to process your credit card payment, please go to the "forms" tab on the website, print out the forms and send them to our PO Box listed on the forms.

In addition to the website, we will be keeping you informed through other electronic channels. Each month, you'll receive this IH PTSA e-newsletter, and each week, you'll find IH PTSA announcements included in the IHS e-news. We'll bring you the latest information and provide you with helpful reminders for important dates and programs. We'll also keep you informed of various volunteer opportunities and activities in which you can participate.

Of course, the best way to stay informed about all the amazing things the IH PTSA does is to come to our monthly meetings! New this year is coffee time before we get down to business. We hope you'll bring a latte and join us, as it will be a great opportunity to get to know IH PTSA Board Members and fellow parents. Principal Paula Phelps also comes to each meeting, so you'll not only keep on top of IH PTSA happenings, but happenings at the school as well. **Our first meeting is Friday, September 10—9:00 for coffee and 9:30 for the meeting.** We'll be in a beautiful new conference room in the main office and we'll be holding a drawing for Issaquah Spirit gear for all those who attend. We hope to see you there!

[Lisa Gaan and Karin Allen](#), Co-Presidents

Membership

The goal for membership at Issaquah High School is 1,818 members, or 100% - this means one member for every student. If two parents join from one family, this makes achieving the goal a little easier. Joining the PTSA connects you to the school with monthly emails and bulletins, gives you a vote in what the PTSA does, supports programs within the school and provides you with a school directory.

If you completed online registration but didn't join the PTSA, go to our ['Registration'](#) page and sign-up today!

For more information on membership, please contact [Karen Knitter, VP of Membership](#)

Fundraising

Get Ready for the [10% Goes Back to Schools program!](#)

Starting August 11, Issaquah High PTSA can earn 10% of your purchase amounts on thousands of participating products. Get ready to shop; the top 100 schools will receive an additional \$1,000 bonus!

Visit backtoschools.escrip.com for more information and to sign up.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Issaquah High PTSA through the [Pass the Hat](#) program! **Pass the Hat** money supports enhancements to the curriculum that the strained District budget cannot encompass. In the past, it has helped provide funds for items like the after-school science labs, world language white boards, and the school magazine.

Contributions to [Pass the Hat](#) are tax-deductible and may be matched by your employer. Please consider giving to this most easy of fundraisers.

SAT/ACT Readiness Program

MOCK EXAMS

Register now for Mock SAT exam September 11, 2010. Take home option also available. Mock exam is only \$25. Register [online](#). (Forms also available online or in counselor's office)

For those who are wondering - the Mock exams are a nice opportunity to take a practice exam and get score results without it counting. The test score will be for your eyes only. This is not the same as the PSAT test that will be offered in October at school. The PSAT exam is administered by Collegeboard and is a helpful tool in preparation for the SAT and is also the National Merit Scholarship exam for juniors. Differences with the mock SAT and ACT exams is they are full length and include essay sections just like the real SAT and ACT while the PSAT is shorter and does not include an essay section.

Scheduled Mock Exams for this school year are: Mock SAT (Sept. 11, 2010 and Feb. 5, 2011) and Mock ACT (January 29, 2011). We will offer the take home option again for those students with conflicts with the scheduled test dates.

A big thank you to Kaplan Test Prep who has generously supported our students by providing test materials and proctoring of these mock exams as a fundraiser for PTSA.

SAT PREP CLASSES

SAT Prep classes taught by Ms. Dean, Ms. Jarvinen and Ms. Crain will be offered starting the week of September 20, 2010. Register [online](#). (Forms also available online or in counselor's office) Math classes will be offered on Mondays and Verbal on Thursdays. Both early (2:45 - 4:45) and late (5:00 - 7:00) sessions are available. You may sign up for both classes \$160 or just math (\$85) or just verbal (\$100).

Scheduled SAT Readiness courses will be in the Fall (starting the week of September 20, 2010) and Winter (starting the week of January 31, 2011).

A big thank you to Ms. Dean, Ms. Jarvinen and Ms. Crain for teaching these classes twice a year to our students. This is a great deal for our students and the location can't be beat!

For questions, contact Blythe Meigs (SAT Prep Classes) or Tina Weber (Mock Exams) at IHS-PTSACollegePrep@hotmail.com.

Reflections Art Program

The Reflections Art Program is a National PTA program. Students have the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition, and are encouraged to create and submit works of art in any of the six areas: *dance choreography, film/video, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts* (which include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

The theme for the 2010-2011 school year is **"Together We Can."**

Students participate in the Reflections Program by submitting entries to their local PTSA. Entries are judged and some selected pieces go on to the District and National PTA levels. An anticipated deadline for entries will be the beginning of November.

Any questions, please contact [Kathleen Schneider, Reflections](#).

Complete details about the Reflections Program, each category, and entry form can be found at the [Washington State PTA web site](#).

News for Seniors

Members of the Senior Celebration Committee will be at the Senior Session prior to the start of curriculum night, September 14. Information will be available for both the All-Night Celebration, which takes place graduation night and for a fundraiser. Information will also be collected at that time from parents and students to form a distribution list.

If you have questions, or wish to help with the senior event, please contact Ana Stern, [Senior Celebration](#).

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Parents, as you check your Back to School 'to-do' list, make sure that you have included a donation to the Issaquah Schools Foundation's *Calling for Kids* Annual Fund campaign. Our rally call is "Everybody In." **Whether you can give \$5 a month or \$500 a year—your donation will fund strategic, district-wide initiatives that prepare our students for success in school, college, and career.** These include After-School Homework Labs for students of all abilities, the VOICE Mentoring Program for struggling and 'at-risk' students, National Board Certification Scholarships for teachers and Academic Enrichment Grants that fund innovation, technology, science, music, and arts in the classroom. This year, your dollars will also support a K-5 Science curriculum adoption, new high school chemistry textbooks, and equipment, Financial Literacy Classes for all 8th grade students and Robotics Clubs at middle and high schools.

Look for your ***Calling for Kids*** flyer in your elementary or middle school students' Opening Day packet, or in your school office. Online forms and information are available at www.isfdn.org.

PS... This year, the Foundation is hosting a friendly competition between schools. The school with the highest percentage of ***Calling for Kids*** Annual Fund participation will win a prize. Make your donation today!

ASB Report

ASB is ready for the new school year!

Here are a few events planned in September....

The Annual All-KINGCO Interhigh Exchange at
Ballard High School
September 15

The ASB Class Retreat and Ropes Course at
Warm Beach Conference Center
September 18-19

Thank you!

A big thank you to organizers Laura Freeman and Debbie Nussbaum, along with all of the volunteers who contributed their time and/or food, for making the **Staff Fall Luncheon** a huge success! The teachers loved the lunch and were very appreciative of everyone's efforts, saying it was a nice break for them during a very busy day of setting up their classrooms!

Another HUGE Thank You to those who worked tirelessly this summer to rebuild the Issaquah High PTSA web site, www.issaquahhighptsa.org: **Vicki and Mark Hahn, Susan Hegedus, Dianne Bugge, and Lori VanDeMark.**

Our sincere thanks also go to Susie Yamane, Safety Committee Chair. Emergency backpacks contain items such as plastics bags (to be

used as a rain jacket), a first aid kit, scissors, flashlight, batteries and a bag of candy. Emergency buckets hold toilet paper, wipes, duct tape and plastic sheets. 100 backpacks and 100 buckets were updated and are ready to go should they be needed.

Your PTSA at Work

Issaquah High PTSA is dedicated to serving the students, staff, and parents of Issaquah High School. Here are some of the ways from the 2009-2010 school year.....

Sponsored Events and Programs

Staff Back to School Luncheon
SAT/ACT Mock Tests and Test Prep
Staff Meeting Snacks
Staff Appreciation Week
Staff End of Year Luncheon
Healthy Student Support
Mock Crash
Think Again
Quarterly Student Honors
Senior Breakfast
Baccalaureate
Senior Celebration
Reflections
Student Directory
Newcomers
Special Services
Student Recognition
HSPE Snacks
Parent Education
Outstanding Educator
Communications – Monthly e-News; Website
On-line Registration for PTSA Membership and Activities

Major Volunteer Efforts for IHS Events

Picture Day
Safety Kits
Senior Exit Interviews

World Culture Week
Test Proctors

Major Volunteer Efforts for School District (VIS, ISF)

Calling for Kids
Get out the Vote
ISF Luncheon
Legislative Activities- Letter writing, Focus Day

Funding and Grants

\$4,000	Annual Grants for Teachers
\$2,250	Student Funds (Financial Need Scholarships)
\$3,000	Senior Merit Scholarships
\$294.24	Special NCR Paper- Transition Specialist
\$175	Petrified Wood ID Samples- Science
Kurwell 3000	Program text to speech reader- All departments
\$3,000	Grade Cam – All Departments
\$807.02	iPad- Science
\$338.35	News Currents
\$1,800	IT Magazine – Journalism
\$1,150	ISF
\$500	Issaquah Food Bank
\$500	Yabla French Immersion on line subscription
\$500	Issaquah Press Teen Page (<i>The Beat</i>)
\$1,500	VIS
\$200	ISDPTSA Council- Parent Ed Programs
\$100	Echo Glen Support
\$200	Tiger Mountain Support
\$300	Summer School Scholarships
\$3,600	Science Lab
\$225	Pi Contest

Dates of Interest

September 6	Labor Day
September 10	IH PTSA General Membership Meeting/Board Meeting, Main Office, 9:00 Coffee Time, 9:30 Meetings start
September 11	Deadline for SAT Readiness Course
September 11	Mock SAT Exams
September 14	IHS Curriculum Night, Tour Event
September 16	Mock SAT Feedback

September 20	SAT Prep Classes Begin - Math
September 23	SAT Prep Classes Begin - Verbal
October 8-9	Legislative Assembly
October 9	Homecoming Dance

