

# Issaquah High PTSA

*"Soaring to New Heights"*

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**Upcoming Meeting Date**

Our next **PTSA meeting** will be held **Friday, January 14**, at Issaquah High.

**Don't miss the chance to meet Issaquah High's SRO (School Resource Officer)** from the Issaquah Police Department speak about her job on campus and visits to the health classes. She will also discuss typical

questions she gets from kids and parents along with her answers. Come find out what teens are really doing on and off campus. **This is a great opportunity to ask you own questions too!**

Come at *9:00 am* for a half hour of socializing; the meeting will begin promptly at *9:30 am* in the Conference Room in the Issaquah High office.

Parking is limited, so we encourage you to carpool and bring lots of friends. If all visitor spots are filled, you may park in an empty staff spot for the meeting.

## Membership

Issaquah High PTSA is now 1,075 members strong – we are still looking for 675 more members to reach our goal of 100% membership. You can help by upgrading your individual membership to a family membership, encouraging your friends to join or signing up grandparents, aunts and uncles as supporting members. See our "[Join PTSA](#)" webpage to sign-up.

Directories were sent out to all members in November. If you did not receive one please contact [Karen Knitter, VP of Membership](#).

## Fundraising

Remember that your Pass the Hat donations are used to support quality programs for IHS students!

Last month, grants were awarded to support curricular activities including specialized samples for Chemistry, helping to fund the Shakespeare program for freshmen, and purchasing classroom copies of novels. This was our first round of grant awards for this year, and the ability to fund future requests is dependent upon our Pass the Hat donations.

If you have not yet made a Pass the Hat donation, or you have the ability to make another, **[DONATE NOW](#)**.

Please note: **You do NOT have to join PayPal** to make a payment on our site. The PayPal membership issue has been resolved, and you may bypass PayPal membership when making a purchase through IH PTSA.

## News for Seniors

### Baccalaureate

Senior Baccalaureate is an annual, traditional part of graduation week that will take place on Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> this year. It is a ceremony honoring all our seniors, providing them with the opportunity for reflection and the sharing of joy and appreciation with each other, teachers, friends and family. Over 750 people attended the event at Eastridge Church last year.

We are in the process of establishing a committee of 8-12 people to help coordinate this PTSA-sponsored event and plan to meet monthly. There are big and small jobs to complete, something for everyone. Please contact [Karen Starcevich and Amy Higgins](#).

## SAT Readiness

### Does your student need a little practice for the SAT and/or ACT?

Winter Classes for SAT Readiness, Verbal and Math, start January 31. There is still plenty of space in the later classes (5:00 - 7:00). Math is taught Mondays (Ms. Crain's room) and Verbal is taught Thursdays (Ms. Dean's room).

The two sessions are 2:45 - 4:45 (early) and 5:00 - 7:00 (late), although the early classes are pretty much filled up. Cost is \$100/verbal only, \$85/math only and \$160/both.

A confirmation message has been sent out for those that signed up before Winter Break. Those that signed up after December 15 will receive a confirmation message mid January.

Sign up [online](#).

For questions, e-mail [IHS-PTSACollegePrep@hotmail.com](mailto:IHS-PTSACollegePrep@hotmail.com)

## **Mock ACT/SAT Exams**

The dates for the Mock SAT and Mock ACT for 2011 are:

Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 8am – 1pm (Mock ACT)

Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 8am - 1pm (Mock SAT)

These exams are a great way for students to practice before the actual SAT and ACT exams, and all proceeds benefit the PTSA. If you can't make the dates listed, there is an option to take the exam(s) at home and send it to Kaplan for scoring. Included in the cost for each Mock exam is a feedback session on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Cost for each Mock exam is \$25. Register and pay [online](#).

If you have already registered, you should receive a reminder email at the beginning of January. If you have any questions, contact Tina Weber at [IHS-PTSACollegePrep@hotmail.com](mailto:IHS-PTSACollegePrep@hotmail.com).

## **Issaquah Schools Foundation**

### **Make a difference during National Mentoring Month**

Did you know you can help a child succeed in one hour a week? How? By becoming a mentor. Mentors are caring community members who devote one-hour a week to an Issaquah School District student in need of personal or academic support. There are no special requirements, just a desire to help young people achieve their potential. Help us celebrate National Mentoring Month by resolving to join the **VOICE Mentoring Program**. Presented in partnership by the Foundation and the District, the VOICE program supports 191 elementary, middle and high school students, yet requests far outstrip resources. **We have an immediate need for 25 additional mentors**—especially those with bilingual capabilities. If you have one hour a week to change a life, please contact VOICE Director, Susie

Gierke, [VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu) or 425.837.6801.

**Save the Date! *Nourish Every Mind*** 2011, the Foundation's annual benefit luncheon is set for **Thursday, April 28 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** at the Issaquah Community Center. The Luncheon is the perfect way to learn about the growing need for private support of public schools and to experience first-hand the effect that donor dollars have on our students and schools. Please plan to join us. Email [mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org) or call 426.391.8557 to add your name to the invitation list.

### **Donor dollars in action: After-School Homework Labs**

From September through December 2010, 900 middle school students received FREE assistance from classroom teachers at Foundation funded After-School Homework Labs. Make sure your child takes advantage of this valuable, free resource. Contact your middle or high school for information regarding **After-School Homework Labs** meeting dates and times.

## **Your PTSA at Work**

### ***Funding Requests Answered!***

At the December General Membership Meeting, the following Special Funding Requests made by teachers were approved:

\$890.56 to purchase books to be used by the SAIL English classes  
\$1,106.80 to purchase Radioactive Source Kits for Chemistry classes  
Up to \$2,000 to be paid toward the Freshman Shakespeare Program

Meeting these requests would not be possible without Pass the Hat Funds. Thank you for your donations! **Pass the Hat** [Donations can be made here.](#)

### **Senior Exit Interviews**

A big thank you to Lisa Westover for organizing refreshments for the many community volunteers who helped with the Senior Exit Interviews.

***Thanks so much to all of our wonderful committee chairs and volunteers!***

## ASB Report

*November Students of the Month for Teamwork:*

Freshmen: **Greg Mathiesen** and **Vyvian Luu**

Sophomores: **Adam Florsheim**, **Sarah Kauffman** and **Christine Rasquinha**

Juniors: **Ben Director**, **Fletcher Martin**, **Emily Berensohn** and **Alyssa Eglund**

Seniors: **Josh Borin** and **Blaire Brady**

### **The Annual Stinky Sneaker Basketball Tournament and Spirit Competition**

is Friday, January 7th at Skyline HS! Come and support our great basketball teams! Girls - 6:00 pm; Boys - 8:00 pm

It's a Blackout! You can buy your Stinky Sneaker shirts for \$10.00 at IHS.

**Winterfest** was a great success! We made \$1,000 for the Issaquah Food Bank from the December Dash proceeds and collected over 100 gifts for the Eastside Domestic Violence Gift Drive!

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## Sammamish Plateau Parent Networking Group

This Parent Networking Group is all about helping parents find and implement solutions and strategies for equipping their kids to become successful and responsible adults in what can be a scary and challenging world that is vastly different from the one we grew up in... it's about creating whole and healthy kids and families, so please join us!

**Family Coach and expert facilitator, Bill Dean**, will tailor each of the meetings to address the needs of those who attend. His primary agenda is to find out what individual concerns and fears are within families, and then

work towards finding answers.

**Below, you will find the remaining scheduled dates for these FREE seminars:**

Monday, January 24, 2011, at both 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 7-9 PM

Monday, February 28, 2011, at both 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 7-9 PM

Monday, March 21, 2011, at both 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 7-9 PM

Monday, April 25, 2011, at both 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 7-9 PM

Monday, May 23, 2011, at both 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 7-9 PM

Monday, June 13, 2011, at both 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & 7-9 PM

For more information see the [Parent Ed page of the Issaquah PTSA Council web site](#)

## Upcoming PTSA Events

<b>January 14, 2011</b>	IH PTSA <u>Meeting</u>	IHS Main Office
<b>January 29, 2011</b>	<u>Mock ACT Exam</u>	IHS
<b>January 31, 2011</b>	<u>SAT Prep Classes</u>	Math classes begin - IHS
<b>February 3, 2011</b>	<u>SAT Prep Classes</u>	Verbal classes begin - IHS
<b>February 5, 2011</b>	<u>Mock SAT Exam</u>	IHS
<b>February 10, 2011</b>	<u>Mock SAT &amp; ACT Exam</u>	Feedback Session - IHS
<b>February 11, 2011</b>	IH PTSA <u>Meeting</u>	IHS Main Office
<b>February 21, 2011</b>	WSPTA <u>Leg. Focus Day</u>	Olympia

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