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Indian River High School

Parent Newsletter

IRHS Mission Statement: The mission of Indian River High School is to maximize each student's potential to promote lifelong learning, and to produce contributing members of society by providing a globally competitive education which meets student needs and encourages innate and mutual respect among students, parents, staff, and community in a safe and diverse environment.



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- Braves in the Spotlight 1 Congratulations to the following Marketing and Fashion Marketing students who placed at the DECA District Leadership Conference:
 - Corey Leigh, Ursula Saulkey, Monica Bull, Kortney Bodge, Sacile Tanner, Elise LaClair, Ashley Whitehurst, Sarah Haggerty, Amanda Henderson, Diamond Thomas, Oshai Thomas, Katie Hayes, Kelsey Howlett, and Andrew Wilson
- Guidance Information 1
- Yearbooks 1 Congratulations to seniors **Jessica Cantu** and **Sarah Jones** for their selection to and participation in the All City Chesapeake Honors Orchestra. Both students played violin in a concert at Oscar Smith High School January 9, 2010.
- PTSA Open House 2 **Tamara Middleton** and **Nick Biecker** were named outstanding actors at the One Act Play District Competition.
- National Honor Society 2 **Joshua Bialeschki** and **Corbin Slaughter** placed 2nd at the District Wrestling Match. **Aaron Rowe, Ryan Rowe,** and **Calvin Mai** placed 3rd. All of these wrestlers will advance to Regional Competition.
- Senior Class News 2 **Katelyn Admire** and **Jordan McConnell** advanced to Regional Swimming Competition. **Katelyn Admire** placed 2nd in the Region in the 100 Freestyle and advances to state competition!
- Marketing and DECA News 2 The **Girls Basketball** team earned the title of Southeastern District Champions. **Paul Dillon** was named the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame Student Athlete of the Year.
- FBLA 2 Congratulations to **Tamara Middleton** and **Devin Garnes** who were crowned Miss and Mr. Indian River 2010.
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- IRHS Calendar 3 The scheduling process for the 2010-2011 school year will begin February 25. Students will select classes for next year with their counselors February 25, 26, or March 1. Students will then meet with their counselors in March to discuss their choices. A copy of the classes selected will be sent home to parents in the spring.
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Guidance Information

College-bound seniors should have all of their college applications ready to be sent. Seniors should make sure they meet all of the deadlines and complete the entire college application. Mid-year transcripts will automatically be sent to colleges by the guidance counselors at the end of February. If a student has already paid \$2 for the transcript for a college, there is no additional fee.

College-bound juniors should take the SAT (Reasoning Test) or the ACT (with the Writing Test) sometime this year. Students can go online to register. For the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.com. For the ACT, go to www.actstudent.org. Registration dates can be found on the websites.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be on sale until February 28 for a discounted price of \$65. Contact Mrs. Harrison in Room H11 to order.



PTSA Open House — Tuesday, February 23 at 7 p.m.

The PTSA Open House will take place Tuesday, February 23. The PTSA meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium followed by parents following their student's schedules. Come out and meet your child's second semester teachers!

National Honor Society

After the first semester any student in grades 10-12 who has the required 3.4 cumulative scholastic average will receive an application for membership into the National Honor Society. The application is used in the selection process by the Faculty Council. Membership in the National Honor Society is not only based on scholastic achievement, but also includes leadership, service, and character. Each of these criteria is equally important and heavily weighted in the process of selecting members.

A point system will determine the applicants to be accepted. Only activities that the student participated in while attending high school will be counted.

10th grade applicants—a minimum of 15 points are required for acceptance

11th grade applicants—a minimum of 20 points are required for acceptance

12th grade applicants—a minimum of 25 points are required for acceptance



Students must have been in attendance at Indian River High School for at least an entire semester and cannot have an honor code violation for the 2009-2010 school year.

If you require any additional information, please see Mrs. Siegel in Room A16 before or after school, or you may contact her at siegeebu@cps.k12.va.us. Applications will be distributed during the month of March.

Senior Class News

Prom will be held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott May 21, 2010. Tickets will go on sale in April and the cost will be \$40 per person.

Seniors who have not ordered graduation announcements should contact Balfour at 420-2233. The deadline for ordering these materials was February 15, 2010.



Marketing and DECA News

The DECA Spring Craft Show will be held at Indian River High School March 13, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Come out and shop for special items created by crafters from around the state.

Select marketing students will attend Careers 2010 March 25, 2010.

Don't miss the DECA Fashion Show May 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Come get a "Taste of Fashion!"

Over 75% of the students in the Marketing program passed the National Retail Federation Customer Service test to receive a professional industry certification.

Encourage your child to sign up for a Marketing class to prepare them for the future. For more information, contact Joy Speelman or Dominique Meserole.

FBLA

Upcoming events for the Future Business Leaders of America include:

Wednesday, 2/24: Fundraiser money and orders are due; Meeting and Pizza Party at 3:45 in the Faculty Dining Room; Club Pictures during 2nd Block in the Gym; Last Day to Join FBLA.

Saturday, 3/13: Tidewater Spring Regional Conference from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Western Branch High

Good luck to all of our regional competitors who will find out if they won at this conference!



The Business Program at Indian River High School

The Business Program at Indian River High School is an important segment of the total educational program. Program goals include the attainment of competencies for work, further education and training, and personal use. All students are provided opportunities to complement their academic preparation through the Business Program. This program is no longer designed just for students who want to go straight to work after graduation. We offer many courses that will give your student opportunities to achieve their goals beyond high school, whatever they may be!

Computer courses are offered that will enable your student to go beyond just being "computer literate." They also have the opportunity to obtain industry certifications! Every student should consider, at the very least, taking a **Keyboarding** class.

The Business Program not only meets current technological advances in **computer applications, systems, and communications** but also presents opportunities for students to learn about **finance, accounting, law, and management**. Several of our courses give students the knowledge needed for being successful consumers as well as managing their own personal finances.

The Business Program also offers two courses for seniors only who are interested in joining the teaching profession. The **Teacher Cadet** class is designed to invite our best and brightest high school seniors (that's your child!) to examine the teaching profession. Students will be in class for one term, and during the second term, they will do an internship on the grade level of their choosing (K-12). Students will earn one credit per term for participating in this program. Students must meet the following criteria for the Teacher Cadet program: complete an application, have a cumulative 3.0 GPA derived from predominantly college preparatory classes, submit three written teacher recommendations, and score seven or higher in a formal interview.

We also offer a one-term internship at one of our local feeder schools. This program is called **Educational Intern**. Students put up bulletin boards, grade and file papers, work with students, and assist the teacher within the classroom. Students will earn one credit for participating in this program. Contact Ms. Peggy Scott at 578-7000 or scotttjpcps.k12.va.us for more information about the Business Program at IRHS.

Indian River High School Calendar *(Please note that the dates below are subject to change.)*

February

- 2/23- PTSA Open House (7:00 p.m.)
- 2/23- Honor Grad Cap & Gown Pictures in Auditorium
- 2/24- Senior Cap & Gown Pictures in Auditorium
- 2/24- Junior Parents Ring Ceremony (6:30 p.m.) in Auditorium
- 2/25- Scheduling meeting for 11th graders in Auditorium
- 2/26- Scheduling meeting for 10th graders in Auditorium

March

- 3/1- Scheduling meeting for 9th graders in Auditorium
- 3/1- SOL English Multiple Choice for term graduates
- 3/2- SOL English 11 Multiple Choice
- 3/3- SOL English 11 Writing
- 3/4 & 3/5- SOL Makeup days
- 3/5- End of 5th term
- 3/5- Ring Dance
- 3/6- Regional Forensics at IRHS
- 3/12- Report cards issued
- 3/13- DECA Spring Craft Show
- 3/13- FBLA Tidewater Regional Conference at WBHS
- 3/16- Alpha hosts MGA Workshop (4:00 p.m.) in Media Center
- 3/20- ROTC goes to Washington, DC
- 3/25- Teacher of the Year Reception
- 3/26- Mini Open Mike (4:00-5:30 p.m.) in Media Center
- 3/27- Saturday School



April

- 4/2- End of 6th term
- 4/5- Spring Break begins
- 4/9- Spring Break ends
- 4/12- Teacher Workday
- 4/19- Report cards issued
- 4/23- Mini Open Mike (4:00-5:30 p.m.) in Media Center
- 4/24- Saturday School
- 4/30- School Play (7:30 p.m.) in Auditorium

The IRHS Energy Team

The following National Honor Society members will be serving on the IRHS Energy Team for the 2009-2010 school year. The main focus of this team will be to educate the faculty and staff on ways to reduce unnecessary energy use, which can translate into lower utility costs. The team members are: **Mrs. Siegel** (advisor), **Tyler Warren** (captain), **Dean Ali**, **Cody Taduran**, **Nicole Stilwell**, **Zeke Chancey**, **Philip Kyle**, **Emily Mat-sas**, **Jared Dura**, **Nicole Turner**, **Rebecca Buechler**, **Morgan Boyd**, **Mitch Balesi**, **Mary Sprinkle**, **Sara Davis**, and **Brittany Moretz**. These members will be wearing yellow t-shirts while conducting IRHS Energy Team business.

