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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 the community in a safe and diverse environment.

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Thank you for your support during another exciting and fast-paced school year that has been filled with a plethora of learning opportunities and celebrations. The final Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center. This partnership opportunity allows you to be an integral part of the continuous improvement of our school as we strive for excellence in every aspect of Indian River High School.

The faculty, staff and administrative team have been dedicated to encouraging and challenging our students to reach their goals and DREAM BIG. This goal was one of the five goals discussed and displayed throughout our building based on the RACHEL'S CHALLENGE assembly last fall. With spring comes many opportunities to celebrate our students such as in the musical production *Happy Days* (April 27 - April 29), spring band, orchestra, and choral concerts, the Talent Show (June 2), and spring athletic events.

On Tuesday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m., we will celebrate our underclassmen who have crossed over to excellence this year in academics and perfect attendance. Invitation letters will be sent home in early May. The program will highlight our students' success in every content area, followed by a light reception. To plan accordingly, we are requesting all parents RSVP. On Friday, June 2, at 10:00 a.m., we will continue the celebration for our senior awards assembly.


As we complete the last 8 weeks of school, please continue to be an influential force in our school and your child's educational path. Encourage your child to attend school regularly, seek academic assistance from teachers, or attend study hall if needed.

Please be mindful of appointments scheduled during the SOL testing window which is May 17 - June 9, 2017.

Sincerely,

Naomi Dunbar

Naomi Dunbar, Principal



Cheerleader Interest Meeting

Anyone interested in cheerleading next school year should plan to attend an interest meeting on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the school's media center. Parents are welcome to attend the informational meeting as well. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Hailey Estes at 578-7000 or hailey.estes@cpschools.com.

Ring Dance Prince & Princess

Congratulations to the Ring Dance Prince and Princess, Eric Neff and Marisa Razo! They were crowned at the Junior Ring Dance held on February 25, 2017, in the cafeteria. The theme of the dance was "Puttin' on the Glitz" and both the venue and the attendees looked beautiful. Other members of the Ring Dance court were: Aneisha Felder, Bailey Lewellen, and Keiya Small for the girls; and Joel Austin, Billey Brooks, and Drequan Pitts for the boys.



AFJROTC Cadet Squadron VA-051



AFJROTC cadets are working with Nauticus to refurbish the Schooner Virginia for participation in Norfolk's Harbor Fest in June. Cadets sanded interior wood to bring the replica back to mint condition. These cadets will get to sail aboard the Virginia in June. VA-051 Drill Team is competing in mini competition at Great Bridge High School on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Six specialized drill teams will go on to compete at the State level on April 29th in Richmond, VA. On April 21, over 55 cadets will participate in the Bataan Death March at Great Dismal Swamp, walking 5 miles to commemorate the forcible march of 60,000-80,000 Filipino and American Prisoners of War over 60 miles wherein 5,000 - 18,000 Filipino's and 500 - 650 Americans died during forced relocation of prisoners by the Japanese -- A war-crime of WWII. Additionally, a team of four cadets will compete in an Orienteering competition using compasses and pacing to complete a course in the woods of Northwest River Park. Cadets of VA-051 at Indian River are AWESOME!!!

DECA and MARKETING

The co-curricular club DECA, an association of marketing students at Indian River High School, has been very busy. In January, select students from the DECA club competed in the DECA District Leadership Conference, winning several awards for Indian River High School. The club sponsored the Spring Fling Craft show, which is an annual event. Over 100 crafters from around the state participated. During school, the marketing classes operate the school store; the store had a huge Valentine's Day sale as well as a Saint Patrick's Day fundraiser for cancer. Moreover, as a business organization we like to practice our business abilities. This past February the marketing classes held our first Dress for Success fashion show to display to peers how to dress successfully for corporate America. The business and marketing students also have participated in mock interviews and had mock job interviews with seven business people from the Hampton Roads area. Our DECA club and marketing students have had a successful year with the community.



Future Business Leaders



The following FBLA members competed in FBLA Regional Competitive Events:

- ★ Trenten Stovall, Business Communication
- ★ Zandre Robinson, Computer Problem Solving (placed second)
- ★ Caitlin Cook, Health Care Administration (placed second)
- ★ Alexis Hicks, Insurance and Risk Management (placed first)
- ★ Jordan Burns, Personal Finance (placed second)
- ★ Delious Kennedy, Help Desk

Alexis Hicks and Jordan Burns were also able to compete at the FBLA State Leadership Conference and represented Indian River High School and the Tidewater Region well.

ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES

All students planning on trying out for an athletic team next year at Indian River High School **

PHYSICALS – May 3rd and May 4th at 4:00 p.m. for \$15 CASH ONLY.



You must have a physical in order to condition or try out for an athletic team.

Yearbook Information

May 1, 2017, is the last day to purchase a yearbook online or in Room H10 at the cost of \$80. If we have any additional yearbooks, after all pre-orders have been filled, they will be sold for \$85. Please contact Ms. Finlay with any yearbook questions. Her contact info is linda.finlay@cpschools.com and/or (757) 578-7000. You may order online at jostens.com.



May 1st is your last chance to order a yearbook!



COME ONE, COME ALL, to one of the liveliest & funniest productions INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL has ever seen! Join Richie, the Cunninghams, Potsie, Ralph, Chachi, Arnold, Pinky, The Malachi Brothers, and of course, Fonzie, in our very own spring musical production of *HAPPY DAYS*.

Written by Garry Marshall (the writer and producer of *Happy Days*, the TV show) and music by songwriter Paul Williams, this year's production will bring never-ending laughs, and the songs will make you want to dance in the aisles.

So, as the "Fonz" would say, "Be there or be square!"

The dates are as follows: THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

DOORS OPEN: 6:45 p.m.
CURTAIN: 7:00 p.m.

ADULT TICKETS: \$ 7.00

STUDENTS: \$ 5.00

Concert Band State Assessment

Congratulations to the Indian River Concert Bands who participated in the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association Concert Band State Assessment. This is the SOL equivalent for music, bands, choirs, and orchestras and students are rated based upon their performance and preparation by four adjudicators. We are proud to announce that the Indian River Symphonic Band earned an EXCELLENT rating and the Wind Ensemble earned the highest rating possible—A SUPERIOR RATING! Mr. Smith, the administration, teachers and students are so proud of you!



8th Annual Chesapeake City-Wide Baccalaureate

A nondenominational gathering of seniors and their families from all Chesapeake High Schools for reflection as the Class of 2017.

- ★ Sunday, June 11th at 4:00 p.m.
- ★ Oscar Smith High School Auditorium
- ★ Senior—wear your cap and gown and arrive at 3:30
- ★ Five \$100 Scholarships will be awarded to five seniors in attendance



2017 Indian River Art Show

ART I

- 1st Place: Name: Quiana Godfrey
Title: "I'm Blue"
- 2nd Place: Name: Kyra Turner
Title: "Ewan"
- 3rd Place: Name: Jayda Johnson
Title: "Chucks"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Katherine Aldridge
Title: "I give a Hoot"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Aaidin Finefield
Title: "A Hot Day"

ART II

- 1st Place: Name: Abigail Lim
Title: "Worldly Vision"
- 2nd Place: Name: Darryona Scott
Title: Her Palace
- 3rd Place: Name: Anna Schwenk
Title: "The Dance"

Studio Art

- 1st Place: Name: Hannah Laura
Title: "The Power of Words"
- 2nd Place: Name: Alyssa Sutherland
Title: "Identity Wheel
Mandela"
- 3rd Place: Name: Mary Hill
Title: "Sticks and Stones"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Hannah LaUrria
Title: "Wheel of Fortune"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Alyssa Sutherland
Title: "Milky Way"

Airbrush I

- 1st Place: Name: Jocelyn Trapp
Title: "Hello spring"
- 2nd Place: Name: Jocelyn Trapp
Title: "Healthy"
- 3rd Place: Name: Jocelyn Trapp
Title: "Madusa"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Mike Fragoso
Title: Apples & Oranges
- Honorable Mention: Name: Jocelyn Trapp
Title: "Panda"

Drawing I

- 1st Place: Name: Carlee Todd
Title: "RED"
- 2nd Place: Name: Christa Horner
Title: "Beats"

Drawing I (continued)

- 3rd Place: Name: Holly Desalvo
Title: "ICE"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Michael Quarles
Title: "Marvin"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Mary Hill
Title: "Contrast"

Ceramics II

- 1st Place: Name: Hanna Laura
Title: Forbidden Rose
- 2nd Place: Name: Sarah Terifay
Title: "Table Piece"
- 3rd Place: Name: Emma Campbell
Title: "Fountain"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Cameron Riley
Title: "Fairy House"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Dawson Morton
Title: "Tree Tea Pot"

Adaptive Art

- 1st Place: Name: Thai Malcolm
Title: "The Scream"
- 2nd Place: Name: Xzavier Lamb
Title: "Scream"
- 3rd Place: Name: Jonathan Lindstrom
Title: "Contour Face"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Brianna Gioia
Title: "Face"
- Honorable Mention: Name: Caitlin Smith
Title: Girl with Earring

The ART Program at Indian River High School is under the direction of Brad Higginbotham, Mike Mercado and Jill Tiderman. It is designed to introduce students to the world of ART and to help them grow at their own pace as individual artists. ART I is the prerequisite that students take to find their individual interests in ART. They are exposed to a number of styles and concepts that will guide them towards who they are as developing artists. Following ART I, students have the opportunity to specialize in a particular ART study, ranging from Drawing/ Painting, Airbrush, Ceramics, Studio and AP/Advanced ART. The essence that makes our program unique is the diverse teaching styles each instructor brings to the classroom. It is amazing to watch our student's growth and development and to share these creative experiences with them. Whether they choose to use ART as a hobby or continue learning through advanced study for a career, Art can make a difference in a student's life.

Guidance Information

Course Request Letters – Course request letters for the 2017-2018 school year were mailed home in mid-March. This was Indian River’s official notification of the classes our students signed up for next year. Parents were asked to review, sign, and return the course request forms – even if no changes were requested. March 14, 2017, was the last day to request course changes for next year. After March 14, 2017, course request changes will not be made unless there is an academic reason.



Summer School Registration – Summer School 2017 will be held at Indian River High School. Students can register for summer school with their guidance counselors **starting April 24** through noon on June 13, 2017. Summer School information will be available on the Chesapeake Schools website in early May. Students may also pick up summer school information from their Guidance Counselors. Classes are \$300. Reduced rates are available for students who are eligible for free/reduced meals. Students can take only 1 class in summer school (unless they are graduating seniors). In order to register, students must bring cash or check to the counselor. There will be no registration from June 13 (after 12:00) through June 19. Beginning June 20, students can register with the summer school counselor at Indian River High School. In order to register starting June 20, students will first need to get a registration slip from the IRHS guidance counselor and then pay with the summer school counselor at IRHS. The first day of summer school is Monday, June 26.

Who needs to go to summer school?

1. Students who have failed a course during the year and would like to make it up during the summer. Remember: students must pass English every year in order to be promoted to the next grade level. Students must pass four classes to be promoted to 10th grade; ten classes to be promoted to 11th grade; and 15 classes to be promoted to 12th grade. Students must also pass the appropriate number of SOL tests to be promoted.
2. Students who are fall or winter athletes and need to take a class to bring their GPA's above a 2.0.
3. Remember that summer school is not mandatory.

Senior Scholarships – all seniors who have given their scholarship information to Mrs. Gail Hunt in Guidance by June 2 will have their names published in the scholarship program to be given out at graduation. Information given to Mrs. Hunt after June 3 will not be published.

10th Grade Academic and Career Plans – On May 24, all 10th graders will bring home their MP 07 report cards and their updated Academic and Career Plans (ACP's). Parents/Guardians should review this information with their 10th graders.

11th Grade Graduation Progress Reports – On May 24, all 11th graders will bring home their MP07 report cards and an update on where each 11th grader is in his/her progress in meeting graduation requirements in order to graduate in June 2018. Parents/Guardians should review this information with their 11th graders.

SOL Retesting – SOL retesting will take place May 8-12. Students have been notified and letters have been mailed home.

Final Report Cards - Final report cards will be mailed home on June 21, 2017. If you have moved recently, please make sure the school has your correct address by bringing a copy of a current utility bill to the guidance department.

Upcoming Assemblies – There will be an Underclassmen Academic Awards Ceremony on May 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.. Invitations to selected students will be mailed home. The Senior Awards Assembly will be held at 10:30 a.m. on June 2, 2017.

ACCESS

- ★ The regular deadline for the Access Scholarship is May 9th. The Scholarship is \$5,000 over 4 years. See Mrs. Sackey for a scholarship application.
- ★ Bring in a copy of your financial award letter or email a copy to Mrs. Sackey to be entered in a gift card drawing. The drawing will be held May 5th
- ★ Complete the small survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9567PNY>



IRHS Calendar (dates are subject to change)

- ★ April 22 TCC Open House at Chesapeake Campus (9:00-12:00)
- ★ April 24-May 8 Purchase Prom Tickets for \$75 per ticket during all lunches
- ★ April 24-June 3 Summer School Registration
- ★ April 25 Cheerleader Interest Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the media center
- ★ April 25-26 English EOC Writing 2nd attempt for Term Grads if needed (2 day test)
- ★ April 27 – April 29 *Happy Days* Theatre Production
- ★ April 29 Saturday School (9:00-12:00)
- ★ April 24-28 NRF Customer Service and Sales Testing
- ★ May 1 Last chance to order a yearbook
- ★ May 1-5 Workplace Readiness Skill Testing
- ★ May 1-12 AP Testing
- ★ May 3-4 Physicals at 4:00 p.m. for \$15 cash only
- ★ May 6 Saturday School (9:00-12:00)
- ★ May 8 Last day to purchase Prom tickets
- ★ May 8 Parent Advisory Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center
- ★ May 8 Math SOL Retesting
- ★ May 9 Regular deadline for the Access Scholarship
- ★ May 9 Science SOL Retesting
- ★ May 10 History SOL Retesting
- ★ May 11 English 11 Reading SOL Retesting
- ★ May 12 Make up SOL Retesting
- ★ May 12 Deadline to submit senior pictures to Mrs. Ellis
- ★ May 12 Prom at the Half Moone at Nauticus (7:00-11:00 p.m.)
- ★ May 13 After Prom at AMF Bowling/Battlefield (12:00-3:30 a.m.)
- ★ May 13 Saturday School (9:00-12:00)
- ★ May 17 World History 2 EOC SOL (not Wetmore's classes)
- ★ May 18 World History 1 EOC SOL
- ★ May 19 VA/US History EOC SOL
- ★ May 20 Saturday School (9:00-12:00)
- ★ May 15-19 WISE Testing
- ★ May 22 – June 2 All other Industry Credential Testing
- ★ May 22 Wetmore's World History 2 classes and Make up and Retesting Expedited Testing
- ★ May 23 English 11 Reading SOL
- ★ May 24 Report cards go home (10th and 11th graders will bring home their and their updated Academic and Career Plans (ACP's).
- ★ May 24 Make up and Retesting Expedited Testing May 25 Chemistry EOC SOL and History EOC Expedited
- ★ May 26 Biology EOC SOL
- ★ May 29 Holiday May 30 Make up testing and English Reading EOC Expedited
- ★ May 30 Underclassmen Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- ★ May 31 Earth Science SOL
- ★ May 31 NHS Induction Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

Graduation Slide Show

 CLASS OF 2017 



WANTED
Current personal photos
of seniors for the
Graduation Slide Show.

Digital Format ONLY.

e-mail digital photos to:

Marin.Ellis@cpschools.com

 **deadline: MAY 12** 