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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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Dear Parents:

Welcome to another great school year. Once again, we are off to a great start. We are very proud to report that our graduation rate increased from 92% to 93% last year. In an effort to maintain this positive momentum, our seniors will continue to be challenged to make it to graduation successfully. Each senior was given a blue wristband that states: **See You at the TED - June 16, 2017**. Additionally, we have extended our challenge to underclassmen. Ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders were issued a wristband with the following message: I am Committed to Graduate. All students signed Committed to Graduate banners; they are hanging in the Commons Area as a reminder of students' pledge to graduate with their cohort. On Fridays, students are rewarded for wearing their wristbands. It's been an exciting experience so far.

As a result of a student survey we administered last year, we are working to increase respect and compassion in the building. We hosted two Rachel's Challenge Assemblies on Friday, October 7. The program was started by the parents of the first Columbine victim. The program's purpose is to promote respect and compassion to eliminate bullying.

Furthermore, we have adopted a new theme for this school year: **Crossover to Excellence...One Brave at a Time**. The theme is based on our school-wide novel, *The Crossover*, by Kwame Alexander. We are encouraging all students, teachers, and staff to read the book and live the theme. To further encourage our school, the author of the book will visit our school in January and speak with our students.

Finally, in keeping with our school theme, we are continuing to fill our invisible buckets. This invisible bucket is constantly being filled and emptied based on our interactions with one another; therefore, I continue to challenge teachers and students to make a daily effort to compliment someone, say please and thank you, and be respectful. Each nine weeks, faculty and staff members will write MVP Awards to students (postcards) and mail them home. Check the mail; postcards will be sent soon.

Thank you for sharing this school year with us. Be Excellent!

Sincerely,
Naomi Dunbar
Naomi Dunbar

Saturday School



Saturday School provides an opportunity for students to avoid failing a class for poor attendance. In Saturday School, students can redeem up to four days missed from a class.

Please note:

- ★ Students can only make up two days per Saturday School attended.
- ★ They can make up only a maximum of four days in any one class through Saturday School.
- ★ Saturday school is held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on specific Saturdays. Students must attend the entire session unless previous arrangements are made.

The first semester Saturday School dates are: October 29, November 5, November 19, December 3, December 10, December 17, January 7 and January 21.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)



All students in a business class first or second semester are invited to join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)—the nation's largest student organization. Dues are \$10. We will begin our fall fundraiser soon. For additional information, please see a business teacher or you can e-mail Elaina.Siegel@cpschools.com.

Tennis Conditioning

Tennis conditioning is ongoing on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the IRHS tennis courts. This is not required to be part of the tennis teams, but it is a great opportunity to increase your skills. If you've never played tennis, learn the game. Come dressed in athletic wear (including proper sneakers). There will be extra rackets available. Anyone interested must have a current physical. Contact Coach Ellis in N-12 or by email (bill.ellis@cpschools.com).



Golf Team



The Indian River Golf team competed in the 2016 Conference 9 tournament this year. The boys represented themselves and the school with pride and class, fighting their way to a respectable 5th place finish (falling short of 4th by 1 stroke). On the individual side, each team member rose to the occasion and performed to the best of his ability, accomplishing goals and feats that were beyond memorable. Tenth grader Chris Ventura shot 76 (a personal best and 4 over Par) on Day 1, and a -1 under par on Day 2 to finish in 4th place (out of 50 competitors), qualifying for next week's Regional tournament. Senior Chase Waiyanet shot a respectable 89 on Day 1, and an even round on Day 2, to be recognized in the TOP 16 (13th place out of 50), only to miss the Regional tournament by 2 strokes. As for the remaining members of the team, each of them scored a personal best in the tournament and in the regular season to qualify the whole team for the Conference 9 tournament in back to back years. We are a very young group making a large noise in the golf community and putting the RIVER on the map.

Congrats to all the golfers on a great season, and Good Luck to Chris Ventura on his road to Regionals (and hopefully STATE J).

Theatre News

The Theatre Society/Drama Club has started off with a great showing! Remember the \$5 dues are to be paid by October 21st. Our “Character Social” is scheduled for Friday, October 28, from 6:30-8:45 p.m. There will be music, dancing, and a costume parade! Also remember to bring a dish to share!

*A huge CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who auditioned for this year’s competition one act play. The following thespians are in the cast!

“The Taming of the Shrew in 30 Minutes”
Adapted by Mike Willis



Directed by Ms. J. Schuler
~Student Director~
Gabe Young

CAST

SLY.....Rashad Stukes
LORD.....Myles Parker
2nd PAGE.....Brittany Horton
BAPTISTA..... Wesley Grooms
HORTENSIO..... Jacob Manges
BIANCA..... TatyAuna Fatherly
TRANIO..... Lamar Anderson
GRUMIO.....R yan Flory-Crews

HOSTESS.....MacKenzie Smith
1st PAGE.....Angelo Hill
3rd PAGE.....Jasmine Moore
GREMIO.....Isaiah Williams
KATE.....Marisa Razo
LUCENTIO.....Gabe Young
PETRUCHIO.....Cole Caudill
CURTIS.....Christian Almas

BAND OF PLAYERS

Abeni Bradley, Chrislynn Hall, Kylee Hall, Kodi Hunter, Judah Johnson, Destiny Mason, Kiarah McAfee, Carly Meusel, Luisa Richmond, Nicole Rodriguez, Briana Rudder

We hope all our parents and friends come out and support us at the VHSL Conference Festival in January 2017!



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- Click on Community, then Together in Education, Re-link Your Vic Card, Click Here to Link Your Vic Card, and follow the instructions.
- Or you can give the cashier your VIC card and they will look up our school’s Together In Education code during checkout.
- IRHS CODE: 4766**

Tutoring/Study Halls (Before and After School)

Bus #963 and #253 will pick up students in the faculty parking lot (by the gym entrance) at 4:45 p.m. The buses leave at 4:55. There will be one bus for homes in Indian River and one for homes in Greenbrier. The bus will only pick up Tuesday -Thursday (not on Monday or Friday).



Students may use the rooms located below for tutoring or for a quiet study hall. Students using the tutoring centers after school need to report directly to these rooms. When they enter the study hall/tutoring room, students must sign in and sign out when they arrive and leave. All students should be in the tutoring rooms no later than 3:55 in the afternoons. After the afternoon tutoring session, they must leave the building immediately. Only students who have a signed bus pass from a tutor can ride the activity bus home.

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher/Room</u>	<u>Subject(s)</u>
Tuesday	7:45-8:35 a.m.	Mr. Lawrence/E18	All math classes
Tuesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Mr. Mahl/C11	All math classes
Tuesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Ms. Harihan/C11	All math classes
Wednesday	7:45-8:35 a.m.	Mr. Lawrence/E18	All math classes
Wednesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Mrs. Lawrence/G14	English
Wednesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Mr. Clayton/F16	Foreign Languages
Wednesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Mrs. Kirby/J11	Chemistry
Wednesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Ms. Harihan/E16	All math classes
Wednesday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Mr. Mahl/C11	All math classes
Thursday	7:45-8:35 a.m.	Mrs. Siegel/A14	Economics & Personal Finance
Thursday	7:45-8:35 a.m.	Mr. Lawrence/E18	All math classes
Thursday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Mr. Mahl/C11	All math classes
Thursday	3:55-4:45 p.m.	Ms. Harihan/E16	All math classes
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After Prom 2017

The After Prom committee is run by parents to provide a safe and fun event for our senior class after their Prom. It's held in a safe, teen-friendly venue with lots of activities, food and prizes for the students to enjoy with their dates and classmates.

It takes planning and fundraising throughout the year to get ready for the After Prom party. We need parents of our IRHS students to help make this a successful After Prom for the class of 2017. Even if your child is not a senior this year, he/she is on his/her way to senior year very soon! Come see what's done behind the scenes. We need your help. Please join us. Meeting dates and times will be posted on the Indian River High School Website under the After Prom tab. All seniors are invited to After Prom whether they attend Prom or not. Our contact information is:

Email: irhs.afterprom@gmail.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/irhs.afterprom Twitter: @irhs_afterprom

Guidance Information

Report Card and End of Quarter Dates

MP 01	Quarter ends October 5	Report Cards issued October 17
MP 02	Quarter ends November 4	Report Cards issued November 16
MP 03	Quarter ends December 14	Report Cards issued January 4
MP 04	Quarter ends January 27	Report Cards issued February 3



PSAT Information

- ★ The PSAT was given to students on Wednesday, October 19, during school with a start time of 8:45 a.m.
- ★ This is a test given to underclassmen to assess their strengths and weaknesses are when taking the SAT for college. This is only a practice test, and colleges will not see these scores.
- ★ All college-bound 11th graders should take this test even if they have taken it before, because only 11th grade scores can qualify students for certain scholarships.

College Information for Seniors and their Parents

- ★ The Guidance Counselors met with seniors during English 12 and Government classes on September 27 to discuss life after high school, including the college and scholarship application process. The counselors also met with the seniors to register them with Parchment, the company Chesapeake Public Schools has partnered with for sending electronic transcripts.
- ★ Chesapeake College Fair – Monday, October 24 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Indian River High School

SOL Test Dates – First Semester

- ★ English 11 Writing Test for students in English 11 this semester or for seniors who have not passed the English 11 Writing Test – testing will be held October 17 and 18 for seniors who need to retake and on October 25 and 26 for any student currently in English 11. This is a 2 day test.
- ★ SOL Retesting Week – November 28 – December 1.
- ★ Other first semester End of Course SOL tests will take place December 19 – January 24.

Promotion Requirements

- ★ 9th grade to 10th grade – the successful completion of 4 credits (including English) and 1 verified credit (passing a science, history, or math class and the corresponding SOL test).
- ★ 10th grade to 11th grade - the successful completion of 10 credits (including 2 English credits) and 3 verified credits (passing 1 science, 1 history, and 1 math class and the corresponding SOL tests).
- ★ 11th grade to 12th grade - the successful completion of 15 credits (including 3 English credits) and 4 verified credits (including at least passing one science, one history, and one math class and the corresponding SOL tests).

Virginia High School League (VHSL) and 2.0 Eligibility Rules for Athletes

According to the Virginia High School League (VHSL), a student must have passed 3 classes for credit the previous semester AND be taking 3 credit bearing classes the current semester to be eligible for sports. In addition to the VHSL rules, Chesapeake has a 2.0 eligibility rule in place. In order to be eligible for sports, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or a GPA of 2.0 for the previous semester. Only final grades are used to determine GPA's (not report card quarter grades).

Guidance Information (continued)

NCAA Eligibility Center

Any student athlete who is serious about playing Division I or II sports in college should register online with the NCAA Eligibility Center. The website is www.eligibilitycenter.org and there is a \$65 registration fee. Students who qualify for a fee waiver can see Mr. Cohen in Guidance.

ASVAB

The ASVAB is a test that the military offers for students who are interested in joining the military or for students who want to learn about their strengths and weaknesses. The test will be given at IRHS on November 15. Interested seniors should sign up with Mrs. Winslow, Career Counselor, in Guidance.

Address/Phone Number Change??

If you have moved, you must bring in a current gas/water/electric bill with your name and address on it so we can update our computer records. This is the only way that we can change your address. Phone number changes can be e-mailed to the counselors.

National Honor Society

Congratulations to this year's NHS Officers:

- ★ Andrea Thompson, President
- ★ Hannah Williams, Vice President
- ★ Sydney Montrose, Treasurer
- ★ Shea Alheit, Secretary
- ★ Nia Thomas, Historian



I am pleased to inform you that National Honor Society members have an addition to their graduation gown, a National Honor Society stole. The stole will be white with the National Honor Society emblem on the front.

We know our National Honor Society members works hard to maintain their outstanding academic standing as well as their involvement in extracurricular activities. This is why the officers and I feel the stole should be funded by the club. In order to raise the necessary money, we will have a silent auction during the teacher workday, Monday, November 7. Each member is required to donate at least one item. Items can be a gift card for any amount over \$10, hand-made crafts, office supplies, etc. Donations can be for men or women. All items should be brought to Mrs. Ellis's room in L14 or Mrs. Kole's Room in G11.

Senior Class of 2017



- ★ Senior t-shirts are on sale for \$10 and can be purchased in Room H-10.
- ★ The senior class will have a fundraiser at Chipotle in Greenbrier on Eden Way on November 1st.
- ★ Senior dues are \$5 and can be paid to Ms. Finlay in Room H10.

Yearbook Information

Order Your Yearbook NOW!

Don't be left out! Preorder your copy of the 2017 yearbook today. The 2017 yearbook is currently on sale for \$75 if ordered by November 4, 2016. Orders can be placed with Ms. Finlay in H-10 or online at www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Ms. Finlay can be reached at (757)578-7000 or linda.finlay@cpschools.com.



Senior Picture Information

Senior pictures are due by November 1st. If your child's picture was taken with Prestige, then you do NOT need to do anything as Prestige will ensure the Yearbook staff receives the pictures. If students have not scheduled their appointment yet, they need to do so soon. Students can schedule a portrait sitting by contacting Prestige at (757) 222-0222. If pictures were taken by a studio other than Prestige, please ensure that Ms. Finlay receives a DIGITAL copy of the picture.

Senior Recognition Ad Information

Please consider purchasing a senior ad to recognize your special senior in the 2017 yearbook. Senior recognition ads can be purchased by contacting Ms. Finlay at (757)578-7000 or linda.finlay@cpschools.com. Ads can be purchased until February 1, 2017.

- Full page\$250
- Half page\$150
- Quarter page\$95
- Business card\$75

DECA



DECA, an association of marketing students, is helping 14 month old Bailee and her need for a service dog due to her Down Syndrome and Epilepsy. Students collected over 120 pairs of shoes which will go to an organization that will pay for the shoes and help with the cost of the training for the child's service dog. The students are very community-oriented and wanted to help.

The Annual Festival of Holidays Craft Show will be held on October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is free to the public. Please come out and find unique gifts from crafters from all around the state. The craft show is sponsored by DECA and AVID.



October is Disability Awareness Month



IRHS Calendar (dates are subject to change)

- ★ 10/22 The Annual Festival of Holidays Craft Show (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- ★ 10/24 Chesapeake College Fair at Indian River High School (6:00-8:00 p.m.)
- ★ 10/25 English EOC Writing M/C
- ★ 10/26 English EOC Writing Essay
- ★ 10/29 Saturday School (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- ★ 11/1 Dress for Success Day
- ★ 11/1 Senior pictures are due to Ms. Finlay
- ★ 11/4 Quarter ends
- ★ 11/4 Last day to buy the yearbook at the \$75 price
- ★ 11/5 Saturday School (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- ★ 11/7-11/8 Teacher Workdays
- ★ 11/11 Veteran's Day—No School
- ★ 11/15 ASVAB for students who registered
- ★ 11/16 Report Cards issued
- ★ 11/15-11/16 English Writing Term Grad #2
- ★ 11/19 Saturday School (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- ★ 11/23 Early Dismissal
- ★ 11/24-11/25 Thanksgiving Holiday—No School
- ★ 11/28 Math Retesting
- ★ 11/29 Science Retesting
- ★ 11/30 History Retesting
- ★ 12/1 English Retesting
- ★ 12/2 SOL Make ups
- ★ 12/3 Saturday School (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- ★ 12/6 Dress for Success Day
- ★ 12/10 Saturday School (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- ★ 12/12-12/16 WISE Testing
- ★ 12/14 Quarter ends
- ★ 12/17 Saturday School (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
- ★ 12/19 English 11 Reading EOC
- ★ 12/22-1/2 Winter Holiday—No School



On the first Tuesday of every month please wear professional attire and "Dress for Success."