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IHS Word

IHS Word is the Ithaca High School newsletter, jointly funded by the PTSA and IHS. It serves all IHS parents, caregivers, and staff will be mailed home with the report cards each quarter.

Need grant support? Need support for your classroom project?

Go to www.fabgithaca.org/ receive and apply for an arts mini-grant by Feb. 1. Or check out IPEI's website for Red and Gold Grants (for arts and other projects) due March 4. Call 277-4631 with questions or email president @fabgithaca.org.

FAQ's :

What are excused absences and unexcused absences?

For the full attendance policy visit the Ithaca City School District site icsd.k12.ny.us , Below are the list of excused and unexcused absences.

EXCUSED: Personal Illness; Medical; mental health appointments; Court or legal hearings; School field trips; Career Visits; Religious Observance; Illness or Death in Family; College Visits; Military Obligations; Student Services Appointments; Out of School Suspension; In-School Suspension; Participation in school sponsored events; Music Sectionals; and Impassable roads or weather.

UNEXCUSED: Truancy; Shopping; Vacations; Oversleeping; Senior Skip Day/Driver's Test; Hunting/Fishing; Birthday Celebrations; Personal Babysitting; and, Missing the Bus.

Students are required to attend all scheduled classes, unless their absence is excused. Consistent with the importance of attendance and classroom participation, unexcused absence, tardiness, or early departure may affect a student's classroom participation grade.

All students with absences, tardies, and early departures are expected to consult with their teachers regarding missed work. Make up opportunities will be available for students with excused absences and must be completed by a date specified by the student's teacher for the class in question. Teachers may provide opportunities for students with unexcused absences, tardies, or early departures to make up work.

Where can I find the information from the PTSA?

The PTSA sponsors two email list serves, one for announcements and one for open discussion. To join the announcement list serv, email IHSPTSA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

To join the discussion list serv, email IHSPTSA-discuss-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. We also post upcoming events and links to I.H.S. resources on our website at: http://ihsptsa.clarityconnect.com/IHS_PTSA/Welcome.html

Breakfast and Lunch Accounts

How does a Parent/Guardian set up an account for their child to participate in the Breakfast and Lunch Programs?

Contact your School's Cafeteria Supervisor/Manager and they'll set up an account for your child. We require Parents/Guardians to initially deposit \$10.00 into their child's account. We operate a debit system, whereas Parents/Guardians deposit money into the child's account, and money is subtracted as the child purchases a meal or other product. We have a Computer System in all Schools, networked to our District Office that tracks student meal accounts. Each student has an Account Number. All information is confidential, including students eligibility for Free & Reduced Price Meals. See more information about the school lunch program on the district site: <http://www.icsd.k12.ny.us> On the District tab click on the Child nutrition tab or call 274-2302

IHS Sports Booster

The IHS Sports Boosters are still in need of volunteers at both the indoor and outdoor concession stands for upcoming Winter and Spring Sports events. Please consider volunteering for the concessions. The concession revenue assists all Ithaca Athletes! If interested, please contact Bridget Cristelli at bac89@cornell.edu or 607-341-8974. In addition, positions are open on the IHS Sports Booster Committee. Help our Athletes! If interested in a Booster Committee, contact Steve Thayer at SportsBoosterPrez@yahoo.com or 607-277-7359. Good luck to all our Ithaca Athletes!



IHS Library's news

We are boiling with ideas, books, classes, and events, as always!

Did you know that:

- we have an average of 68 drop-in students, from study hall, lunch, and free period, every period, every day?
- we have an average of 50 classes a week in our two computer labs and Reading Room?
- we have been graced with a grant from Mr. Powers for new non-fiction books, and have received 200 so far?
- the Listening Zone, initiated by Mr. Powers, has been a huge success, leading to a more peaceful atmosphere for all?

And a couple of great books your students might be interested in: Last Exit to Normal, by Michael Harmon, about a skater boy from the city who gets dragged out to a tiny Montana town by his dad, as his last chance to shape up; Unbroken, by Laura Hillenbrand, about a WWII airman, star runner Louie Zamperini, in his years in Japanese POW camps. Both of these are page-turners!

Upcoming: POETRY SLAM in April, National Poetry Month.

As always, we welcome your input, suggestions, and gently used books appropriate for high school.- NanBell

Visit us on the web:PTSA:

http://ihsptsa.clarityconnect.com/IHS_PTSA/Welcome.html

