

November Newsletter

It is hard to believe that it is almost time for Thanksgiving break and exams will be here before we know it! As the semester comes to a close, it is important for students to finish strong. We have heard from our students, through a survey, that FLEx block is a valuable opportunity to access teachers for assistance. We have developed a schedule to add extra FLEx times on **December 9th and 12th**. Please note that lunch is a half hour earlier and the end of 6th bell is about 5 minutes later than regular schedule.

FLEx Bell Schedule Friday, December 9th and Monday, December 12th

Bell 1	8-8:40
Bell 2	8:44-9:29
Bell 3	9:33-10:13
Bell 4	10:17-10:57
Bell 5	11:01-12:31 (lunch)
FLEx/HR	12:35-1:17
Bell 6	1:21-2:01
Bell 7	2:05-2:45

The exam schedule for first semester is at the end of this newsletter. Please note, if a student is absent during exams, a doctor's note is required to excuse the absence. In some instances, students may need to be absent during exams and the reason for absence is not medical. Prior approval from an administrator is required for all non-medical exam absences. It is in the students' best interest to take all exams prior to Winter Break. Every effort will be made to schedule make-up exams by December 16th.

Pre-ACT: On November 21st, we will be administering the pre-ACT to all 10th and 11th grade students. This will provide an opportunity for students to experience the test in a non-pressure setting. The test will also provide feedback to students so they can target their preparation for future test administrations. Please make sure your child is on time for school. There will not be an opportunity to make up this test.

SENIOR TRIP: Our Seniors are headed to Chicago on the Senior Trip. This is a great tradition that every student looks forward to experiencing senior year. It is a bonding opportunity for the class. Parents, please talk to your child in advance of the trip about the importance of following directions, being on time and making good decisions. The staff attending the trip have placed a great deal of trust in the students and a tremendous amount of work has gone into providing a fun-filled three days. Additionally, if you have made alternate travel arrangements at the conclusion of the trip for your child, a note with the details of the trip must be submitted to Mrs. Otten before the end of the day Friday, November 18th. Any questions should be directed to Mrs. Otten. We look forward to hearing about all the great memories made when the group returns!

School Fees: We still have a number of families that have not paid school fees. As noted in the last newsletter, we are administering tests and providing consumable materials specific to classes students are currently taking. It is extremely important that fees are paid as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me. Additionally, if you need to set up a payment plan for the fees, we are happy to assist families in that process. Thank you for your help!

Volunteer Hours: We have a new process for students to log volunteer hours through UGive. An additional flyer is linked to this newsletter that gives parents and students directions on how to use the new website. Our goal is to go paperless by the second semester. Additionally, parents are able to see all of the hours that students have logged. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Vicky Mendoza, with any questions.

I have a new blog post for the month of November. The topic is grit and how we can help students persevere. Check out the post on the High School webpage in the ABOUT section. Our performing arts groups are preparing for their first semester concerts. Please see the dates below for performances that remain this semester. In closing, I want to express my thanks to the support organizations that provide many opportunities for our students and staff. Indian Hill PTO, Boosters and Foundation are fantastic partners in all that we do. **Thank you for the support!!**

Athletics Newsletter:

During the Fall 2016, Indian Hill athletic results and accomplishments were at historic levels. We ended the fall .5 points out of first place in the CHL All Sport standings. We had 4 conference championship teams, 60 All CHL Performers, 3 Coaches of the Year, 4 Players of the Year and 120 varsity athletes named CHL Academic recipients. Thank you to all parents and fans for their support and helping in putting on over 90 home events this fall. Go Braves.

Football

- Finished 9-2 after a tough first round play-off loss to state #1 Alter. Two-year record is now 20 – 3.

Boys Soccer

- Boys won the District Championship with a 5-1 win over Kenton Ridge and advanced into the State Sweet Sixteen before losing to Alter.

Girls Soccer

- Won the CHL for the 4th time in 5 years advancing to the District Championship game before falling to Alter.

Girls Tennis

- Girls Tennis won their 20th straight CHL title.
- We placed 6 players into the state finals competition held at the Linder Center.
 - Morgan Coburn
 - Saskia Goboyana
 - Hayley Hirsch
 - Gracey Hirsch
 - Amalia Guzman
 - Sarah Price
- The ladies also qualified for the state team Final Four for the 4th time in 5 years finishing 2nd in the state.

Boys Cross Country

- Boys Cross Country won their 2nd straight CHL title. The boys set a new CHL Championship record with a score of 16 pts.
- For the first time in 20 years the boys qualified for the state championships finishing an all-time best 10th in the state. Congratulations goes to:
 - Joe Murdock
 - Devin Heffernan
 - Ben Bayless
 - Patrick Giroux
 - Nolan Heffernan
 - Johnny Giroux
 - Tommy Tauer
 - Ben Warstler



Cheerleading

- The IH Cheerleading program competed in the 2016 CHL Championships with the Middle School and Varsity teams winning the event for the 2nd straight year. Our cheer teams are now recognized as one of the areas state of the art competitive program thanks in large part to the commitment of both the cheerleaders as well as coaches Kristin Bratcher and Leigh Anne Meurer.



IHHS Celebrations

Homecoming Dance

Our homecoming dance was very well attended this year, with the largest attendance in recent history. Several students and staff members worked hard behind the scenes to get our courtyard looking good and to help the evening run smoothly. Thank you to all that attended and supported this event in some way.



Concert at Bellarmine

On October 10 our choirs performed at Bellarmine Chapel on Xavier University's campus. This has become an annual event that our students enjoy.



Important Dates:

Nov 19 Cabaret

Nov 20-22 Senior Trip

Nov 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

Nov 29-Dec 2 HS Art Show

Nov 29 Winter Band Concert

Dec 5 Ring Delivery and Senior Order Make-Up

Dec 8 Talent Show

Dec 13-16 Semester Exams (See Schedule Below)

2016-2017 First Semester Exam Schedule**Tuesday, 12/13**

8:10 – 10:10 **1st Period Exam**

10:40 – 12:40 **2nd Period Exam**

Wednesday, 12/14

8:10 – 10:10 **3rd Period Exam**

10:40 – 12:40 **4th Period Exam**

Thursday, 12/15

8:10 – 10:10 **5th Period Exam**

10:40 – 12:40 **6th Period Exam**

Friday, 12/16

8:10 – 10:10 **7th Period Exam**

10:40 – 12:40 **Make-Up Exams**

*****PLEASE NOTE:** If a student misses an exam, a make-up test will only be given if the student provides a doctor's note for the absence. The complete exam policy will be posted on the website following Thanksgiving Break.