

We have had a great 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter at IHHS! Our Homecoming events were well attended. The game and dance were supported by our students with near record participation at both events. A little rain did not dampen our spirit for Movie Night as we moved *The Martian* indoors. We appreciate all of the efforts by Student Government, their advisors and teacher chaperones for making it a fun and safe weekend for all who participated. Panel Painting, that was postponed due to rain, took place prior to the Madeira Game and the panels were on display Friday night. A big thanks to PTO for being flexible when we needed to reschedule.

As we begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, I would like to remind families to pay student fees. We are beginning to administer tests that the fees cover and students are well into their courses that have consumable materials that are also paid for by fees. A check may be sent to school with your child or you may use EZPay to complete the transaction. Thanks for your help!

Students will be receiving A.L.I.C.E. refresher training from the Indian Hill Rangers on October 27<sup>th</sup>. After the training we will run a lockdown drill to reinforce the safety strategies reviewed. It is always a good idea to discuss with your children what they would do in an emergency situation, whether it be at school, at home or in the community. Should you have any questions regarding this drill, please contact us.

As a reminder, the final opportunities for conferences are coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup> in the evening and October 28<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Conferences can be scheduled by going to the district website and selecting Resources and Tools. There you will find a link to Pick-a-Time.

**SENIOR PARENTS:** Students who are participating in the Senior Trip should make the final payment by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Students should have submitted all forms and room assignment requests.

A new feature to the school website will be my blog. I will have monthly reflections about the happenings at IHHS. I will also share thoughts and perspectives as a parent and life-long learner. You can find my blog on the High School page under the "About" tab. The title of the blog is "Being Braves: Principal's Blog".

### **Athletic Newsletter**

Fall state tournaments are in full swing into early November. For the most updated information on brackets and upcoming games please go to [www.ihbraves.org](http://www.ihbraves.org) and look for Fall Bracketology on right hand side of home page. For sports not listed to go the individual sport for specific information.

Congratulations to Girls Soccer for winning the CHL title. This is the girls 5<sup>th</sup> title in the past 6 years with a 6 year record within the CHL of 34-3-5.

Congratulations to Boys Cross Country for winning their 2<sup>nd</sup> straight CHL championship with a record score of 16. Braves runners finished 1,2,3,4 and 6 – Joe Murdock, Devin Heffernan, Ben Bayless, Patrick Giroux and Nolan Heffernan. Coach Susan Savage was named Coach of the Year and Joe Murdock was Runner of the Year.

Congratulations to Girls Tennis and their 20<sup>th</sup> straight CHL championship dating back to 1997. In addition, for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 6 years the girls are in the state team Final Four to be held at Reynoldsburg High School on Sunday October 23.

The entire Cross Country team traveled to Knox County, KY on their annual community service project. Cross Country fund raises in support of a school supply drive for Knox County schools. During their delivery of the supplies our student athletes interacted with 90- 1st graders and participated in activities including tie dying T-shirts, reading, arts and crafts. Brave athletes reaching out to help communities!



Winter Sports Sign-Ups Winter sports on-line registration is now open. Thanks to electronic registration improvements, the Emergency Medical Form will now be electronically generated. The only piece(s) of paper now required to turn in once registration is complete is the physical. All winter athletes must have a valid physical on file less than 1year old. Go to [www.ihbraves.org](http://www.ihbraves.org) – click on “registration” for more information.

Winter Sports Practice Start Dates – please contact the coach with any questions.

- Girls Basketball 10/28 – Coach Chris Arrington - [r.smith@prasco.com](mailto:r.smith@prasco.com)
- Boys Basketball 11/4 – Coach Tim Burch - [tburch228@yahoo.com](mailto:tburch228@yahoo.com)
- Swimming 11/4 – Coach John Galvin - [jgalvin93@gmail.com](mailto:jgalvin93@gmail.com)
- Diving 11/4 – Coach Ray Noble - [raydives@aol.com](mailto:raydives@aol.com)
- Wrestling 11/11 – Coach Nate Eigher - [Nate.Eigher@indianhillschools.org](mailto:Nate.Eigher@indianhillschools.org)

## **Technology Update**

### **Parent accounts...**

The new school year brings the brain-taxing task of remembering what parent accounts and passwords you have for access to school information. Remember to keep these account separate from student accounts. For progressbook, you create your own ID and password and connect it to your children, as well as creating your children's accounts. If you aren't sure what your account is, you can click the "Forgot the username or password" link and it will email reset information. For

Blackboard, the parent account is the student ID preceded by the letter "p" (for parent) -- like p770024. You should change your password under personal information after you first log in. If you are unable to log in to Blackboard, please email Arline Pique ([arline.pique@indianhillschools.org](mailto:arline.pique@indianhillschools.org)) to reset your password.

- **Quarter End – Where do you find grades?**

- Blackboard shows all course grades during the quarter when you login (in addition to being able to access classroom assignment information and documents, as well as lunch balance information and other announcements). To get to the detail behind the grades, simply click on the grade displayed by a course name.
- Progressbook shows grades, attendance and report cards. At any time you can login and see current course grades or attendance. Furthermore, once report cards are “printed” you will find them under the REPORT CARD area. In the “View Paper History” link (top right corner of the Report Card screen), you can view and print the official Indian Hill Report card that is current, or from previous years since this feature was implemented. This is helpful for scholarship applications, insurance discounts, etc.
- While the Blackboard parent account is automatically created for each family, the Progressbook parent accounts must be created by the parent. If you never created a Progressbook Parent account, you will need to contact Guidance ([Mrs. Karen Post](#)) for your parent registration key. The key allows you to connect your student to your account. For more information on creating your Progressbook Parent account, see:

<http://hs.indianhillschools.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=3626308>

- **Students and Cell Phones**

- The High School has an open policy regarding cell phones as compared to the Middle School. Students are allowed to use their cell phones in the hallway during class changes, during MP periods and during lunch. They must ask permission to use their cell phones during class (and sometimes the teacher will allow students to use their cell phones for certain apps during class). Please note, however, that if you allow your child's phone to be a mobile hotspot, they are NOT allowed to use that feature during school.
- We encourage you, as parents, to stay aware of what your student is doing on their cell phones; it is a powerful device that has the potential to cause severe harm if used inappropriately. Check their photos, texts and apps occasionally. While High School is a time for us to prepare them for the independence of college and the "outside world", it is still important to stay diligent in helping to teach them safe practices using these electronic tools.
- Also, you might want to be aware of this **"secret photo" app** that looks like a calculator app to the average person but allows people to hide photos they don't want others to know

about: <http://petapixel.com/2015/09/05/district-attorney-warns-parents-about-sneaky-photo-hiding-apps/> Children are using this app across the country to hide photos they don't want their parents to see. So, please be aware.

- Other resources that can help you are:

Common Sense Media: <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/cell-phone-parenting/age/teens> (check out the parent concerns area on *Facebook, Instagram, and Social*)

CTIA Wireless Association: <http://www.growingwireless.com/>

- National Cyber Security Alliance: <https://staysafeonline.org/stay-safe-online/mobile-and-on-the-go/mobile-devices>

**AFTER PROM:** The *legendary* tradition continues! Please join PTO Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School MP room to plan this much appreciated and fun event for our students. All ideas and hands are welcome! The theme is GAMES this year and we want everyone to be a part of the party!

**POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL:** I.H. SENIOR GIRLS vs. I.H. JUNIOR GIRLS Face Off at Tomahawk Stadium, Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 pm (GATES OPEN @ 6:00--Prom Bake Sale)

**Pre-Game Show includes:** IH Marching Band, IHES choir, and IHHS Men's Chorus joined by 8th grade men. **Half-time includes:** THREE Chili Eating Contests for the middle school, high school, and parents. If interested in participating contact Patty Leggio at [paleggio@fuse.net](mailto:paleggio@fuse.net)

ADMISSION \$5 /adults \$3 HS students \$2 other students Dinner at the Pavilion is cash and carry. All proceeds benefit Indian Hill's After Prom 2017. Special thanks to our event sponsors Beacon Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Indian Hill Boosters and the PTO.

Looking forward:

Upcoming Important Dates:

20 , 22-Oct Fall Play	16-Nov Blood Drive
21-Oct Fall Sports Senior Night	19-Nov Cabaret
24-Oct NHS Inductions	20-22-Nov Senior Trip
26-Oct NHS Luncheon	23-25-Nov Thanksgiving Break
27-Oct Evening Conferences	29-Nov-2-Dec HS Art Show
28-Oct No School – Morning Conferences	29-Nov Winter Band Concert
14-Nov Orchestra Concert	5-Dec Ring Delivery
14-Nov Senior Graduation Orders	8-Dec Talent Show
	13-16-Dec Semester Exams

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