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BELOW ARE THE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Break: October 9-13

Veterans' Day: November 10 (no school)

Thanksgiving Break: November 23-24

Semester Finals: December 20-21

Winter Break: December 23—January 7

ATTENTION PARENTS: Due to State Student Council Convention being held on campus, we will be dismissing at 12PM on Friday, January 26th

Please visit the school website for Sports Schedules.
<http://independence.guhsdaz.org>

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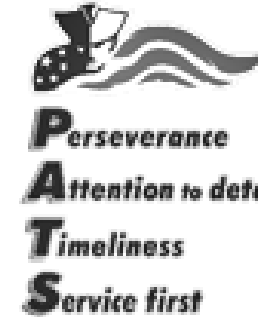
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MESSAGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL BY ROBERT AMBROSE, PRINCIPAL



P.A.T.S.

Hello Patriot Family!

I want to share with you our belief in student success and the acronym P.A.T.S. that we are using with everyone in our community. P.A.T.S. stands for Perseverance, Attention to detail, Timeliness, and Service first. We believe that these traits are vital for everyone in the Independence community to adhere to so students can be their best. We are asking everyone to help reinforce these attributes, so please take some time to talk with your student about P.A.T.S. We hope it makes a positive difference in your student's life.

Getting to School on Time

Students need to be in class and ready to learn when it is time for class to start. Helping your student understand the importance of being early to school, meetings, work and events makes a positive difference in their lives. Arriving at school with seconds to spare is not helping students create good life-long habits for being on time. Traffic congestion leads to frustration when so many are trying to arrive at the last minute. Ultimately, rushing to school creates safety concerns for pedestrians and drivers alike. I want everyone to get to school safely each day so here are some tips for safely and efficiently picking up or dropping off your student.

All students are to be picked up or dropped off in the student parking lot off of Maryland Avenue. The 75th Avenue entrance is for faculty and staff and is not open to the public until 3:30 pm each day. The Maryland Avenue entrance is designed for you to enter the parking lot at the West-most entrance, near the football and soccer stadium, then proceed to drive East and then North so that you are near the Media Center or Library. This puts the student near the center of campus and it is a safe place to drop off and pick up students. The driver can now continue around West and then South to get off of campus at the same place they entered campus. This is designed to make the process smooth and easy for everyone involved, while minimizing traffic congestion on Maryland Avenue at the same time. If everyone follows these procedures, traffic will be lighter and students will be much safer.

Please do not drop students off on 75th Avenue or on Maryland Avenue. Having your student get out of the car where other drivers are traveling is **extremely dangerous**, and it is against the law to stop on a roadway. If a driver is not expecting you to be stopped on the road or is distracted for some reason, you will be involved in an accident. Please think about your student's safety. Take a few extra minutes to get your vehicle into a safe spot (inside the parking lot) before you let your student out.

My final tip is to just get to school a few minutes earlier. At 7:45 am there is relatively little traffic and getting in and out of the parking lot is a simple matter. At 7:55 am, there is tremendous traffic and moving about with your vehicle is difficult. Ten minutes makes a world of difference!

Be safe Patriots!

Rob Ambrose

Principal

Safety Tip Line

(623) 435-6139

Help keep IHS safe!

Anonymously Report incidents of:

A friend who needs help

Bullying/Harassment

Fights Before They Happen

Alcohol/Drug Possession or Use

Graffiti

Weapons Possession

All calls are strictly confidential

“If You See Something, Say Something”

COUNSELOR'S CONNECTION

BY DR. SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ, COUNSELOR

Counselors are in the process of meeting with all students to complete their **4 Year Plan**, which includes, ECAP (Educational Career Action Plan) and AZCIS (Arizona Career Information System) to plan for classes, colleges and careers.

REMIND sends text messages to update students and parents/guardians with news from Counselors & Career Center.

To join:

Senior class: Text to 81010 and message @2018IHS (no dash)

Junior class: Text to 81010 and message @2019-IHS

Sophomore class: Text 81010 and message @2020-IHS

Freshman class: Text 8101 and message @2021-IHS

SENIORS: Counselors have met with all seniors. They received informational folders containing very important information and dates for colleges and careers. It is especially important to ensure seniors have met credit requirements necessary to graduate in May 2018. Transcripts were reviewed and senior conference forms completed. These were mailed to parents/guardians.

FAFSA (Federal Financial Aid) night for parents and students is October 24th in the Media Center from 6:30-8:30. Bring Parent copy of 2016 taxes (form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ) and social security numbers for parents and students.

JUNIORS: Junior **4 YEAR PLANS** (ECAP) and AzCIS will begin the week of September 25th. All Juniors will take the ACT college entrance exam in the spring. Practice tests are on the ACT.org website.

SOPHOMORES: Sophomores completed their **4 YEAR PLANS** (ECAP) and AzCIS. Presentation for the Glendale Community College ACE program for college credits is October 18th in the Mini Auditorium. Students will receive application packets to be completed and returned on November 1st. GCC invites parents and students to attend a recruitment presentation at GCC Student Union on Saturday, November 4th. If you have any questions contact Lambert Yazzie at the GCC ACE office at (623)845-3094.

FRESHMAN: 4 YEAR PLANS (ECAP) and AzCIS will begin the week of October 18th.

Resources:

www.independence.guhsdaz.org for all the IHS information.

www.azcis.intocareers.org to view colleges, careers and scholarships. Parent Vue for grades, attendance and communication with the teachers. These are great resources for students and parents/guardians.



FAFSA NIGHT

BY TERRY STARR, CAREER CENTER

The Independence College & Career Center will be hosting a Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, October 24. Students and parents will be able to fill out their FAFSA forms that evening. They can come to the Media Center between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. Computers will be available to do the online application. Help will be available in both English and Spanish.

Students and parents need to bring their Social Security numbers, 2016 federal income tax forms (1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) and their FAFSA ID#. You will be able to create your FAFSA ID#s that evening if you do not already have them.

You will also need to gather other financial records before you start your FAFSA such as: savings account & investment records, child support & others payments you have paid or received.

FAFSA is the official federal form used for determining the amount of financial aid your student may be eligible for. You may begin filing FAFSA online October 1. Financial aid from FAFSA comes in the form of grants (which you do not pay back) and loans (which you do pay back)

This form is filled out *only* online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov.

Deadlines for completing the FAFSA for the Arizona universities are as follows:

NAU is November 15

ASU is January 1

U of A is March 1

Mrs. Starr in the Career Center has more information about FAFSA. She can be reached at 623-435-6119 or at Teresa.starr@guhsdaz.org

CAFETERIA NEWS

BY FOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Glendale Union High School District offers healthy meals every school day in compliance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Breakfast costs \$1.50; lunch costs \$3.00. Ala Carte options are also available for purchase. MyPaymentsplus (<https://www2.mypaymentsplus.com/welcome>) is an online application that allows parents to pay for meals, view cafeteria purchases, receive low balance alerts, or enroll in autopay. Students are allowed to charge up to \$9 without adequate funds on account.

GUHSD also participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs which allows for students who qualify to receive meals at a discounted rate. Students may qualify based on household size and income. Please contact Mary Perez (623) 435-6040 or your school's cafeteria office if you have questions regarding eligibility.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

BY LYNNETTE CRAMER, ART TEACHER

The Visual Arts Department is proud to announce that the highlighted artist for August was Kristian Acosta. Kristian is an AP Drawing student who has incredible natural talent, has a strong work ethic and strives to challenge himself. For the past three years, Kristian has worked very hard to create high quality work. He has an eye for detail, excellent craftsmanship and will work on a piece until it is near perfect. Kristian is an artist who has the drive to become better and always goes beyond. Congratulations to Kristian Acosta!

Lili Gutierrez is the Visual Arts highlighted artist of the month for September. Lili is very active on campus in the Journalism program, Theater Club and is the current vice president of Photo Club. She consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and superb craftsmanship in everything she does. Congratulations, Lili, and thank you for sharing your talents with IHS!



Kristian Acaosta



Lili Gutierrez

MISS TEEN UNIVERSE PAGEANT

BY ESTEVAN CARREON, TEACHER

Congratulations to Independence Patriot Emily Ramirez-Lara, who competed in the 2017 Miss Teen Universe USA pageant in Amarillo, Texas. After five days of festivities, Emily earned first runner-up!

Emily is a senior at Independence where she has been involved in National Honor Society, Unitown, Educators Rising, and the Patriot Pride Marching Band. Outside of school, Emily has been a co-host for an online radio show, *Entre Mujeres Radio*; volunteered at Gigi's Playhouse, a center for individuals with Down syndrome; volunteered at Hope Kids, a community working with children with life-threatening conditions; she participated in the Compassion Experience to gain familiarity about global poverty; and helped fundraise for *Teleton USA* to raise money for children with disabilities.

After graduation, Emily will attend Arizona State University where she will major in communications and public relations.



CROSS COUNTRY WINS 1ST PLACE

BY TONY GROSETA, CROSS COUNTRY COACH



CROSS COUNTRY wins 1st PLACE at the GUHSD CLASSIC
Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Cross Country team for taking 1st place at the 2017 Glendale Union High School District Classic. This is the first time the Patriots have won this district event in 41 years! Senior Jesus Aldana was the overall 1st place champion of the tournament. Thank you to all our runners and their coaches: Tony Groseta, Jerry Hermann, Heather Kidder, and Rex Foster.



TAX CREDIT INFORMATION

Your contribution costs you nothing and will immediately go to support the high school and program of YOUR choice.

The Arizona tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows taxpayers a TAX CREDIT on their state taxes.

The TAX CREDIT maximum contributions are:

\$400 for married couples filing joint returns

\$200 for single individuals and head of household

\$200 for married couples filing separate returns

It is NOT a requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in a public school to donate.

*100% of your donation comes back to you on your state income tax return, up to the donation limit of \$200 for individuals and \$400 for married taxpayers filing jointly.