

## **IHHS November 2017 Monthly Newsletter**

**Braves Nation, what a November to remember! The pillars of leadership, integrity, pride, excellence, respect and opportunity were clearly exemplified in a month that was simply extraordinary. Some of the highlights are below:**

**KidsFed Community Service Project (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>):** With the help of PTO and the dedication of three amazing students, our school organized the largest community, full-school project it ever embarked on. Within a matter of 90 minutes ALL of our students helped to create almost 4000 packed bags of nonperishable food items that were distributed throughout neighboring communities to families in need; not just for the Thanksgiving holiday but for the weeks ahead. This was an extraordinary effort, one that was made possible due to dedication and commitment to servant leadership that all of Indian Hill High School believes in their core. We are looking forward to packing even more bags next year! Be sure to follow me on Twitter @IHHSPrincipal for continued pictures, news and highlights of all that's going on in IHHS!



**Senior Trip 2017:** Continuing the tradition that has stood for over two decades, on November 19<sup>th</sup> the Class of 2018 loaded the buses to head to Chicago to take on the Windy City. Our students had a spectacular time as they stood at the highest point in the Western Hemisphere, watched dolphins and aquatic animals showcase their talents at Shedd's Aquarium, laughed together at Second City Comedy Club and danced the night away along the boat cruise! All of us who accompanied them were proud of the way our students not only represented themselves with dignity and respect but clearly encapsulated why Indian Hill High School is a special place. It was a true bonding experience, one that

formed lasting memories our Seniors will never forget!



### **CONGRATULATIONS...., Division 2 STATE CHAMPIONS!!!**

Girls Soccer became Indian Hill's 2<sup>nd</sup> OHSAA Team State Champion ever with a 2-0 win in the state final versus Mentor Lake Catholic at Columbus Crew Stadium. Led by All State players, and recently named All-Americans, Anna Podojil and Morgan Jackson as well as State Coach of the Year Amy Dunlap, the Lady Braves finished with a final record of 22-0-1 and were the only undefeated girls' soccer team in the State of Ohio! There are over 570 girl's soccer teams in Divisions 1, 2 & 3; no other team but our Lady Braves finished the season UNDEFEATED!!! What a magical run indeed!



### **Winter Sports**

Winter sports are up and running for all programs. In the winter Indian Hill High School and Middle School field a combined 17 teams with over 260 athletes being mentored by 23 coaches. We will host over 100 home events between December and March.

While December begins the winter season, due to the holiday break the bulk of winter activity occurs after January 1. Go to [www.ihbraves.org](http://www.ihbraves.org) for winter schedules or download the "Big Teams" app for

Android or Apple which allows you to pick specific teams and get alerts as schedules get updated in real time.

**CABARET**: It was another night to remember here at IHHS when the students took the stage for this year's Cabaret! The night featured a plethora of different performances and our students simply shined! The depth of talent is astonishing and it was an absolute joy to see our students captivate a record crowd! Congratulations to all who helped make this amazing night possible!



**Final/Semester Exams:**

**We are just two weeks away from our semester exams. Although we are all looking forward to winter recess we have work to do together just yet. Continue to work hard, push one another, find time to balance your workload and lean on those you trust when you need help! And make sure you sleep! Let's make this final push together! The semester exam schedule is below:**

- **Monday December 18<sup>th</sup>: Regular Bell Schedule (Bells 1-7)**
- **Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>: Bells 1 & 2**
- **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>: Bells 3 & 4**
- **Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>: Bells 5 & 6**
- **Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Bell 7 & Make-Up Exams**
- **Test Periods are 2 hours with a 15 minute interval between each exam.**

**Remember, it is important that you take advantage of your class time before these exams. However, if you need to take an exam early please make sure you discuss this with your teachers and gather final approval from myself or Mr. Hayes.**

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Combined Choir/Chorus Concert @ Armstrong Chapel (7:00pm)

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: Symmes Township Board of Trustee's Meeting recognizes our State Champion Lady Braves (7:30pm)

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: ACT Exam @ IHHS (7:00am)

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Hanukkah begins at sundown!

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: High School rings delivered

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Finals/Semester Exams begin

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: Hanukkah ends at sundown.

Dec. 25 – Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Winter Recess

## **IHHS Counseling Newsletter**

### **College Application Statistics for the Class of 2018**

As we begin the month of December, we would like to share with you the application statistics for the current class:

- 87% of the class has applied to at least one college/university.
- 48% of the class has applied to college by either the Early Action Plan (nonbinding) or the Early Decision Plan (binding)
- We have processed and mailed 952 transcripts.
- Students have applied to 281 different colleges/universities.
- The most popular college is the University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University
- Outside of Ohio, the most popular colleges are University of South Carolina, University of Michigan, Indiana University, University of Alabama and Purdue

We look forward to bringing you more updates as the Class of 2018 continue to apply to colleges and receive their decision letters.

**"Good thoughts, good things." Jessica Metcalfe**

## Topic of the Month

### **Early Admissions Decision Letters**

For many high school seniors, December 15<sup>th</sup> is a very familiar date in the college application process. This is the date that early admissions decisions are released from many colleges that use this form of admissions. So what can you expect? There are three main decisions that you may find when you check your admission status online or open that envelope. **Accepted, Deferred or Not Accepted**. Regardless of the decision you receive, remember, you still have options.

**Accepted** – You are offered admission to their college/university for the entering class of 2019. Congratulations! If you applied Early Decision, confirm acceptance of the offer and follow up with housing to secure your housing choice. You should also cancel your applications to all other colleges that you have applied to by sending an email to the colleges asking that they remove you from consideration. If you applied Early Action, Priority or Rolling and have received an acceptance, there is no need to make a decision at this time. You have until May 1<sup>st</sup> to make your final decision and send in your deposit.

**Deferred** - Although you were not offered admission during the early admissions period, you are still in the running. You will now be reviewed along with the regular decision application pool. This is your opportunity to send additional items that may help in the next admissions decision cycle. If you have received any grades, test scores, honors and achievements, be sure to send that information to the admissions office and ask that it be added to your file. You should include your identifying information: name, date of birth, social security number and any number assigned to you through the common application or through the college.

**Not Accepted** – You were not offered admission to their college/university. Please do not take it personally. Every college has a limit to the number of students they can accept each year and for this particular college, against these particular applicants, they were not able to accept you. You are still going to go to college and you still have other options. So keep your head up! Concentrate on your remaining college options. Apply to other schools if you have not already done so. If you need help, come to the College and Career Center and we can help through the next steps.

Lastly, we need to make a copy of your decision letters, so please bring in your decision letters, and scholarship offers to Ms. Post. Remember, we are here to help you, so stop by anytime.

### **Postsecondary Options**

There are many paths to reach your future goals. One popular path is to enter college right after high school graduation. However, there are other options for those who desire to take a different path after graduating. Thinking of joining the military? Do you want to enter the workforce? Maybe taking a gap year sounds tempting? If you find yourself interested in taking a path less traveled, please come to the College and Career Center and meet with Mrs. Hall or your counselor. Whatever path you take, we want you to know we are here to help you be successful, right where you are!

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The Guidance office requires at least two weeks lead time for the processing of college applications. We request that you submit only completed applications and include all relevant information which includes an essay, resume, and fee. Please respect these deadlines as it will insure timely application processing.

**Application deadline**

January 1  
January 15

**Materials into our offices by:**

December 13 (offices are closed for the Christmas break)  
January 1

All applications and tracking sheets should be given to your counselor no later than January 15th for applications that have deadlines after the month of January.

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**Dates to Remember:****December**

- 2 SAT exam at Indian Hill High School
- 5 – 8 Fall Administration of End of Course State Assessments
- 7 Counselor Coffee
- 9 ACT exam at Indian Hill High School
- 11 PSAT scores available online
- 13 Submit all Transcript Requests with January 1<sup>st</sup> deadlines
- 13 & 14 Government End of Course State Assessments
- 19 – 22 Semester Exams
- 25 – 1/5 Winter Recess

**January**

- 8 Classes Resume
- 10 Redo Day for 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- 15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday – No School
- 17 College Panel Night
- 24 Test Interpretation Night Grades 9 - 11

