

September Newsletter:

Although it doesn't feel like fall outside we are just a few days away from turning the calendar to October. As I take a moment and reflect on the beginning six weeks of the school year the word 'impressive' continues to come to mind. Both Mr. Hayes and I have had a wonderful start to the school year and each time we interact with our students we are continuously impressed with their approach towards their academics, athletics, arts and most importantly towards one another. Since our first few days here we knew just how special a place Indian Hill High School is. Through a variety of meet-and-greets, parent organizational evenings, athletics events and school sponsored parent nights we have had a chance to introduce ourselves to so many within the Indian Hill community and we are excited to meet so many more. The passion, commitment and dedication that Braves Nation has towards their children's future is extraordinary and in serving as the Principal of Indian Hill High School it is an honor to be part of this family!

As the school year unfolded we have been honored with numerous accolades; US News and World Report ranked IHHS #3 in the state of Ohio and #125 in the nation. The Washington Post ranked IHHS #2 in the State of Ohio, Niche ranked IHHS as the #8 best STEM School in Ohio and recently we were named the #1 school in the area by Cincinnati.com. Moreover, The National Association of Music Merchants named IHHS among the "best communities for music education." These achievements are a credit to all who call Indian Hill home and collectively we should be very proud and celebrate the great work happening in academics, athletics and the arts. Through leadership, integrity, pride, excellence, respect and opportunity our students will continue to holistically grow in all areas of their lives and make a positive impact on our school and neighboring communities; it is a great time to be a BRAVE!

I want to take a quick moment and express my gratitude for all who made this past week's Homecoming festivities, a year to remember. Indian Hill was graced with terrific weather all weekend and enhanced the fun and excitement surrounding the Movie Night, the Homecoming Parade, Game and Dance! Although at times it felt like summer outside, the students had a blast and are still talking about how much fun they had! GO BRAVES!

Special Person's Day (Sept. 15th):

What a special moment this was for our school and our seniors as they once again invited those within their lives that have made a positive impact. The breakfast was a huge hit and the performances played by our orchestra, choir and band were spectacular. It is not often that we have a chance to say 'thank you' to those that have helped us achieve the successes within our lives and this day gave our seniors an opportunity to do just that.

Athletic Update:

For the 2017 fall sports season, 450 athletes are registered at both the high school and middle school. This represents 47% of all our students playing a fall sport.

Fall Sports

Congratulations to all our fall athletes for a tremendous start. All 9 of our high school varsity teams are currently in the Cincinnati Enquirer City Top 10 with 3 ranked #1 and 5 in the Top 3.

- Girls Tennis - #1
- Boys Cross Country #1
- Girls Soccer #1
- Football #3
- Girls Cross Country #3
- Boys Soccer #4
- Field Hockey #5
- Volleyball #6
- Boys Golf #6

Key Dates

- **Senior Nights**
 - Field Hockey 10/3 6:30
 - Girls Soccer 10/4 6:30
 - Volleyball 10/12 6:30
 - Football, Cheer, Cross Country, Girls Tennis, Boys Golf 10/13 6:30 @Tomahawk
 - Boys Soccer 10/14 1:30
 - For updated schedules
 - Go to www.ihbraves.com
 - Download “Big Team” app for android or apple. Select Indian Hill and choose teams you want to follow. Real time schedules.

School Fees:

All school fees were due on September 29th and can be paid using the EZPay system. You can easily access this system through the Indian Hill High School homepage, click on “Students/Parents” and scroll down to “EZPay online payments” link. You could quickly access it by clicking this link: <https://www.spsezpay.com/IndianHill/login.aspx>

Picture Re-takes (October 20th):

Students need to return their picture package to the photographer if they want a new package with the retake printed. There are also order forms at the front office.

Parents: End of the First Quarter (October 13th)

Report cards will be available online on Friday, October 20.

You can access the report card through [Progress Book](#). Once logged in, you will see a link for Report Card in the left hand menu.



If you have forgotten your account information, click to the right of the Sign In button to access your forgotten information.



If you have not set up an account, please contact [Kerry Daus](#), Technology Facilitator for a registration key.

Important Future Dates:

Oct 11th: PSAT Day
Oct 12th: Senior “Dad’s” Cook-out
Oct 13th: End of the First Quarter (No School – Students)
Oct 13th: Staff Development Day
Oct 16th: No School
Oct 19th: Fall Musical
Oct 19th: National Merit Semi-Finalist Luncheon (11:30-12:30)
Oct 20th: Picture Re-takes
Oct 24th: HS/MS Orchestra Concert
Oct 26th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 27th: Staff Conference Day (No School – Students)
Oct 28th: ACT Exam (7:45am)
Nov 1st: 8th Grade Open House
Nov 2nd: 2017 Powder Puff Football Game

Final Thoughts:

As stated earlier, we have had a great start to the year! As the first quarter comes to a close soon, continue to encourage your child to get involved (as we have continued to add new clubs already) and immerse themselves in the spirit and culture of Indian Hill High School. Continue to encourage them to utilize their study hall time and FLEx time wisely so that they can focus on extracurricular activities more so when they go home each night or simply take a deep breath and reflecting on the importance for personal balance. Of course, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr. Hayes, the Assistant Principal.

LET’S GO BRAVES!

Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Damadeo