Ipswich High School

Doing our best to keep you informed

September 2017

Tiger Monthly News

From the Desk of Principal David Dalton

I can hardly believe that September is coming to an end and that school has been in full swing for a month. Thanks to those parents who made it to our parent curriculum night and the MEFA financial aid information night this week. As the year continues, we will continue to look for ways to keep you informed about important school topics.

October will be an important month for Ipswich High School as we host an evaluation team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Our staff has been working diligently over the past year and a half to complete our self-study. We are excited to engage in an open and transparent review of our school and look forward to incorporating recommendations from our evaluation into our short and long term planning.

This newsletter is an important vehicle for sharing important news and events for the high school. We will continue to try to meet our monthly publication objective. Special thanks to Wendy White, our volunteer newsletter editor, for helping us greatly with this task! Thanks to all of you for your continued support of the Ipswich Public Schools.

Important Dates

10/2 — School Council, 6:30pm
10/7 — SAT Testing at IHS
10/9 — Columbus Day—No School
10/10 — Professional Development Day, No School for students
10/11 — Coffee w/ the Principal 8am
10/11 — College Fair at IHS, 5pm-7:30pm, Gym
10/12 — Dr. Ruth Potee, Speaker, 7pm
10/17 — Picture Retakes
10/18 — Community Service Fair, R-Block
10/22-10/25 — NEASC Accreditation Visit
10/30-10/31 — Spirit Week first days

November
11/1-11/3 — Spirit Week Continues
11/4 — Homecoming Dance
11/6 — School Council
11/13 — Senior Class Fashion Show at Ipswich Country Club, 6pm
11/22 — Early release, Thanksgiving
11/23 — 10am Pep Band at Home Football Game vs. Hamilton-Wenham
11/23-26—Thanksgiving Recess

Please send info or photos for the (mostly) monthly e-newsletter to hsoffice@ipsk12.net. All issues are available on the school website ~www.ipsk12.net.

Newsletter Produced by Wendy White

Make your plans for the falling leaves ahead ~ Support IHS Engineering Race Team Competitive STEM Trips by booking your slot for these students to clear your yard during their LEAF RAKING FUNDRAISER ~ November 18, 19, 24, 25.

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Generations Connect Over Literature in Freshman Honors English

Honors English 9 students had a special opportunity this month to meet with visitors from the Ipswich Council on Aging. The purpose of the meetings was to engage in multi-generational conversations about Maya Angelou's memoir *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, which students read over the summer. Students drafted discussion prompts prior to the meetings and helped facilitate thoughtful reflections about the book's core messages. Several visitors reported positive experiences, both with the students and the process as a whole. They were especially impressed with the students' maturity and depth of knowledge about the book. Over the course of the upcoming year, the English Department hopes to engage all English 9 classes in this program as we work to create diverse, authentic experiences for our students. "Submitted by Rebecca Slawson, English Dept.

India Service Learning Tour February, 2019

Open to all IHS students grades 9-11

"Just a few hundred miles southwest of New Delhi is the ancient city of Udaipur—a bustling collection of palaces and winding waterways that earned it the name “City of Lakes”. From the moment we step foot into town, our senses will be overwhelmed with the aroma of samosas cooking in street stalls, the vibrant colors of sari-clad women and the sound of hundreds of conversations in dozens of languages. We'll travel down winding roads to one of the rural communities. Together with the award-winning charity Free The Children, we will spend our days volunteering on a building project and getting to know the locals through meaningful service, daily chores and traditional customs. For over 50 years, EF has worked with educators across the world to help millions of students become citizens of the world through one global mission: Opening the World Through Education."

Interested in hearing more about this exciting travel opportunity?
Contact Mrs. Slawson: rslawson@ipsk12.net
Allman Chosen to Present at National Math Conference in Washington

Ipswich High’s Math Teacher Emily Allman has been selected to present at the 2018 National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Washington DC. NCTM is an annual conference that will be attended by about 4000 math teachers and supervisors from around the world. Being invited to present is a major accomplishment!

Here is a description of Emily's workshop:
"From Number Lines to Logarithms: How Forgotten Instincts Can Spark Deeper Understanding"

Research suggests that logarithmic thinking is innate. We are born with a number line in our heads, but the numbers are spaced in equal RATIOS instead of equal distances. We will explore how reigniting this instinct can pave an enlightened pathway from number properties and fractions, through ratios and means, to rational exponents and logarithms.

IHS WELCOMES TWO NEW TEACHERS TO THE MATH DEPARTMENT THIS FALL

**Megan Horst** comes to Ipswich High School from Connecticut, where she taught math at the Norwich Free Academy for 7 years. Prior to teaching, Megan received her B.S. in Mathematics and Economics from Virginia Tech, and her Masters in Education from The University of New Haven. In the classroom, Megan enjoys making math accessible to all students and enhancing their problem solving skills.

Although new to Ipswich High School, Megan is no stranger to the North Shore. She graduated from Newburyport High School and now lives in Amesbury with her husband Myles and Tiger Tot Madeleine.

**Bruce Mabbott** a career changer with 3 years of teaching experience in Saugus. Prior to teaching, he spent 15 years working as a Construction Project Manager supervising the construction of schools, restaurants, and wind turbines.

Bruce is originally from Helensburgh, Scotland and studied at the University of Edinburgh for his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering. He moved to the United States in his early 20s after studying abroad in Philadelphia, PA. Bruce became a US citizen in 2008.

Bruce lives in Salem with his wife Andrea and daughter, Emma (a 17 month old redhead with a serious attitude). Bruce’s family enjoys traveling and has cycled and driven across much of Europe, North America, and some of Asia. This past summer they drove around much of the USA visiting National Parks. Bruce’s other interests include teaching and performing Scottish Dancing, serving on the Executive Board for a traditional music and dance camp in Plymouth, MA and participating in Massachusetts bicycle advocacy.
GUIDANCE NEWS

October 7 ~ SAT and SAT Subject Tests at Ipswich High School

October 11th  5:00 - 7:30 pm  Ipswich High School College Fair
Some schools presenting at 5pm and Fair Tables open at 6pm!
See list of schools planning to attend on page 5.

College Admissions Reps Visit during R-Blocks:
October 2 University of Chicago
October 4 Union and Emerson
October 6 Merrimack and RPI
October 13 Salem State and Notre Dame
October 16 Providence
October 18 Assumption
October 20 Penn State and Simmons
October 23 Colby
October 25 Xavier and Connecticut College
October 27 Dickinson and Westfield State
November 6 Syracuse
November 8 Framingham State

UPCOMING SAT & ACT TEST DATES:

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Students must register for the exams online at:
SAT: https://www.collegeboard.org/
ACT: http://www.act.org/
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11th**  
**5-7:30pm** ~ Shop your college dreams right in the IHS Gymnasium! College reps will be waiting to answer your questions.

**IHS College Fair: October 11, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Pre-Fair Information Sessions in IHS classrooms, 5:00 p.m. by the following schools, no sign-up required:**

UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, St. Michael's College, Quinnipiac, Roger Williams, URI, UNH, North Shore Community College

- University of Alabama
- Becker College
- Bridgewater State University
- Bryant University
- Champlain College
- Clarkson University
- Coast Guard Recruiting Office Boston
- Colby Sawyer College
- College of New Jersey
- University of Connecticut
- Curry College
- Dickinson College
- Elms College
- Emmanuel College
- Endicott College
- Fisher College
- Framingham State University
- Franklin Pierce University
- Gordon College
- Green Mountain College
- Hamilton College
- High Point University
- Hofstra University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Keene State College
- LaSalle University
- Lasell College
- Lesley University
- Lyndon State College
- University of Maine Orono
- University of Maine at Farmington
- University of Maine at Presque Isle
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- MCPHS
- Massachusetts Maritime Academy
- UMass Amherst
- UMass Boston
- UMass Dartmouth
- UMass Lowell
- Merrimack College
- Middlesex Community College
- Mitchell College
- Mount Holyoke
- Mount Ida College
- National Guard
- New England College
- University of New England
- New England School of Photography
- University of New Hampshire
- University of New Haven
- Newbury College
- Nichols College
- North Shore Community College
- Northern Essex Community College
- Northern Vermont University
- Penn State
- Plymouth State
- Providence College
- Quinnipiac University
- University of Rhode Island
- Riviera University
- Roger Williams
- Sacred Heart University
- St. Anselm College
- St. Joseph’s College, Maine
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland
- St. Michael’s College
- Salve Regina University
- Simmons College
- Smith College
- University of Southern Maine
- Southern Maine Community College
- Springfield College
- SUNY Geneseo
- Stonehill College
- Sweet Briar College
- Thomas College
- Union College
- University of Tampa
- US Air Force
- US Army
- Unity College
- Utica College
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western New England University
- Worcester State
→ All IHS students participate in Individual Learning Plan (ILP) development every other week during R Block for 35 minutes.

→ An ILP or Individual Learning Plan is a personalized plan that students create with the help of teachers, counselors, online tutorials, and Naviance Curriculum.

◆ Naviance Curriculum is a series of web-based lessons, tutorials, and videos about how other students have overcome obstacles. You will learn to develop critical skills and college knowledge.

◆ ILP’s combine each student’s unique interests, talents, needs and goals for secondary and post-secondary success and puts them all in one place.

→ Using ILP time gives students the space to focus on themselves and their futures.

◆ What makes me unique? What career is right for me? How do I choose the right college? What can I do if I choose not to go to college? How will I pay for college? Will my family support my decisions?

◆ Questions like these can be overwhelming for those trying to figure out what it takes to reach your goals, especially when you’re balancing schoolwork, activities, sports, family responsibilities, and jobs. Taking the time during R block gives you the space and the tools to focus on these questions.

→ Students work on lessons using tablets/ laptops during R block, with teacher supervision and lesson-specific tutorials.

◆ Because Naviance Curriculum is a web-based program, students can also work on and review the lessons at home.

◆ Most lessons take 15-20 minutes to complete. Students are provided with detailed slide show tutorials for each lesson.

→ Student plans remain in Naviance Family Connections and Naviance Curriculum throughout high school.

◆ Students can build on academic plans, personal development, and career development education.
MCAS 2017-2018

**November Retest**
- ELA Comp: Sessions A & B, November 8th
- Reading Comp: Sessions 1 & 2, November 9th
- Reading Comp: Session 3, November 14th
- Mathematics: Session 1, November 15th
- Mathematics: Session 2, November 16th

**Grade 9 Biology Test**
- Biology: Session 1, February 5th
- Biology: Session 2, February 6th

**March Retest**
- ELA Comp: Session A & B, February 28th
- Reading Comp: Sessions 1 & 2, March 1st
- Reading Comp: Session 3, March 2nd
- Mathematics: Session 1, March 5th
- Mathematics: Session 2, March 6th

**Grade 10 ELA**
- ELA Comp: Sessions A & B, March 27th
- Reading Comp: Sessions 1 & 2, March 28th
- Reading Comp: Session 3, March 29th
- ELA Comp Make-up: April 5th

**Grade 10 Mathematics**
- Mathematics: Session 1, May 23rd
- Mathematics: Session 2, May 24th

**Grade 9/10 Science**
- Bio/Chem/Tech: Session 1, June 6th
- Bio/Chem/Tech: Session 2, June 7th

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**A Note From The Library**

Dear Parents,

I want to share the Ipswich High [school library’s website](http://ihs-ipsk12.libguides.com/c.php?g=145102) with you. The school library website has many valuable resources to help your high school student with research, writing, citing sources and finding great books.

Sincerely yours,

Heather Chang,
Library Media Specialist
- Choir Updates
Auditions completed for select choirs: Bel Canto and Chamber Singers, off to a great start. Concert Choir has grown in membership and making great sounds. Follow us on Twitter: @IHSChoirs

-Pep Band
The IHS Pep Band kicked off the football season at the first home game! Despite only having two rehearsals, the band played with a ton of energy and sounded great. The students love adding to the atmosphere of the game along with the cheerleaders. Special thanks to our rhythm section for playing music during halftime. Those students include Nate Rogers, Clyde Schultz, Ken Wallace, and out of retirement, Tim Miller (Class of 2017). Please come out to support the team and hear the Pep Band on September 29th and October 13th!

-Private lessons:
Music teachers recommend private lessons for music students. Please fill out a private lesson request and your teacher will match you with an instructor for after school lessons.

-Sr. Districts audition registration deadline is October 20. Please sign up through the music department by speaking with your music teacher. Cost is $15 plus bus fee.

-IMADA Concert Closet
The "Concert Closet" is a rack of black and white clothing for IHS/IMS band/chorus/orchestra musicians for concert dress. Parents/students are welcome to "shop" for free. The rack has moved to the lower level in the PAC Workshop across from the dressing rooms. Please check it out and feel free to donate as well! Donations can be left in the Music Office off the PAC.

Student musicians:
We are looking for student musicians to play at local fundraisers this year. Solo musicians or small groups are welcome to apply and may be contacted for performances with time slots 15-30 minutes in length. Please contact jsedgewick@ipsk12.net if you are interested in consideration.

"And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs
And as silently steal away."

–Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, The Day Is
Ipswich High School Racing Challenge

Leaf Raking Fundraiser 2018

November 18-19th and 25-26th

9AM - 12AM  1PM - 4PM

WHAT IT’S FOR:

The Engineering Projects class is a program in which students build 1:10 scale RC cars to race in the National STEM League Racing Challenge. All donations from this fundraiser go to support our race team trip to the National Finals in May 2018.

Suggested Donation

Small yard—$150

Medium yard—$300

Large yard—$450

For more information or to schedule contact Bill Gallant—wgallant@ipsk12.net
Close Up Washington, DC Trip Overview
In March 2018, several IHS students will be traveling to Washington, DC to participate in the Close Up program. The group will fly from Boston to Washington on Sunday, March 4 returning on Friday, March 9.

In Washington, students will explore our nation’s capital with daily workshops and visits to monuments and memorials throughout the city. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet with our U.S. Senators and Congressman.

Who is Eligible?
To participate in the IHS Close Up Program, students must be in the class of 2018 or 2019. In addition, eligible students must have passed or be enrolled in at least one of the following courses:
American Government (Honors or College Prep.)
A.P. U.S. History
A.P. World History
Close Up American Government (Students who are enrolled in this course are required to go on the trip.)

Registration Deadline - Monday, October 30
The total cost of the trip (including all travel expenses, meals in Washington, entrance fees, etc.) is $1,732.

Next Steps
Contact Mr. Krieger with any questions.