



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

August 31, 2014

## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

9/1	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
9/1	Laptop Pickup
9/1	New Schedule Pickup
9/3-9/4	High School Retreat
9/4	Back to School Coffee
9/7	No School
9/8	Robotics Interest Meeting
9/9	6th Grade Retreat
9/10	Curriculum Night
9/16	PTSA General Membership Meeting and Dinner
9/23	Picture Retakes
10/9	No School

## PTSA

### Welcome Back to School!

The ISPTSA board is ready for a strong school year. Our theme this year is Inspire, Inform and Include. We want to continue to provide meaningful programs to our students staff and parents and ensure that the parent community is informed about what is happening at the school and school district. We are working to tie more closely our parent education efforts to the programs our kids will experience at school. As Dr. Rose mentioned in her email, there will be a focus on social emotional support and instruction and the PTSA is making investments in those areas too. Bringing Dr. Kraft to IS on September 29<sup>th</sup> is one step to align student curriculum with parent programming. We also want to have a fun year providing different opportunities for parents to get to know each other, including all school and grade level events. Please join us for the Back to School Coffee on Friday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>. It should be easy to park as the high school students will be off campus at high school retreat. Stop by for a cup of coffee and share your stories from the first week of school. Look forward to seeing you in the Commons.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events in September:

#### Back to School Coffee: September 4th, 7:45 am

Drop by for coffee, treats and meeting new parents and renewing friendships. Plenty of parking will be available.

#### Curriculum Night: September 10th, 6:30-8:45 pm

#### Family Dinner and First PTSA Meeting: September 16th, Commons 6:00 pm

If you haven't attended our meetings previously or are new to the school this year, the general membership meeting is a great way to stay involved and connect to the community. We will be offering dinner again this year and hope to see you there.

#### Dr. Houston Kraft: September 29th, IPAC 7:00 pm

Mark your calendar! Houston is a leadership trainer and kindness advocate, check out his app Character Counts. He presented this to our students last spring and it was a big hit. We thought this was a perfect opportunity for parents to get in on his message and learning.

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## School Directory and Links

ATTENDANCE	425-456-6545
MAIN OFFICE	425-456-6500
COUNSELING	425-456-6542
REGISTRAR	425-456-6535

[IS School Website, Calendar & Titan Times](#)  
[IS Teacher Websites](#)  
[Parent Internet Viewer \(PIV\)](#)  
[Bellevue School District Website](#)  
[Bellevue Schools Foundation Website](#)

## Supporting PTSA

You can donate at any time by simply writing your check to the International School PTSA and sending it to school: 445 128th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98005  
Or even easier - just donate via PayPal!

Will your employer match your IS contributions?



Betsy Johnson  
President -International School PTSA  
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## Monday Messenger Subscriber Updates

If you are a parent from the Class of 2015 and have additional students continuing through International School, please update your profile this week. We will be removing the email addresses from the graduating lists and we would hate for you to not receive your future Monday Messengers if you still have children attending.

Please click the [Update Profile/Email Address](#) link on the bottom of this email by **Monday, September 14th** to ensure that you continue to receive Monday Messenger.

## [www.ISPTSA.ORG](http://www.ISPTSA.ORG)

Visit our website keep informed about what is going with ISPTSA including meetings, programs and community events and activities. We hope it will be your home for joining the ISPTSA, volunteering, signing up for the Messenger weekly newsletter and keeping current on what is happening at the school.

Please take a moment to:

- 1) Create an ISPTSA account or update your current information. We will be using this for directory information. We will also have an online directory which will be available to ISPTSA members.
- 2) Join the ISPTSA, just click on the link that says Join.
- 3) Sign up for the Monday Messenger weekly e-newsletter, this is the best way to get the most current information on what is happening at school.
- 4) Volunteer - There are lots of ways to volunteer, both from home and at school. Parent involvement in creating and staffing programs such as Reflections, Staff Appreciation, Grade level representatives, awarding grants and editing the website is what makes IS unique.
- 5) Donate - Your donations to the PTSA allows us to invest, approximately \$100,000 a year toward the school's mission of academic excellence through a broad spectrum of curriculum extension grants, programs, clubs, and community building.

## Volunteers Needed for Committees and Programs

We are need your help in leading and staffing key activities. Our website has more complete job descriptions. Email the the below Board members for more information.

Grade Level Parents - Contact [vpcommunity@isptsa.org](mailto:vpcommunity@isptsa.org)  
Volunteer Coordinator and Recognition - contact [vpoutreach@isptsa.org](mailto:vpoutreach@isptsa.org)  
Advocacy - Contact [vpoutreach@isptsa.org](mailto:vpoutreach@isptsa.org)  
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Hospitality - Contact [vpoutreach@isptsa.org](mailto:vpoutreach@isptsa.org)

## School News

### Technology Update for District Families

The district continues to implement new technology and software in support of student learning and to improve access to information. During the 2015-16 school year we will be releasing several new applications for families. Below you will find a list of the new applications, as well as a brief description about the function of each application.

## International School Store

Show your school spirit! Shop for sweatshirts, t-shirts, duffel bags and more! Visit the [International School Fieldhouse store](#). Proceeds benefit the International School ASB.



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**Newsletter**  
**Submissions: [news@isptsa.org](mailto:news@isptsa.org)**

**District/School Websites**

The district [website](#) and individual school websites have been redesigned to improve communication and navigation. Consistent navigation options are now available on all sites and icons have been added to support visual navigation. Quick Link menus have been added for Students, Families, Community and Staff in the top right hand corner. Links included in these menus for Students and Families include Grades & Attendance, Brightspace, Pay Fees & Fines, etc.

**Grades & Attendance**

The district has implemented a new Grades & Attendance application, replacing Parent Internet Viewer (PIV). The new Grades & Attendance application will allow you to view your student(s) demographic information, address, and alerts for various areas such as approval for including your student in the yearbook or limiting their internet access. Mid-September, parents and guardians will receive either an email or letter that will provide them with their account name and password. Over the course of the next 1-2 years, this account name and password will be developed to allow families to access multiple applications with the same username and password.

**Brightspace**

Brightspace is the district's Learning Management System which houses the courses offered by the district. When your student logs in they will be able to view the classes/courses that he/she is currently enrolled in. In each course area, students will be able to see assignments, announcements and calendar events their teacher has added. Students will also be able to take quizzes online and submit work if the teacher uses the drop box feature.

**Office Pro Plus**

Every student in our district now has access to Microsoft Office 365, free of charge. Office 365 includes access to the latest version of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote. To download your student's copy, go to <http://getoffice365.bsd405.org>.

**Titans Robotics seeks Adult Coaches**

Titan Robotics Club is looking for one or more adults to lead our FIRST Lego League, FLL program in Fall. Experience with the Lego technology is not a requirement, you'll have high school students with experience, but must be willing to lead 6-8 high school students in organizing the program and decision making throughout the fall and be willing to supervise the team meetings. Meetings have typically been on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm but we are willing to move them to a different time to accommodate the adults' schedules. If interested or have questions, please contact Amy McIvor at [amy@titanrobotics.net](mailto:amy@titanrobotics.net).

Amy McIvor  
Lead Mentor, Titan Robotics Club

**New Schedules for All Students: September 1st**

With additional staffing allocated to support IS, there have been some schedule changes to even classes out. These changes are mostly at the junior and senior level, but there are also some small changes made at all levels. All students must pick up their schedule in the Commons on Tuesday morning starting at 7:15 am. Most students have NOT had a schedule change but we want to make sure everyone is going the right direction right off the bat. To make sure all students are ready for the first day lessons, please have them bring ALL of their summer homework with them on Tuesday, even if they think they might not have that class that day.

**Laptop Distribution: September 1st**

For those 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades that did not get your laptop already they will be available starting at 7:00 am this morning in the library. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their laptops later this week!

**Auditions for the Sound of Music: September 8th**

**Auditions for the School Musical will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 from 3:15pm-6:00pm**

Callbacks will be Friday, September 11, 2015 from 3:15pm-6:00pm

Performances will be held on November 13, 14, 20, 21

(1 performance on Friday and 2 on Saturday, each weekend)

Please prepare a monologue of one minute or less and 32 bars of a song, acapella.

You must be passing 5 out of 7 classes to participate.

Bring a photo of yourself if I don't know you.

The drama fee is \$50.00 per student per production, you will need to bring a check to the front office to pay for your fee BEFORE rehearsals start.

Please see, call or email Jen Rose or Liz, the office manager, to receive a scholarship.

Everyone will be cast in The Sound of Music.

Questions? Contact Karen Gath-McClain at [gathk@bsd.org](mailto:gathk@bsd.org)

**Get Ready for Titan Robotics: September 8th**

Our Titan Robotics Club's annual interest meeting for **FLL** and **FTC** is just around the corner! Please join us from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 108 and Lee Holt's room, respectively. Parents and students are both welcome.

FLL (First Lego League) is open to all middle schoolers and uses the program of LEGO® Mindstorms EV3 in order to complete various challenges on a game field and compete against teams all across Washington. These teams are mentored by experienced high school FRC and FTC members, along with adults. Prior experience is not needed. Meetings are on Wednesdays from 1-3:30 in the IS art room, and separate team meetings can be held according to each team's availability. A research project (this year's topic: environmental science) will be required for them as well.

FTC (First Tech Challenge) is open to almost strictly high school students. Being more advanced than FLL, FTC is running on a new android control system-similar to Java-but is constructed out of *TETRIX*® pieces. As the name implies, this competition requires more emphasis on creative thinking to build a successful robot. This is an excellent learning opportunity for students with no prior knowledge of engineering or programming. Meeting times have yet to be decided, depending on student availability.

Registration information will be available at the interest meetings. Please email [execs@titanrobotics.net](mailto:execs@titanrobotics.net) if you have any further questions.

We hope to see you at the interest meeting!

**6th Grade Retreat: September 9th**

Meet at school at 7:40 am and walk to Kelsey Creek Park.

This is a required school activity for all 6th graders! It is a fun day with activities planned to get to know each other better and learn more about the International School! The activities are planned by staff, parent volunteers and high school students!

**Curriculum Night: September 10th**

Please join us from 6:30-8:45 pm to learn more about what your student will experience this year. The evening will start off in the gym and then you will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule and meet each of their teachers. Your time in each class will be brief and there will not be an opportunity to discuss your students progress (that will be later in the fall at conferences).

Parking is limited, once the lot is full you will be instructed to drive to our Transportation Building (*NEW SHUTTLE LOCATION*) to catch a shuttle bus back here. The address is 12025 NE 5th Street, Bellevue, 98005. If you leave home after 6 pm you might want to just head over there and catch the bus so you won't be late.

[Map to Transportation](#)

## Picture Retake Day: September 23rd

You can download the price list from our website. If you want to purchase please bring your payment or receipt that you have paid on line with you.

Even if you don't want to purchase the pictures you need to get your picture taken for your id card and for the yearbook.

## Wells Fargo Women's Forum for Female College Juniors

Wells Fargo Women's Forums are designed to encourage and inspire women who have an interest in pursuing a career in financial services. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from successful women at Wells Fargo, who will share their expertise and knowledge to help you become a future leader in the financial services industry. During forums, you'll develop a deep understanding of Wells Fargo's unique values and culture, which you will experience first-hand in your interactions with our highly talented team members. All travel expenses will be paid by Wells Fargo.

Open to women who are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in any major and are in their junior year with a graduation date of either December, 2016 or May/June, 2017.

See website for further information and application at <http://myfuture.wf.com/pr-pre-ug-wf>

## Messenger Submissions

Want to submit information to publish in the Messenger? Please submit your information by **FRIDAY**. (*Submissions are subject to PTA approval*). Plain text is preferred, although you are welcome to send along an image or icon to include. Need to link to a registration form? Send us the link to include or a pdf copy. *Note: you will no longer receive an automatic confirmation response when submitting.*

Questions or submissions should go to [news@isptsa.org](mailto:news@isptsa.org)

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