



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

September 7, 2015

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

9/4	School Pictures Available for Pickup at the Attendance Window
9/7	No School
9/8	Robotics Interest Meeting
9/8	Auditions for the Sound of Music
9/8	Jubilee Soccer Begins
9/9	6th Grade Retreat
9/10	Curriculum Night
9/14 & 9/17	Interlake Girls Select Basketball Tryouts
9/16	Taco Bar Family Dinner and PTSA Meeting
9/16	Youth Link Program Meeting
9/21-9/29	Tailgate Meet & Greet
9/23	Picture Retakes
9/29	Dr. Houston Kraft Presentation
10/9	No School

PTSA

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

You are invited to come enjoy dinner with old friends and new and learn about the International School PTSA plans for the year. This is a long standing International School tradition. Parents and students are welcome to attend. It's a great way for all families, especially new families, to meet people and learn more about IS.

Click on the link to RSVP. Dinner (taco bar with all the fixings) is provided free of charge by the ISPTSA. By registering we can make sure there is enough food for everyone.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ptsa-family-dinner-and-general-membership-meeting-tickets-18478791563>

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.

Grade Level "Tailgate" Meet & Greet

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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

Mark your calendars! The following dates have been identified as our first Grade Level "Tailgate" Meet & Greets. Come meet up and chat with other parents. Look for more details in future Monday Messengers.

Monday, Sept 21- 9th grade

Tuesday, Sept 22- 10th grade

Wednesday, Sept 23- 11th grade

Thursday, Sept 24th- 12th grade

Friday, Sept 25th- 6th grade

Monday, Sept 28th- 7th grade

Tuesday, Sept 29th- 8th grade

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

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

Grade Level Parents - Contact vpcommunity@ispts.org

Volunteer Coordinator and Recognition - contact vpoutreach@ispts.org

Advocacy - Contact vpoutreach@ispts.org

Directory - Contact vpoutreach@ispts.org

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?



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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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.

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.

Amy McIvor
Lead Mentor, Titan Robotics Club

Jubilee Sports: Soccer Begins September 8th

Jubilee Reach provides a free after-school, on campus program for all middle school students in Bellevue. Activities such as soccer, ultimate frisbee, coding, robotics, flag football and more are available. Middle school teams play other middle school teams, and busing is provided!

At IS, our program is run by the awesome Sterling Brown, and he is on campus most days before lunch.

Jubilee Soccer will begin on Tues, Sept 8th after school. More info, including an on-line registration system, can be found here:

<http://jubileereach.bonzidev.com/athletics>

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

Get Ready for Titan Robotics: September 8th

Our Titan Robotics Club's annual interest meeting for **FLL** and **FTC** is this **Tuesday night, September 8th**. Please join us from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room 108 and Lee Holt's room. 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 meeting. Please email execs@titanrobotics.net if you have any further questions.

We hope to see you at the interest meeting Tuesday night!

6th Grade Retreat: September 9th

Meet at the school at 7:40 where you will be checked and given a Class of 2022 t-shirt. Then we will walk together as a group to Kelsey Creek. We will be back to the school in time for pick-up.

High School Students-If you have not turned in a permission slip, please do so now or you will not be allowed to participate in the retreat! Permission slips are available on the website and in the office.

Thank you to all the families who are helping donate items for snack. You may drop them off in front of the school Tuesday from 2:24-2:45, Wednesday, 7:15-7:40, or in the school office.

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

Questions? Contact Lindsay Wilme, linwilme@yahoo.com

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](#)

Tryout for Interlake Girls Select Basketball: September 14th & September 17th

WHEN: Monday Sept 14 and Thursday Sept 17 6pm-8pm

WHERE: Highland Middle School

WHO: Girls entering 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Tryouts are free, please bring a basketball and attend both sessions.

Scholarships are available.

Questions? Contact us IGSBasketball@outlook.com

Program Director Wes Hung wjhung2@hotmail.com

Coach David Harder david.harder@microsoft.com

Youth Link Program, Bellevue Parks & Community Services: September 16th

Wednesday, September 16 from 5-7 pm at Bellevue City Hall in Rm. 1E-108.

The Youth Link Program will be hosting an open house event for students, parents, teachers, and staff interested in learning more about their youth leadership program. The open house will feature exciting leadership opportunities such as the Youth Link Board, Bellevue Youth Council, Bellevue Youth Court, and various Action Teams including other special event planning committees where students can gain valuable experience afterschool. They will also feature several new exciting projects including the new Youth Link University, a youth business leadership course, Youth Link Robotics, 2016 Youth Involvement Conference, and Kids Care Coat Drive happening this Fall.

Guests are welcome to come at any time to see the presentations. Interested students can sign up on the spot for any volunteer opportunities as well as apply for the Bellevue Youth Council. Current Youth Link members and staff will be present to help answer your questions. Light food and refreshments will also be provided.

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.

TechSmart Kids- Fall After School Coding Classes

TechSmartKids, a leading provider of computer science education for K-12 is offering afterschool computer coding classes this fall at Bellevue High School. Coding classes are available as fall session only or full year. Coding classes begin the week of October 5th. TechSmartKids has a partnership with Bellevue Public Schools.

Enrollment Options:

Enroll Online: <http://www.techsmartkids.com>

Enroll by phone: (425) 786-7824

Fall After School Coding Classes:

Grades 6-8

C301- Coding in Python I

Hosted at Chinook Middle School

http://www.techsmartkids.com/CodingCourses/c301?loc=b_cms

The C301 class meets once a week for 1.5 hours at one the following times:

- * Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm -or-
- * Thursday 3:15- 4:45pm -or-
- * Thursday 4:45 - 6:15pm

Grades 7-8

C401- Coding in Java I

Hosted at Bellevue High School

http://www.techsmartkids.com/CodingCourses/c401?loc=b_bhs

The C401 class meets once a week for 1.5 hours at one the following times:

- * Tuesday 5:30-7:00pm -or-
- * Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm

Grades 9-12

C401- Coding in Java I

Hosted at Bellevue High School

http://www.techsmartkids.com/CodingCourses/c401?loc=b_bhs

The C401 class meets once a week for 1.5 hours at one the following times:

- * Tuesday 5:30-7:00pm -or-
- * Wednesday 5:30-7:00pm

Boys and Girls Club Van Pickup for the Club Teen Center

Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue will be offering van rides from International School to The Club, which is their Teen Center, located on Lake Hills Blvd. With a \$27 membership, the afterschool drop-in program is free. The bus will pick up at IS after school M-F, including Wednesdays.

For more information check out <http://www.bgcbellevue.org/Programs/Teens> or contact Kristin Herstrom <kherstrom@bgcbellevue.org>, if you have any further questions.

Boys Lacrosse is back!

Fall Ball lacrosse registration is now open for the Sammamish-Interlake Lacrosse Club!

Why Play Lacrosse?

The sport of lacrosse is a **team sport** that is a combination of basketball, soccer and hockey. Did you know that lacrosse is one of the fastest growing team sports in the United States? Both the United States and Canada adopted the sport from the Indians in Northeastern America and it is now a Canadian national sport.

Fall Ball Details

Fall season is pre-season for lacrosse, our games/clinics and practices are only on Sundays, 9/20/15-11/22/15. Fall Ball is designed to introduce lacrosse through instructional skills for beginners and keep stick and game skills fresh for our returning players. Best of all, **lacrosse is fun!**

First time lacrosse players receive a 50% discount! Serving the Bellevue School District boundaries of Sammamish and Interlake High Schools.

Visit our website at silacrosse.org register.

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

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