

# Independence Update

MARCH 17, 2017



*Inspire to Learn.  
Empower to Excel.*

*The Knights Code*

*Integrity*

*Unity*

*Loyalty*

*Courage*

*Perseverance*

*Service*

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# Upcoming Dates

## Saturday, March 18th

**Color Guard Competition**  
2:00 @ Lewisville HS

**Track Meet**  
3:30 p.m. @ Carroll HS

**Varsity Tennis Tournament**  
8:00 a.m. @ Allen HS

**Softball vs. LHS**  
V/10:30, JV/12 @ IHS

**Orchestra UIL Contest**  
8:00 a.m. @ IHS

## Monday, March 20th

**JV White Baseball vs. FHS**  
5:00 @ FHS

## Tuesday, March 21st

**Baseball vs. FHS**  
JV Purple/4:30, V/7:30 @ FHS

**Softball vs. WHS**  
JV/5:15, V/7:00 @ WHS

**Tennis Tournament**  
8:00 a.m. @ McKinney

## Thursday, March 23rd

**Varsity Tennis Centennial Tourn.**  
8:00 a.m. @ FISD

**Choir Concert**  
7:00 @ IHS Auditorium

## Friday, March 24th

**Baseball vs. LHS**  
JV White/5:00 @ LHS  
JV Purple/4:30, V/7:30 @ IHS

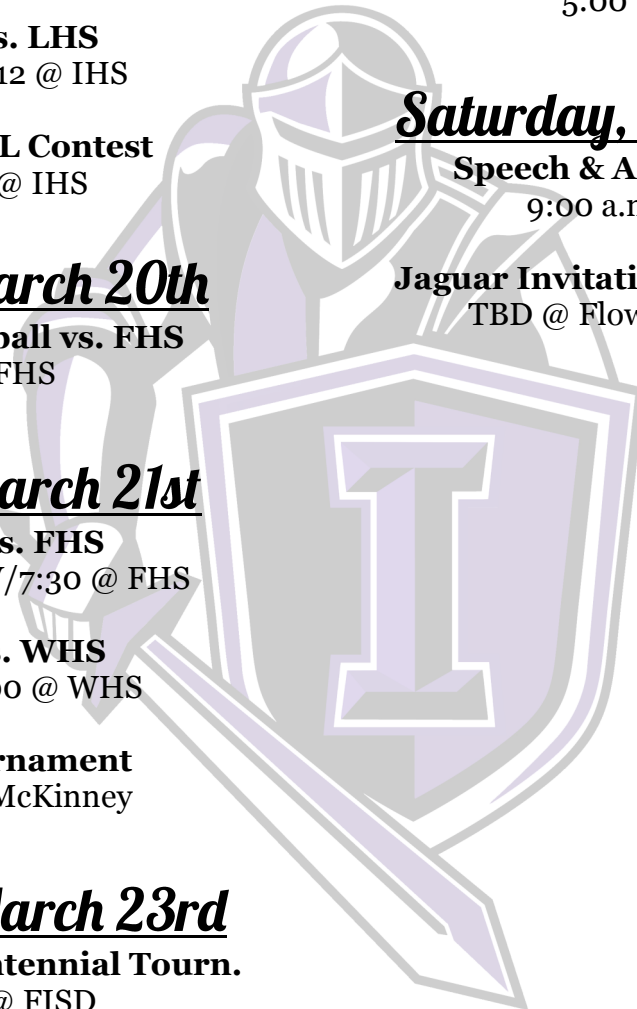
**Softball vs. CHS**  
JV/5:15, V/7:00 @ IHS

**Speech & Academic UIL**  
5:00 @ LHS

## Saturday, March 25th

**Speech & Academic UIL**  
9:00 a.m. @ LHS

**Jaguar Invitational Track Meet**  
TBD @ Flowermound HS





### *What is a Notable Knight?*

*Students and staff who demonstrate one of the six core IHS traits are nominated by their peers and featured in the school as well as the newsletter each week.*

## *Notable Knights*

### *Integrity*

#### Emily Horsley

Emily Horsley exemplifies the Integrity trait of The Knight's Code each day. She is an incredibly honest and down to earth student. She represents the Independence Knights with her maturity and good morals. Not only that, Emily can easily distinguish from what is right and what is wrong. She is an ideal role model for the under-classmen and her own Junior class.



### *Loyalty*

#### Kels McDermott

Kels McDermott exemplifies the Loyalty trait of The Knight's Code. She has shown her loyalty since she first arrived during her Junior year. This is her first year in Key Club and she truly bleeds purple.



### *Service*

#### Maxwell Haber

Maxwell exemplifies the Service trait of The Knight's Code. He has gone above and beyond to help a fellow student in his class without anyone asking him to do so. Maxwell's actions have shown his dedication to service and to his fellow classmates. He has acted in a manner that truly exemplifies what it means to be a Knight and his actions have not gone unnoticed. I am very proud of his growth over the last 2 years and expect him to have a very bright future.



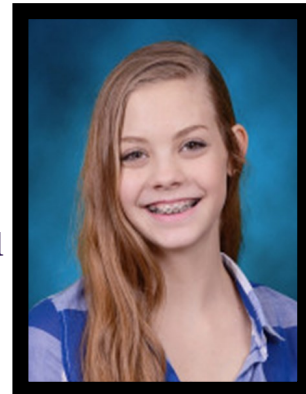


# *Notable Knights*

## *Perseverance*

### Marina Cassidy

Marina exemplifies the Perseverance trait of The Knight's Code. Marina is involved and very dedicated to her schooling and extra circular activities. She's very responsible and organized, she tries her best to be sure all of her assignments are on time and she's really kind to others. She's very social, many people know her, and she also stands up for others.



## *Unity*

### Brett Friedman

Brett exemplifies the Unity trait of The Knight's Code. He has unified this school since the year it opened. Through the tough losses, as well as the amazing wins, Brett has supported Independence through it all, bringing us closer as a school. He bleeds purple in all that he does, and spreads his school pride through his energy in the student section, as well as his positivity on game days. Over the past 3 years, Brett has continuously grown our students together, and given us more pride to be a knight.







## Knights in Action

### NATIONAL MERIT

**Eunkyo Chung** has been selected as a winner of the National Merit Jerry R. Junkins Memorial Scholarship by Texas Instrument! *Congratulations Eunkyo!*



Also, the following students were recognized as National Merit Finalists in the 2017 Competition for National Merit Scholarships:

**Tiffany Bui, Chung-Fu Cheung, Eunkyo Chung, Owais Fazal, Jessica Huang, Anirudh Kuckibhatla, David Lai, Jeffrey Mao**  
*Well Done Knights!*

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS



On March 2nd, thirteen athletes from Independence High School competed in the Special Olympics Basketball Competition at the Frisco Field House. Each athlete competed in three events earning IHS 4 Gold Medals, 3 Silver medals, 3 Bronze medals and 3 participation ribbons! These athletes trained hard for their events!

*We are so proud! GO KNIGHTS!*



## From Counseling

### Upcoming Testing Dates:

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**- English 1 End of Course (EOC) exam

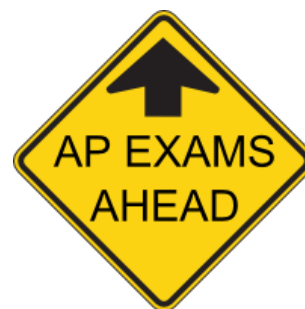
**March 30<sup>th</sup>**- English 2 End of Course (EOC) exam

\* Students who are currently enrolled in the course or students who are re-testing will take these EOC exams at IHS on these dates.

### AP Exam Registration

AP Exam Registration for the May 2017 testing will go live on Tuesday, February 21st! MyPaymentsPlus, the same site used by families in FISSD to handle lunch money for their students, will be used again to pay and register for AP exams.

Please visit this [link](#) for information on how to access MyPaymentsPlus in order to register and pay for exams. Online registration will run February 21st through March 22rd (late fees will be assessed after this date. The last day to sign up for an exam is April 12th). Please see the attachments for registration instructions, deadlines, and cost of exams. The cost of each AP exam is \$93 (for students on the free or reduced lunch program, the cost of each exam is \$15 for the first 2 exams and free for any additional exams). **\*\*\*Students who are on the lunch program who are taking more than 2 AP exams will need to see Mrs. Mayfield or Mr. Ford in the counseling office. MyPaymentsPlus will not calculate the correct fee for more than 2 exams.\*\*\***



**IMPORTANT!** Parents, please visit with your student and make plans for which AP exams your student is planning on taking this year! There are no refunds, so please discuss with your student before registering for anything. It is also a good idea to verify with your student the exact name of the course of which AP subject they will be testing in to avoid incorrect test registrations!

Parents who do not have an account with MyPaymentsPlus will need to set up an account with their student's school ID number. (If you currently utilize MyPaymentsPlus for your student's lunch account, you do not need to create an additional account.) Once logged in, you will be able to select your student, and then select the AP exam(s) which your student will be taking. MyPaymentsPlus will accept payment from checking, savings, and debit or credit card.

Please email Heather Mayfield at [mayfieldhe@friscoisd.org](mailto:mayfieldhe@friscoisd.org) or Mr. Ford at [fordra@friscoisd.org](mailto:fordra@friscoisd.org) with any additional questions regarding AP exam registration!



# Seniors

**Attention All Seniors!**  
**Senior shirts will be on sale next**  
**Wednesday - Friday in the cafeteria**  
**during all lunches.**



[Click image for info.](#)

**Rising Seniors**  
**Parent Meeting**  
**May 1st**  
**6:00 @ IHS Cafeteria**

*If you are interested in running for a Board  
position, please email Mr. Garcia at  
[garciah@friscoisd.org](mailto:garciah@friscoisd.org)*

**[Class of 2017 Facebook Page](#)**



# Spirit Day!

15% of ALL sales throughout the day will benefit

**Frisco ISD Special Olympics Team**



**Wednesday, March 22nd,**

**Chick-fil-A in Frisco**

**5211 Eldorado Parkway, 75033**

All students, teachers, parents, friends, family, faculty, staff, and neighbors are encouraged to show their "SPIRIT" by dining-in or going to the drive thru at Chick-fil-A on Eldorado.

Don't forget to mention Frisco ISD Special Olympics when ordering.



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL ROYALS PRESENT



# Moments

APRIL 7-8, 2017  
IHS AUDITORIUM



**APRIL 8**

**INDEPENDENCE  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**10555 INDEPENDENCE PKWY  
FRISCO, TX**

**SIGN UP OR DONATE AT  
[WWW.PLAYTRI.COM/PURPLEPLUME](http://WWW.PLAYTRI.COM/PURPLEPLUME)**

**PURPLE PLUME 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN BENEFITS  
IHS KNIGHT BAND**

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Tournament will be held at:

## *Twin Creeks Golf Club*

501 Twin Creeks Drive  
Allen, Texas 75013

Registration begins: 12:30 pm  
Shotgun Start: 1:30 pm  
Food/Awards Ceremony  
immediately following.

**\$125 per golfer**

Includes:

Green fee/cart fee, driving range,  
GPS, lunch, prizes and much more!

Prizes awarded for top  
3 teams, longest drive, and closest-  
to-pin



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## HONORARY KNIGHT - \$2,500

- ◆ Waiver of entry fees for two 4-person teams in golf tournament.
- ◆ Signage for all tournament including banner & program.
- ◆ Personal recognition at lunch and awards ceremony.
- ◆ Listing on IHS Golf Booster Club website.
- ◆ Special IHS gift.
- ◆ Marketing in all gift bags.

## NOBLE KNIGHT - \$1,000

- ◆ Waiver of entry fees for one 4-person team in golf tournament.
- ◆ Signage at one tee box. Listing on Sponsor Banner & tournament program.
- ◆ Listing on IHS Golf Booster Club website.
- ◆ Special IHS gift.
- ◆ Marketing in all gift bags.

## PURPLE SQUIRE - \$250

- ◆ Driving range and putting green signage.

## WHITE SQUIRE - \$100

- ◆ Hole signage

## SQUIRE - \$25

- ◆ Recognition at tournament and on website.

## REGISTRATION

[www.IHSKnightsGolfTournament.com](http://www.IHSKnightsGolfTournament.com)

Send this completed form along with check made payable to:

**KNIGHTS GOLF BOOSTERS**

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL  
IHS Knights Golf Tournament

**ATTN: Chris Cole**

10555 Independence Pkwy  
Frisco, Texas 75035

Contact/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Players' Information:

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_





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# Student & Parent **Empowerment** Program

THERE'S POWER IN THE STRUGGLE,  
**TOGETHER**

**25** Mar  
2017

**9 AM-12 PM**

**Student  
Opportunity Center**

6928 Maple Street  
Frisco, TX 75033

Have you always wanted to help your children win in education, but don't know how? In this session, families will discover and discuss innovative methods to improve students' self-esteem and ownership of their success.

Parental engagement is key to building a stronger family dynamic that addresses respect and responsibilities in the home, while fostering greater achievement in the classroom. With the right tips and tools, parents and students will begin to see immediate and sustained growth.

For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2d3qL1h> or email [vernonl@friscoisd.org](mailto:vernonl@friscoisd.org).