

Independence Update

MARCH 3, 2017



*Inspire to Learn.
Empower to Excel.*

The Knights Code

Integrity

Unity

Loyalty

Courage

Perseverance

Service



Have a
FUN,
SAFE

Spring
BREAK

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Upcoming Dates

Saturday, March 4th

BPA State Competition
7:00 a.m. @ Dallas Sheraton

Royals MA Regionals
9:00 a.m. @ Liberty HS

Baseball Tournament
JV Purple/TBD @ Hebron
JV White/10:00 @ The Colony
V/5:00/7:20 @ McKinney Boyd

JV Softball Tournament
JV/9:00/11:00 @ Allen Station
V/10:00/11:45 @ Ponder

Boys Powerlifting Regional Meet
9:00 a.m. @ Keller Central HS

Monday, March 6th

Spring Break

Softball vs. HHS
JV/5:15, V/7 @ IHS

Tuesday, March 7th

Spring Break

Wednesday, March 8th

Spring Break

Thursday, March 9th

Spring Break

Baseball vs. TCA
JV Purple/5:00, V/7:30 @ IHS

Friday, March 10th

Spring Break

Varsity Baseball vs. Creekview
7:00 @ IHS

Saturday, March 11th

JV Purple Baseball vs. TCA
12:00 @ TCA

JV White Baseball vs. LTHS
12:00/2:00 @ LTHS

Varsity Baseball vs. Creekview
12:00 @ Creekview





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

Perseverance

Joseph Jiang

Joseph exemplifies the Perseverance trait of The Knight's Code. Joseph is everything you want in an addition to a class. He works hard, brings humor and works well with all his peers. He has lively and appropriate antics and is always prepared for class. Joseph is extremely well rounded, but will never rub it in his classmates face.



Courage

Car'nisha Caver

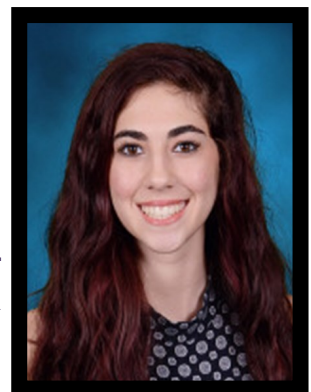
Carnisha exemplifies the Courage trait of The Knight's Code. Carnisha found money in the school and brought it to the AP office. It takes courage today to make the right choices and fight the temptation to do something that is not right. This school is a better place because of amazing students like Carnisha!



Service

Hala Barnhardt

Hala Barnhardt exemplifies the Service trait of The Knight's Code. Hala is the pinnacle of service. She serves as a constant inspiration to her peers on a daily basis. There is no one in this school that can match her devotion to her peers and her humility in the face of praise. Whenever she speaks, it is to instruct others to act at the same standard to which she holds herself. Whenever she acts, it is to serve those around her.





Notable Knights

Unity

Katie Cohen

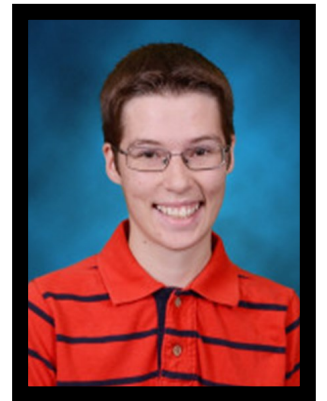
Katie exemplifies the Unity trait of The Knight's Code by ALWAYS spreading her joy & happiness throughout the hallways. Her smile has the ability to change others, and she constantly unites us all with her contagious positivity. Independence would not be as joyous without her.



Loyalty

Brandon Thompson

Brandon has exemplifies the Loyalty trait by how he acts and in all that he does. In doing school work he always turns it in on time and when absent always obeying the teacher by turning in all missing work. He always helps those that ask for help and for those that don't ask. Watching him inspires me to help be more loyal to my teacher and to others around me.



Integrity

Delancy Walker

Delancy displays the Integrity trait of The Knight's Code. I have thoroughly enjoyed having Delancy as a student this year because she "gets it". She understands what is expected of her at school, and she often surpasses my expectations. In addition to being an excellent student, Delancy is also looking towards her future. She is very career-driven and isn't shy about taking advantage of opportunities we have at IHS for career readiness and experience. I really appreciate Delancy's ability to constantly look towards her future and not just "live in the now." It is truly inspiring!





Knights in Action

ACADEMICS



Shouryaman Saha won the Silver Key in the flash-fiction genre from the Scholastic Art & Writing Regional Awards for his piece titled, "I Remember."

Congratulations Shouryaman!

TENNIS

The JV Tennis team participated in the Marcus Invitational Tournament last week with the following results:

Girls A Doubles

Anjali Shashidhar/Kaitlyn Liu - 1st place

Boys B Singles

Shawn Thakkar - 3rd place

Girls B Doubles

Shriya Veluri/Christine Lee - Consolation

Boys A Doubles

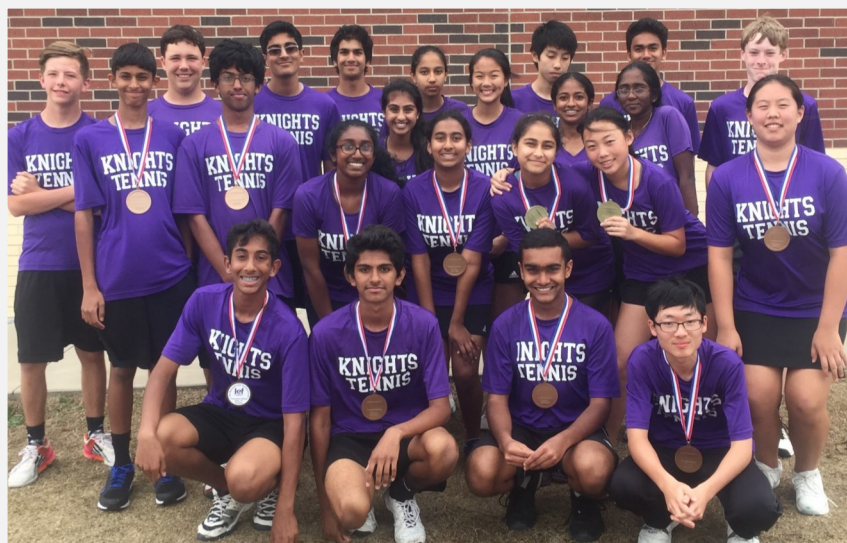
Pranjal Shelly/Het Patel - Consolation

Boys B Doubles

Rohan Raghav/Sebastian Joseph - Consolation

Mixed A Doubles

Bryan Kim/Manu Jarajapu - Consolation





POWERLIFTING



At the district meet last week, **Alex Slaughter** won her weight class and will be going to the State meet Friday, March 17th.

Way to go Alex and Good Luck!

Also at the district meet, Boys Powerlifting received 3rd place! **Ryan Lara** won the 220 weight class and was awarded overall outstanding lifter. **Matt Hawk** won the 242 weight class, **Zach Saldana** won the 275 weight class, **Ben Perry** got 4th in the 275 weight class, **Cooper Gschwend** got 2nd in the SHW class and **Brandon Cambre** got 4th in the 220 class.

Awesome job Knights!





AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that sophomore **Grace Bacino** has been selected as our primary representative and **Quinten Ford** as our secondary representative to participate in the 2016 -2017 HOBY Seminar (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership). HOBY provides transformative leadership development training to positively impact the lives of thousands of high school students in the U.S. and abroad annually. Applicants had to submit an essay and interview with judges to be chosen. Grace and Quinten will participate in hands-on leadership activities, meet leaders in their state, and explore their own personal leadership skills while learning how to lead others and make a positive impact in their community.

Knights in Action



Congratulations Grace and Quinten!



ACDEC

This weekend the IHS ACDEC team did a great job at State in El Paso, finishing 15th overall!

The following individuals had top 10 performances:

Taha Hassan – Honors Division: Language and Literature 10th place, Economics 9th, Science 6th, Social Science 5th, and Interview 8th

Tahir Khan – Scholastic Division: 8th place Speech

Anthony Para – Varsity Division: 9th place math, Music 9th, Economics 8th, Art 10th, Anthony also finished 20th overall in his division.

Mayank Nakra – Varsity Division: 10th place math, Economics 4th place

Shamu Kangaraj – Varsity Division 10th place Speech

Way to go Knights!



Knights in Action

ROYALS

The Royals competed in their final regional competition last weekend with the following results:

Officers- 1st place in medium team category

Team- 1st place in medium team category

Elite- 2nd place in elite category

Solos- **Shayna Ambers** 3rd runner up in age 17-18

Marina Cassidy 3rd runner up in age 13-14

Officers earned 2nd overall out of all 40 officer groups at the contest

Elite team earned 5th overall out of all 40 teams

and the team earned the top scoring high school team of the day!

The Royals head to Nationals on March 24-25!!!

Congratulations Royals!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad competed at Regionals this past weekend at Tarleton State. IHS teams finished top 3 in every event! The following students are headed to State:

Mahnoor Anjum, Monali Ardeshta, Tiffany Bui, Kent Bui, Eun Kyo Chung, Meghana Gadde, Shivani Gollapudi, Jessica Huang, Chulsoon Hwang, Joanna Jin, Mohammad Khan, Anirudh Kuchibhata, David Lai, Dong Hyun Lee, Yoonseo Lee, Jeffrey Liew, Ananya Mahesh, Jeffrey Mao, Hitarth Mistry, Hershitha Nallapareddy, Quang Nguyen, Milan Patel, Haripriya Ramanathan, Navya Thatigutla, Rithvik Vellaturi, Shriya Veluri, Abhinav Vetcha, Khang Vo, Jeff Young, Anthony Zhang.

Way to go Knights!



DECA

The Independence DECA competition team competed at the 2017 State Career Development Conference in San Antonio on February 23-25, 2017. The 40 person team represented our school with integrity and achieved fantastic results with 19 first place state winners and 5 second place state winners. All first place state winners will attend the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA on April 26-30, 2017.

First Place Winners:

Automotive Services Marketing Series

Madeline Pan

Business Finance Series Event

Satya Boddu

Business Law and Ethics

Team Decision Making

Team #1: Mai, Geller and Taylor, Haydon

Business Services Marketing Series

Ankita Bantey

Vineet Sadarangani

Buying and Merchandising

Team Decision Making

Team #1: Shailesh Ayyalu and Ankit Shah

Entrepreneurship Start Up Business Plan

Team #1 Riya Patil

Team #2 Megan Shah

Financial Services

Team Decision Making

Team #2: Pranav Sachithanandam and

Krish Shownkeen

Marketing Communications Series

Prashanth Kotla

First Place Winners:

Principles of Business Management and Administration

Shelby Dugas

Principles of Finance

Anushya Alandur

Principles of Marketing

Mohammad (Taha) Khan

Varunika Singh

Sports & Entertainment

Team Decision Making

Team #1: Akarsh Gadey and Ritvik Rana

Principles of Marketing

Saomya Tangri

Second Place Winners:

Accounting Applications Series

Sebastian Joseph

Financial Services Team Decision Making

Team #1: Quinn Lapoint and Neel

Panging

Human Resources Management Series

Vedanti Dighe



Congratulations and Good Luck Knights!



SOCCER

Knights in Action



The IHS boys and girls soccer teams recently joined forces and hosted a food drive for Frisco FastPacs. The food collected was delivered to the FastPacs warehouse where it will be broken down into individual bags. Each bag includes enough food for 7 meals and are given to qualifying students attending FISD schools.

COMMUNITY



Last week, Chicken Express on 121 and Parkwood treated our hard working SPED team to free chicken! Thank you Chicken E!



From Counseling

Upcoming Testing Dates:

March 28th- English 1 End of Course (EOC) exam

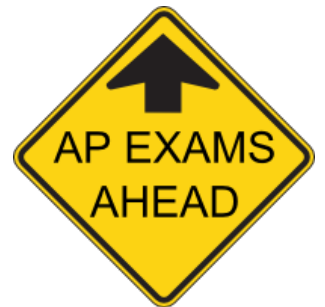
March 30th- English 2 End of Course (EOC) exam

* 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 or Mr. Ford at fordra@friscoisd.org with any additional questions regarding AP exam registration!



Announcements

Knights Kouture
PRESENTS



THE LUCK OF THE KNIGHTS

Fashion Show



Friday, March 17, 2017
at 7:00pm



PURCHASE TICKETS ON MY PAYMENTS PLUS

Presale: \$ 3.00
at the door: \$4.00



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Seniors

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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

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IHS Knights Golf Tournament

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