

# Independence HS

## Home of the Knights



## Class of 2018!

# Thank You!

Because of your help...

Smooth Transition

Developed Great Traditions (not done yet)

90% of your Classmates are Involved

Created Pride in Our School

You made IHS Yours!

# Academics

- Make sure you start and finish strong!
- If you are struggling & need help, come see us.
- If you are not sure, come see us anyway!
- The goal is to see all of you walk across the stage at graduation.



# Senior Guidance

## September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Counselors will be visiting Senior English classes and explain the college application process as well as go over specific Senior information.

# Practice SAT

## September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ IHS

Our Counseling Department will be sending out detailed information very soon!

# College Application Process

- Visit [this link](#) for a timeline and checklist of everything you need to do to apply and get ready for college!





# FISD College Fair

- 9/13, 6:00 @ LTHS High School
- 1/24, 6:00 @ CHS High School



# Blood Drives

- To be eligible for a service cord at graduation, you must participate in two blood drives.
- Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ IHS
- See the school nurse for more information.
- See you at the blood drives!





# Senior Portraits

- Deadline for yearbook senior portrait is October 6<sup>th</sup>!
- The picture featured in the yearbook must be taken at Schoolpix by October 6th.
- Tuxedo tops and velvet drapes provided at no charge.
- You will select your yearbook photo immediately following the session.
- Contact School Pix at (972) 334-9140.

# Letter Jackets

- Multiple Times Next Year
- Listen for Announcements
- Letter Jacket Fittings During All Lunches
- Contact Your Coaches, Directors, & Sponsors for details.

# Jostens Senior Ring Orders

- You can now order your ring online or by phone. Contact Jostens for the details!



# 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Tailgate

Coming Soon in October

Immediately following a Varsity  
Football Game

# Homecoming 2017

- October 27<sup>th</sup> vs. Wakeland High School



- October 28<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Dance  
7:00-10:00 p.m. @ IHS

# Cap and Gowns



- Presentation October 13<sup>th</sup> @ IHS
- Orders Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in IHS cafeteria.
- Deadline for ordering online Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **To order cap and gowns online, please log on to [www.texasgradshop.com](http://www.texasgradshop.com) and click on the online shopping tab.**
- If you are having issues ordering, please see Mrs. Arellano in A115.



# Scholarships

- There is money out there for everyone.
- Apply for everything!



# Bonfire in 2017

- December 10<sup>th</sup> at Storybook Ranch.
- Listen for announcements.



# Powderpuff Football

- Coming this Spring (usually in April).
- Listen for announcements.



# Community Service

- To get a graduation cord, your 100 hours of community service must be completed online by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hours must be logged into x2VOL
- Visit [this link](#) for more information.





# Cap and Gown Delivery

- All cap and gowns ordered by the deadline of December 1st will be available for pick-up April 4<sup>th</sup> in the Lecture Hall at IHS.



# Senior Prom 2018

Saturday, April 21st

- 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the Cotton Mill in McKinney
- Please remember the dress code as you shop for that perfect dress. See website for dress code information.
- Must complete the waiver form in order to bring a guest.



# Senior Baccalaureate

- Seniors please come celebrate with your Class of 2018!
- Be sure to sign-up during lunches.
- **WHEN:** On a Sunday in May
- **REHEARSAL:** One Evening in May
- **Must come to rehearsal to participate**
- **WHERE:** TBA
- More info coming soon!



# Senior Day

Instead of being at school, join us for a fun filled day at Six Flags!

- Buses will depart in the morning, and we will return that evening.
- Check the Senior table in the cafeteria at lunch for more information and to get on the list.
- More info will be posted on the website!



# **Action Packed Last Week!**

**Aloha Pep Rally**  
**Senior Recognition Ceremony**  
**Parade of Graduates**  
**Senior Send Off**  
**Knight Games**  
**Graduation Practice**  
**IHS Graduation!!!**

# **Aloha Pep Rally**

Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

# **Senior Recognition Ceremony**

Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

During the School Day @ IHS

(New Tradition this Year!!!)

# Parade of Graduates

- When: Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Location: Meet Front of IHS
- Time: 9:00 – 10:25 a.m.

Please bring cap and gown to put on at the elementary schools prior to the parade!



# Senior Send Off

- When: Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Location: IHS
- Time: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

# Knight Games

- When: Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Location: Varied
- Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.



# Mandatory Graduation Practice

- When: Thursday, May 31st
- Location: IHS Aux Gym
- Time: 3:00pm-6:00pm

Note: If you miss graduation practice, you will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony with your classmates.

If you work, ask for the afternoon off NOW!

# **IHS Graduation**

## **June 1<sup>st</sup> or June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- Students will report to the gym the day of graduation.
- We will go over any last minute details and answer any questions.
- We will all load the bus for the Dr. Pepper Center or Ford Center.
- Ceremony will be approximately 75 minutes.
- After graduation, a bus will be provided back to Independence if you choose that option.

# Important Graduation Planning Information

- Formal Attire for All (No Jeans or Shorts)
  - Dresses Must be Shorter than Gown
  - Dark Brown or Black Dress Shoes (No Light Colored Shoes will be Allowed)
  - Dark Brown or Black Pants
  - Purple, Black, White, or Gray Collared Shirts with Tie for the Men
  - Cannot Draw on Graduation Cap
- (Note: Please remember this is a very formal ceremony.)

# IHS Graduation Tickets

- Each student will receive ten (10) tickets.
- These tickets will be handed out at graduation practice.
- Additional tickets will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please see Ms. Arellano in A115.

# Independence Focus

*“Inspire to Learn, Empower to Excel”*

We are Committed to Preparing You for Life  
After High School

Please let us know if you have any questions.

# Go Knights!