



Eugene International High School

Educating global citizens

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Parent Newsletter

November 2005

A School with a Mission

by Marilyn Curtis, Head Teacher

We've had a busy time these past two months, launching into a new school year. The IHS staff has hosted our own general parent meeting and participated in open houses at Churchill, South, and North, as well as parent conferences at Sheldon. We were delighted at the turnout for our annual IHS picnic at Alton Baker Park and thrilled to have staff and students work together on our first time entry in the Eugene Celebration parade. Of all the startup events, though, the IHS opening assembly really set the tone for the coming year.

On this annual occasion, IHS students come together from all four campuses and four grade levels to become unified as one school with a shared purpose. It's an opportunity for us to join together in welcoming new students and affirming our commitment to international studies. It's also a time to remind ourselves that a school is far more than just walls and a building. It's about staff and students building strong personal relationships as we learn together through study, through action, and through travel. This shared sense of purpose is reflected in the IHS mission statement, which you can also see at the top of this page:

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At this year's opening assembly we took a closer look at the IHS mission statement. Under Caleb Kostechka's inspired direction, the staff presented skits designed to "teach" the meaning of terms such as "ambiguity." It gave teachers a chance to experience the same things we so often ask of our students – to collaborate, to share ideas, to plan thoughtfully together, and to perform in front of an audience. We experienced the joy of creating as well as the fear that comes with risk-taking.

Fortunately, the student audience that assessed our production was kind and appreciative!

The fall assembly highlighted the myriad ways in which IHS teachers and students join together in pursuit of a common mission – a mission that brings staff and students together in both learning about the world and in taking meaningful action – often beyond the confines of the classroom. Students shared information about getting involved in Model United Nations and assisting with IHS student government activities such as the Heifer Project. The assembly concluded with videos celebrating the student trips that IHS teachers led last summer to Africa, China, Australia/New Zealand, and Europe, and we heard an original composition performed by one of our students, Larissa Rudeen, that was inspired by her visit to Africa.

In all, each moment of the assembly affirmed our commitment to international studies and our common cause of learning together, taking action together, and even traveling together. It is truly a joy for the IHS staff to share this journey with our students.



IHS Opening Assembly-The World Nightclub skit performed by the senior teachers

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CIM

Understanding the CIM in IHS

Sophomores will have opportunities this year to demonstrate proficiency on both state tests and classroom work samples to earn a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM). Students will be given the opportunity to complete the Language Arts requirements for the CIM in their IHS classes. They will take the state reading assessment and the state writing assessment in the spring. In addition, they will have multiple opportunities to complete the three writing work samples and the three speaking work samples that are currently required for the CIM. These work samples are classroom assignments directly related to state academic standards. All IHS ninth and tenth grade teachers have developed specific classroom assignments to serve as work samples for the CIM,

and both ninth and tenth grade students in IHS will have multiple opportunities to meet those work sample requirements.

Any IHS juniors or seniors who have not passed the Oregon Statewide Assessments in reading or writing will have additional opportunities this year to take the tests. IHS eleventh and twelfth grade teachers will be working with IHS students who need additional work samples in writing and speaking to meet the CIM proficiency standards by the time the students graduate.

If you have questions about your student's CIM work in IHS, contact Jocelyn Harley (harley_j@4j.lane.edu), 10th grade coordinator, at 687-3171.

If you have questions about your student's overall CIM profile, contact your host school counseling office.

I LOVE A PARADE....

For the first time IHS had an entry in the Eugene Celebration Parade. A float boasting "The World Is Our Classroom" and "Our True Nationality Is Humankind" was accompanied by students and staff. We raised awareness for Eugene International High School and plan on making this an annual event.



IHS staff e-mail addresses

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IS CAM

The International Studies CAM – The Next Graduating Class!

For the past four years, IHS teachers have worked with junior and senior students in their pursuit of the International Studies Certificate of Advanced Mastery (IS CAM). We had several students graduate with the IS CAM last year—a feat that truly proves a student’s focus and commitment!

For the past two years, the International Studies Schools Association (ISSA), the Goldman Sachs Foundation and the Asia Society all recognized IHS for our outstanding commitment to international education. The IS CAM was of particular interest to these organizations as it allows students to specialize their education with an emphasis in international studies.

Students earned the IS CAM in accordance to the following guidelines:

- * Completion of IHS 9th and 10th grade courses, or the equivalent thereof successfully.
- * Completion of IHS 11th and 12th grade courses successfully.
- * Completion of the IHS Advanced Project first semester, junior year according to IS CAM requirements.
- * Completion of 65 hours of IHS community service and career exploration requirements with an agency that has international affiliations. (Please see the list of approved agencies on the next page.)
- * Documentation and completion of Career-Related Learning Standards (CRLS) according to State guidelines. CRLS may be documented in conjunction with work completed in IHS classes.
- * Demonstration of 4th year proficiency in a foreign language, proven by completing a fourth year course or the equivalent.
- * Completion of the IHS Senior Project with an international focus. IB diploma candidates completed an addendum that satisfied this requirement.
- * Presentation of the Senior Project to the class and project advisor.

Not all students will want to earn the IS CAM. Many students earn a CAM in another field of study—in offering the IS CAM, our students don’t have to add considerable weight to their already heavy academic loads. We are excited to offer our students this opportunity to excel in international studies, even beyond their current course of study in IHS!

This year, juniors can declare their intentions to earn an IS CAM by completing the “Declaration of Candidacy” form available in the IHS office by **Friday, November 4**. There is still time for interested students to sign up!

We are proud to recognize the following IS CAM candidates for 2006: **Drew Geiger, Kasey Wickman, Mariah Grant, Eugene Nho, Kirsten Walters.**

If you have questions about the IS CAM, please e-mail IHS Junior/Senior Coordinator, Courtney Leonard at leonard@4j.lane.edu. She can also be reached at the South Eugene IHS office at 687-3115.

Please help! We are working to expand our list of internationally affiliated agencies where students may volunteer or complete internships. If you know of an agency that is not on the list seen on the next page, please contact Courtney Leonard at leonard@4j.lane.edu. Thanks!

IS CAM
Approved Community Service Sites with International Connections
For Juniors and Seniors

Name of Organization	Address		Phone
American Red Cross, Eugene Child Care Food Program Fire Victim Relief First Aid and CPR	150 E. 18 th , Eugene	97401	344-5244
American Red Cross Service to Military Families	112 E. 10 th	97401	344-5244
American Red Cross Meals on Wheels	996 Jefferson	97402	684-7172
American Red Cross, Bethel	862 Bethel Drive	97402	607-5065
Catholic Community Services	945 W. 7 th	97402	345-3628
Centro de Fe Church	540 Adams St	97402	485-0132
Centro Latino Americano	944 W. 5 th St.	97401	687-2667
E-LAW, Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide	1877 Garden Ave	97403	687-8454
Eugene Sister City Foundation	840 Lawrence St.	97401	338-9788
Eugene 20/30 Active Club	PO Box 365	97440	341-6200
Friendship Foundation for International Students	University of Oregon		346-3206
Girl Scouts of America	Western Rivers Council		485-5911
Habitat for Humanity Springfield-Eugene	P.O. Box 488	97477	741-1707
Cottage Grove	811 E. Main Street	97424	767-0358
Junction City	28600 Ferguson Road	97448	998-9548
HIV Alliance	1966 Garden	97401	342-5088
Holt International Children's Services	1195 City View	97402	687-2202
Interamerican University Studies Institute	PO Box 10958	97440	686-5947
Lane Community College/ESL Program--classroom assistant	(Stan Paulic)		485-8938
Mobility International	(Stephanie Gray/Susan Siegel)		343-1284
Planned Parenthood	1670 High Street	97401	342-6042 x16
Rotary International	132 E. Broadway, Suite 732		485-5983
Salvation Army	640 W. 7 th Ave.	97402	343-3328
Special Olympics of Lane and Linn Counties	http://www.soor.org/		747-3536
St. Vincent De Paul Society	705 S. Seneca.	97402	687-5820
United Way of Lane County	3171 Gateway Loop	97477	741-6000 x104
UO International Student Association	EMU Room 206	97403	346-4387
UO International Resource Center	(Anne Williams)	97403	346-0885
UO Office of International Education and Exchange	330 Oregon Hall	97403	
YMCA, Eugene Family	2055 Patterson	97405	686-9622

***You may also volunteer to help with any foreign language instruction. That would include being a teacher's aid for a foreign language teacher at your school or at one of the immersion schools. It would also include tutoring another student in a foreign language, under the supervision of an adult language instructor. Note that *seniors* must volunteer *off* their high school campuses.

***If you find another site that you think might qualify as one having international connections and so should be added to this list, please contact your project supervisor for approval.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER

2006



SOUTH INDIA

Leaving approximately June 20 , 2006 for 31 days / Cost approximately \$3000

Home stay, community service, Hindu temples, natural parks (elephants and tigers), beaches, hill stations, trekking, biking, boating the Kerala backwaters, Keralan dance institute etc.

Contact Saskia Strauss (strauss@4j.lane.edu) and Jennifer Diallo (diallo_j@4j.lane.edu) for more information.

YUCATAN



June 23, 2006– July 16, 2006 / Cost approximately \$2200

Travel to the Yucatan Peninsula. See the Ancient Mayan World, swim in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, wander through Mayan ruins and colonial cities. Find out what a Cenote is by experiencing it.

Jocelyn Harley and Christine Pettingill, along with one other teacher will be leading a three week trip that includes home stays, language and cultural seminars, community service projects and swimming, snorkeling, dancing, cooking, eating, hiking...

Contact Christine Pettingill (pettingill@4j.lane.edu) or Jocelyn Harley (harley_j@4j.lane.edu) for more information.

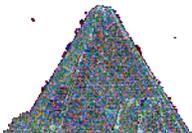
THAILAND

Leaving approximately June 20, 2006^t for 23 days / Cost approximately \$3000-\$3500

Caleb and Codie Kostechka will be taking students to Thailand. Our three week trip will include: cruising the canals of Bangkok, traveling on a teak rice barge, visiting Buddhist temples, riding elephants, bicycling through the Thai countryside, taking Thai cooking lessons, staying overnight in a village homestay, trekking through rural hilltribe villages, shopping at floating markets, snorkeling, beaches, and more....

Contact Caleb Kostechka (kostechka_c@4j.lane.edu) for more information.

EGYPT



*Deon Saraceno and Saskia Strauss will be taking a group to Egypt in late February or early March. **This trip is already full.***

**AFRICA CALENDARS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR \$10
IN YOUR IHS CAMPUS OFFICE**

All pictures were taken by staff and students during their trip to Africa this summer. All proceeds from the sale of this calendar will be donated to SoftPower Education.

INTRODUCING OUR NEW IHS STAFF MEMBERS....



NINA FORSBERG teaching 9th Grade Global Literature and 11th Grade Literature of the Americas.

As a first-year teacher at IHS, I am currently enjoying the challenge of teaching Global Literature at Churchill and Literature of the Americas at South Eugene. Originally from Sweden, I spent most of my life in Pennsylvania before moving to Oregon for graduate school. For the past three years, I have been at the UO getting my M.A. in English and working towards my M.Ed. Prior to that, I taught English as a Fulbright grantee in South Korea for one year. Because of the beautiful natural environment and the lively community, I've stayed in Eugene to begin my teaching career. The students and staff at IHS are so welcoming and inspiring that I have enjoyed my first month as part of the IHS community and look forward to the rest of the year!



PAMELA MCCARTY teaching 11th Grade Literature of the Americas and 12th Grade 20th Century Global Literature.

Originally from New York, I began my teaching career on the east coast. After receiving my B.A. in English Literature and Drama, I attended Catholic University where I received my Masters. I taught English Literature and directed the drama program at a public high school in Maryland for eight years before getting married and moving to Oregon.

I taught at Marist H.S. for two years before accepting the AP position at North Eugene H.S. and returned to the public schools. After six years at North, and after extensive research on the small schools model, I was ready to teach in a small school. I am thrilled to be a part of International High School and am enjoying my students on both the North and South campuses.

I have twin stepsons who are currently freshmen at South. When I am not grading papers I can be found at their numerous sporting events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL INTERESTED FRENCH IMMERSION PARENTS!

The French Immersion program needs your support! The FI Parent Steering Committee is seeking parents of high school students to participate in monthly meetings designed to support French Immersion staff at the high school level. Please join us the first Tuesday of every month in the library at South Eugene from 3:30pm-5:00pm. Questions? Contact Marti Ravits at 485-1651.

Good News!

North Eugene has formed a peace club. Many IHS and North students are meeting and focusing on local opportunities to be engaged in meaningful activities. In our short time as a club, we have begun focusing on relief for Pakistan earthquake victims, and connecting with Food for Lane County. Alisha Pearce is our first president. For more information, contact Mr. Powell at powell_w@4j.lane.edu.

IHS JUNIOR COLLEGE VISITS

In December all IHS juniors will have the opportunity to visit several colleges in Oregon. More information will be presented to students in their classes. If you are interested in chaperoning any of the college visits please e-mail Jessica Schabtach at schabtach@4j.lane.edu.



Katrina Art Relief Sale
Thursday, November 17, 2006
7:00 - 9:00pm
South Eugene Cafeteria



Student art work will be on sale for donation. 100% of all proceeds will go to hurricane relief. Students can turn in art work to the following teachers: Deon Saraceno, Saskia Strauss, Rebecca Hammons, or Jennifer Diallo.



IHS Student Directories are on sale now at your IHS campus office for \$3.00. This directory contains student contact information and is available for IHS students, staff and parents.

IHS-UPCOMING DATES . . .

November 4	IS CAM Declaration of Candidacy Forms Due		
November 8	IHS Site Council Meeting	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
November 10	Early Release, Mid-Semester Grading		
November 11	No School - Veterans Day		
November 15	IHS Parent Steering Committee**	Parr Room at Ed Center*	7:00 PM
November 24-25	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday		
December 9	IHS Junior College Visits		
December 13	IHS Site Council Meeting	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
December 16	Early Release - Progress Reports		
December 19-January 2	Winter Vacation		
January 3	No School - Staff Development Day		
January 4	Classes Resume		
January 10	IHS Site Council	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
January 16	No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
January 17	IHS Parent Steering Committee**	Parr Room at Ed Center*	7:00 PM
February 2	End of Semester 1		
February 3	No School - Semester Grading		
February 6	Semester 2 Begins		
February 14	IHS Site Council	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
February 20	No School - Presidents' Day		
February 21	IHS Parent Steering Committee**	Parr Room at Ed Center*	7:00 PM
March 3	Early Release - Progress Reports		
March 3	IHS Enrollment forms due for 9th and new students for 2006-2007 school year		
March 14	IHS Site Council	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
March 21	IHS Parent Steering Committee**	Parr Room at Ed Center*	7:00 PM
March 27-31	Spring Break		
April 3	No School - Staff Development Day		
April 4	Classes Resume		
April 11	IHS Site Council	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
April 13-15	MUN Conference	U of O, EMU	
April 14	No School - Mid-Semester Grading/Staff Development		
April 18	IHS Parent Steering Committee**	Parr Room at Ed Center*	7:00 PM
May 5	Eurasian Conference	Wheeler Pavillion, Lane Co Fairgrounds	All Day
May 9	IHS Site Council	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM
May 12	Early Release - Progress Reports		
May 16	IHS Parent Steering Committee**	Parr Room at Ed Center*	7:00 PM
May 18	Community Service Faire/ General Parent Meeting	Sheldon, Auditorium	7:00 PM
May 29	No School - Memorial Day		
June 5	IHS Awards Assembly	South, Auditorium	10:15 AM
June 5	IHS Graduation	Hult Center	7:00 PM
June 13	IHS Site Council	South, IHS Wing, Rm 538	4:00 PM

*The Parr Room is located at the Education Center at 200 N. Monroe

**New parents are always welcome to attend the Parent Steering Committee meetings

Please consult your high school's and the district's calendars for other important events.

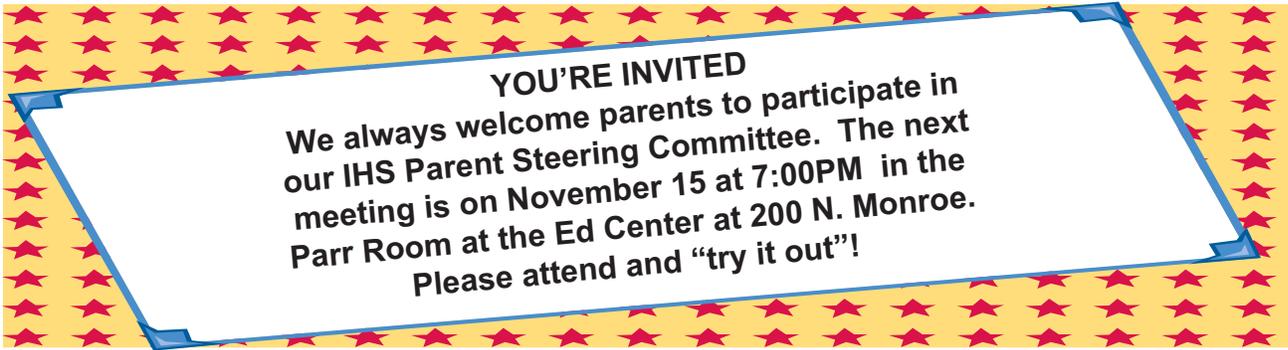
YOUR DONATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!

Your donations help to enhance the educational experience of our students. The gifts are measured in dollars, but the value will be measured in lifetimes. These dollars not only positively impact our students, they also support our teachers and are reflected in their motivation, validation, and continued commitment to quality education. The gifts have made a significant difference in our students' education and experiences every single day. Our challenge continues in these times of budget cuts and growing class sizes. We are asking you to make the most generous gift you can.

Checks are payable to
"Eugene Education Fund-Eugene International High School"
P.O. Box 1015, Eugene, OR 97440

You may designate your gift for a specific Eugene International High School campus or program area.
All gifts are tax deductible.

Your generosity and commitment to public education lets us dream of students excited about school and educated for a successful future. Together we show we care and are invested in the futures of our children.



Check out the IHS Website at: <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/ihs>

Click on the link for "IHS curriculum, important dates, staff e-mails, community service information, alumni and incoming freshmen information and more!" Here you will find IHS curriculum materials, IHS program brochures, printable forms, CAM information, community service information, staff e-mail addresses, IHS schedules for each campus, and other important information.

Other Websites

<http://www.4j.lane.edu/> (4J school information)

<http://www.ibo.org> (International Baccalaureate home page)

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~humanctr/> (click on "Calendar" then "Calendar of Events" for a list of activities at the U of O)

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