

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT

FROM THE PARENT COORDINATOR

Dear Parents / Guardians and Students:

My name is Diane Plummer, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Parent Coordinator. I am located next to the Main Office in Room 117. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 718-937-4270 Ext. 117 or via email: dplummer@schools.nyc.gov.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.” - Martin Luther King, Jr

The mission of Information

Technology High School is to provide a student centered environment that will inspire and challenge all of our students to become independent thinkers, problem solvers and life long learners and to work as a collaborative unit of parents, faculty, and staff to ensure that all children reach their highest academic and social potential. Students will learn technology-based skills in the creation, acquisition, communication, and distribution of information. ITHS will create a learning environment that will permit continuous response to inevitable changes brought by technology. In collaboration with the school community, business partners and institutions of higher learning, students will prepare to attend college, evaluate careers and become lifelong learners

Calendar

- 1/3: Students and staff return to school
- 1/13: PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 1/16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day – schools closed
- 1/19: SLT Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- 1/24 – 1/27: Regents Exams/grading
- 1/30: Chancellor’s Day for staff development (no students in attendance)
- 1/31: Spring Term Begins

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT



REGENTS

PREPARATION:

ITHS will fund Regents Prep Activity on the following dates:
January 7, 14, & 21

CREDIT RECOVERY FUNDED BY RIIS:

RIIS will fund credit recovery – two events for the fall semester:

Second Credit Recovery:
January 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12
Courses to be offered include:

Living Environment,
Earth Science,
ELA,
Algebra,
U.S. History, Global.

SATURDAY PARENT GRADE MEETINGS

January 7, 14 & 21 at 9 a.m. through 12 noon in the Library.

AREAS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- REGENTS SCHEDULES
- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- TRANSCRIPT REVIEW
- REPORT CARD REVIEW
- PSAT

“By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail.” - Benjamin Franklin

CLASS OF 2012 INFORMATION

Greetings Parents and Guardians:

Please review the information listed below and make note of the senior activities and the payment deadlines.

Senior Dues:

Senior dues in the amount of \$250 are currently being accepted. Please have your child bring these funds to Room 117. Note, no cash or checks, money order only! Please be advised that after February 1, 2012 senior dues will increase to \$275.

Senior Trip:

This year, our graduates will be going to Pine Grove Ranch, which is located at 30 CherryTown Road, Kerhonkson, N.Y. The graduates senior trip will take place from May 21, 2012 to May 23, 2012. The cost of this event is \$290 per student. A \$50 deposit is due on December 12, 2012, along with the signed permission slip. Please adhere to the following payment schedule:
2nd installment \$100 2/1/12
3rd installment \$100 3/1/12
4th installment \$100 4/1/12

Senior BBQ:

The senior BBQ will be held at Hempstead Lake Park on June 8, 2012. Note that this event is included in the senior dues.

Prom:

This year's prom will be held at The Water's Edge, which is located at 401 44th Drive, Long Island City, N.Y. This function will take place on June 6, 2012 from 8 to 12 p.m. The cost for this event is \$100 per student. A \$50 deposit is due on January 6, 2012. Final payment (\$50) is due on April 20, 2012.



Parent Corner

NYC Ladders for Leaders, a college and career readiness program offers New York City high school and college students professional paid summer internships, free college preparatory and SAT courses, career guidance, and leadership development workshops.

This program was launched by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. NYC Ladders for Leaders is a joint program of the NYC Department of Youth and

Community Development (DYCD) and the NYC Commission on Women's Issues (CWI).

Interested candidates can complete an online application form, which is located at www.nyc.gov/dycd. If you have any questions, call (800) 246-4646.

Attn: Freshman Parents

The CTE informational sessions will take place in January 2012.

The Robotics Club will resume meeting in January 2012.

CYBERBULLYING

Cyber-bullying is the use of the Internet and related technologies to harm other people, in a deliberate, repeated, and hostile manner. As it has become more common in society, particularly among young people, legislation and awareness campaigns have arisen to combat it.

Lawmakers are seeking to address cyber-bullying with new legislation because there's currently no specific law on the books that deals with it.

A fairly new federal cyber-stalking law might address such acts, according to Parry Aftab, but no one has been prosecuted under it yet. The proposed federal law would make it illegal to use electronic means to "coerce, intimidate, harass or cause other substantial emotional distress."

For further information, you can access the following web sites:

1. Cyberbullying.org
2. [National Crime Prevention Council](http://NationalCrimePreventionCouncil.org).
3. [Offline Consequences of Online Victimization: School Violence and Delinquency](http://OfflineConsequencesOfOnlineVictimization:SchoolViolenceandDelinquency.org)
4. [Cyberbullying Common, More So At Facebook And MySpace](http://CyberbullyingCommon.MoreSoAtFacebookAndMySpace.com) by Thomas Claburn, Information week; June 27, 2007



REMINDERS

Please be mindful that as per Chancellor's Reg A-412, all electronic devices are prohibited on school property.

All such devices will be confiscated. Hats and headgear will also be confiscated.

Freshmen and sophomores must wear their uniforms.

Please return completed lunch applications to Mr. Hinds in room 238.

Remember to log on to JupiterGrades.com to view your child's progress.

IHS games and events

- 1/4 -Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Academy of American Studies
Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Newcomers
- 1/5 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Baccalaureate School for Global Education
- 1/7 - Boys Varsity Wrestling vs. Mott Haven Educational Campus
Boys Varsity Wrestling vs. Banana Kelly High School
- 1/9/ - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Frank Sinatra School of the Arts
- 1/10 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Academy for Careers in Television & Film
- 1/11 - Boys/Girls Indoor Track – Millrose Trials
Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Queens High School Complex
- 1/12 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Frank Sinatra School of the Arts
- 1/16 -Girls Indoor Track – 41st Annual MLK Relays/Invitational
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- 1/17 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Robert F. Wagner Jr.
- 1/18 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Baccalaureate School for Global Education
- 1/19 -Girls Varsity Basketball vs. H.S. for Construction & Trade
- 1/28 - Girls/Boys Indoor Track – NYC Mayors Cup Championships