

TIS All-School IPA Meeting

Independent Parent Association

Meetings usually held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month in the Upper School Auditorium; today's start time: 8:15am, open forum.

Wed. 9/24, Meeting Minutes

- Deborah Gladney (IPA VP) opens meeting, notes Sara Nelson (IPA Pres) absent due to travel conflict.

Parent Question: Is it possible to stream the All-School IPA Meetings online?

- Deborah and Paul acknowledge interest and affirm to look in to it however they do not want it to replace the valuable result of meeting in-person. Noted IPA is varying the meeting times to try to catch as many parents as possible. (See new schedule page 3).
- Reminder of upcoming restaurant nights (Andy's 9/25, Freddy's 10/2), open to suggestions.
- Any general questions for Mr. Paul Druzinsky? *None*
- No general updates from Mr. Paul Druzinky at this time.

- **Division Updates**

- **Lower School (LS), Erin Wilson**

- October a busy month for LS
- Looking for volunteer for a few hours per day in JK classroom.
- Book Fair week of 10/4; trying out new company Literati (as opposed to Scholastic). Looking for volunteers. Welcomes feedback.
- Homecoming, flyers coming out for LS cupcake wars.
 - Requesting volunteers to help run the cupcake are during Homecoming night
- Fall parties, popcorn sales upcoming

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- Sunday Oct. 27 is Trunk-or-Treat at the LS parking lot from 5-6pm.
 - All TIS families welcome to participate, via signup
 - Weather backup plan: move to tables LS Gym
 - Clarified No School on Oct. 23, 24, 25 due to conferences. TIS calendar discrepancy.

- **Middle School (MS), Jodi Todd & MS IPA Rep Cara Gerhardt**

- Volleyball games, encouraging attendance
- Friday 9/27 Fall School Pics
- Looking for volunteers for cross-country track meet. TIS is hosting at Trinity.
- Developing Homecoming volunteer group for MS Chili Cookoff
- Conference signups go out 10/2
- Students will get to dress for Halloween
- Exploring additional fundraising options, likely settled on selling “vending style” snacks 1 day / mo. Good profit margin.
- 7th grade parents hosting October Teachers Luncheon
- 4th grade MS Sneak Peak happening on 10/2. 4th grade kids will tour the MS.
 - 4th grade parent night that next Monday 10/7.

Parent Question: What is the rule/protocol for walking/biking to/from school?

- Ms. Todd has identified the safest paths and asks that if parent/child is interested to contact her for protocol (ie. School notification, safest paths, crosswalks, permission slip and other details). A bike rack is available at the MS.

- **Upper School (US), Monica Petino**

- Homecoming Powder Puff football game and tailgate.
 - Looking for volunteers

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- Bringing back a previously popular student group called “Girl Talk” which is a buddy style social club intended to help the incoming freshmen girls with the transition to Upper School.
- Thanks to parents for providing snacks in their teachers lounge, much appreciated.
- Fall School Pics 9/27

- Early Learning Center (ELC), IPA ELC Rep Erin Black

- ELC Parent Teacher Conferences 10/7
- Stock the Lounge signups have gone out
- Upcoming Pumpkin Patch day out
- Looking into bringing Field trips in to the ELC building, due to age group and complexity of travel.

o TIS Important Dates to Remember

- Next TIS IPA Meeting Oct. 30 at 5pm (NOTE: the evening time). Same US Auditorium location.
- 10/7 Homecoming week
- 11/22 Grandparents Day, staggered times for families with kids in multiple divisions
- In effort to vary the meeting times for working parents, the IPA meetings will alternate between morning and evening options, as follows:

Sept. 25, 8:15 AM	Dec. NO MEETING	Mar. 26, 8:15 AM
Oct. 30, 5:00 PM	Jan. 22, 8:15 AM	Apr. 23, 5:00 PM
Nov. 20, 8:15 AM	Feb. 26, 8:15 AM	May NO MEETING

Deborah Gladney closes with a big thank you to all parents who attended and request to keep coming and to stay as involved as you can. Also, reminder to all that we meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month with a few exceptions due to school calendar. Varying the times to include some 5pm/evening options. See above.

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>Attendees then broke up into divisional small groups inside the auditorium to discuss matters specific to their division (ELC, LS, MS, US).

Conclusion of meeting, approximately 9:30 am.

Recap of Volunteer Opportunities stated at this meeting:

1. **Lower School**, Book Fair attendant, shifts available. POS system is intuitive and training provided. Contact: Librarian Michelle Bolin or Erin Wilson
2. **Lower School**, Cupcake Wars table attendant, during Homecoming celebration. Contact: LS IPA Rep Megan Resch or Erin Wilson
3. **Lower School**, Trunk-or-Treat participant. Contact: Erin Wilson for signup.
4. **Lower School**, Looking for volunteer for a few hours per day in JK classroom. Contact: Erin Wilson
5. **Middle School**, Cross-Country Track Meet Volunteer. Contact: Jodi Todd.
6. **Middle School**, IPA Fundraiser Vending Machine Snack table attendant. Contact: IPA MS Rep Cara Gerhardt.
7. **Middle School**, Chili-cookoff tent attendant. Contact: Jodi Todd.
8. **Middle School**, 7th grade parents hosting October Teachers Luncheon
9. **Upper School**, Homecoming Powder Puff game and tailgate. Contact: Monica Petino.