

IV Parent Forum Follow-Up

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

9:00 AM – IV Cafeteria

Follow-Up of Agenda Items from the Forum

- Check-In
 - If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
 - I did not do the check-in because of a technical problem starting the virtual component of the meeting. Thank you all for your patience as we worked diligently to connect with Zoom.

- IV School Counselor Fly-By
 - School Counselors Ms. Jen Toby and Mrs. Kristen Raught.
 - School counselors talked about getting to know the 6th grade students through the school counselor course they teach. They also introduced Amanda Kulb who will be doing her school counselor internship with them for the first semester. Mrs. Raught encouraged parents to reach out to them if there is anything they can do to support your child's success at school. They also reminded parents of their caseload (Ms. Toby – students with last names beginning with A-La and Mrs. Raught – students with last names beginning with Le-Z). Use this link for additional information about IV's school counselors. [IV School Counselors](#)

- Parent Volunteers
 - Parent Committee Members will talk about volunteering for the year.
 - Mitch Rothholz shared the numerous activities that parents can volunteer for throughout the year. The parents of the volunteer committee are Mitch Rothholz and Juliet Kinch (Volunteers), Filomena Corrado and Danielle Baker (Fundraising), Communication (Bessie Souder), and Susan Stratton and Heather Markus (student council).



Parent Volunteers are Needed!

Please sign up to help with activities at the middle school and help us optimize our kids' school experience! No commitment is too small. Register today!

Questions: Contact Mitch Rothholz (mrothholz@gmail.com) or Juliet Kinch (kinch@comcast.net)



- **Parent Volunteers Needed for Fall Picture Day – September 12, 2023**
- Indian Valley Middle School Fall Picture Day is from 8:25am to 2:00pm, on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Students will be going down by team. Teachers go down with their classes. They get their photo taken first and head back to the classroom. We would like 2 parent volunteers to help with

"crowd control", helping students form lines between the 2 photographers, and making sure they go back to class and do not linger.

- To sign up to volunteer for the Book Fair and other opportunities go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45AEA622A4FACE9-fall>
- You can also use the QR code below.



- Please contact the main office at 215-256-8896 with any questions about volunteering.
- Fundraiser Kickoff Assemblies
 - Dr. Pammer will highlight the fall fundraiser and prizes associated with the fundraiser.
 - The fall fundraiser officially kicks off on Thursday, September 7, 2023. Assembly programs are slated for the afternoon. The money raised benefits all student activities, clubs, activity nights, and other student run programs at IV.
 - Yes, it is all about the ducks. Information will be coming home with your child on Thursday. Look for a separate PDF and Link for the fundraiser in the Flyby on Friday, September 8, 2023.
 - Parent volunteers will be needed for the bingo party on Tuesday, October 17, and a trip to Top Golf in King of Prussia at a date to be determined.
- Book Fair
 - Amanda Hahn, IV librarian, will update the forum on the Book Fair beginning on September 11 and ending on September 15.
 - Amanda Hahn addressed the forum regarding the Book Fair running the week of September 11-15. Teachers will be bringing their students to the library throughout the week to purchase books. Parents can stop in and purchase books during Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 12. Information and details about the Book Fair, including how to sign up for a cashless e-Wallet can be found using this link. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/indianvalleymiddleschool2>
 - Parent Volunteers are also needed to assist at the Book Fair throughout the week.
- Fall Picture Day
 - Dr. Heller will talk about Fall Pictures, Make-up Day, and Spring Pictures.
 - Fall Picture Day is on Tuesday, September 12. Order forms were sent home with all students this week. Parents can pre-order

at <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/> with your student ID or picture day ID.

- Parent volunteers are needed to assist students and teachers in getting their picture taken in the auditorium.
- Fall Picture Re-Take Day is on Tuesday, October 24 and Fall Sports Picture Day is scheduled on Wednesday, October 18.

- Back-to-School Night

- Dr. Pammer will run through what to expect at Back-to-School Night.
 - A special education presentation for parents of IEP students is scheduled at 6:00 PM in the auditorium with Mrs. Carleen Flansbury, Supervisor of Special Education Middle School.
 - Amy Craig, IV's Gifted Education Teacher, will be meeting with all GIEP parents in the library at 6:00 PM.
 - Mrs. Jessica Miles, IV's ESL Teacher, will meet with all ESL parents from 6:00 to 6:30 in the new Small Group Instruction (SGI) in the new addition in the front of the building.
 - We will be following the traditional Back-to-School Night schedule with parents following their child's **A Day schedule**. Below is the time schedule. Also, students do not need to attend Back-to-School Night.

- **6th Grade Parents**

- 6:30 – 6:40 Advisory – Welcome and Agenda Review (PA)
- 6:45 – 6:55 Block 1 – Related Arts Class
- 7:00 – 7:10 Block 2
- 7:15 – 7:25 Block 3
- 7:30 – 7:40 Block 4
- 7:45 – 7:55 Block 5
- 8:00 – 8:10 Block 6 - Related Arts Class
- 8:10 – 8:30 Visit the Cafeteria, Book Fair, or tour the building.
- 8:30 – Closing Remarks via PA system.

- **7th Grade Parents**

- 6:30 – 6:40 Advisory – Welcome and Agenda Review (PA)
- 6:45 – 6:55 Block 1
- 7:00 – 7:10 Block 2 – Related Arts Class
- 7:15 – 7:25 Block 3 – Related Arts Class
- 7:25 – 7:45 – Visit the Cafeteria, Book Fair, or tour the building.
- 7:50 – 8:00 Block 4
- 8:05 – 8:15 Block 5
- 8:20 – 8:30 Block 6
- 8:30 – Closing Remarks via PA system.

- **8th Grade Parents**

- 6:30 – 6:40 Advisory – Welcome and Ageda Review (PA)
- 6:45 – 6:55 Block 1
- 7:00 – 7:10 Block 2
- 7:10 – 7:30 – Visit the Cafeteria, Book Fair, or tour the building.

- 7:35 – 7:45 Block 3 – Related Arts
 - 7:50 – 8:00 Block 4 – Related Arts
 - Note. 8th grade related arts STEM and World Language classes are a double block. Therefore, 8th grade parents will follow their child’s “A Day” class Block 3 and their Child’s “B Day” class Block 4.
 - 8:05 – 8:15 Block 5
 - 8:20 – 8:30 Block 6
 - 8:30 – Closing Remarks via PA system.
- MAP Testing
 - Mrs. Graff, MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) specialist, will update the forum on MAP testing.
 - Lori Graf, IV’s MTSS (Multi-Tiered Support System) specialist talked about MAP data and what parents can expect when they review their child’s math, reading, and writing growth.
 - The video we wanted to send to parents explaining the NWEA Family Report could not be sent at this time. It will be sent shortly in the upcoming weeks ahead.
 - Renovation Update
 - Dr. Pammer will talk about the renovations going on throughout the year. Parents attending in person will get a tour of the building.
 - Discussion about the completed renovations was the focus of the conversation.
 - The bulk of the renovation during the school year will primarily focus on the current C and D wings in the building.
 - Next summer the focus will be on the classrooms in the center of the building including the library and cafeteria.

Thank you to all parents that attended in-person and via Zoom! We had 56 parents in attendance! This is awesome!

The next IV Parent Forum is on Wednesday, October 4 at 9:00 AM. Both in-person and on-line options are available.

Jeff Pammer, Ed.D.
Principal
Indian Valley Middle School