

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

### **IV Parent Forum Meeting Follow-Up**

Wednesday, October 11, 2023.

### **Agenda Items**

- **Gifted Education, Science Fair, + More – Amy Craig** – IV’s gifted support teacher, science fair advisor, and other things at IV.
  - Thank you to Mrs. Amy Craig for talking to the forum about her role at IV. Below is an overview of things she supports at IV. Her full presentation is available at [this LINK](#).

## **Indian Valley Gifted Support Overview**



<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Competitions</li><li>+ Guest Speakers</li><li>+ Book Club</li><li>+ Field Trips</li><li>+ Community Service</li><li>+ Logic Games</li><li>+ STEM Challenges</li><li>+ Breakout Boxes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>+ Specials</li><li>+ Curriculum Connections</li><li>+ Seminars</li><li>+ Study Skills</li><li>+ Writing Workshops</li><li>+ Push -In Activities</li><li>+ Habits for Success</li><li>+Escape Room Games</li></ul>
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- **IV Education Foundation – Andrew Hudak** – 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teacher and past member of the Foundation.
  - Thank you Mr. Andrew Hudak for talking to the forum about all the good things the Indian Valley Education Foundation does for Souderton Area School District. We all are grateful for the work the Foundation did and continues to do for IV and all SASD schools. Use this link to connect to the IVEF Fall Newsletter. <https://www.smores.com/whq7n>
- **IV Student Council** – Michael Lyons (President), Cameron Bauer (Vice President), Ethan Heck (Secretary), and Hannah DeCaro (Treasurer).
  - Unfortunately, the Student Council is unable to be present at this meeting. They will be attending the November meeting.
- **IV Public Relations**
  - Mrs. Tara Voorhees is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and social studies teacher. She has also taken on the role of being the IV Public Relations person. Her goal is to communicate the good news and achievements of our students and other events at IV. This information will be sent to IV parents via a monthly newsletter and Instagram. We are expected to begin this communication in November. Please note that we will also continue the weekly IV Flyby.

However, it will be a quick hitter informational piece sharing upcoming events and other things happening at IV. Look for more information in the upcoming weeks.

- **Quick Hitters**
  - Spirit Week – October 10-13
  - Spirit Assembly – October 13
  - Activity Night – October 13
  - Character Counts Week – October 16-20
  - Pink Out Day – October 27
  - Halloween Dress-Up Day – Tuesday, October 31
- **Parent Volunteering Opportunities**
  - IV parent volunteering is fantastic! I greatly appreciate all your support for IV and willingness to help. We currently have 58 parents in the IV Helping Hands Pool. You ROCK! Parent volunteering opportunities will be posted weekly in the IV Flyby.
- **MAP Update / Parent Information Video**
  - Fall MAP testing has concluded at IV. Teachers are now conferencing with their students about their scores and growth from last year to this year. An information video will be sent home to all IV parents sometime in November.
- **End of Marking Period 1**
  - Thursday, November 2, 2023
  - Report Cards live on HAC on Monday, November 13, 2023.
- **Renovation Update**
  - Phase 5 will be completed by Friday, December 15. Phase 6 will begin over the Christmas Holiday break. The in-person attendees at the meeting had a tour of the current work being done in Phase 5. We will tour the renovation areas at each forum meeting.
- **Our next Parent Forum Meeting** is on Wednesday, November 1 at 9:00 AM. Attendance can be in-person or virtual.

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