

# WELCOME BACK ISSUE

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HOME OF THE BUCCANEERS

# ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year at Islip High School. I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a wonderful summer filled with happy events and restful, relaxing days. As you know, this newsletter signals the end of summer and the turning of your thoughts to the opening of school. I hope you are looking forward to an exciting and productive 2013-2014 school year.

Recognizing that parents are busy, the high school is again using the automatic dialer to inform parents of student absences period by period on a daily basis. The phone calls are made in the early evening. In addition, parents will be able to view their child's attendance, progress reports and grades online through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal at [www.islipufsd.org](http://www.islipufsd.org). Should you need further assistance, please contact Michele Finlay in our district office at 650-8232.

Attendance in all classes is mandatory for student success. Students not attending class lose valuable instruction and are not able to participate in class. Since class participation is a component of the grading rubric, students will have lower grades and may fail. If you have questions or concerns regarding your child, we are here to help.

Please work directly with our Assistant Principals on all issues regarding your children. Ms. Ward can be reached in room 112 and Mr. Juengerkes can be reached in the

main office.

The first day of school for students is Monday, September 9th. First period begins at 7:20 a.m. Students are to report directly to their first period class as indicated on their schedule. Any questions regarding schedules should be directed to the guidance department.

This year we are again enforcing the district cell phone policy. Cell phones are to be turned off and not visible during the school day. Cell phones will be confiscated if they are seen in the building during the school day. Please make sure your son or daughter understands this policy and does not have a visible cell phone during school hours.

As the new school year opens, I would like to thank you for your continuing support. In order for students to succeed, it is critical that students attend school on a regular basis, arrive to class on time, dress appropriately, complete homework and, in general, abide by school policies, some of which are outlined in this newsletter. Most important to student success is parent involvement. Please continue to ask questions and keep the lines of communication open.

Enjoy your remaining days of vacation. I look forward to working with you this year. Please stop by to say hello if you are in the area before school opens and remember my door is always open.

Dr. Eileen Rossman

## “Practice Gratitude and Compassion Every Day”

## LUNCH

Students may choose hot lunch, sandwiches or salad. Lunch periods are periods 4 through 7. An application for free and reduced lunch is available online or on the main office counter and should be returned to the nurse's office. Applications in Spanish are also available.

## HATS

Uncovering one's head is a sign of respect and good manners. This practice is applicable to schools as well as institutions such as courts of law, many houses of worship and most places of business. Part of the educational process is learning and practicing respect for others and good manners. Students are not permitted to wear headgear in the building during the school day, 7:20 am to 1:58 pm., unless it is for religious reasons.

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# STUDENT SCHEDULES

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Students must bring their schedule to school on the first day of classes, September 9th. Students are expected to attend every class and study hall as assigned.

Period 1	7:20 am-8:00 am	Period 6	11:06 am-11:46 am
Period 2	8:04 am-8:50 am	Period 7	11:50 am-12:30 pm
Period 3	8:54 am-9:34 am	Period 8	12:34 pm-1:14 pm
Period 4	9:38 am-10:18 am	Period 9	1:18 pm-1:58 pm
Period 5	10:22 am-11:02 am	Extra Help	2:00 pm

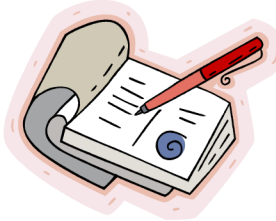
Teachers are available every day after school for extra help and makeup work beginning at 2:00 pm. See your teacher to make specific arrangements. Successful students make it a point to seek extra help before grades begin to slip. Teachers are always willing to help if asked. Students must make time to get help when necessary. Bus transportation is available at 2:50 pm each day for students who stay for extra help.

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# STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:** All absences should be reported to the high school attendance office by a parent any time after 7:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. The attendance office can be reached at 650-8310.



**LUNCH RELEASE:** Leaving school grounds for lunch is a privilege limited to members of the senior class only. Seniors who wish to leave the school grounds during their assigned lunch period may obtain a permission form from the attendance

office. This form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. When the completed form is returned to the attendance office, a valid 2013-2014 lunch sticker will be placed on the student's ID card.

Only students who are able to show their validated ID card will be permitted to leave school grounds for

lunch. Students who leave without permission are subject to disciplinary action. Until permission forms have been completed and ID stickers obtained, it is expected that all students will remain on campus during lunch. The District Attendance Policy is available on line or on the main office counter. It is important to note that class participation is a component of the grading rubric. Students not in class cannot participate. This may adversely impact their grade.

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# STUDENT INFORMATION

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Islip High School student handbooks which include a detailed program planner, assignment book and other important information will be distributed to every student during the first days of school. These handbooks will provide a daily calendar to help students organize and plan their responsibilities. Detailed explanations of school rules, procedures and the like are included in this publication. Please review this important document with your child and become familiar with how the high

school is organized. With formal instruction limited to 40 minutes per subject per day, it is not possible for all learning activities to occur in the classroom. Consequently, students must expect to have homework assigned on a daily basis in most classes. Homework is not an option but a meaningful activity designed to reinforce and enhance the learning which takes place in the classroom. Students should expect to spend between two and three hours per

day on outside preparation for class activities. Although this may vary from one day to the next, a detailed survey taken recently indicated that this is the minimum amount of time needed for student success. Parental support in providing an appropriate place for homework to be completed, as well as insisting that students make sufficient time in their daily schedule to complete these responsibilities, is essential for academic suc-

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# STUDENT BUS SCHEDULES

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Student bus schedules are available online at [www.islipufsd.org](http://www.islipufsd.org) on the transportation page. Students who show a valid high school photo ID card with a bus authorization sticker will be permitted to board buses either coming to or going home from school. New students (ninth graders and new entrants) will receive photo ID cards the first week of school. Upper classmen should use their ID card from last year. Students who need a replacement ID may obtain one by paying \$5 in the main office.

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## TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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Traffic regulations during arrival and dismissal times prohibit traffic in front of the high school building while school buses are present. If you enter the school grounds from Union Boulevard, you must exit back onto Union Boulevard after discharging/picking up passengers. Cars entering from Montauk Highway must “U” turn in front of the gym entrance and exit onto Montauk Highway. For the safety of our students, please be extremely cautious when driving in and around school grounds.

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## JUNIOR RING ORDERS

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Junior Ring orders will be taken on September 16, 17 and 18 from 9:38 am until 12:30 pm during lunch periods. There is a \$80 deposit required at the time of ordering. Information will be coming home with all junior students the first week of school.



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## WHERE TO GET HELP

Many times a question may come up which needs to be answered. Concerns about individual student programs, college applications, career plans, etc. should be directed to your child’s counselor in the guidance office. Questions concerning an individual class or class activity should be directed to the teacher of the subject. Questions concerning attendance/regulations should be directed to the attendance office. Questions concerning curriculum in a subject area or other subject matter should be directed to the chairperson of that department.

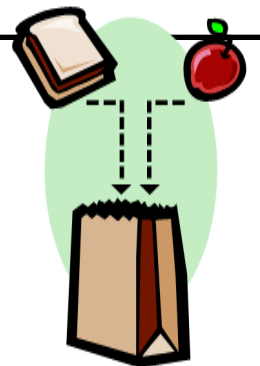
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## LUNCH RELEASE

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All students are required to stay in the building during their lunch period. Only **SENIORS** who have a lunch release form completed and signed by their parents and approved by the Attendance Office are permitted to leave school and/or school grounds during lunch periods. This is a privilege that is granted to seniors who are in good academic standing and can be revoked if a situation arises. Authorized seniors must use the doors by the cafeteria or the doors by the main office to enter or leave the building for lunch.



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# PTSA CORNER

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The IHS PTSA would like to welcome back all returning families and extend a big welcome to all new families. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer and that you are ready for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year. The IHS PTSA board members are very excited for the new school year and are all dedicated and ready to work hard to make this a wonderful school year.

The board for the upcoming school year is as follows:

**PRESIDENT:** Kathleen Collins  
**SECRETARY:** Lori Karabatzogol

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Lisa Dineen  
**TREASURER:** Ann Persaud

Our membership drive kick-off has begun. Please look for membership information in the welcome back school packet or visit our Facebook page: IHS PTSA for forms and all other information about the upcoming school year.

## VOLUNTEERING

For the PTSA to be effective, we need your participation. It is understandable that everyone's schedule is hectic and sometimes we do not even seem to have a minute to spare. Please keep in mind that no amount of participation is *too small and your ideas, time and talents are truly appreciated*. Watch for needed volunteer notices that will be posted throughout the year for various activities, functions and donations.

Please join us for our monthly PTSA meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

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## STUDENT TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

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It is illegal for any child between the ages of 5 and 14 years to operate a two-wheeled bicycle in the State of New York without wearing an approved bicycle safety helmet. This applies to all school property. If you are under age 14 and ride your bike to school, you must wear a helmet.

ment of Motor Vehicles. Only seniors with a valid Class 5 (senior) license are permitted to bring a vehicle on school grounds.

Junior licenses do not allow students to drive to school unless they are accompanied by a licensed driver. We do not issue parking stickers to seniors with junior licenses.

point eligibility system which is detailed later in this newsletter. Eligible students may register a vehicle by presenting a license, vehicle registration and signed parental permission form to the main office. Students are not permitted to operate two or three wheeled motorized vehicles on school property at any time. Detailed regulations concerning driving to school can be obtained from the main office or your local motor vehicle office.



Student Driving Regulations are defined by the New York State Department

A student parking area is available near the Union Boulevard entrance to the high school. Because of space limitations, parking is based on a ten



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## STUDENT LOCKERS

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Assignments and combinations are included in the summer mailing. Please be sure to bring it with you on the first day of school.

Lost locker assignments and combinations can be obtained in the attendance office upon presentation of a valid student iden-



tification card.

**Lockers are only secure when locked.** Students who leave lockers unlocked to save time invite loss of materials. **Keep your locker locked at all times!**



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## SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

DEPARTMENT	TELEPHONE #
Main Office	650-8300
Principal's Office-Dr. Rossman	650-8305
Assistant Principal's Office-Mr. Juengerkes	650-8320
Assistant Principal's Office-Ms. Ward	650-8315
Director of Guidance-Ms. Garmendia	
Guidance Office: Ms. Garmendia, Director, Mrs. Doheny Ms. Friend, Ms. Fulton, Mr. Jargo and Ms. Picinich	650-8350
Athletic Office	650-8370
Attendance Office	650-8310
School Nurse	650-8325
School Psychologist	650-8332
Social Worker	650-8331
Art & Music	650-8520
Language Arts/Reading	650-8397
Health/P.E.	650-8370
Foreign Language/ESL	650-8395
Library	650-8335
Math	650-8391
Science	650-8392
Social Studies	650-8393
Special Education	650-8415
High School Fax Number	650-8308
Guidance Fax Number	650-8368
Attendance Fax Number	650-8318

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## BOOSTER CLUB



Welcome back to another school year. We are looking forward to another successful year for all our sports teams from Middle School through High School. Everyone is invited to join the Booster Club.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Faculty Room. Please join us as we can always use helping hands. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting.

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# Islip Friends of the Arts

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## Statement of Purpose:

We encourage the students of Islip to participate in Art, Dance, Music, Theatre and the Visual Arts and recognize their efforts through Awards, Scholarships and Enrichment Activities.



**President:** Barbara A. Engels, 102 Whitman Avenue, Islip NY 11751  
**Cell (Evenings):** 922-2189 **Email, B.Engels:** [nvrmnd73new@aol.com](mailto:nvrmnd73new@aol.com) (put IFOA on subject line)

## Congratulations

to the IFOA Spring Basket Raffle Winners: The MORAN, JAO, BRANAGAN, COSTELLO/DELANEY, KENDRICK and KELLER Families.

To All Of You Who Purchased Raffle Tickets,  
Thanks For Your Support.

**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR @ Radio City Music Hall – November 11:** *It is not too late to order tickets.* Please use the order form at [islipfpa.net](http://islipfpa.net) and mail your order by September 18<sup>th</sup>.



**MEETING DATES:** Thurs., 10/24, HS Faculty Rm., Thurs., 11/21, HS Cafeteria, Thurs., 1/9, HS Faculty Rm., Tues., 4/22, HS Faculty Rm. (enter HS, north doors)

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:** MEET US IN YOUR SCHOOL LOBBY:

**2013-2014 The Annual Big Raffle** is our First Fundraising effort each year at all Meet The Teacher Nights. We have Beautiful Raffle Baskets. Winning tickets will be drawn at the HS Meet The Teacher Night, September 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Folding Music Stands:** \$18 available at all Meet The Teacher Nights. They are so convenient for your musician! If you miss us, call and we will make arrangements for you to mail your check & we will facilitate delivery.

**\$10 2013-2014 IFOA FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:** *We depend on your Family Membership each year to support the work of Islip Friends of the Arts. We recognize the exceptional effort of more 275 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students with Awards, Pins and Scholarships in June. We host the Holiday Sing-A-Long and Blue Note Café to bring your family wonderful music. We welcome the entire district to the Festival of the Arts and the District Art Show with our complimentary Punch & Cookies each year.*

*Do you want to mail us your membership? Go to any of the current info sites noted in the heading.*

***We are the "Booster Club for The Arts".***  
*Barbara Engels (eves) 922-2189*

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# Report Cards & Progress Report Period

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Approximately every ten weeks throughout the school year, a report of your child's progress in school will be posted to the parent portal. The following is the reporting schedule which will be followed for the 2013-2014 school year.

If you have any questions or concerns before or after receiving these reports, please contact your child's teacher or guidance counselor.

	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER
Progress Period Ends	10/4/13	12/10/13	3/7/14	5/9/14
Progress Reports Posted	10/15/13	12/17/13	3/14/14	5/16/14
Marking Period Ends	11/6/13	1/30/14	4/4/14	6/26/14
Report Cards Posted	11/15/13	2/7/14	4/11/14	7/2/14



# HOMECOMING

Spirit Week

Monday, September 30th—Friday, October 4th

Saturday, October 5th

Homecoming Parade, 1:00 pm, Main Street

Football Game, 2:00 pm, High School Athletic Field

Dance, 7:00 pm

You must have an Islip High School ID card  
to enter the dance.

## GO BUCS!



# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra curricular activities are an important part of school and education.  
 All students are strongly encouraged to participate in sports and/or clubs.  
 Students should listen to morning announcements for dates, times and locations of meetings and tryouts.



## SPORTS TEAMS

### FALL

<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Football	Cheerleading
Soccer	Tennis
X Country	Volleyball
	X Country

### WINTER

<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Basketball	Basketball
Bowling	Bowling
Winter Track	Cheerleading
Wrestling	Winter Track

### SPRING

<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
Baseball	Lacrosse
Golf	Softball
Lacrosse	Track
Tennis	
Track	

## CLUBS and ADVISORS

Art Club:	Ms. Trocchio-Cohen	SADD:	Mr. Weisman
Athletes Helping Athletes:	Mrs. Martello	Science Olympiads:	TBD
Chess Club:	Mr. Rezza	Select Choir (VMO):	Mr. Harris
Competition Club:	Mr. Quackenbush	Stage Band (Jazz Ensemble):	Mr. Campanella
Foreign Language Society:	Mrs. Ito	SOUL Club:	Ms. Schmalacker
GSA:	Mrs. Schlageter	STAR:	Ms. Miller
Habitat for Humanity:	Mrs. Riche		Ms. Nolan
History Club:	Mr. Pedersen	Student Council:	Ms. Basch
Interact Club:	Mrs. Roth		Mrs. Gordon
Jr. Chamber of Commerce:	Mrs. Clock	Theater Arts:	Mr. Harris
KIC –Keep Islip Clean:	Mr. Mennecke	Tri-M Honor Society:	Mr. Butterfield
Kickline:	Ms. Friend	Wellness Club:	Ms. Winter
Marching Band:	Mr. Campanella	Yearbook:	Ms. LaCascia
Mathletes, HS:	Ms. Colombo		Ms. Schmalacker
Mathletes, 9th Grade:	Ms. Colombo		
National Honor Society:	Ms. Diminich		
	Ms. Scott-Edwards		
Robotics:	Mr. Franz		



# SENIOR PARKING

## FOREWORD

The privilege of driving to school is an opportunity sought by many of the high school seniors each year. Due to the increasing class sizes and a relatively small number of parking spaces available, revisions needed to be made to the current “first come, first serve” policy regarding the assignment of parking spaces to seniors.

## GOAL

The goal of revising the senior parking policy is to offer a fair way to distribute parking spots to students and to increase the number of students who receive parking spots each school year.

## PROCEDURE

Eligible seniors will be given a parking permit on a quarterly basis. Seniors who have a parking permit will be allowed to park in the student parking lot on a “first come, first serve” basis. In the case that the student lot is full, students must find parking off campus.



A ten-point system will be in effect during each quarter. Students who meet or exceed the ten-point limitation will not receive a parking permit for the next quarter. Each student will begin each quarter with zero points. The ten-point system is based on behavior and attendance. An out-of-school suspension is 10 points, a full-day detention is 5 points, and an unexcused absence is 1 point. Behavior and attendance from fourth quarter of junior year will be used to determine eligibility for first-quarter of senior year.

**Senior Parking  
Ten Point Eligibility System  
To stay eligible you must stay under 10 points!**

**Out of School Suspension**  
**Full Day Detention**  
**Unexcused Absence**

**10 points**  
**5 points**  
**1 point**



# Islip High School 2013-14 Student Calendar

Day 1 =       Day 2 =

## September

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30					

## October

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## November

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School Closed

No School For Students

Possible Makeup Days

<b>Sept 2</b>	Labor Day
<b>Sept 3-4</b>	Staff Conferences
<b>Sept 5-6</b>	School Closed
<b>Sept 9</b>	<u>First Day of School</u> for students
<b>Oct 14</b>	Columbus Day
<b>Nov 5</b>	Election Day-Conf Day
<b>Nov 11</b>	Veteran's Day
<b>Nov 28-29</b>	Thanksgiving Recess
<b>Dec 23-Jan 3</b>	Winter Recess
<b>Jan 20</b>	Martin Luther King Day
<b>Feb 17-21</b>	Mid-Winter Recess
<b>April 14-18</b>	Spring Recess
<b>May 21-22</b>	Possible Snow Makeup Days
<b>May 23</b>	School Closed
<b>May 26</b>	Memorial Day
<b>June 25</b>	Graduation
<b>June 26</b>	<u>Last Day for Staff</u>

## February

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## April

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## May

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## June

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**Please Note:** If school is in session, May 21 will be a Day 1 & May 22 will be a Day 2

### MARKING PERIODS

1st MP PR Period Ends = 10/4/13 ~ 2nd MP PR Period Ends = 12/10/13 ~ 3rd MP PR Period Ends 3/7/14 ~ 4th MP PR Period Ends 5/9/14

1st MP RC Period Ends = 11/6/13 ~ 2nd MP RC Period Ends = 1/30/14 ~ 3rd MP RC Period Ends 4/4/14 ~ 4th MP RC Period Ends 6/26/14



# September 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2 <b>Labor Day</b>	3 <b>Staff Conference Days</b>	4 <b>Staff Conference Days</b>	5 <b>School Closed</b>	6 <b>School Closed</b>	7
8	9 <b>First Day of School for students</b>	10	11 <b>Booster Club Meeting 7:30 pm</b>	12 <b>Picture Day Grades 9-11</b>	13 <b>Picture Day Grades 9-11</b>	14
15	16 <b>HS Senior Picture Retakes 3:30-9:00</b> <b>Jr. Ring Orders Lunch Periods</b>	17 <b>HS Senior Picture Retakes 3:30-9:00</b> <b>Jr. Ring Orders Lunch Periods</b>	18 <b>Jr. Ring Orders Lunch Periods</b>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <b>PTSA Meeting 7:00 pm</b>	26 <b>Meet the Teacher 7:00</b>	27	28
29	30 <b>Spirit Week Begins</b>					



# October 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 Senior Cap and Gown Breakfast & Group Picture	5 HOMECOMING Parade: 1:00 pm Football Game: 2:00 pm Dance: 7:00 pm
SPIRIT WEEK						
6	7	8	9 Booster Club Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11 Emergency Sheltering Drill 15 minute Early Dismissal	12
13	14 School Closed Columbus Day	15 Blood Drive	16 PSAT Day 	17	18	19
20	21 HS Picture Makeups Grades 9-11	22	23	24 Friends of the Arts Meeting 7:30 pm	25 Red Ribbon Week Starts	26
27	28	29	30	31	Red Ribbon Week	