

ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Home of the Buccaneers

A Message from the Principal:

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year. This is a year of new beginnings. I would like to introduce myself, Michael Mosca, as the new principal of Islip High School. I am joining the Islip team after 7 years of administrative experience in the Comsewogue School district and bring with me a variety of background experiences and teaching. During my career, I have been connected to many different aspects of student learning, working at both the middle school and high school levels. I am honored to become part of a school district with such a strong sense of community and tradition.

In my time in education, I have placed a strong emphasis on Character Education in addition to the rigorous standards set forth by New York State. It is my steadfast belief that it is our responsibility to educate the whole child in preparation for not only college and career, but for life in general. Students in the 21st century need to be prepared to make contributions in their local communities and in the global community as well. To accomplish this, our students need to be prepared with skill sets that include creativity, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, technological proficiency and global awareness.

This process is one that is shared equally between school and home. With that understanding, communication between the two is paramount. 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. Should you need further assistance, please contact Michele Finlay in our district office at 650-8232.

In an effort to increase communication with parents/guardians and students on the happenings at Islip High School (IslipHS), I encourage you to sign up to use Twitter (www.twitter.com). Twitter is a website that allows for quick and consistent, two-way communication. I have created an account to disseminate useful information about IslipHS and valuable parent resources instantaneously. Signing up is easy. Go to www.twitter.com, create a user profile, and once you are registered,

search for our school username (IslipHS). Then click on the profile and select "follow." We are on Facebook as well. Just visit <https://www.facebook.com/IslipHS> and become a fan of our page.

Despite all of the new digital communication put in place for your convenience, there is no substitute to live communication with members of our Islip High School staff. Please work directly with our Assistant Principals on all issues regarding your children. Ms. Ward, Assistant Principal for grades 9 & 11, can be reached at 650-8315 and Mr. Juengerkes, Assistant Principal for grades 10 & 12, can be reached at 650-8320.

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 3rd. 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.

I am looking forward to being a part of the Islip community. We will continue the journey as we guide our students into becoming inquisitive, independent, life-long learners. As educators, we are responsible to help form individuals who have the ability and confidence to make a difference big or small in the world around them.

Please remember, most important to student success is parent involvement. Please continue to ask questions and keep the lines of communication open. Feel comfortable emailing me at mmosca@islipufsd.org or calling me at 650-8305 with any concerns or questions you may have. As a parent myself, I understand the importance of feeling confident that your child is in a positive, nurturing, learning environment.

I look forward to working with you this year. My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,
Michael Mosca, Principal

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STUDENT SCHEDULES

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

Students must bring their schedule to school on the first day of classes, September 3rd. Students are expected to attend every class as assigned. 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.

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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE



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.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Islip High School student handbooks which include a detailed program planner, assignment book and other important information 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 success.

STUDENT BUS SCHEDULES

Student bus schedules are available online at 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.



TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

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.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

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.



Student Driving Regulations are defined by the New York State Department 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.

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 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 your local motor vehicle office.

SCHOOL LUNCH

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

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 2014-2015 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 in the main office. 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.



STUDENT LOCKERS

This summer new lockers were installed at the High School. Freshmen locker assignments were given out at the Freshmen Orientation.

Locker assignments for grades 10-12 can be found on your schedules. Please visit the Infinite Campus portal to access your schedule and locker assignment and be sure to bring this information 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 identification 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!**

SCHOOL STORE



The I BUC school store will be opening this school year selling Islip spirit wear, school supplies, review books and a variety of Islip merchandise including previous year's yearbooks. The I BUC school store will be staffed by students who are enrolled in a business class that focuses on retail marketing and management. The goal for our students is to gain exposure to real world retail business experience while learning skills needed to operate a business.

Freshmen Orientation was held on Thursday, August 28th with parent, Mrs. Barbara Pollina, making the first purchase of the school year. Mrs. Pollina is pictured at left.

For questions or inquiries, please contact Mrs. Clock at (631) 650-8300 or rclock@islipufsd.org



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. We ask that students respect this policy and remove their hats while in the building.



JUNIOR RING ORDERS

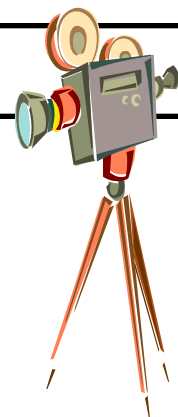


Junior Ring orders will be taken on September 15, 16 and 17 from 9:38 am until 12:30 pm during lunch periods. A representative will be available to assist you with your order. There is a \$80 deposit required at the time of ordering. Deposits can be made by cash, credit or check payable to Jostens. Information will be sent home to all junior students the first week of school.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Underclassmen pictures are scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 11 and Friday September 12. Pictures will be taken during gym classes. Picture retakes are scheduled for October 20.

Senior portrait retakes are scheduled for Monday, September 22 and Tuesday September 23 from 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm in the auditorium. A schedule will be sent to you from Prestige the first week of school with the date and time of your rescheduled appointment.



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



SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

DEPARTMENT	PHONE #	DEPARTMENT	PHONE #
Main Office	650-8300	Language Arts/Reading	650-8397
Principal's Office	650-8305	Health/Physical Education	650-8370
Assistant Principal, Gr 9 & 11	650-8315	Foreign Language/ESL	650-8395
Assistant Principal, Gr 10 & 12	650-8320	Library	650-8335
Guidance Department:	650-8350	Math	650-8391
Athletic Office	650-8370	Science	650-8392
Attendance Office	650-8310	Social Studies	650-8393
School Nurse	650-8325	Special Education	650-8415
School Psychologist	650-8332	High School Fax Number	650-8308
Social Worker	650-8331	Guidance Fax Number	650-8368
Art & Music	650-8520	Attendance Fax Number	650-8318

Report Cards & Progress Report Period

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 2014-2015 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	10/2/14	12/8/14	3/6/15	5/12/15
Progress Reports Posted	10/9/14	12/19/14	3/13/15	5/19/15
Marking Period Ends	11/3/14	1/29/15	4/14/15	6/26/15
Report Cards Posted	11/12/14	2/5/15	4/21/15	6/30/15

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.

Islip Sports Teams

FALL		WINTER		SPRING	
<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Football	Cheerleading	Basketball	Basketball	Baseball	Lacrosse
Soccer	Soccer	Bowling	Bowling	Golf	Softball
X Country	Tennis	Winter Track	Cheerleading	Lacrosse	Track
	Volleyball	Wrestling	Winter Track	Tennis	
	X Country			Track	

Islip Clubs & Advisors

Art Club:	Mrs. Knoblauch	National Honor Society:	Ms. Meagher
Athletes Helping Athletes:	Mrs. Martello	Robotics:	Mr. Franz
Chess Club:	Mr. Rezza	SADD:	TBD
Competition Club:	Mr. Christiansen	Science Olympiads:	Mr. Christiansen
Foreign Language	Mrs. Ito <i>and</i>	Select Choir (VMO):	Mr. Harris
National Society:	Mrs. Maisano	Stage Band (Jazz Ensemble):	Mr. Campanella
GSA:	Mrs. Schlageter	SOUL Club:	Ms. Schmalacker
Habitat for Humanity:	Mrs. Riche	STAR:	Mrs. Miller
History Club:	Mr. Pedersen		Ms. Nolan
Interact Club:	Mrs. Volkmann	Student Council:	Ms. Basch
Jr. Chamber of Commerce:	Mrs. Hicks		Mrs. Gordon
Keep Islip Clean:	Mr. Mennecke	Theater Arts:	Mr. Harris
Kickline:	Ms. Friend	Tri-M Honor Society:	Mr. Harris
Marching Band:	Mr. Campanella	Wellness Club:	TBD
Mathletes, HS:	Ms. Colombo	Yearbook:	Ms. LaCascia
Mathletes, 9th Grade:	Ms. Colombo		Ms. Schmalacker

HOMECOMING

SPIRIT WEEK & HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES



Dance

Saturday, October 11 at 7:00 pm



Powder Puff Football Game

Monday, October 13 at 10 am



Spirit Week & Float Building

Tuesday, October 14 - Friday, October 17

Parade

Saturday, October 18 at 1:00 pm



Football Game

Saturday, October 18 at 2:00 pm

High School Athletic Field

Islip vs. Hauppauge



Booster Club

Welcome back to another school year.

The Booster Club is looking forward to another successful year for all our sports teams both Middle School and High School.

We encourage you to join to help support athletics.

Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 pm 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 of the year.

GO BUCS!

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Arts

Insert Day 1 Day 2
Schedule




September 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day	2 Staff Conference Day No School for Students	3 First Day Of School For students	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Booster Club Meeting 7:30 pm	11 Picture Day Grades 9-11	12 Picture Day Grades 9-11  Local Scholarship Application Available Online	13
14	15 Jr. Ring Orders Lunch Periods 	16 Jr. Ring Orders Lunch Periods	17 Jr. Ring Orders Lunch Periods 	18 PTSA Meeting 7:00 pm	19 HS PTSA Fall Plant Sale 	20
21	22 HS Senior Portrait Retakes 3:30-9:00 	23 HS Senior Portrait Retakes 3:30-9:00	24	25 School Closed	26 School Closed	27
28	29	30				



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