







Dear Highlanders and Parents,


I hope this message finds you well as we approach the start of the new academic year. We have some important updates and reminders for you:

 Mark Your Calendars!   Athletic Pink Slips/Clearance Dates: From August 1st to August 4th, we will be conducting Athletic Pink Slip/Clearance sessions in the Big Gym from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To participate, please make sure you have your RMA completed, \$100 check or cash, and your physical on hand. Enter through the upper parking lot for convenience.


 College Boot Camp: For those interested in Leslie Hermann's College Bootcamp, there are a few spots left for the August 14th-18th session. To get more information or inquire about limited scholarships, please email Leslie at [lesliehermann@edplanit.org](mailto:lesliehermann@edplanit.org). A flyer is attached for your reference.


 Asbestos Abatement/Lead Paint Removal: Please be aware that the building will be locked down until August 15th due to ongoing asbestos abatement and lead paint removal. Access will be restricted, except for the third floor, up to the yellow metal gate. Additionally, the ROTC building has commenced demolition. You can view the reel on our I.H.S. Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/676128510560868>

 Farewell to Mr. Thomas Reymer: We bid farewell to Mr. Thomas Reymer, who is embarking on a new adventure as the Athletic Director of Carson HS. We wish him and his family the best in their new journey. We will miss the entire Reymer family, and we extend our gratitude for Mr. Reymer's dedicated service to Highlander athletics. Let's continue to support our people as they grow professionally.

 Schedules Distribution Days: Schedules distribution for various grades will take place on the following days:

- Seniors: August 16th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Sophomores & Juniors: August 17th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Freshmen: August 18th, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.


 Freshmen & New Student Orientation: Our Freshmen & New Student Orientation is scheduled for August 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the theater. This is a great opportunity for new students to get acquainted with our school community.


 First Day of School: The first day of school for all students is on August 21st. We're excited to start the new academic year with you all.

 Important Upcoming Events:


- Aug. 23rd: Mandatory Fall Sports Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 30th: Open House from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- Aug. 31st & Sept. 1st: School Pictures
- Aug. 31st: Senior Sunrise (more info soon)
- Sept. 6th: Hispanic Parent Night at 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13th: Senior Info Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Theater
- Sept. 22nd: Homecoming Parade & Football Game vs. Battle Mountain
- Sept. 23rd: Homecoming Dance from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

 Fall Break: The Fall Break will be from October 2nd to October 6th.

 Save the Date for Graduation: Finally, mark your calendars for the graduation ceremony, which will be held on June 17th at 4:00 p.m. in the I.H.S. gym.

As we gear up for the new academic year, I'm thrilled to introduce some of our new staff members who will be joining the Highlander family. Please join me in extending a warm Highlander welcome to them:

 Robin Rife - Counselor: Robin Rife, our new counselor, brings a wealth of experience and passion for working with teens and young adults. She has been a school counselor in WCSD off and on since 1995 and holds a Marriage and Family Therapy intern license. Her dedication to helping students thrive both academically and personally is truly commendable. Let's make sure Robin feels at home here as she joins Sara Coombes in the counseling office full-time starting in August.

"Hi All,

My name is Robin Rife, and I am so very excited to be joining the Highlander family! I grew up in the small mountain town of Portola, CA just north of Tahoe and feel like I am returning to my roots becoming a staff member at IHS! I love the mountains and enjoy hiking, snow, and water skiing, paddle boarding and almost anything outside! I'm hoping to learn from and/or join some of you in recreating after work in Incline (Weather permitting 😊)! I am the very proud mother of three young adults: twin sons soon to be 27yrs and a 24-year-old daughter. I have been in the same house in Reno for 25 years and each of my kids graduated from Reno HS and have launched themselves. My Mommy hope is they'll one day return to the mountains and be close to their parents!

Professionally I have been a school counselor in WCSD off and on since 1995 and my passion is in working with teens and young adults. I also hold a Marriage and Family Therapy intern license and enjoy working as a family therapist in my spare time! I am a social person and hope to have the opportunity to get to know each of you. I am looking forward to being a Highlander!  
- Robin"



📖 Mr. Jeff Halbe - English Teacher: Mr. Halbe comes to us with an impressive teaching background, having taught high school English in Fremont and Livermore for many years. His experience teaching IB English in São Paulo, Brazil, brought rich cultural experiences to his life. We are excited to have him teaching 9th & 11th-grade English at I.H.S. and look forward to his creativity and expertise in the classroom.

"I started teaching high school English in Fremont in the early 1990's then moved to Livermore HS. Within teaching in Livermore for 22 years, I taught at Livermore HS and the alternative HS in Livermore. From 2012-14, my wife (retired principal from Fremont) and I worked at Chapel Escuela in São Paulo Brazil where my wife was the principal and I taught IB English. The move was great because we were able to enjoy the Brazilian culture and travel South America, including Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Patagonia. I retired from California in 2022 and we moved to Reno because we love to ski, fly fish and mt bike and Reno is a perfect place for these outdoor activities. I have a son, who is an electrician and low voltage contractor, and grandson who live in Colorado and my other son lives in Texas and is a corporate bankruptcy attorney. I love dogs, playing pickleball, working out, traveling, and cooking. I am excited to be at Incline HS this year."



■ Mr. Joseph Dubon - Computer Science Principles Teacher: With a decade of software engineering experience, Mr. Dubon joins us as a passionate computer science teacher. He aims to inspire his students with an exciting blend of technology, art, and music, making computer science an engaging experience. His dedication to mindfulness and trauma-sensitive education will create a nurturing and inclusive environment for our students to flourish.

"I am Joseph Dubon, born with roots in Reno, and I am thrilled to embark on my new journey as a computer science teacher. Having accumulated over a decade of software engineering experience, I bring a wealth of knowledge and passion to the classroom. Computers and programming have been lifelong passions of mine, guiding my career choices, and now, I am eager to inspire my students with an exciting blend of technology, art, and music to make computer science an engaging experience.


In addition to my technical expertise, I am a dedicated advocate for mindfulness and trauma-sensitive education. It is essential to me that every student feels respected and nurtured in my classroom, and I am committed to fostering an environment that allows them to flourish and realize their potential.

Beyond my professional endeavors, I am a proud father of two, and my family values play a profound role in shaping my life and career. They inspire me to grow both personally and professionally, always striving to be the best version of myself.

With a keen understanding of the interplay between technology, education, and creativity, I aim to bring a distinctive and intellectual edge to my classroom, empowering my students to

explore the limitless possibilities of computer science. Together, we will embark on an exciting journey of discovery, innovation, and growth, creating a generation of future thinkers and problem solvers."



 Deputy Fisher - School Resource Officer: We are grateful to welcome Deputy Fisher as one of our two School Resource Officers, thanks to the generous grant from the Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation. Deputy Fisher brings a wealth of experience in law enforcement and has volunteered extensively with the community, particularly with young adults. Her presence as a School Resource Officer will help foster positive relationships and provide a safe learning environment for all students.

"I began my career as a State of Nevada Capital Police Officer in 2003 working for Governor Guinn. First Lady Guinn interviewed me for the Governor's Mansion dignitary detail as she was looking for someone that she could not only trust with her grandchildren but would also interact with them and be a positive experience. I transferred to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in 2004 and became a K9 handler in 2013. My K9 Partner (Kir) loved kids and did well in a classroom setting. I did countless demonstrations, interviews and meet—greet at several Washoe County elementary and middle schools, Boy and Girl Scout Troops and the weekly 8th Grade Mock Trials at 2JDC until Kir's retirement in 2016. I transferred to the WCSO Incline Village Patrol when Kir retired and spent several hours helping with AM/PM crosswalk duty at the Incline Village Elementary School until I transferred to the WCSO Civil Division in 2019. I transferred back up to WCSO Incline Village Patrol in 2022 upon completion of my WCSO Civil assignment.


I have volunteered at Sky Tavern for the last seven years. I have worked several jobs there but am known for being a snowboard instructor. I have taught small children- adults, but mainly work with middle/high school aged teenagers. My child is in a high school marching band. I was an athlete in high school and the band members have introduced me to their world of music. As I volunteer with other parents, the students have taught me how to make sure their instruments and uniforms are stored properly for travel, set up and tear downs are completed seamlessly and without injury to instruments as well as how to play a couple instruments (I'm not good by any means). I enjoy being around teenagers/young adults; their energy and way of looking at things and problem solving always teaches me something new and keeps me on my toes. I find it to be a great way of not turning into an "I remember when..." person. I love getting out and

talking/interacting with the community both on and off duty, especially if it involves: Jeeping, snowboarding, working with animals and hiking to name a few.

I am confident by being assigned as a School Resource Officer at Incline Village High School will give me the opportunity to build relationships and break down any barriers or misconceptions the future generation may have of Law Enforcement."

Deputy Fisher



 Deputy Hannah DeGoey - School Resource Officer: Originally from the East Coast, Deputy Hannah DeGoey's background includes a variety of law enforcement experiences, including being an FBI Task Force Officer for the Northern Nevada Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force. We're thrilled to have her return to Incline Village in this capacity and build strong connections with our Incline Village High School community.

"Originally hailing from the East Coast, I graduated from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. with a BA in International Security and Conflict Resolution, where I focused on Middle Eastern Terrorism and Human Trafficking. I learned to sail in Annapolis and was on my college sailing team, a hobby that I can all-too-conveniently continue to pursue since I reside in the Tahoe basin.

After college, I moved to Mammoth Lakes, California, and worked for Mammoth Mountain for a number of years while skiing every chance I could. I eventually decided I should get a "real" job and was hired by the Mammoth Lakes Police Department. I spent three years there before becoming a Trooper for the Nevada Highway Patrol.

While at NHP, I worked a variety of special assignments including Public Information Officer, Driver's Education Guest Instructor, and FBI Task Force Officer for the Northern Nevada Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force. With this generation's omnipresent

social media, keeping your children safe from internet predators and being able to arrest individuals that prey on minors was immensely rewarding.

Prior to transferring to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, my last NHP duty assignment was Tahoe-Incline. I've spent the last year and a half as a Deputy with WCSO and could not be happier to return to Incline Village, especially in this capacity. I believe that education is incredibly important and it's my hope to build relationships with the Incline Village High School community to help foster a safe learning environment.

In my off-duty life, I enjoy skiing, snowmobiling, spending time on the lake, and adventuring with my Australian Shepherd. Feel free to ask me any driving-related questions!

Thank you,

Deputy Hannah DeGoey"



With these talented additions to our team, we are confident in the excellence and dedication they will bring to our school. Their passion for education and student well-being aligns perfectly with our mission at I.H.S.

As we prepare for another amazing school year, stay tuned for more updates and exciting news. We can't wait to see you all back on campus! 🎉🎓🎁

Thank you for being part of our Highlanders community!

Best regards,

Principal Cahill