

# September 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Update



## Important Dates

- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Senior Info Night 5:30 p.m. Theater 1:00 – 3:00 Booster Meeting @ Parasol
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>** Homecoming Week
- Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Homecoming Parade & Football Game vs. Battle Mountain
- Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Homecoming Dance 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>:** Fall Break
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Teacher Professional Development Day – No Students
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>:** PSAT Soph/Juniors, regular schedule
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>:** Nevada Day – No School
- Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 12/13:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 1/10:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 2/14:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 3/13:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 4/10:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 5/8:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol
- 6/5:** Booster Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 @ Parasol

**2024 Graduation is June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.**

We have received approval to plan for an outdoor graduation. If you'd like to be on the 2024 graduation committee please reach out to Ms. Cahill, [tcahill@washoeschools.net](mailto:tcahill@washoeschools.net)

Dear Incline High School Families,

As we venture into the fourth week of this vibrant school year, I invite you to join us in fostering a community of unity, resilience, and excellence. Here's a peek into what's happening in the week ahead:

## 📅 This Week's Highlights

- **Monday, 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony:** At the start of the week, our JROTC Battalion will lead a 9-11 ceremony during Advisory. Let's come together as a community to honor the memory of those we lost on that day.
- **Wednesday, Senior Night:** Families with seniors, please join us at 5:30 PM in the Duffield Theater for an informative session about college counseling, community scholarships, and more.
- **Monday, 9/18 Class Add/Drop Deadline:** Mark your calendars, as the 20th day of school falls on Monday, September 18th. It's also the last day to add or drop a class. Please consider any necessary schedule adjustments and consult with your counselor before this crucial deadline.

## 💛 Community and Compassion

Our strength lies in our unity and our ability to look out for one another. I encourage all Highlanders to shine by embodying integrity, humanity, and scholarship. Let's create a culture where everyone feels supported and valued.

## 🗣️ Student Voice Committee

The Student Voice committee is actively engaging with all advisories to ensure every student's ideas are valued and considered. Stay tuned for exciting developments. The committee meets every other Thursday at lunch in Ms. Cahill's office.

## 📚 Academic Support

We are adapting to provide the best support for our students, even with the discontinuation of ESSER funds for after-school tutoring. Now, we are offering targeted support during Advisory hours. Reach out to your child's Advisor for more details.

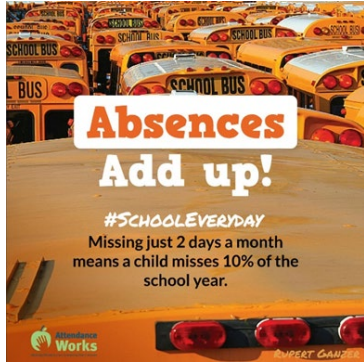
## 📵 No Phones/Ear Buds Policy

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Thank you for supporting our policy to keep classrooms distraction-free. Together, we are fostering an environment conducive to learning.

### 🌟 Nevada Department of Education Star Rating

Please note that attendance will be a crucial factor in our star rating this year. Let's work together to minimize absences and keep our rating high.



### 📁 Staff Updates

We are thrilled to welcome new and returning members to our team:

- **Sarah Morris:** Our new Athletic/Attendance secretary and a proud parent of a freshman Highlander.
- **Michelle Urrurita:** Joining us from AACT HS in Reno, she will enrich our science department.
- **Paul Nolan:** Back from retirement to assist with alternative education classes.
- **Karen Friel:** Our new PE department head, bringing with her a

rich history of coaching excellence.

### 🏆 PSAT Information

**Sophomores & Juniors:** The PSAT is scheduled for 10/24 and it's an opportunity not to be missed! Especially for juniors, as it serves as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Here's how to sign up:

Sophomores: Good news! Your test is fully funded by the district. Simply scan the QR code to sign up or visit the bookkeeper's office.

Juniors: The test fee is \$18. Please make your payment and sign up with our bookkeeper, Ms. Cruz. This is your gateway to the National Merit Scholarship – give it your best shot!

The deadline to sign up for both juniors and sophomores is Monday, September 18th, 2023. For any queries, don't hesitate to reach out to Ms. Lombardi.

### 🌟 Student Achievements

**University Admissions:** Did you know? 40% of our current senior class has been guaranteed admission to the University of Nevada, Reno. All they need to do is apply.

**National Merit Scholarship:** We're excited to announce that William Jones has been named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist!

**AP Scholars:** This year, we have several students who have distinguished themselves in the AP programs.

Here are the details:

**AP Capstone Diploma Recipients:** Ivy Batmale, Shannon Hugar, and Josue Salas (Class of 2023); Sarah Moore and Jesse Santina (Class of 2024).



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**AP Scholars with Distinction:** Paloma Akiwenzie, Alexander Beaulac, Quinn Cafferata-Jenkins, Abbygail Duckworth, Shannon Hugar, William Jones, Adelina LaForge, Sarah Moore, Jesse Santina, and Annie Stembridge.

**AP Scholars with Honor:** Luciano Casini, Sequoia Denton, Catherine Kerrigan, Parker Mirzayan, Nicholas Suter, and Katherine Wechsler.

**AP Scholars:** William Arrison, Ivy Batmale, Emily Brubaker, Hoswaldo Cabrera, Anna Cecchi, Gianna Damato, Liam Ellis, Molly Ellis, Anthony Eppolito, Ginna Eppolito, Auri Fernandez, Tate Gitchell, Lainey Lowden, Alexander Macdonald, Preston Nilles, Kira Noble, Elanor Ogden, Josue Salas, Elissa Sano, Samantha Stephens, Rebeka Sussman, and Kyler Thompson.

 **Community Connection:** First Time Home Buyer Seminar

We believe in nurturing the bond between our school and the community. To this end, we have an important message from former Booster President, Khal Pluckhan:

The Incline Village REALTORS® Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is hosting a bilingual First Time Home Buyer Seminar on September 12th, 2023. This seminar aims to educate first-time homebuyers on how to kickstart the home buying process, a crucial step in fostering generational wealth.

Venue: Incline Middle School, 931 Southwood Blvd, Incline Village, Nevada

Time: 5:30 pm (Spanish) | 6:30 pm (English)

Cost: Free and open to the public

The 2023 President of Incline Village REALTORS® emphasizes, "Study after study has shown that homeownership is the best path to creating generational wealth." This seminar will cover essential topics such as how REALTORS® can assist in buying your first home, the role of a credit repair professional, and how to manage your first mortgage.

Speaker Line-up for Both English and Spanish Sessions:

Marta de Leon – Solid Source Realty

Angie Salcido – Premier Credit Solutions


Jorge Montoya – Guild Mortgage

To attend this enlightening seminar, RSVP by emailing Kendra at [kendra@inclinerealtors.com](mailto:kendra@inclinerealtors.com) or call at 775-831-3777. Don't miss this opportunity to take the first step in your home ownership journey!

### From the Counseling Department:

**Mrs. Coombes: A-J**

**Ms. Rife: K-Z**

 Book an appointment with your counselor here:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/IHSCounselingDepartment@washoeschools.net/bookings/>

\*\*please understand that students will **not** be pulled out of core classes for appointments—students should schedule meetings before or after school, during lunch, or *during electives with teacher permission*\*\*

Parents, unless in case of emergency, please refrain from dropping in without an appointment as we will prioritize those with appointments booked with us, and sometimes we are out of the office due to district and/or IHS meetings, trainings, classroom lessons and grad planning, etc.

 Senior parents!! Please look for an email in your inbox regarding Advisory class for your senior student!

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📅 Schedule changes: Students may pick up a **green** drop/add request form in the counseling office from Miss Bri starting Tuesday, Sept. 5. Parent and teacher signatures are required BEFORE counselors can review, and changes will be made on a first come first serve basis, and only when possible, given the student and master schedule.

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📖 Did you know every new freshman student at UNR gets an iPad, keyboard, and stylus at orientation?? Did you know you may already be admissible to UNR??

📄 Application to UNR is now OPEN <https://www.unr.edu/apply>

📅 UNR is also now part of Common App <https://www.commonapp.org/>!

💰 Questions about tuition? Check out all UNR has to offer here: <https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/first-year-scholarships> and here: <https://linktr.ee/nvmoneymentors>

🎧 Did you know you may be eligible for fee reductions or waivers for things like scholarships and college applications? Have you filled this out yet? <https://rocket.washoeschools.net/>

### College essay writing resource opportunity!

<https://workshops.writetheworld.org/college-essay/jumpstart-your-college-essay-workshop/>

This is part of a nonprofit organization called [Write the World](https://www.writetheworld.org/) that has supported over 100K students and educators with the writing process. Our mission is to help develop the writing, critical thinking, reading, and communication skills of young writers (ages 13-19) to help them become global citizens and achieve success in school, career, and life. We offer helpful resources on our site, specifically to help students with the essay writing process. Our resources cover how to complete the college application essay from start to finish – from better understanding their essay prompt and identifying their unique story, to crafting an impactful essay that will immediately make them stand out to admissions officers. We also provide blog articles and downloads, as well as a free 30-minute webinar to jumpstart their essay writing process.

### University of Nevada:

UNR Admissions for Fall 2024 is now open

**NV Guarantee**- If you've got the grades to go to UNR but family finances are standing in your way, UNR can help you with Nevada Guarantee. If you're a Nevada resident and come from a low-income family, UNR will guarantee you free tuition, fees and books, plus all the academic and social support you'll need to graduate in four years or less. To learn more about this program: <http://www.unr.edu/nevada-guarantee>

UNR First Year Scholarships – UNR is changing the structure of their scholarship application and process. They are returning to the matrix that was used prior to COVID... New incoming freshman students who have completed all admission requirements by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> are automatically considered for the new freshmen scholarship (no separate application is required) <https://www.unr.edu/financial-aid/scholarships/first-year-scholarships>

**TMCC:** Admissions Application opens 9/1/23 for Fall of 2024

**Nevada Promise Scholarship:** Deadline to Register is October 31<sup>st</sup>!!!! The Nevada Promise Scholarship is targeted at all graduating high school seniors, regardless of income or academic performance. This is a last-dollar Scholarship, providing up to three years of coverage. For more information about his program: <https://www.tmcc.edu/nevada-promise-scholarship>

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### Athletics & Student Activities This Week (9/11 - 9/16)

#### Monday, September 11, 2023

- 3:00 pm: Soccer: Girls Varsity Match
  - Vs. Sparks
  - Location: Sparks High School

#### 8:00 pm - 8:15 pm: 911 Remembrance

- Location: Front of School, IHS (at the flag pole)

#### Tuesday, September 12, 2023

- 3:00 pm: Tennis: Girls Varsity Match
  - Vs. Procter R Hug High School
  - Location: Incline Village Recreation Center
- 3:00 pm: Tennis: Boys Varsity Match
  - Vs. Procter R Hug High School
  - Location: Procter R Hug High School

#### Wednesday, September 13, 2023

- 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Athletics
  - Details: Sports Photos
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Senior Info Night
  - Location: Theater

#### Thursday, September 14, 2023

- 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Custodian Day
  - Location: Incline HS
  - Details: Student Leadership Recognition Committee
- 6:00 pm: Soccer: Girls Varsity Match
  - Vs. North Valleys High School
  - Location: Incline High School

#### Friday, September 15, 2023

- 4:00 pm: Cross Country: Varsity Invitational
  - Vs. Woodbridge
  - Location: Great Park
- 4:00 pm: Volleyball: JV Game
  - Vs. Yerington
  - Location: Incline High School
- 5:00 pm: Volleyball: Varsity Game
  - Vs. Yerington
  - Location: Incline High School
- 7:00 pm: Football: Boys Varsity Game
  - Vs. West Wendover
  - Location: West Wendover High School

#### Saturday, September 16, 2023

- 11:00 am: Volleyball: JV Game
  - Vs. Coral Academy



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- Location: Silver State Volleyball
- 12:00 pm: Volleyball: Varsity Game
  - Vs. Coral Academy
  - Location: Silver State Volleyball
- ❖ Show your spirit by coming out to support our students at these events! Together, we can foster a community of encouragement and pride.
- ❖ Did you know? If your Activity Fee is settled (\$25), you enjoy free access to any game throughout the year! These contributions are a vital support to Student Leadership and Athletics, helping to make our programs successful and vibrant.
- ❖ Let's unite in making this week a memorable one. See you there!

### Highlander Highlights: A Week of Triumphs

We have a bounty of successes to celebrate from the past week! Our athletes have shown remarkable prowess and spirit. Here are some of the notable achievements:

#### Girls Golf

In their inaugural tournament of the season, our girls golf team swung into action with stellar performances at the Tahoe City tournament. Competing with vigor and precision against a field of over 45 golfers, the team secured a prestigious 2nd place.

Our shining stars made their mark with Ashley landing a spot in the top ten at 9th place, followed by Chase who clinched the 12th spot. Not to be left behind, newcomer Kaya exhibited a promising start, securing the 22nd position in her very first tournament.

However, the day belonged to Chloe Greer, who displayed a masterful performance, clinching 1st place overall. Chloe, your excellence on the greens was nothing short of inspirational.

We commend the fantastic start to the season and are excited to see where this momentum takes our promising team. Well done, Chloe, and way to go, team!



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### Boys Football

In a night fraught with anticipation and exhilaration, our boys' football team rewrote history, breaking a 12-year dry spell with a spectacular victory against the formidable Pershing Co. Mustangs. The heart-stopping climax of the game saw them clinching the win in the very final moments, bringing an electrifying surge of joy and pride to Incline Village.

The victory was a perfect synergy of skill and teamwork. Quarterback Tommy Williams led the charge with key strategic plays that kept our adversaries on their toes. Ryan Arnett showcased agility and cunning, proving to be a wily ground rusher who weaved through the defense lines with finesse. Colin Coombs was a beacon of reliability, coming up with key receptions that propelled the team forward time and again. Meanwhile, Ace Zendner was a force to be reckoned with on the defensive front, causing chaos for the Pershing offense with crucial, hard-hitting defenses that thwarted their strategies.

In the midst of triumph, we witnessed the spirit of resilience and bravery from Liam Ellis. Despite suffering a tough hand injury that will sideline him for a time, his contributions and fervor were unmistakable on the field. Liam, your determination, and grit embody the spirit of our team, and we eagerly await your triumphant return.

The electric atmosphere of Friday Night Lights was a testament to the rejuvenated spirit and unity of Incline Village. Here's to a season of great promise, relentless pursuit of victory, and the heartwarming camaraderie that makes us all proud to be part of this community.



### Volleyball

After a challenging confrontation with North Tahoe HS that tested their mettle Friday night, our Highlander Volleyball team displayed resilience and fierce determination during their recent games. They came back Saturday afternoon and faced off against Pershing Co. in what can only be described as a nail-biting, edge-of-your-seat kind of match.

The game was a rollercoaster of tension and excitement, stretching all the way to a decisive fifth match. The air was thick with anticipation as our players fought tenaciously, demonstrating not only skill but heart and a deep-rooted desire to win. As the match progressed, it became evident that this would be a night to remember.

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Beckie Sussman took charge with key serves that disrupted the opponents' formation, finding gaps and exploiting weaknesses with precision and grace. At the net, Mayra Chavez put up a fortress, blocking attacks with a determination that was both fierce and inspiring. Haylee Hansen stood out with her remarkable plays, showcasing agility and tactical insight that kept our opponents guessing.

But the relentless offense was where the magic truly happened. Taylor Finne and Madison Racich were forces to be reckoned with, being deadly outside hitters that pounded the Pershing defense relentlessly. Their powerful strikes, seemingly immune to any defense, were a testament to their skill and determination, a relentless barrage that left the Pershing defense scrambling.

In a crescendo of cheers and support, the team clinched victory at the very last point, a jubilant finale that had everyone on their feet. Their triumph was not just a win but a display of unity, grit, and an undying spirit that brought immense joy and pride to all who witnessed it. Watch the winning final point below.

Well done, team! Your exhilarating win was indeed a sight to behold, a beacon of what is yet to come in a season that promises great achievements. Keep the momentum going!



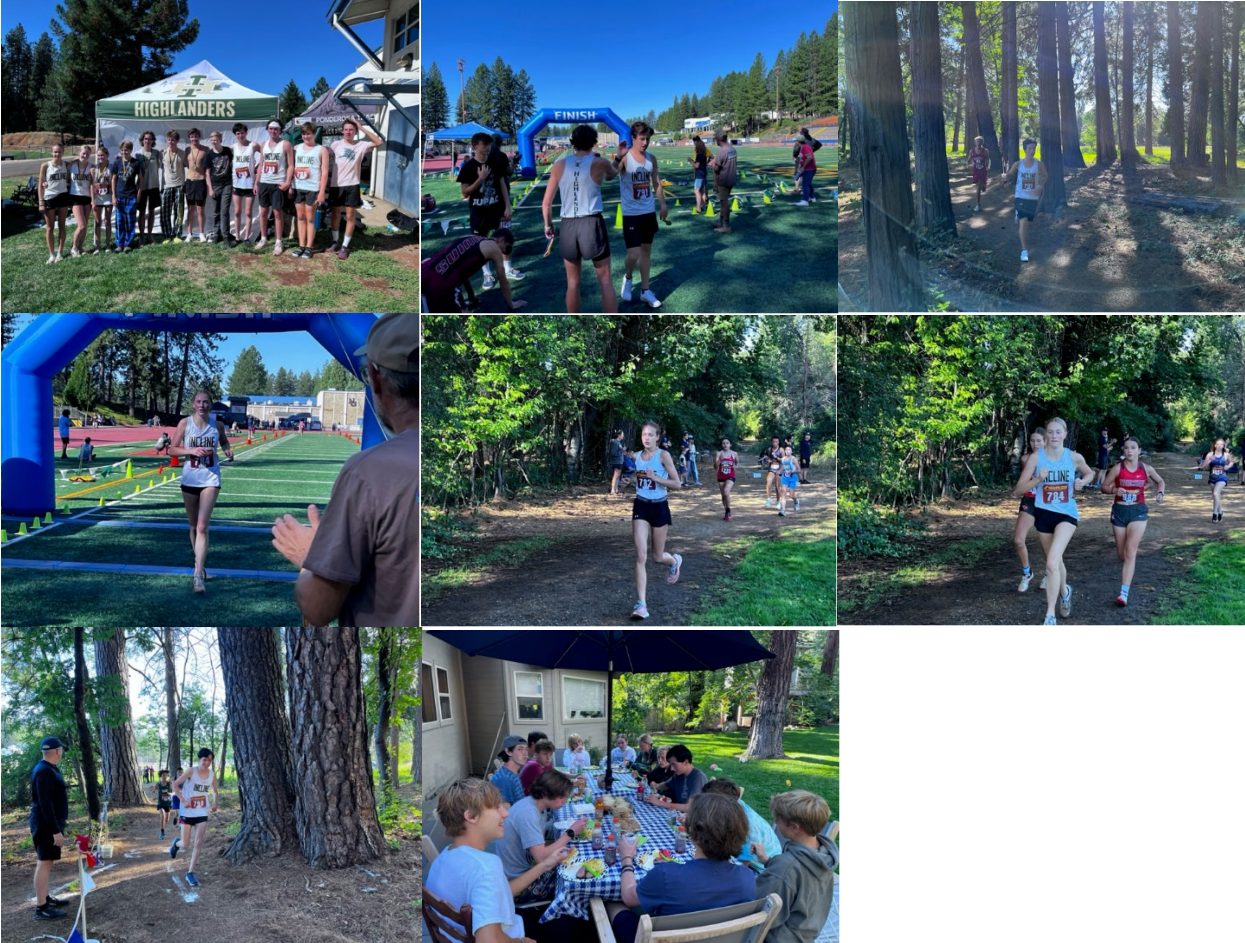
### Cross Country

Our cross-country team shone brightly at the Nevada Union Varsity Invitational. The varsity boys team grabbed the 2nd spot overall, narrowly missing the top position by just 10 points behind Truckee. Kudos to Noah for an exceptional performance, finishing 1st overall with the fastest time of the day across all divisions, leading by over a minute! Other remarkable performances included Josiah (9th place), Kira (4th in Varsity girls race), Lola Meinnert (medalist in girls frosh-soph race), Logan Rive (medalist in boys frosh-soph race), and Asher Edwards and Blake Rive (medalists in boys varsity race). A special mention to Owen Graeber for improving his time by 3:20 from two years ago and Adam Helton for marking his first race as "Amazing".



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Keep an eye on these athletes as they continue to break barriers and set new records. We're immensely proud of the dedication and fervor our teams exhibit. Congratulations, Highlanders!



### A Note to Coaches:

Remember to send in your scores and pictures weekly to [tcahill@washoeschools.net](mailto:tcahill@washoeschools.net) , so we can continue to celebrate the achievements of all our teams. Let's make sure everyone's hard work and triumphs are recognized!

Remember, it's not just about the victory but the spirit of participation and the relentless pursuit of excellence. Let's continue to support our teams in their ongoing journey.