



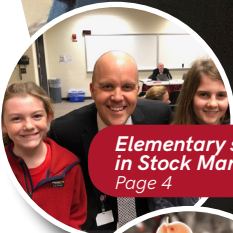
# Promise

Winter/Spring  
2019

## A Brave Publication

Indian Hill Exempted Village School District

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Watch our Braves grow on the redesigned website  
**Indianhillschools.org**





## A message from our **Superintendent**

### **What do you value?**

At the Indian Hill Exempted Village School District, what we value – what we hold dear – our motivation every single day is creating magic in the classroom for our children. We wake each day with the intention to generate a spark for our students – encouraging them to think, to question, and to grow by providing unparalleled opportunities in academics, the arts, and athletics. The achievement of the #IHPromise drives all we do.

### **How do we articulate what we value?**

You are holding it in your hands. This publication is one example of our commitment to continuous improvement – as we look to share our story and engage with you in new, dynamic ways.

If we have one collective dream within our District – it is that our students have access to exceptional educational services to ensure their intellectual development, personal growth, and social responsibility. That is our Brave mission, and we thank you – so sincerely – for your support.

*Mark T. Miles*

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### **Global Cultural Week**

This school year, for the first time and in partnership with the Indian Hill Global Group – a parent-based group supported by the Indian Hill PTO – Braves enjoyed a week-long cultural learning experience. February 4 through February 8 Braves learned from parents about 25 different nationalities represented within the District with unique activities that were planned at each building! From the creation of flags at Indian Hill Primary School to the final Global Fair celebration at the Middle School – it was a magical learning experience for all students!



## A message from our Treasurer



At the Indian Hill School District, we strive to be excellent stewards of the financial investment our taxpayers make in our District. This year, investors within our District have three significant reasons to celebrate: lower taxes as a result of District bond management; a history making public-private partnership to strategically invest in our facilities; and, an opportunity to utilize Ohio Checkbook.

### Tax reduction in 2019

As I communicated with you in October 2018 as part of the five-year financial forecast, within the forecast, it was evident that the District did a great job managing the last bond issue – structuring the refinancing of bonds to achieve taxpayer savings of \$8.5 million. That savings for residents comes in the form of reduced millage paid toward the bonds. Effective this year, a significant share of what residents pay on this bond expired – reducing the bond debt by 1.74 mills. That means an annual savings of \$304 on a \$500,000 home, and an annual savings of \$609 on a \$1 million home.

### Home of the Braves

Operational Efficiency and Effectiveness – at the Indian Hill School District this is a key focus area within our G.O.L.D. strategic plan for transformational excellence. Key to that is optimizing resource utilization. With that goal in mind, during 2018 the District – in partnership with the Indian Hill Foundation – launched a bold and visionary effort to complete an athletic complex to better serve our community and the most students possible. The District saw this as an opportunity to use money already allocated within our capital plan to address **serious and substantial** athletic facility needs within Indian Hill Middle School and Indian Hill High School, and partner with private donors through the Indian Hill Foundation to increase and expand our ability to create a better facility that will serve even more student-athletes. Now called Home of the Braves, this effort marks the first-ever public-private partnership with the Indian Hill Foundation and private donors to complete a capital campaign.

Home of the Braves athletic complex will create:

- **New Multi-Purpose Athletic Facility** providing upgraded field-side team locker rooms, officials meeting space and storage, accessible restrooms and new concessions adjacent to Tomahawk Stadium and the Upper Fields; projected use by 350+ student-athletes and audiences at events utilizing the athletic complex
- **Braves Welcome Plaza** tying together athletic complex facilities and creating a community gathering space for celebrations with a monumental stairway to connect the upper and lower fields; gateway improvements, new ticket booth, and lighting to enhance safety.

This is a unique opportunity to build a legacy for our children.

### Ohio Checkbook

Finally, in an effort to provide every opportunity possible for our residents to have access to our shared financial investment, the Indian Hill School District has partnered with **Ohio Checkbook**. Managed by the Ohio Treasurer's Office, Ohio Checkbook gives residents online access to our District's money management. The Indian Hill School District section will be available early this year.

Sharing our financial story is of the utmost importance to our Board of Education, and to our District. As your treasurer, I will continue to provide you timely financial updates. As always, I thank you for your continued support of the excellent educational services we provide within the Indian Hill School District. Should you have any questions about our District's finances, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

**Mick Davis**

Treasurer

Indian Hill Exempted Village School District

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## 2019 Bond Reduction

Annual  
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# Unparalleled Opportunities



## Braves Make Headlines

# ACADEMICS



### State Champions: UC Stock Market Game

We congratulate fifth-grade students Ainsley Johnson and Vivian Jenkins for bringing home a state championship

title in the elementary division of the University of Cincinnati (UC) Economics Center Stock Market Game! In April, the students will present their learning to a group of financial professionals at UC and compete for a trip to New York City.

### District Mock Trial Competition

We salute the IHHS Varsity Mock Trial Team of Sarah Kaplan, Albert

Kwon, Cooper Pierce, Sumner Colohan, Rena Lenchitz, and Sydney Poffenberger, for winning the Clermont County District Championship. Braves won an astounding 17 of 22 possible awards! Four of Indian Hill's six teams are moving on to the regional competition. We congratulate all IHHS Mock Trial District student-competitors for a job well done!

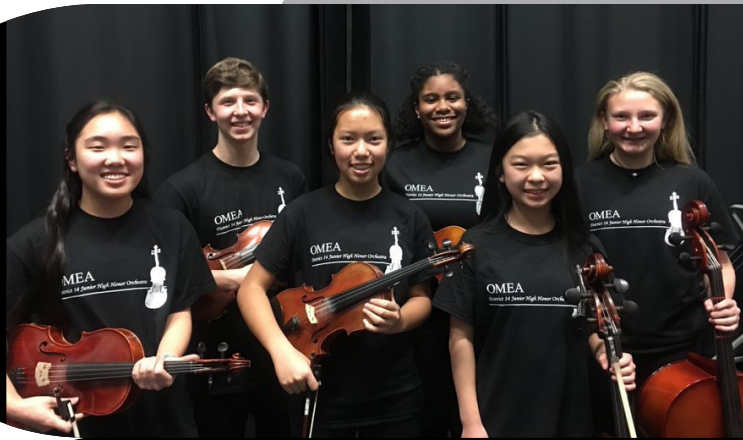


### Future City

Indian Hill sixth-grade students earned fourth in the state Future City engineering

competition. The IHMS Future City team included students Henry Brown, Kip Richardson, Lillian Liu, and Alex Valz. Future City is a national engineering competition for sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Students are tasked with creating solutions for a city 100 years in the future. The IHMS team awards included: Best Use of Water Resources; Best Land Surveying Practices; Best Use of Recycled Materials; Best Use of Energy; Best Essay; and, the team placed fourth in the state.





## OMEA Selection

Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) District 14 selected six Indian Hill Middle School (IHMS) student-musicians

to be in the Ohio Honor Orchestra. Each year the OMEA hosts an Honor Orchestra event for students selected from the Cincinnati area. IHMS students selected to perform included: Vivian Xu, first chair cello; Kaia Woo, first chair viola; Joseph Kayne, second chair second violin; Emery Cunningham and Elsa Zhou, second chair and third chair first violin; and, Lily Shepherd, fourth stand cello.

## Scholastic Art Awards

Forty-six students from Indian Hill Middle School and Indian Hill High School earned awards recently in the Scholastic Art and Writing National Competition.

The artwork created by our students was on display from January 28 - February 8 at the Cincinnati Art Academy. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition is for students in grades 7-12. According to Scholastic, professional artists selected approximately 1,600 works from Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky out of more than 7,000 submissions. The Scholastic Awards look for work that demonstrates originality, technical skill, and emergence of a personal voice or vision. Students may achieve a Gold Key Award, Silver Key Award, or Honorable Mention. The 16 Gold Key Awards will move on to the national judging with the national awards announced on March 12.



Gold Key winner by Indian Hill High School student Alison Ma, entitled "Warped."



IHMS Grade 7 Boys CHL Champions



Aquabrades CHL Champions

## CHL Champions!



IHHS Girls CHL Champions



IHMS Grade 7 Girls CHL Champions

## Coach Amy Dunlap named National Coach of the Year

Back-to-back State Champions - that is the title Indian Hill High School Coach Amy Dunlap helped her Braves soccer team earn this season; now, the coach has her own award - National Coach of the Year. The accolades come from the National Federation of State High School Associations, or NFHS. The Ohio High School Athletic Association nominated Dunlap.



# Don't Miss This!

## March 2

2019 Indian Hill Music Department Pancake Breakfast

*Mark your calendar now for the Saturday, March 2 event!*



The Indian Hill Music Department 2019 Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, March 2, 2019 - and we need your help to serve up a successful event supporting our Brave musicians in all grades!

### Indian Hill Music Department Pancake Breakfast Event Details

- Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Indian Hill Middle School Gym (Musical Performance)
- Indian Hill Middle School Cafeteria (Breakfast)

### Tickets:

- Advance - \$8/person, \$30/family (Deadline February 26, 2019)
- At the door - \$10/person
- CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR FOR BOTH TICKETS AND DONATIONS!

## March 5

The Indian Hill Educators Professional Organization and Indian Hill PTO Present: A Wired Family

The Indian Hill Educators Professional Organization in partnership with the Indian Hill PTO present A Wired Family for all District parents/guardians on March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Indian Hill High School Auditorium. This is a unique opportunity for District parents/guardians to learn more about what a digital tattoo is, and how it can impact students - directly from experts within this field.

Please take advantage of this learning opportunity; we hope to see you there!

## April 27

Can you Conquer the Hill? 5K Race & Walk



Registration is live for the annual Conquer the Hill 5K Race & Walk, so mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 27! Proceeds from this Indian Hill Wellness Committee and Indian Hill Foundation-supported event benefit all Indian Hill School District students.

Scan the QR Code to register!





## Save the Date

- Spring Recess: **March 25 – April 1**
- Memorial Day: **May 27**
- Last Day for Students: **May 30**
- High School Commencement: **May 31**

Indian Hill  
Exempted Village  
School District ...  
There's an app for  
that! Scan the QR  
code to download  
so you don't miss  
Brave moments!



Indian Hill All-State Choir 2019: (First Row, L to R) Louisa Klaserner, Elizabeth Donnelly, Caroline Sullivan, Reilly Grace, Kennedy Frost; (Second Row, L to R) Luke Castellini, Jonah Sorscher, Nicolas Hollander, and Gheric Lindberg

## Ohio All-State Choir

Indian Hill High School Braves took the stage at the 2019 Ohio All-State Choir Saturday, February 2, at the Grand Ballroom of the Cleveland Convention Center. Indian Hill High School had a **record number** of nine vocalists selected for this honor – **more than any other high school in the state of Ohio!**





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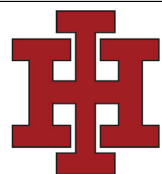
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*A Weekly Wrap of News Around the Hill*

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**#IH Promise**

**MAMMA MIA**

Indian Hill High School presents *Mamma Mia*

*...starts now for the February performances!*

*Mamma Mia*, a romantic comedy  
...and 90s girl in February  
...RA, we meet Donna, a  
...and a man to make her  
...romance and a

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