



## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Apr 14** – This Dance for Saturday has been **cancelled due to ticket sales**.  
Gr. 4-8 Daddy/Daughter & Mommy/Son Dance

**Monday, Apr 16** - Senior Exit Presentation @  
8:30-12:30

**Tuesday, Apr 17** - Senior Exit Presentations @  
8:30-3:30

**Thursday, April 19** – Athletic Banquet @ 6:00 PM

**Monday, April 23** – Curriculum Review for Sex Ed.  
@ 2:00-6:00 in HS Office

**Tuesday, April 24** – PSAT/SAT Makeups Gr. 9-11

**Wednesday, April 25** – Workkeys Makeups Gr. 11

**Thursday, April 26** – IAF Career Fair Day @ 1:00-  
3:30 in HS Gym  
-NO YOUTHQUEST-

**Friday, April 27**- IAF College Fair Day @ 1:00-3:30 in  
HS Gym



### Message from the Director, Ms. Traci Cormier

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy soon to be Spring, I hope!

I wanted to alert parents again that all of our water fountains at the school have been tested again by an outside company. All of our fountains came back lead free and we have the test results onsite for anyone that would like to review these. Due to this, we will not be distributing water at IAF as we have in the past. Students are allowed to bring in water and we do have it for sale in the ala-carte line. We appreciate your understanding in this matter and if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the school.

I also want to convey to parents and students the policy regarding promotion at IAF. IAF does not automatically promote students to the next grade. Another term for the automatic passing of students to the next grade is "Social Promotion". IAF does not socially promote.

Any student who fails **BOTH** English and math **OR** does not have a passing overall average, **will be retained in their present grade for the 2018-2019 school year**. However, if a student fails **EITHER** English or math, **AND** has an overall passing average, that student will be required to attend summer school to successfully pass the course. If the student successfully passes the course in summer school, the student will be promoted to the next grade level. Please note... there will be a charge for summer school.

If you have questions, please contact your student's AQC or myself at IAF.

*Message from the College Guidance Counselor, Beth Kotlark*

**Advanced Placement Practice Exams**

Several Advanced Placement courses are available to our juniors and seniors. In March, our AP students participated in Practice AP Exams. These Practice Exams are released to the teachers directly from College Central and are from three to three and a half hours long, depending on the subject. The purpose of a Practice Exam is: to predict how students will score on the actual exam in, to give the students an idea of what these exams entail, and to see what areas they need to focus on going forward. This year we administered Practice Exams in Literature and Composition, World History and Calculus. We are extremely proud of our Advanced Placement Students for taking time out of their schedules to complete these grueling exams. They will be sitting for the actual Advanced Placement Exams in May. Congratulations to our students who have come this far.

International Academy of Flint is constantly working to find positive approaches to help all IAF students to feel connected to our school community and to be successful in their education. This school year, the district will be administering behavior screener, Student Risk Screening Scale (SRSS), used by staff to help identify school-wide supports that can help all students. The screener will help to identify students who might be having minor challenges in school, such as meeting expectations or making peer connections. Our goal in using this screener is to identify school-wide instructional needs, inform the use of teacher delivered strategies, and identify students who may need additional supports. The screener will be completed three times per year (October, January, and April). The information gained from the screener will be used to identify students who currently may be having difficulties in school. The information is kept confidential and only used to determine instructional needs at the classroom and individual student level. We will contact parents of children who have been selected by their classroom teacher to participate in a simple intervention focused on supporting the child in a proactive and positive manner.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Important Calendar Dates for Seniors:**

- Junior/Senior Prom – May 5
- Senior Revision – May 7 - May 11
- Senior EOY Exams - May 14 - May 18
- Seniors Last Day – May 18
- Senior Awards Assembly – May 24 @ 6:00 pm
- Senior Walkthrough and Farewell Assembly with entire school – May 31 starting @ 2:00 pm
- Graduation Rehearsal (MANDATORY) – May 31 @ 3:45 pm
- Graduation – June 2 @ 2:00 pm in the HS Gymnasium





## NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The International Academy of Flint Board of Education has established a program of instruction which includes HIV/AIDS and other serious communicable disease prevention education and sexuality education. Enclosed is an outline for the units of study in each of the above content areas.

According to Michigan law, you have the right to review the materials and curriculum content to be used in HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention education, as well as sex education. The local board of education, in accordance with the statute, has made the materials and curriculum guides available for your review on **Monday, April 23, 2018 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm** in the High School Office. If you wish to review the materials or curriculum content at a more convenient time, please contact the academy at 810-600-5000 to make arrangements.

This statute allows you to excuse your child from participation in the classes which include HIV and other serious communicable disease prevention instruction, as well as sex education if you choose. If you wish to exercise your right to excuse your child from instruction without penalty, please send **written notice to the academy before April 27, 2018**, when instruction is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

Traci Cormier  
Director

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Sexuality/HIV Education  
Parent Request to "Opt" Student "Out"

- 1. My child may be included in this instruction (no need to return this form to school)
- 2. My child will be "opted out" of the instruction only for the outlined instruction on the attachment
- 3. My child will be "opted out" of the instruction outlined on the attachment and all future sexuality education/HIV instruction until I further notify the Director of my child's school.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this portion to the school office.

# International Academy of Flint Parent Connection Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### May 1

Parent Connection Meeting

### Parent Connection Officers

President- Ashley Tolbert

Vice President- Tryphena  
Clarke

Secretary- Vacant

Treasurer –Anika Anderson

Volunteer Coordinator-  
Vacant

Fundraising Coordinator-  
Vacant

Mentor- Holly Wilson

Mentor- Latisha Tolbert

If you are interested in being more involved and would like to fill a chair on the Parent Connection Board please contact Ashley Tolbert at

[ParentConnection@iaf-sabit.net](mailto:ParentConnection@iaf-sabit.net):

or 810-293-2409



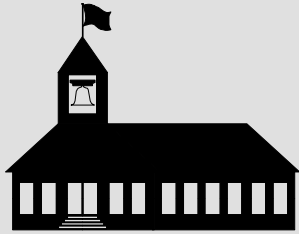
## Parent Connection May Elections

[Parent Connection Board Elections for the 2018-2019 School Year](#), will be held on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in the SLO. This will be a great opportunity for the Parents of IAF who would like to be involved, so if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of this Parent Organization please attend.

The positions open for election are as follow:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Fundraising Coordinator

If you feel that any of these roles would be a great fit for you we welcome your attendance.



Help us help the school !!

### Action Items

Implementation and support goals for the 2018/2019 School Year!!

#### Programs

- Teacher Appreciation
- Box Tops for Education

#### Events

- Fall & Spring Book Fair
- Winter Holidays Around the World
- Science Fair
- Spring Fling
- School Garage Sale
- Class Programs
- Field Trips
- Track & Field Days

#### Services & Supplies

- Volunteers Recruited
- School Fundraising Efforts

# IAF Parent Connection

## Nominations & Elections for 2018-2019

- ✓ I want **International Academy of Flint** to be one of the best schools in **Mich.**
- ✓ I want my child to have a great school year – to learn and to have fun!
- ✓ I want to help decide how PTO fundraising moneys are spent.
- ✓ I want all the students at **IAF** to be successful.

If the above statements are true, then “help us help the school”. Parent involvement is critical for a successful school, so volunteer as a PTO officer or a committee chair for **2018-2019**. There are jobs that take no more than a couple hours a month, some are that are seasonal, and a few that require a routine commitment.

Dedicated teachers, staff, and **PARENTS** help IAF a great school! Join us – it’s rewarding, it’s important, it’s even fun!

Nominate yourself or someone else. All positions can be shared. (See back of form for position descriptions.) If you have any questions, please contact **Ashley Tolbert** at [ParentConnection@iaf-sabis.net](mailto:ParentConnection@iaf-sabis.net)

**Elections will be held at the PTO General Meeting on Tuesday, May 1st at 5:30pm in the Student Life Office (SLO).** All candidates for officer positions must be registered with Parent Connection by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please return this form to the High School Office.

#### Elected Officers

(Elected at General Meeting)

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

**Nominee Name**

**Contact Info**

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#### Committees Chairs

(Approved by PTO Board and Presented at General Meeting)

Fundraising Coordination

Volunteer Coordination

**Nominee Name**

**Contact Info**

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## Officer and Committee Chair Descriptions

The PTO Executive Board is comprised of elected officers, committee chairs, and school representatives. It meets one evening per month to conduct PTO business. Anyone may attend.

### Elected Officers

**President** – Serve as leader and key contact for the PTO; preside at all PTO meetings; ex-officio member of most committees; appoint chairpersons for special committees; coordinate the work of the officers and committees so that the PTO's objectives can be met. (Effort: year-round, on-going)

**Vice President** - Act as an aide to the President; perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve; assume other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Board; coordinate the general activities of any Special Committees created by the Executive Board. Ideally – is willing to serve as President in the future. Act as a consultant to assure that meetings and processes are conducted in accordance with bylaws; advise on parliamentary procedures using Robert's Rules of Order; bring current copy of Constitution and By-Laws to all meetings. (Effort: year-round, time varies depending upon roles)

**Secretary** - Keep the minutes of all general meetings and all meeting of the Executive Board; prepare correspondence and perform all other duties assigned; maintain master documents on school computer; help recruit committee chairpersons for all vacant standing committees of the board; keep the calendar of events for the PTO. (Effort: 3-4 hours per month, includes attending meeting and typing up minutes)

**Treasurer** - Be responsible for and have custody of all funds; make disbursements as properly authorized; be present at all PTO events where money will be collected; assure that PTO policies and best practices are followed with regards to funds; prepare financial reports for each meeting and as needed; prepare the books for an annual audit. (Effort: 4-5 hours per month, average)

### Chairs and Other Positions (Remember, these are COMMITTEES – there should be volunteers to help.)

**Fundraising** - Manage the coordination of the PTO's fund-raising activities. The PTO holds one big catalog sale in the fall and assists the school with its spring fundraiser.

**Volunteer** – Coordinate volunteers for PTO events and school activities. Collect list of general volunteers at beginning of year and for special events. Assure that volunteer data is recorded and available to both the Board and teachers. Work with teachers, staff, and leaders of committees to assure volunteers are recruited for programs. On-going dialog with Grade Parents as to class and grade activities. (Effort: on-going, year round; time peaks with a few big events. Average: 3 hours per month; could range from 0 to 8 hours per month during major events.)