Thursday's Thoughts
Thursday, October 28, 2021

Good evening Highland High School families, this is Mr. Zack and here are your Thursday's Thoughts for October 28, 2021. There are 5 items of interest to follow. If you miss any part of the message, please visit the Highland High School webpage on our Live Feed where there is a link to view this in its entirety as well as a link having been emailed to your primary email account.

1. REMINDER: students need to bring their iPads to school fully charged. Your help on this is greatly appreciated.

2. Reminder that we are on fall break from 10/29-11/1. Students return to school on Tuesday, November 2nd.

3. Is your student interested in the field of Carpentry?
   The Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters (IKORCC) is hosting an apprenticeship open house in Merrillville on Tuesday, November 9th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.
   See the attached flyer for more information! We've also included the IKORCC website if you'd like to learn more about their training programs.
   https://ikorcctraining.com/

4. The VIRTUAL 10th Annual Indiana Latino Education Summit & College and Career Fair will be held on Saturday, November 6th from 10am-12:30pm.

   Each student must register individually as they will participate on this one-day event, from the comfort of their own homes. Each student registration enters them into a chance to WIN a laptop, iPad or gift cards!

   Students can register for the event here:
   https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-indiana-latino-institute-education-summit-virtual-tickets-168290223589

5. More colleges are coming to visit Highland!!!!
   IU Northwest Fall Open House will be Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10am-2pm with an **early bird tour at 9am**. Students can learn about programming, student life, athletics, speak with faculty, apply for free and can earn $200 in micro scholarships through RaiseMe just for attending. Please see the OPEN HOUSE FLYER. Registration is required for this event. The registration link can be located in the Class of 2022 Main Office and Guidance Google Classrooms.

   Students who sign up for college visits will receive an email reminder of the visit that they can use as their pass to leave class. Students are responsible for work missed and are encouraged to discuss this absence with their teacher in advance.

That concludes our Thursday's Thoughts, thanks for listening, be safe, be well, and we will see you soon.



Hello from Ivy Tech Lake County!

Congratulations to you and your student on a job well done! Your student will soon be graduating from high school, and it is time for college! We are here to help you navigate the journey to college. Please join us on ***Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 6-8 p.m.*** as we present you with information regarding programs, resources, services, and opportunities at Ivy Tech! See below for the departments that will be available to speak to you and your student. You will be able to choose to join this event virtually or at our East Chicago location. One of our team members will contact you to confirm your attendance. Please click the link to RSVP to this event to explore college options: https://link.ivytech.edu/College101Confirmation

- **Admissions**: We are here to assist you with applying, assessment & waivers, and to discuss our program options.
- **Financial Aid**: Get assistance completing the FAFSA, submitting verification, or just to make sure your financial aid is complete.
- **K-14 Dual Credit**: Find out how you can use the dual credit you've already earned towards a certificate or degree at Ivy Tech.
- **Academic Advising**: This is the team that will make sure you are on the right path and taking the required courses towards graduation.
- **Career Coaching and Employer Connections**: Find out about career options, resume writing, interview skills, and get prepared to land your dream job!
- **Honors College**: Take our Honors College path which guarantees transferability to four-year colleges and universities.
- **ASAP Program**: Find out how you can earn an associate degree in just 11 months.
- **TRIO/Student Support Services**: Are you a first-generation student who may need additional resources? This might be a good session for you.
- **Educational Technology**: Are you taking online or virtual classes? We are here to make sure you know how to successfully navigate your online courses.

We look forward to seeing you on ***Thursday, November 4th at 6 p.m.*** for our College 101 event. You will be glad you joined us!

Sincerely,

Gina C. Willis

Gina C. Willis, Director of Admissions
Ivy Tech Community College - Lake County Campus



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Beginning September 7, 2021 STOH will be requiring masks for all students and staff preschool through twelfth grade. This change was made in response to the most recent executive order signed by Governor Holcomb stating any district requiring masks will no longer need to quarantine asymptomatic close contacts out of school. This change is reflected in the close contact flowchart linked below.

As always, we will continue to monitor county and state trends. But most importantly we will be tracking and reporting our internal positivity rates in order to guide our decisions on any changes to mask requirements going forward.

Our goal is to return to masking being a personal choice, but the CDC, Lake County Health Department, and Indiana Health Department guidance along with our internal trends will determine when that will be a safe reality. Your patience, understanding, and support are appreciated.

Below are attachments to procedures all STOH schools will be using with regard to illnesses related and unrelated to Covid for the 2021-22 school year. Each Friday afternoon, we will continue to update a weekly Covid Dashboard found linked on the district's homepage. As we did last year, we will also send letters out to the affected school communities when we have cases.

Close Contact flowchart

Called off/sent home for illness flowchart

We are also asking all staff and parents who are willing to share a copy of their proof of vaccination to utilize the following email address: sinfo@highland.k12.in.us.

Sharing proof of vaccination is completely voluntary. If you choose to share proof of vaccination, please use the subject line of the email to identify yourself as staff or student, the name or initials of your school, and then first and last name. In the body of the email you can upload a picture of your vaccination card or scan a copy of the doctor's paperwork listing the dates when your shots were given.

example subject line: student SR - Jane Doe or staff WN - John Doe