

# Back to School Night 2018



# Welcome



- *Thank you to our families*
- *Thank you to School Leadership and Staff*

# Family Portal



- Our Family Portal contains a library of helpful resources for our families, including:

- **PTA webpage**
- **Annual School forms**
- **School calendar**
- **Family Handbook**
- **IvyNotes weekly communication**
- **Program specific forms and information**
- **Online resources for learning**
- **Parent training videos**
- **B2SN handouts**

- Quick link to Family Portal is located at bottom of our website ([www.ivymountschool.org](http://www.ivymountschool.org))



News



For  
Families



Contact Us



For Staff



Calendar



# IvyNotes

IvyNotes are emailed to families each Sunday evening.

IvyNotes include dates and event information to help you stay informed.

Current and archive issues can also be found in the Family Portal.

## IvyNotes: Week of September 11th

A Note from Susan Holt,  
Director of Ivymount School & Programs

Welcome to IvyNotes, our weekly sneak peak into what's happening at school including a look ahead with dates and event details to help keep you informed. IvyNotes will be sent out each Sunday evening and will often provide links to our website for more information.



We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are pleased to have had a successful start to the school year. To those of you who are new members of our Ivymount family, welcome! To those of you who are returning, welcome back! On behalf of the entire staff, we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

We want to remind you to email [attendance@ivymount.org](mailto:attendance@ivymount.org) when your child is absent from school. ([Click here for a link to our Family Handbook - details for excused absences are on pages 11 and 12.](#))

Also, if you drive your child to school, please be sure to use caution and patience as you enter and exit our parking lot. We have a wonderful transportation team in the lot each day ready to assist with traffic. Please help them keep everyone safe.

Looking forward to seeing all of you this Tuesday at Back to School Night.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan".

Susan Holt  
Director

# IvymountPTA Listserv



Go to PTA webpage [www.ivymount.org/pta](http://www.ivymount.org/pta) to request to be added to the Listserv

# Emergency Communications



- **SCHOOL MESSENGER**

- This is our emergency communication program
- Notifications may be made through text messages (using short code messaging), emails, and voice robo calls
- This system will be used during emergency situations
- You must “opt in” to participate in our text messaging system (unless you have previously done so)
  - ✦ A text from SCHOOL MESSENGER will be sent by the end of the week, you will be instructed to text “Y”
  - ✦ Alternatively you can text “Y” or “Yes” to our schools’ short code number **67587**

# Ivymount Outreach Programs

## STARTING THIS WEEKEND!!

### Educational Programs

- Group programs, as well as individualized, OT, PT, Speech, Tutoring

### Recreational Programs

- Camp Live Out Loud – Saturday mornings, starts September 15th
- Girls Club – Saturday mornings, starts September 15th
- Arts and Athletics – Starts September 25th

### Endeavors ABA Services

- Home Programming
- Early Childhood Clinic

# FUNDING FOR OUTREACH PROGRAMS



- **LISS**
  - Available to Maryland residents with an eligible developmental disability. Provides up to \$2000 per year. Random selection process. Applications will be accepted through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- **Pre-ETS**
  - Must apply to DORS then request to participate in our Self Advocacy program, which is approved by DORS for Pre-ETS funding

Questions? Email [outreach@ivymount.org](mailto:outreach@ivymount.org)





IVYMOUNT  
PARENT TEACHER  
ASSOCIATION



Please visit the PTA table at the Resource Fair

# PTA Executive Board



- President (parent) – Cindy Gottfried
- Past President (parent) – Peri Ross
- Treasurer (parent) – Sandy Landis
- Secretary (parent) – Jen Berzok
- Vice President of Teacher Appreciation – Merrill Spiegel
- Vice President of Fundraising –
- Vice President of Events -
- Staff Rep (Ivymount staff) - Carolyn Woodham
- Communications Rep (Ivymount staff) - Nancy Yasharoff

# PTA Goals for 2018-19 School Year



- Continued support for faculty and staff
  - Building Meeting Snacks
  - Staff Appreciation Lunch
  - Equipment donations
- Inclusive social events for families
  - St. Patrick's Day Dance
  - Movie Night



# Upcoming Dates



## Upcoming PTA Meetings:

- September 28th at 1 p.m.
- November 29th at 7:00 p.m.

## Movie Night

- Saturday, September 29th at 7 p.m.

# 2018 Ivymount Gala



- Thank you to our Parent Chairs
  - Jennifer and Matthew Berzok
  - Melissa Flaim and Jeff Fischer

# Thank You



- 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Transition to Classrooms
- 6:45 to 8 p.m. Parents in Classrooms
- 8 p.m. Evening Concludes
- 8:15 p.m. Lights Out

*Staff will be in the hallways to assist you as needed.*