



IVMS October Parent Forum Minutes

- **Attendance**
 - Parents were in attendance in the IVMS Library and virtually through the Microsoft Teams link
 - After initial audio issues, parents online were able to listen to the conversation
- **Welcome!**
 - IVMS Principal, Josh Klimovich, briefly introduced himself and discussed his 15+ years of experiences working in the Souderton Area School District
 - Mr. Klimovich praised staff and students for a great start to the current school year
- **Indian Valley Ed Foundation- RuthE Potter**
 - Executive Director of the IVEF, RuthE Potter, attended Parent Forum and briefly outlined the work of the Ed Foundation
 - The IVEF helps support staff and students by supplementing educational programs in SASD schools with grants
 - The IVMS Greenhouse run by the IVMS Save Club is an example of the how the IVEF has helped Indian Valley
 - Mrs. Potter reminded parents that the Ed Foundation will be hosting a fundraiser at Branch Creek Taphouse on Friday, October 11 from 4PM-7PM.
 - IVEF also has a golf outing in June and the Harlem Wizards game later this year as other fundraiser opportunities
- **WINGS- Jen Toby**
 - IVMS school counselor, Jen Toby, attended with a member of WINGS Student Board
 - Ms. Toby and the student talked about WINGS, our school's positive behavior framework that has been in place at Indian Valley since 2018
 - Students are able to earn WINGS tickets from staff members for exhibiting positive, mature, and expected behaviors during the school day
 - As students earn tickets, they are able to get different prizes
 - The WINGS committee is hoping to increase parent awareness for their program this year
 - More information about WINGS can be found on their new website:
 - ♣ <https://indianvalley.soudertonsd.org/our-school/wings>
- **Building Goals**
 - Mr. Klimovich discussed this year's goals for Indian Valley Middle School
 - ♣ Goal #1- Build consistency at Indian Valley through shared core values and staff expectations
 - After 2-3 years of change and moving due to construction, and new school leadership, IVMS is going to make efforts to create clearer and more consistent expectations for staff, students, and parents
 - ♣ Goal #2- Create a physical environment at IVMS both inside and outside classrooms that will foster the growth and achievement of our core values
 - Now that we are nearing completion of the renovations, more efforts will be made to enhance the newly renovated school spaces with feedback from staff and students
- **IVMS Construction Update**
 - Punch List items (small items missed or damaged during construction) will be finished through early December
 - Landscaping will be completed in the next 2 weeks

- Roofers continue their work at Indian Valley and should be done in the coming weeks. They will return during the week of Thanksgiving for the final step of the roofing process
- A parent asked about roof leaks, which were a problem during the 2023-2024 school year. The leaks have improved significantly, and the only remaining issues are related to minor items that need to be completed as part of the roofing process
- Mr. Klimovich thanked parents, students, and staff for their overwhelming patience and flexibility during this long process
- **Thank you IVMS**
 - Mr. Klimovich thanked families for their overwhelming generosity during the Fall Fundraiser. Fundraising increased by 40% from the previous year's total
 - Mr. Klimovich also thanked parents for their generous donations of food, snacks, drinks, and decorations in the IVMS teacher work rooms. Teachers were very grateful for these items to start the year.
- **Daily Announcements**
 - Each day by 10AM, the IVMS Office posts daily announcements on the IVMS website that parents can access to see what's happening at IVMS
 - The Daily Announcements are on the main page of the IVMS website
 - Mr. Klimovich explained that these announcements will replace weekly updates that were previously sent by the school.
 - Parent email and messaging will also continue for important upcoming information
- **SASD Police Officer- Zach Bubnis**
 - New SASD Police Officer, Zach Bubnis, attended the Parent Forum and introduced himself.
 - Officer Bubnis has experience in the military and as a police officer in Allentown. He is doing a great job developing positive relationships with staff and students.
 - Parents can email Officer Bubnis (zbubnis@soudertonsd.org) with questions or concerns
- **Other**
 - Parents asked about volunteer forms and opportunities at Indian Valley
 - ♣ Parents with volunteer paperwork and clearances can submit them to the Lead IVMS Building Administrative Assistant, Brenda Huggins (bhuggins@soudertonsd.org)
 - ♣ Parents also requested that the school needs items for Pink Out Day on October 25 and Deck the Halls in late November
- **Next meeting- November 6, 9:30 AM**
 - Schoology Tutorial
 - SASD IT Specialist, Brigitte Bagocius, will attend to show parents how to sync the IVMS calendar to their personal calendars and how to use the district's new calendar system



Upcoming at IVMS in October

- IVMS Fall Sports Continue
 - Valley vs. Crest Games- October 16
 - Soccer- Home
 - Field Hockey- Away
 - Valley vs. Crest Football Game- October 23- SAHS Stadium- 6PM
- October 3- No School for Staff or Students
- October 14- No School for Students
- October 15- IVMS Fundraiser Bingo Party in IVMS Auditorium
- October 21- Start of Character Counts Week
- October 22- Picture Retake Day
- October 22- Fall Sports Pictures
- October 25- Pink Out at IVMS
- October 25- 1st Marking Period Career Cafe
- October 25- Bux Mont Honors Choral Concert at IVMS
- October 31- End of MP1