

Hello Indiana University High School Families!

I hope your year is off to an excellent start. Our students have been very busy in the first two months of the year!

### **Welcome to Our Newest Students!**

We would like to welcome the 37 new diploma students who were admitted to IUHS since January 1, 2019! We are so glad you have joined the IUHS family. Our teachers and staff are ready to support you as you embark on your academic journey. Whether you are new to online learning or not, we know that earning a diploma in a digital school can be challenging at times, and are here to help you every step of the way.

### **Celebrate**

Congratulations to our new IUHS graduates! Thirteen IUHS students earned their diplomas this Winter and are beginning new chapters in college, music careers, and dance companies. We are so proud of your accomplishments! I hope you will keep us updated on your adventures.

### **Raise Your Voice!**

We want to hear from you! Take a moment to [complete this form and tell us about your plans after graduating from IUHS](#).

### **Accreditation Update and Opportunity to Meet the Evaluating Team**

Thank you to all who completed the surveys we sent out. IUHS is in an accreditation cycle, and we are actively completing our report. The accreditation team will be visiting IUHS on April 3, and would like to speak to a few students, parents, guardians, and families to hear about your experiences at IUHS. If you are interested in joining this conversation either in person or via Zoom, [complete this form and let us know!](#)

### **Reminders**

Exams and Proctors: Before taking an exam at IUHS, please review the [Exam Policies and Procedures](#). We recommend that, when possible, students take their exams using Examity (the free online proctoring service). If you choose to use an in-person proctor, please ensure that your proctor meets the IUHS Proctor Policy Guidelines *prior to the date of your exam*.

Don't forget about IUHS's Retake Policy! We encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity to retake the *first exam for any IUHS course* if they feel doing so would improve their success in the course. Students should complete the retake within 30 days of the original exam grade being posted so that the material is fresh. [Please review the full exam policy for more information](#).

Extensions: Please remember that to qualify for a six-week course extension, students must have completed at least half of the assignments in the course being extended.

### **Word of the Month**

When I was teaching high school English, every class period began with a Word of the Day. It is in that tradition that I share a Word of the Month with you. I hope you will try to use this word all month long

and weave it into your daily vocabulary. Words help you express meaning; the more you have in your tool belt, the more you can say what you really mean. This month's word, definition, example, and explanations were drawn from [Merriam-Webster](#).

**enigmatic** \en-ig-MAT-ik\ *adjective*: mysterious; of, relating to, or resembling an enigma

Example Sentence: "The magic of the *Mona Lisa's* smile is that it seems to react to our gaze. *What is she thinking?* She smiles back mysteriously. Look again. Her smile seems to flicker. We glance away, and the *enigmatic* smile lingers in our minds, as it does in the collective mind of humanity." — Walter Isaacson, *The Atlantic*, November 2017

*Did You Know?*

An **enigma** is a puzzle, a riddle, a mystery. You may not know that Indiana University has a puzzle collection in the Lilly Library. This collection was donated by The New York Times crossword puzzle master and IU graduate in Enigmatology, Will Shortz. He is also the puzzle editor for NPR's *Weekly Edition*.

The adjective *enigmatic* describes what is hard to solve or figure out. An enigmatic person is someone who is a bit mysterious to others. Behind an enigmatic smile are thoughts impossible to guess. The word *enigma* originally referred not to people or smiles but to words, and specifically to words that formed a riddle or a complicated metaphor that tested one's alertness and cleverness. This meaning is clearly connected to the word's origin. *Enigma* comes from the Greek word *ainissesthai*, meaning "to speak in riddles."

### **A Moment of Science**

WFIU, Indiana University High School's local radio station, has an excellent show called *A Moment of Science*. Check out this segment asking the question: [Can Animals Tell Time?](#)

### **Contact Us**

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Thank you for being part of the Indiana University High School community!

Sincerely,  
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