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A Letter from Luft

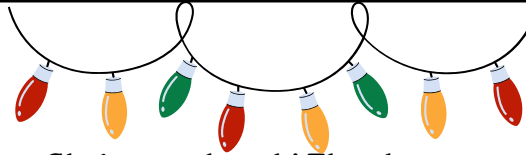
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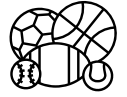
17 December 2024 ♦

Merry Christmas!



Ira parents and families,
Well, here we are already at Christmas break! Thank you to all of our students, staff, and families for a great semester! My prayer is that all of our Ira ISD family will get needed rest and reflective time to appreciate the birth of Jesus into our world over these next two weeks. It has been a very quick fall, and the spring will only fly by even faster, so here are a few tidbits of information to chew on over the break.

Sports Spotlight



THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM OPENS DISTRICT PLAY TONIGHT AGAINST HIGHLAND (6:15 PM) AFTER THE BOYS' JV AND VARSITY WRAP UP NON-DISTRICT PLAY AGAINST GRADY (4/5 PM), AND BOTH THE GIRLS AND BOYS WILL PLAY DISTRICT GAMES AGAINST ROBY AFTER THE EARLY RELEASE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON (1/2:15 PM). THESE ARE HUGE BALLGAMES FOR THE PLAYOFF GOALS OF OUR TEAMS, SO PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT TONIGHT AND FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Attendance



Thank you for getting your kids to school this semester. Despite some early run-ins with sickness, our Average Daily Attendance this semester is at 258.179, which is a great improvement from 237.155 at this point last year. Not only does this result in a significant increase in state funding for our district, but it also gives our teachers the best chance to make a difference with your students!

Special thanks to attendance officer/front office extraordinaire Devin Gonzalez for all of his hard work as well. The spring will get much busier, and it is absolutely vital that your students be present for instruction. Please do all you can to prioritize school attendance.

Bond Update:

You will start seeing heavy machinery pushing around dirt this week, an exciting sign of things to come as construction on Phase 2 (sports complex) of our bond project begins. **We want to see as many people as possible at our groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday evening at 5 pm.** Refreshments will be provided and we will celebrate the passage of the bond and the beginning of construction! The Jacob & Martin architecture firm out of Abilene will be beginning work with us to develop a master schematic plan for Phase 3 projects (elementary gym/weight room, ag shop expansion, bus barn/maintenance shop) just after the new year as the sports complex is being built



Ira Theatre Club



If you did not catch Shrek, the Musical, you really missed out! What a fantastic display of the talents of our Ira ISD students. It is even more impressive knowing the performance was fully student-led (under the direction of sophomore, Keegan Bufkin) through the Ira ISD Theater Club. Bright days are ahead for Ira fine arts!

State Qualifiers



At the school Board Meeting on Thursday, four students from the Ira FFA state-qualifying Public Relations LDE Team will be recognized including seniors Avery Partain and Shelby Carter along with freshmen Presley Smith and Mason Whetsel.

State cross-country qualifier Hayden Luft will also be recognized.

Join us as we celebrate the

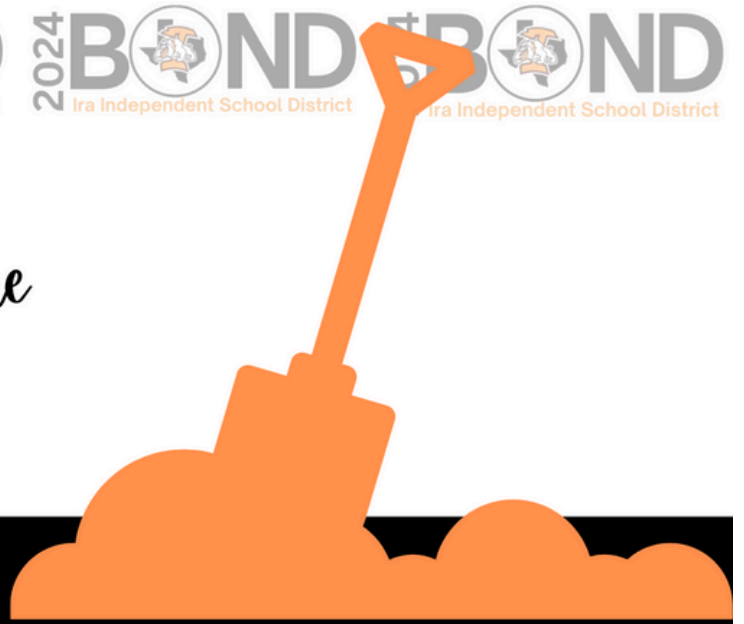
GROUND

BREAKING

of the new Ira ISD

Sports Complex

**Light Refreshments will be provided*



Thursday December 19

5:00pm

Lot on Northeast Corner of the school building- Outside of the Elementary Hall.

Project funded by November 2024 Ira ISD Bond

**Please do not hesitate to to call, or reach out with
any questions! Go Bulldogs!**

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