

HIS IDOL 2021

A MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS

It's time to start thinking about HIS IDOL 2021 for those of you who are into that, so please start planning your acts! This year's competition will be completely organised online, but if the Covid situation improves significantly, the best acts may have the chance to perform in a live concert later in the year!

We are looking forward to seeing a variety of talents on show this year again. You don't have to sing, you can dance, act, tell a story, show off your comedy or puppetry skills, play an instrument, read a poem, make digital art, or anything else that can be performed inside the 5 minute time limit and presented in video format.

If you are not a performer, but would like to contribute with your excellent organisational and show production skills, we are always looking for as much student input as possible.

Areas you could help with include: technical and sound support, organising prizes, communications with judges and students, MCing or designing visuals for the online presentation of the acts.

Remember, things are decided by those who are in the room, so be in the "virtual" room if you have great ideas for how to make an excellent show! For senior students this could be an excellent CAS opportunity, or a way to make money to support your sports team's goals, so please contact Jackie or Mr Washington to find out more about becoming part of the team!

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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For families in their first year at HIS, HIS IDOL is our annual school talent show, which has evolved over the past 9 years from what started as a small part of International Festival, but grew into its own event because so many students wanted to take part.

A poster has been put up in the genkan of the school soon so the kids can inform themselves, but I thought it might be helpful to parents if I shared the basic plans for the event here.

I'm pleased to tell you that Mr Washington has graciously volunteered to help the students in their preparations if they need it; and I (Jackie Ikegami, mum of G12 Mairi) will be responsible for the organisation of the competition.

Our hope is that it will be a great fun event for the kids, and something for the whole community to look forward to and enjoy, to take our minds off other viral issues! More information will be coming soon about how to support the kids and take part in helping to choose the winners of new awards!

Timeline

- **SIGN UP DEADLINE:** FRIDAY February 12th . Students should sign up using an online sign up form which has been sent to their school e-mail addresses. Students who do not have e-mail addresses yet should sign up by telling their homeroom teachers. You can take part as a whole family, including parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, if you want to try for the new FAMILY award. (*to qualify for the family award, people who are not enrolled at HIS must take part)
- **VIDEO SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Sunday February 28th. There will be no in-school heats this year. All students should create a video recording of their performance (**no longer than 5 minutes**) and send/give it to hisidolonline@gmail.com or hand it to Jackie or Mr Washington on a memory stick in .mp4 or .MOV format (no YouTube etc please)
- **JUDGING & VOTING PERIOD:** March 1st to March 25th.

Special guest judges will review all videos and select winners for the HIS IDOL and CLASS ACT competitions, and the whole community and friends will have a chance to vote for a separate PEOPLE'S CHOICE award, and a FAMILY category, if any families are brave enough to take part!

- **WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday March 26th

Judging Process

- Judges will be asked to consider all acts factoring in skill/proficiency, preparation and effort, appearance, originality and creativity, delivery and overall entertainment value, but will have freedom to reward anything else they see fit as well. Thank you for understanding that guests judges have a very difficult task, which they do on a volunteer basis.

Video Recording

- Acts may record their videos at home or anywhere with adult supervision, using a cell phone or video camera.
- If they prefer to record their video at school during lunchtime or recess, they should talk to Mr Washington to agree on a time and place.

Online Safety

We may be posting parts of the videos in the the weekly Crane newsletter which is available on school website, as well as on HIS social media so if names are used in titles, please only include first names. These would be checked before posting.

PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION

PART 1: HIS IDOL COMPETITION

- Students may perform EITHER individually OR in small groups with their friends of any grade in part 1.
- Each child may only perform once in part one.
- Performances may be of any artistic genre (song, dance, drama, recitation, instrumental, performance art, comedy etc etc) provided the performance can be performed and recorded in .mp4 or .MOV format.
- **Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes. Performances that exceed 5 minutes without prior agreement from Mr Washington will be disqualified from winning HIS IDOL trophy.**
- Equipment: acts are responsible for their own equipment. If they need to borrow school equipment, they should contact Mr Washington at school.
- Guest judges will be not be HIS staff or parents, to ensure objectivity, and so that all students are equally eligible to take part.
- Judges will be given a points based rubric to help them decide, but they can confer at the end and agree on the winners at their discretion.
- HIS Idol overall winner will be chosen from among part 1 acts.
- Additional merit awards will be awarded to reward excellence in categories at the discretion of the judges. (eg, evidence of practice, teamwork, grace, entertainment, star quality, visual impact, originality, courage etc)
- The HIS IDOL 2021 overall winner may take the trophy home for the remainder of the school year but must return it to school before the start of the next school year.
- Prizes will be given to all students who receive an award from the judges.

PART 2: CLASS ACT COMPETITION

Each class will have a chance to perform together.

- The whole class together is an ideal scenario, but everyone doesn't HAVE to be in the act to qualify.
- The whole class does not have to perform but everyone who wants to should be included.
- The "Class Act" does not have to be a song. Anything that can be considered a "Performance" is acceptable. (Dance, comedy, drama, poetry reading,

instrumental, performance art ...anything OK!)

- Around 5 minutes should be a guide for length
- The class can nominate a smaller group to represent their class, but the same act cannot be performed in both the HIS IDOL section and the Class Act section.
- There can only be one entry per class in the Class Act section.
- If there is more than one idea for the act and the kids cannot reach a decision, the class teacher will help students decide fairly.
- The judges will choose one class to receive the CLASS ACT trophy, which may be displayed in their classroom for the remainder of the school year.
- All classes who perform in the Finale will receive a commemorative certificate for their classroom.

Thanks for reading if you made it this far! If you would like to help in some way, or if you have any questions, please contact me directly by private message or by phone.

Thanks for your attention

Jackie