

**Irvine Unified School District**  
**END-OF-THE-YEAR REPORT**  
**Irvine High School**

**SCHOOL TARGETS FOR 2009-2010**

- A. To improve student understanding and achievement of the California State Standards.
- Teachers worked collaboratively within the same department and course where they collected data to identify and analyze content, skills, and assessments being used in the classroom.
  - Teachers participated in ongoing collaboration that was systematic throughout the year and continually focused on student learning.
  - Teachers used a variety of assessment strategies that guided their instruction.
- B. To assess the needs of our student's critical thinking skills and provide instruction that develops and fosters critical thinking skills and reading for understanding.
- Teachers worked collaboratively within the same department and course where they collected data to identify and analyze content, skills, and assessments that incorporated critical thinking skills being used in the classroom.
  - Teachers participated in ongoing collaboration that was systematic throughout the year and continually focused on student learning as it related to critical thinking skill development.
  - Teachers used a variety of assessment strategies that guided their instruction specific to critical thinking development.
- C. To improve the teacher advisement program
- A teacher advisement program pamphlet was developed and distributed during parent conferences. The teacher advisement program pamphlet helps better identify the profile of our teacher advisement program. A 9<sup>th</sup> grade teacher advisement calendar was developed to help guide teacher advisors during the first year of teacher advisement.

**SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2009-2010**

- The Grammy Foundation once again named Irvine High as a Grammy Signature School Finalist. This recognition was given to the top 140 music programs in the nation.
- Irvine High continues to be a California Leadership Site for our exemplary program in Positive Behavior Support.
- With a California's Academic Performance Index of 863, Irvine High earned a statewide rank in the top ten percent in the State.
- The combined average score on the SAT I for Irvine High is 1738.
- The Class of 2010 has Twelve National Merit Finalists, one National Merit Semi-Finalist and nineteen Commended Scholars.
- There are 41 Highest Honor graduates who have earned a GPA of 4.0 or higher.
- There are 34 High Honor graduates who have earned a GPA of 3.80-3.99.
- There were 701 Advanced Placement exams taken with an 86% pass rate in 17 subject areas.
- The Irvine High Science Olympiad Team competed at in the Orange County Regional Science Olympiad, bringing home a 4<sup>th</sup> place in their division allowing them to continue to compete at the State level in their division for Southern California.
- The IHS Video Production program earned 6 nominations across 19 categories and won an early award in the "Show Open" category at the Orange County Film Festival
- A team of 22 El Vaquero staff members competed in the Orange County Journalism Education Association Write-Off Competition and earned Second Place honors. The El Vaquero staff won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in sweepstakes at the Southern California Journalism Education Association (SCJEA) State write-off competition at Fullerton College. Eight El Vaquero staff members attended the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention in Portland, Oregon and placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Top 10 in Best of Show category.
- There are 429 seniors who will be attending colleges and universities all over the United States, including

- highly competitive schools such as, Boston College, Cornell University, George Washington University, and Penn State University, and University of Southern California to name a few.
- Eighty seniors will attend the University of California at Los Angeles, Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, and Riverside.
  - Thirty-six seniors will enter California State Universities including: Cal Poly Pomona, San Luis Obispo, Humboldt, Long Beach, Fullerton, San Diego, San Marcos, and San Francisco.
  - There are 213 seniors who will begin their college experience in the community colleges. The community colleges of choice for these graduates are Irvine Valley College, Orange Coast Community College, Saddleback Community College, and Santa Ana College. After one or two years, many of these seniors will transfer to four-year colleges.
  - Seven seniors will be attending trade and technical institutes.
  - The IHS Theater Arts program began the year with the tremendously successful presentation of the classic *Frankenstein*.
  - The Intermediate Drama class performed Young Playwrights in the fall for College Park Elementary School and then created an entire show of adapted material for the Dr. Seuss Week performance.
  - In the spring our Theater Arts program performed a Mark Twain play adapted by David Ives, *Is He Dead?*
  - Our Performing Arts program collaborated to bring Irving Berlin's musical *Annie Get Your Gun*.
  - The Dance Ensemble performed two dance concerts. Concerts, *Strike a Pose* and *iDance* were phenomenal successes.
  - Varsity Football, Boys Water Polo and Girls Cross Country placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pacific Coast League competition. Both Football and Water Polo competed through the first round of CIF Competition while our Girls Cross Country Team had a 3<sup>rd</sup> place showing at the CIF Prelims. Analicia Silva represented IHS at the State meet and placed 20<sup>th</sup>. In Girls Golf, Amy Lee represented IHS at the CIF state tournament. The Dennis Toohy Fencepost Trophy was once again awarded to the Varsity Football team for defeating all three Irvine schools in football.
  - Girls Water Polo, Wrestling and Girls Basketball finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pacific Coast League competition and Boys Basketball finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Girls Water Polo and Boys Basketball competed through the first round of CIF. Girls Basketball competed through the quarter finals. Wrestling was represented by Walker Slaughter at the State Meet and Tien Tran completed his season as an All American.
  - Boys' Track and Field won the Pacific Coast Championship Title. Girls Track and Field placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pacific Coast League competition. Brandon Phillips and Margarita Matikis represented IHS and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the CIF Masters Meet which qualified them for the CIF State Meet. Boys Volleyball, Girls Track and Field, Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming, and Softball finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pacific Coast League competition. Boys Tennis finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pacific Coast League competition. Boys Volleyball and Boys Tennis completed their season in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of CIF. Softball completed their season in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of CIF. Girls IHS Swimming was represented with CIF qualifiers.
  - The Visual Arts Department has had another very successful year with student artists exhibiting their artwork and earning awards throughout the county. Juried shows included: Reflections (sponsored by PTSA), Imagination Celebration, Color it Orange, the National Scholastic Arts Competition, The Irvine Fine Arts Center High School Exhibition, and the Orange County Photography Invitational.
  - Many of our exceptional art students have been selected for individual awards and scholarships.
  - The Mighty Marching Vaqueros and Color Guard had another outstanding season, including 1<sup>st</sup> place at the El Camino Field Tournament.
  - The Irvine Jazz Band is consistently ranked in the top five in Orange County. This year they hosted the largest Jazz Festival in the state where they also received Unanimous Superiors. Both Jazz I and Jazz II earned the title "Kings of the Hill" for earning a 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Trabuco Hills Jazz Festival.
  - The Symphonic Orchestra continued to receive Unanimous Superior ratings at Festival.
  - The Treble Chorus and IHS Chorale performed at the annual Concordia University Choral Festival and earned Superior ratings. The IHS singers performed in many holiday events in December.
  - 10 of our talented vocal students were selected by audition to perform in the Southern California Vocal Association Honor Choirs.
  - Five of our outstanding singers were selected to participate in the 2010 All-State Honor Choirs.
  - Irvine High School worked in conjunction with Families Forward to make the holidays brighter for families in need. Our advisement groups donated over \$1000 in gift certificates.

- Irvine High School Teacher Advisement classes collected over 2,500 cans of food and donated them to Families Forward.
- SSR (Students for Social Responsibility) hosted their annual benefit concert, raising over \$4000 for the “Charity Water” Program.
- ASB hosted two blood drives on campus in which students donated 140 units of blood.
- Student Forum sponsored School Pride Day. Over 200 students worked on a Saturday to beautify the Irvine High School campus.

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