



2022 Annual Overview, What We Accomplished and Fundraising Goals

What is the Parents & Teachers of the International Academy East (PTIA East)?

The **PTIA East** is a volunteer organization of parents and teachers at IA East who work together with the Principal and staff to support and enhance the educational and social growth of IA East students. As a **nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization**, the PTIA East provides financial support for equipment and materials to aid in delivering curriculum, educational enrichments, informational materials and year round programs for teachers, students, parents and community. We also support various social activities for students, celebratory events for graduating seniors and school building improvements. Our vision also includes creating a more connected IAE community and building alumni and parent networks to support IAE students as they explore career opportunities.

The PTIA East meets on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. via zoom (or in-person as situation allows). Each meeting includes a principal's report and a report from pertinent committee chairpersons. Guest speakers are also brought in on occasion. Participation in the PTIA is an excellent way to meet other parents at IA East, stay involved in your student's educational and social life, and make new friends.

How do we fund all of this?

Only with your help as a community with general donations or membership donations.

We've made significant investments into IAE in 2022.

- **\$12000.00 spent on school capital improvements (NEW this year)**. Library furniture upgrades to modern flexible seating and tables (library had old worn wooden tables and old chairs) creation of new media work spaces with area for TVs and ability to host meetings for staff and student project collaborations and also purchased portable printers and rolling stations in hallways for student daily use plus other upgrades for the school.
- **\$4000 in teacher grant program allocated (NEW this year)**. Currently we've authorized almost 50% of the funds to support the Math Dept / Physics teachers who requested upgraded scientific calculators for check out from library for student use and a new Art Dept clay equipment extruder to improve class sculpture instruction. We look forward to supporting more projects in the future from this first grant allocation. Funding from 1 time savings reserve but needs to be replenished.
- **\$4100+ spent on Senior Blankets Gift that will go to all 148 graduating Seniors on May 26th**. This is a personalized plush blanket that every Senior has received even during past 2 COVID years despite lack of donations/funding. We kept the program as a PTIA (we used reserves to keep this special gift going for our students). This is a treasured gift that seniors love as it features every classmates name and a beautiful IAE logo design. We hope we will have funds to do this next year (each blanket is roughly \$30 as costs went up from last year due to materials costs).



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CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR FUNDRAISER - \$8000.00 Goal

We are asking for your help to replenish our deficit in our operating budget (less than \$700 raised this year from memberships for 2022 to fund these program expenses above. We don't want to have to cancel future investments or programs due to a shortfall these past few years.

You can help by sending a check or cash to the office in an envelope for the PTIA or donate using our PTIA Paypal link (Indicate "Fundraiser") in the note with your donation pymt. Paypal will say Rebecca Lukasik, our Treasurer's name, but funds go directly to our PTIA Bank Account and is tax deductible.

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/ptiaeast>

High Level Summary of What We Do As PTIA EAST Throughout the Year – Accomplishments of 2022:

- Provide a **communication link** between parents, students, staff and the community.
- Maintain the **PTIA East website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts** to share information with community (future newsletter being developed).
- Publish an **IA East Directory** (future project).
- Purchase **classroom enrichment materials** including supplies and equipment. (\$12,000 invested back into the library (furniture, flexible tables etc), created a new meeting space, new media for shared collaboration, portable printer stations for students in hallways and so much more).
- Support socials and dances for students (Homecoming, Spring Fling, Charity Ball).
- Support the **IA East Olympics** throughout Spirit Week and during the Olympic events.
- Provide nutritious snacks during exams.
- Organize and sponsor the **Senior All Night Party & Senior Blankets Gift From PTIA** (\$4100+ for all 148 graduating seniors of 2022) and, **Senior Yard Signs** (need volunteers/more time to do it next year).
- Provide **meals for the staff** during Parent/Teacher conferences and various professional days
- Provide Teacher Grants via new program launched in 2022 (\$4000 approved grant allocation)
- Organize and sponsor **Teacher Appreciation Lunches** and gift cards twice a year.
- Host a year-end **Teacher / Staff luncheon as a Thank You** during finals week.
- **Award PTIA Scholarships** (launching new program in 2022/2023 for all grades towards enrichment)
- Support the various school Clubs and student activities through monetary or volunteer support (mentoring to new Conrad Challenge program, other requests).
- Implement new programs of value, such as the new **Career Explorations Initiative**: Launched a Parent **Career Panel with 6 panelists** answering student questions this past May 31 and so much MORE!



Memberships / Monetary Donations

The main source of funding for PTIA East is membership dues and via direct financial parent donations. **The annual membership dues per family for the 2022-2023 school year are just \$35.00.** See the link to the Membership Form here. http://www.iaeast-ptia.com/uploads/1/0/0/6/1006764/ptia_2021-2022_membership_form.pdf

All membership fees collected are used to support the students, teachers and community of the International Academy East. Membership in the PTIA East entitles each family to access the future membership site and forum to connect families and share resources. PTIA East commits to use all contributions responsibly. Throughout the year, additional PTIA East and student-sponsored fundraising activities will be held to support specific initiatives. Forms can be dropped off at the office or sent via email to ptiaeast.sec@gmail.com

How to stay informed?

- 1) Principal Brinks Weekly Newsletter Updates
- 2) PTIA Emails from Principal Brinks
- 3) Future Monthly PTIA newsletter (to provide parents with parent-to-parent perspective and updates to help you support your child and lessons learned by other parents on tips and resources to pay attention along with other fun ways to connect with families and PTIA specific events).
- 4) **Social Media** (join our facebook group or follow us on Instagram and Twitter)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/724534841221511>

<https://www.instagram.com/ptiaeast/>

<https://twitter.com/PTIAEast>

- 5) **PTIA Website:** To stay current with PTIA news, initiatives and events, visit the PTIA East website* at: www.iatoday.org > **IA East > PTIA**
Or go directly to <http://www.iaeast-ptia.com>

*NOTE: The website will be updated and expanded summer of 2022. **Home Page Section is Updated Weekly**

- 6) Have ideas or want to get involved as a volunteer? **Consider contributing your time or talents to support IAE anytime during the year!**

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