

NORTHEAST NEWS

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Let Leadership Grow

STATE SERVICE PROJECT

The State Service Project has been chosen! Feeding Illinois (Steve Erickson)

Anthony Hallahan, North District Representative presented this at the Fall Board Meeting
Food Drives, Monetary Donations

HOW TO MAKE YOUR COUNCIL GROW

Just going to plant the seed in your mind to host a workshop for our district. It will be a great way to help the students in our district grow! I know that takes a bit of work to plan and host a workshop, but I am here to help you with planning and promotions. The Bid Form plus all the other paperwork you will need is on the Google Classroom.

FROM THE BOARD

IAJHSC GOALS

Last year the website was updated and the social media footprint was increased by the addition of a Communications Director, Homer Montemayer. The 2024-25 goals are to update the constitution and by-laws and update the Honor Council award to make it less dependent on monetary aspects. If you have any suggestions for ways to earn honor council points that don't involve money, please let me know. An example might be submitting minutes and an agenda from your meetings. Looking farther into the future, a 2025-26 goal would be to weed out old activities and plant new activities in the Advisors Resource File.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently, the IAJHSC has 90 member schools, 8 of which are in the Northeast District. Lucy and I talked about how the students could increase the number of schools by having students talk to friends in non-member schools and encourage their councils to join. The same will work for us as advisors. If you know any teachers at non-member schools, talk to them and pass on my contact information so I can answer their questions.

THE GARDEN

Decorate A Flower Pot: Full disclosure, I am going to let my Morton Arboretum Summer Science Camp self show a little here. Buy some clay flower pots and decorate them with inspirational quotes and leadership messages. Then plant a seed in the pot and let it grow. You could also buy succulents for a bit more money. You can then distribute the sprouted seeds around the school as you see fit. For those of you who love a good metaphor...

Garden gloves: These items represent the preparation you must do because you know that gardening and personal development require "down and dirty" work.

Dirt: This represents the necessary foundation for growing.

Seeds: These are a representation of the potential that will grow if properly nurtured.

Fertilizer: This depicts the boosts that aid in our development.

Light and water: Just as we need the know-how of the amount of light and water our flowers will need, the leader needs to gauge the amount of direction, guidance, and nourishment everyone needs.

Shovel and Spade: These items represent the tools needed to lead and cultivate the best from our followers.

Pot: These represent the surroundings in which things grow. Positive surroundings lead to positive results.

Watering and Sunlight: These items represent the essential ingredients needed to grow.



FERTILIZER

- Be a positive difference-maker every day.
- There is a dignity to doing something well.
- Our shared values and experiences unite us in ways we may not always recognize.
- **Our greatest challenge is to summon the courage to push our own boundaries and challenge ourselves. It's in these moments of bravery that we truly grow.**
- Listening, learning, and sharing experiences are critical factors that influence our success.
- Be present in the moment, but be a long-term thinker.
- **Daily, we must feed our body, mind, and soul in order to grow.**
- Despite how frequently we use emails, greatness will not be achieved by its use. Never devalue the importance of Facetime.
- View success as being the best possible "You" that you can be.
- Intelligence and leadership start with this expression, "I don't know, I need help."

The Best Teachers Earn:

- Trust
- Respect
- Buy-In
- Stay-In

The Power of Words

- The most important words you can say to a person are: I believe in you.
- Be somebody that makes everybody feel like somebody.
- Hope is a refusal to give up.
- Respect yourself. You have the right to be on Earth, and you have important work to do.
- **Each of us must be stubbornly persistent to grow.**
- Find out what it is that you have to give the world and then give it with your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- It is vitally important that each of us position ourselves in a manner that allows us to control our future.
- "The most wasted of all days, is one without laughter." — E. E. Cummings
- Each of us needs to spend more time expressing appreciation for the good fortunes in our lives.

Magic Questions

How are you living your life?

What warms your soul?

What do I want to learn today?

