

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

**School Targets for 2007-08:**

**A.. To improve student understanding and achievement of the California State Standards.**

Further steps have been taken this year to close the Achievement gap for those who are not yet proficient in Language Arts, Math, and other core subject areas. We continue to provide the following: Algebra tutorial, Carnegie Math, English Essentials and Step it Up. This year Freshman and Sophomores with multiple "F's" were placed in a study skills classes. Student's in these classes were provided with a curriculum that emphasized time management skills, note taking skills, test taking skills etc. along with continuous monitoring and rapport building with an additional adult on campus. School wide, staff members chose to be on an "Action Team" that focused on this particular target. Through the leadership of these members, departments moved toward identifying common essential standards for their particular subject matter. Next steps include understanding assessment data to determine which standards students are mastering and responding to those standards students are not mastering.

**B. To provide a foundation to encourage students to employ critical thinking skills** - School wide, staff members chose to be on an "Action Team" that focused on this particular target. Through the leadership of these members teachers identified skills that were taught in the various subject areas that fostered critical thinking skills. Next steps include identifying how to best assess that students are utilizing critical thinking skills and determine how to best scaffold for those students who need further fostering of these skills. Teachers continue to develop Curriculum Maps that help them identify how critical thinking skills are fostered within each course.

**B. Improving the Teacher Advisement Program-** . School wide, staff members chose to be on an "Action Team" that focused on this particular target. Various sub-committees within this "Action Team" have been established to identify how to best respond to the various needs of the Teacher Advisory program by grade level. Further development of a grade level profile/ course syllabus will be established for the upcoming year.

**School Achievements 2007-08:**

- Irvine High School was named among the top 10 High Schools in Orange County by the Orange County Register ranked at #5.
- US News and World report identified Irvine high School as a Silver Medal Winner in their America's Best High School report ranking IHS among the top schools in the US.
- Irvine High School once again was selected as a California Leadership Site for our exemplary program in Positive Behavior Intervention Support.
- The Grammy Foundation has again named Irvine High School as a 2008 Signature School finalist. There were 128 schools selected, 11 from California including Irvine High School.
- Our yearbook the Citadel earned a Gold Medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.
- El Vaquero staff members participated in the Orange County Journalism Education Association (OCJEA) write-offs and earned 1<sup>st</sup> place recognition. Staff members also placed in the Top 10 "Best of Show" in their category at the Journalism Education Association / National Scholastic Press Association Spring Convention. Staff members also earned 1st Place at the Southern California Journalism Education Association State Write-Offs (SCJEA).
- This year students from the ITV Broadcast Crew and the video Yearbook Staff earned four top awards at the Orange County Film Festival awards show.
- The Irvine High School Science Olympiad Team competed at Golden West College bringing home a 7<sup>th</sup> place in their division.
- The Class of 2008 had 14 National Merit Finalist and 20 Commended Scholars.
- There are 53 Highest Honor graduates who have earned a GPA of 4.0 or higher.
- There are 30 High Honor graduates who have earned a GPA of 3.80-3.99.
- There were 575 Advanced Placement exams taken with an 87% pass rate in 12 subject areas.
- Girls Cross Country placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League, 5th in CIF Division III, and 13<sup>th</sup> in the State Championships.
- Football placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League and competed onto the second round of CIF playoffs.

- Girls Golf was Co-League Champions in the Pacific Coast League, placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the CIF Southern Section team finals, had a medal winner for the Southern Regional Individual playoff, who placed tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Southern Section Finals.
- Wrestling placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League, finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the CIF Northern Division, had four individuals qualify for the CIF Masters and one CIF Individual Champion.
- Girls' Soccer, Girls' Water Polo, Boys' Basketball and Girls' Basketball all placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League and competed in 1<sup>st</sup> round CIF Southern Section playoffs. The Girls' Basketball team competed in the quarter finals of CIF.
- Boys Track placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Pacific Coast League. Girls Track placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League. Several Individuals from both the Boys and Girls Track program competed in the CIF Southern Section Playoffs. Boys Swimming placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League. Several Individuals from both the Boys and Girls Swim program competed in the CIF Southern Section and Masters Playoffs. Boys Volleyball placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Pacific Coast League and competed in 1<sup>st</sup> round CIF Southern Section playoffs. Softball competed in 1<sup>st</sup> round CIF Southern Section playoffs.
- The Mighty Marching Vaqueros had another fantastic fall season earning High Brass at the Tesoro Invitational. They earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Mira Mesa & Capistrano Valley Tournaments and came in at the top at the Irvine Invitational Field Tournament with the highest overall score of all four city of Irvine high schools.
- The Irvine Singers was one of three featured high school choirs invited by the Pacific Chorale to perform at its American Masterpieces Choral Festival.
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- This year our students collected 5,350 cans of food to stock the pantries at "Families Forward" for Thanksgiving and the winter holidays.
- Our Teacher Advisor classes collected nearly \$1,100 in cash toward gift cards that will be delivered to families via Operation School Bell.
- Student Forum organized School Pride Day where over 175 students showed up in force to beautify the campus. They planted trees, shoveled and carted wood chips and mulch throughout the planters on campus. They cleaned trash cans, and washed windows.
- During the month of October, Irvine High School and our Students for Social Responsibility Club partnered with the City of Irvine in the Cans for Cash: City Recycling Challenge. Our participation helped the City of Irvine receive the award for "Most Innovative Campaign" and a cash prize of \$5,000
- Students for Social Responsibility (SSR) hosted their 11<sup>th</sup> annual benefit concert, raising over \$8000 for the Doctors Without Borders nutritional programs

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