



## Upcoming Events

**GAME DAY @ Hernando Library:** 11 am — 1 pm  
Friday, September 14th

Meet on the main floor of the Hernando Library to play board games, read books, and/or have club meetings.

**CLUB Meetings @ Hernando Library :** 11 am -- 2 pm  
Friday, September 21st

Meet upstairs in the conference room to have your club meetings, work on your entrepreneur endeavors, and eat lunch. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share with friends.

**FIELD TRIP to TN Safari Park:** 10:30 am — 12 pm  
Friday, September 28th

Meet at the school at 8:30 am for car pool or a ride or to follow. Tour starts at 10:30 am. Bring a lunch. We will picnic at the park.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
August — October  
Music for Life

Collect used, yet functional, electronics to wipe clean of data and load music for nursing home patients, especially those with Alzheimer's, to listen to and possibly help them experience a blast from the past!



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## HOME SCHOOL TIP OF THE MONTH



Set routines. Every family thrives from set routines. Routines help us remember what our expectations are and reduce stress and anxiety. Set a schedule and stick to it!

Do not forget the importance of brain breaks! Brain breaks help us solve problems. If we get stuck and seem to have a brain block, brain breaks help us overcome the block and be more produc-

## BIRTHDAYS

Travis Walston — 9/22  
Eli Yancey — 9/22  
Madame Mazingo — 9/26



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## Featured Families



The Fulton family includes Jessica (mom), Jared (dad), and Parker (son/student). Jessica is the founder of Independent School of Thought and one of its teachers. Jared is a maintenance technician for Patterson Warehouse. And, Parker is a 5th grader at IST.

Jessica and Jared like to relax by spending time with family and relaxing in the evenings by sitting on our porch.

Parker loves Star Wars, Marvel and DC comics, movies, and TV series. He plays competitive soccer and practices tennis through Hernando Rec. He also has a love for drama and is currently writing scenes for an original Andy Griffith episode he hopes Ms. Moriah will accept as our "school play" this year.



Bienvenue Chez Madame Mazingo / Welcome to Ms. Moriah's House!

Ms. Moriah invites you into her reportedly "eclectic-style" home; come and play pool or maybe some guitar! Ms. Moriah's housemate is a black cat named Meowsers, who is anti-social.

The scoop. Madame Mazingo moved to Hernando recently into her home which was originally built by her beloved grandparents in order to be closer to her family: mom Judy and stepfather Roy Burton in Como and her family in southern Mississippi. A former nomad, she is very much enjoying the quiet, country life and the opportunity to serve the community as a teacher at IST.

In her free time, Ms. Moriah enjoys singing/playing guitar and restoring the family home with her boyfriend Eddie, who is sociable, luckily.

# What first-time home school families really need to know



We asked home school families advice they would give to new home school parents and researched tips online.



## HOMESCHOOLING REQUIRES PARENTS TO ACTIVELY TAKE THE REINS OF FAMILY EDUCATION

"I try my best to remember that homeschooling is not just about that time of the day that we sit down to focus on curriculum. It's also about those moments at the store when we need to figure out how much three pounds of tomatoes will cost or calculating how much a 25% discount is. Homeschooling is finding new ways to teach your child in the way they understand best. The world is our classroom and our peers are all around us. Everywhere we go has potential to be a lesson of some sort. We can learn any time of day, anywhere we are. It's taught me to slow down and be in the moment so that opportunities to learn are not overlooked." — Brandie Correro

"My biggest piece of advice is to do what feels right for them. Your home-school day will not look like mine. And mine will not look like anyone else's. That's OK! That's part of the beauty of homeschool." — Melissa Haynes

"The freedom to home school is exciting, but the process, especially in the beginning, can be overwhelming. Understanding the various approaches to teaching, learning, and grading is key to making the most of your home school experience.

Parents are free to choose what their child will learn. The spectrum of choices ranges from the standard curricula taught in public or private schools all the way to pure discovery education where the student freely chooses what to learn. Do not underestimate the value of discovery education. Studies actually show that students learn and retain much more valuable information when they are free to pursue topics of interest than when they are told what they should know.

Parents are free to grade their child's progress in the best way that represents that child's academic growth. Grading is subjective but should reflect growth and knowledge. Some parents grade by mastery, some by performance on tests, some by projects created based on what was learned, some mix it up. It is totally up to the parent." — Jessica Fulton

"This is YOUR school. If you want to spend an entire day playing math games and then going for a nature walk, do it! The flexibility and spontaneity are part of the adventure." — The Survival Mom

The world is your classroom! Use it! Track down every resource available. Plan family vacations that will reinforce what your kids have been learning. — The Survival Mom



## Clubs, programs, and field trips

Enrichment through real world experiences is a must at Independent School of Thought. We schedule additional learning activities on Fridays to increase real world learning.

Besides scheduling one field trip per month, we set aside two Fridays for library meet ups per month — one for clubs (11-2) and one for Game Day (11-1). Club meetings may be held almost any time, though. Clubs are welcome to schedule meetings on Game Day library days, set up special meetings of their own, and even schedule to stay after school for meetings.

leaders will schedule meetings, assign tasks, and determine projects or goals.

### SPONSOR A CLUB!

Any parent is welcome to sponsor a club. Sponsoring a club means keeping our club members accountable, inspiring camaraderie and spirit among club members, and increasing the enrichment experience for our students. If you have a passion or talent to share with one or more of our clubs, please SPONSOR A CLUB TODAY!

So, far our clubs are: Yearbook, Chess, School Newsletter, Reading, Entrepreneur, Photography, Drama, Nature, and Pokémon.

### Clubs At a Glance:

Yearbook Club will design, develop, seek out photos, and ultimately create the 2018-2019 school yearbook.

Chess Club will play chess, learn strategy, and possibly, become involved in competitions.

School Newsletter Club will interview, research, and write to create a monthly school newsletter.

Reading Club will select a book to read, amounts of reading, and schedule timelines to share the joy of reading.

Entrepreneur Club will decide on products or student creations or student made businesses to become an entrepreneur. Students will develop web pages, learn about business licensure, and other activities that will put them in business.

Photography Club will practice taking photographs from different angles and in different light as well as editing and modifying photos to enhance photographs.

Drama club will write scripts, act out scenes, and video record performances.

Nature Club will explore nature, learn about the environment and ways to protect it.

Pokémon Club will do all things Pokémon!

## LEADERSHIP TIPS



Q: How can I be a stronger leader so that the club may be more suc-

A: Leaders are not born; they are created. Look at the strong leaders in your own family, classmates, teachers, and friends. What are some of their common characteristics?

Each one follows the heart first. Each one uses the moral conscience to guide others when they cannot see.

Leaders envision something new and make goals. Goal setting is the most definitive characteristic of a leader.

Set a goal for your club. Do you want to create a portfolio of photographs to represent your photography club? Ask members to take a specific number of pictures per week. Set out a schedule or timeline for editing and cropping photos to enhance the photos.

Do you want the chess club to participate in a tournament? Seek out chess tournament opportunities in the area.

Do you want your drama club to record a performance? Select members to write a script, act out scenes, and record the performance. Set a timeline or schedule.

Have something else in mind? Follow your own lead. And, LEAD!

## Making Connections



## LOCAL RESOURCES

Don't underestimate what's out there!

Check out a laptop for a week at a time at the Hernando Library. NO COST!

Join a sports team through Hernando Recreation. Hernando Rec offers basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, and t-ball. VERY INEXPENSIVE!

Be a leader, learn how to shoot, study robotics or entomology and other fascinating opportunities through 4H. NO SIGN UP COST!