



Independence High School
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The IHS Declaration

August 21st, 2019

Headline News

Power Monday

The next Power Monday is August 26th. School starts at 8:25AM.

Front Office Hours

The front office is open from 7:00 am – 2:30 pm. The Counseling Office hours are 7:30 am and 2:30 pm.

Battle of the Borders

Don't forget the Chick Fil A Border Battle contest! Order as much Chick Fil A as you can until 7:00 pm Friday in the drive through and dining room (mobile app purchases don't count). Tell them you want INDY to win and we get credit for your sale. The school with the highest sales for the week gets \$1000 and bragging rights! Winner will be announced at half time during Friday night's game. Wear BLACK and support your EAGLES!

Cafeteria Accounts

My School Bucks allows parents to make online payments into their children's lunch account and/or apply for the Free and Reduced Meal Program. The web address for parents to access this new site is <https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>. To access this system, you will have to set up a new account for yourself and your children. Once you are logged into the site, at the top section labeled district, select a new district, add Williamson County and then re-add your student's information and you will be all set. If you are just using the site to apply for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, you will not need to sign up for an account. Once you have signed up for an account, you will receive by email, a step by step "how to" guide from Titan School Solutions walking you thru their system. This "how to" guide will also be available on the WCS webpage. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Food Service Office, 615-472-4990.

Back to School Night

Mark your calendar for the annual IHS Open House on Thursday, August 22nd at 6:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for parents and guardians to tour the school and meet students' teachers.

Pep Rally

Our first Pep Rally will be August 23rd. If you plan on attending the Pep Rally, parents must sign in at the front office. Be prepared to show an ID and wait to be buzzed in.

Fast Food

Parents, just a reminder that students are **not allowed** to have outside food brought to them for lunch. If you do bring fast food for your student, they will have to eat it in the front office.

Safety Reminders

Please make sure any faculty member, parent or student is not on their cell phone while in physical control of a motor vehicle on any WCS campus or school zone. The Williamson County Sheriff's Office and the Tennessee Highway patrol are issuing citations for this offense and any other violations (seat belts-speeding etc.) Let's all work together and have an accident/citation free safe school year.

Student Leaving Early?

If your student needs to be dismissed early, save yourself some time and write an early dismissal note. The note needs to include your student's first and last name, the reason for the dismissal, the date, parent's signature and phone number. **Students must submit notes to Student Services before the first bell.** All notes will be verified by phone call. Students will be given an early dismissal pass and will be able to sign themselves out. Students without an early dismissal note will have to be signed out by a parent or someone designated in Skyward as an emergency contact.

Morning Traffic

Traffic in Spring Hill and Thompson's Station is **very heavy**. If you or your student drive to campus, please plan accordingly. Students are considered tardy after the 7:40 start bell. Students arriving late must come through the front office and report to Student Services.

Attendance

Reminder: Attendance is important! Please make every effort to make appointments before or after school. If you must check out your student, please have your student turn in a signed early dismissal note before 7:40 a.m. Student Services will give your child an early dismissal pass. They can then check themselves out and meet you at your car or drive themselves to their appointment. 2:15 p.m. is the latest time for parent or guardian checkout with a valid ID in Parent Services, 2:30 p.m. is the latest checkout time with an early dismissal pass in Student Services. When your student returns, please have your student bring in a Dr's note or a parent note indicating the reason for the absence. We cannot excuse an absence simply because you checked your student in or out, they will be excused following the guidelines listed in Williamson County School Board Policy 6.200. Please contact Parent Services with any questions - katherine.bert@wcs.edu.

Bus Notes

If your student is needing to ride another bus, a note needs to include the student's first and last name, who they are riding the bus with, the bus number, parent/guardian signature and a phone number to call for verification. All bus notes need to be turned in before 1st period. Phone calls and emails are not accepted for bus notes.

From the School Nurse

Parents of Students requiring medication at school: All medications (over-the-counter and prescription) require a completed WCS Student Medication Authorization Form. **A separate form is required for each medication.** **Physician authorization is required for all prescription medications to be given more than one week.** A new authorization form is required each school year and if the medication or dosage is changed. All medication must be delivered to school by parent/guardian or responsible adult. Students are **not** allowed to bring their own medication to school. Over-the-counter medication must be provided in the original, unopened container with the ingredients label, dose schedule, **with an expiration date good through May 2020**, and student's name affixed to the container. Prescription medications must be brought to school in the original, pharmacy labeled container with child's name, prescription number, drug, dosage, and directions for administration. Forms can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.wcs.edu/district/departments/health/> under Health Forms. **Please note there are separate forms this school year for asthma, seizure and food allergies. Please use the appropriate form for your student's condition. Thanks so much!** Please contact Nurse Cannon or Nurse Twaddle with questions or concerns Shannon.cannon@wcs.edu or pattit1@wcs.edu. **Medication may be brought to Info Day if the appropriate documentation is completed.**


Class fees

When paying student fees online, use the search tool by entering the teacher or class name to narrow the selection. [CLICK HERE](#) If paying by check, please send individual checks for each fee and include the teacher's name and class in the memo line.

2019-2020 Yearbooks

The 2019-2020 Yearbooks are on sale now. 8/18/19 ~ 8/31/19 **\$95**; 9/1/19 ~ 5/2/20 **\$105**; and 5/3/20 ~ 6/1/20 **\$110**. Please order your books online at Balfour.com, and search for the Independence page by using our zip code, 37179. **ORDER YOUR BOOKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; LAST YEAR, WE SOLD OUT.**

All-Sports Season Pass

To purchase an All-Sports Season Pass (\$275+ value for as low as \$40), download the GoFan app  and select Independence High School (Thompson's Station) as your favorite school. The Student Pass, Adult Pass and Family Pass are all available for purchase as well as individual tickets to all home athletic events. **Physical passes will not be available this year.**

Earn Money For Indy And Save

For all your Adidas and sport's needs, please purchase at the Adidas website and use the code [ADP19INDHS](#). You get 15% off and 10% goes to Independence High School. **Offer is valid through January 31, 2020.**

Parking Passes

Parking pass registration form and parent contract form for existing student drivers are available to pick up in the Front Office. Only drivers who purchased a parking pass last year can use these forms. The Returning Driver Registration form for parking is now on the website. <https://www.wcs.edu/ihs/families/resources/>. New drivers or students who have not purchased a parking pass last year, must take the checkpoint training and use the blue form that is given after the training to purchase a parking pass.

Checkpoints Driving 2019-20

Williamson County Schools requires that all new drivers attend and complete the Checkpoints Driving course **prior** to driving on campus. The purpose of this course is to inform parents/students of ways to prevent distracting behaviors while driving and reduce the risk of accidents. **All classes will be held at Independence High School from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** To register, please click the link below. The list of dates is available on the link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLEBnSRnaT4UKf498B9H3MceNr9BKXJlba5tbJwe5mqa1dUA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Spirit Wear

Spirit wear will be sold on Friday in the Commons during lunch. Parents will not be allowed inside the building, but students can bring cash, check or credit cards. Parents wishing to purchase garden flags for \$25 can send payment in an envelope before Friday morning marked "PTSO garden flag" and your student's name and grade. Flags will be sent home on Friday. Contact IHSPTSOSPIRITWEAR1@gmail.com with questions.

Mums

Fall Mums! It's that time of year again, time to buy your beautiful fall mums from the Varsity Football Cheerleaders. These are large 3-gallon mums in white, yellow, orange, burgundy, and pink/lavender for \$18 each. Final day to order is Sept. 5th. You can order online at <https://osp.osmsinc.com/WilliamsonTN/> Or send a check to school attn: Elizabeth Grindstaff. Be sure to designate the color you wish to purchase. Delivery date is set for September 10th!

Fall Auditions

Fall Auditions are coming next Monday and Tuesday, August 26th – August 27th. Students can sign up outside of the theatre room (f112). See Mrs. Williams for more info.

Academics

August College visits at Indy

The following colleges and military will meet in the commons during lunch for all interested students
Tuesday August 27 Marines

Credit Recovery

Credit recovery is designed to aid students to achieving success in their academics. Dates will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 starting September 3rd through December 13th. The Cost is \$50 per .05 credit. Applications can be found in the guidance office.

AP Testing

Registration for AP testing starts August 21st – September 27th. The payment deadline is September 27th at 2:30 or midnight if they are paying online. The cost is \$94 per exam. Payment can be made with cash or check in the counseling office or online. To pay online [CLICK HERE](#). Reminder: If you do not take the exam, you will not get the 5 extra points on your second semester grade (you will get the extra 5 points first semester regardless).

PSAT

The PSAT will be given at Independence High School for grades 9th-12th on October 16th. The cost is \$19 and is available to pay online or bring a payment into the counseling office to Teresa McCombs. **DEADLINE to register is September 12th**. To pay online click this link: [CLICK HERE](#). For Juniors, taking this exam will qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Sports

Regular season contests begin this week for volleyball, Soccer, Cross Country, and football. Good luck to all of our student-athletes and coaches.

Volleyball

Both teams will play AT Station Camp on Thursday, August 22nd. JV at 5pm and varsity at 6pm.

Golf

Golf will have a match against Centennial at Westhaven on Thursday, August 22nd at 3:30pm.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team will have a meet AT Dickson on Thursday, August 22nd at 5pm.

Soccer

JV will play on Wednesday, August 21st at home VS Father Ryan at 5pm. Varsity will play AT Hendersonville on Thursday, August 22nd at 7pm.

Football

Varsity football will play AT Summit on Friday, August 23rd starting at 7pm.

Swim Team

There is mandatory swim team meeting for students on August 28th right after school in library. Please bring your forms/payment if possible.

All Things Senior

Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 should have his/her senior portraits taken at Prestige (109 Noah Drive, Franklin, TN 37064) to be included in the 2019-2020 yearbook. Seniors: Be sure to have your Senior Portraits for the yearbook made at Lifetouch by the end of September. Contact Lifetouch at 615-628-8600.

Senior Adds Class of 2020

Senior Ads for the 2019-2020 Yearbook prices are as follows; Full Page **\$450**, 2/3 Page **\$300**, 1/3 Page **\$150**, 1/9 Page **\$50**. **ALL SENIOR ADS ARE DUE 11/30/19**. Please order your senior ads on Balfour.com, and search for the Independence page by using our zip code, 37179.

POGS

The first POGS lunch will be Thursday, August 29th. It will be a Chick-fil-a lunch! **Forms received after Wednesday, August 21st will not be able to take part in the August lunch**. POGS t-shirts will be ordered soon. **To be guaranteed a shirt, please turn your membership form in by end of day Friday, August 30th**! If you have any questions, please email ihspops@gmail.com.

Graduation Fees

Graduating seniors are to pay a \$75 fee to cover the cost of the cap and gown, as well as costs associated with the graduation ceremony. This fee may be paid online [CLICK HERE](#).

Senior Signs

Senior yard signs may be purchased for \$25, during Info Day or after school starts in the front office. The price will increase to \$35 starting March 1st. The deadline to order a sign is March 31st. **NO signs will be ordered after March 31st.** To pay online [CLICK HERE](#).

Dates to Remember

August

August 22nd	Back to School Night
August 23rd	Pep Rally
August 26th	Power Monday/ Checkpoint Driving

September

September 9th	Power Monday/ Checkpoint Driving
September 12th	PSAT registration deadline
September 16th	Power Monday
September 23rd	Power Monday
September 27th	AP Exam registration deadline
September 30th	Power Monday