IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INDIAN HILL HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026

This document provides important information about the start of the school year. High School information is also always available on our website: www.indianhillschools.org/hs.aspx. If you have any questions after reading this packet, please feel free to call the high school office (513-272-4550) weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. [2025-2026 DISTRICT CALENDAR]

Back to School Days: Forms, Fees, Schedule Pick-up, Pictures & More

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- **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH**
  - **FRESHMEN STUDENTS (Grade 9)** will take part in Bridges: Freshman Orientation, from 8:00am - 12:00pm. This one-day event will occur at Indian Hill High School. For more information please click here. To access the Picture Flyer click here.

- **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH**
  - **NON-FRESHMEN STUDENTS (Grades 10 – 12)** are invited to Indian Hill High School on Friday, August 8th for IDs, Schedule Pick-Up, Parking Passes and Pictures. To ensure an efficient process for distributing schedules and making any necessary adjustments, students should arrive during their *preferred* time slot.
    - Grade 10: 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.
    - Grade 11: 11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
    - Grade 12: 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.
  - School pictures for Grades 10–12 will be taken on this day. LifeTouch will be on site to take your Yearbook photo, so please dress accordingly. To access the Picture Flyer click here.

Final Forms: The district utilizes Final Forms for many of our required forms. To access Final Forms, click here. These forms must be completed by September 1st. Have questions? Reach out to McCristy Gould (512-272-4550)

Student IDs: Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, all students will be provided with a student ID that should be worn at all times when on campus. These IDs will allow for increased security and provide students with the ability to complete many tasks when on campus. Students will also have access to their ID through their personal and/or school distributed devices via the Minga App. Students will be provided one ID and lanyard at the start of the year. One replacement ID, if lost or damaged, will also be covered. Any additional replacements will cost $5 per replacement. Students are permitted to utilize a lanyard of their choice.

Student fees, which include fees for student's course selections for 2025-2026, will be posted in My School Bucks and available for online payment between September 22nd – 26th. If you have not logged into MySchool Bucks, click here for more information. Fees also may be paid with one check

made payable to "Indian Hill High School" during the same time period. In addition, monies for lunch accounts may be added using the My School Bucks website as well.

The graduation fee is also added for Seniors. This fee includes cap, gown and tassel as well as 25 name cards and 10 announcements. Additional announcements may be purchased later. If you need financial consideration, please contact Mr. Gruber (513) 272-4550.

Opening Day Schedule

First day of school for all high school students is **Wednesday, August 13**. The school day begins promptly at 8:00am. Students not in their classroom by the 8:00am bell are considered tardy. Traffic will be busy so we strongly recommend you plan ahead and try to be here at least 5 minutes before the school day begins.

School Supplies & Computer Information

To access this year's school supply list, please click the link. Students should bring necessary supplies on the first day of classes.

Grades 10-12 will continue to utilize the personal device from last school year.

- *Note: If there is an issue with securing a device for your child to utilize throughout the year, please contact your child's counselor and we will work to connect them with a school device.*

Grade 9 (Class of 2029 and beyond) will be transitioning to a 1-1 program for Chromebooks. These devices will be distributed at Bridges on August 7.

Cell Phone Policy Update

In accordance with recent changes to Ohio State law, student cell phones must remain out of sight and unused during the school day, from 8:00 AM to 2:45 PM. If a student plans to bring his/her cell phone to school, it should remain in their backpack throughout the day, except during the permitted exceptions listed below.

Exceptions:

- Students may use their phones during their assigned lunch period. (HS Only)
- Students with documented medical exemptions will be accommodated in accordance with their approved health plan.
- In the event of an emergency, students may use their phones to communicate when and if necessary.

Further details, including consequences for policy violations, will be shared with students during upcoming class meetings.

Lunch

The student lunch period is 30 minutes in length. We continue to work with Aramark, our food vendor, to enhance the variety and quality of items offered to our Braves. Students should use My School

Bucks to create and manage a lunch account, but cash will once again be accepted at each teller. If you still need to set up your child's lunch account, or would like to learn more about managing their account, please use this My School Bucks Flyer to help. *(District Contact: Jenny.Burton@ihsd.us)* Students who were eligible for the free or reduced lunch program last school year may continue during the first 30 days of school if the family's financial situation remains the same. These students and others who feel they may be eligible are able to complete the application through Final Forms.

Bus Transportation

Parents have access to their child's bus pick-up and drop-off locations and times by using the StopFinder app. Parents can install the app in the Apple App Store or in Google Play. Therefore, the Transportation Department will not be sending bus passes or written notification home for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information, please click here.

IHHS Arrival / Dismissal Guidelines

The school day begins promptly at 8:00a.m., parents dropping their children off can do so out in the front of the high school lobby. Students arriving to school by bus will enter through the Sue Harder Memorial Performing Arts lobby. Students not in their assigned classroom by 8:00a.m. are considered tardy. A typical school day ends at 2:45pm. Students will be released at that time and will leave from the HS parking lot or catch their bus home.

Parking Information

Parking passes must be purchased each year; previous passes do not apply. Passes for Seniors and Juniors are available for purchase at the main office (see Mrs. Gould). Sophomores, with a license, are able to purchase a pass starting August 8. **In order to park on the first day of school, you must have a pass.** Parking spots cannot be reserved for students prior to a valid driver's license. For more information, please contact the main office at (513) 272-4550. Access the Vehicle Registration Form here.

Attendance/Emergency/Medical Forms

The school is responsible for the attendance of students at school and keeping parents informed of their child's attendance. To that end we trust that parents will continue to call in when students are absent from school. For your convenience, you may call 513-272-4705, which is our 24-hour attendance line or you now have the option of sending an email. The email address is: hs-attendance@ihsd.us. If there is no phone call or note, students will be counted as unexcused. Please refer to the "2025-2026 Student Handbook" for details on how to handle medical appointments, pre-planned absences, etc.

We need all information requested on the Emergency Form, which is now online. Please remember that if you are going to be out of town, you must inform the school in writing, including the dates you will be out of town and the name of the person who is in charge of your student in your absence. If anyone other than the custodial parent or guardian is going to pick up a child for any reason, that

person must be listed on the Emergency Form as an emergency contact. When the parent is unavailable, we cannot release your student without having this on file.

If your child will need to take medication during the school day, an authorization form must be completed and on file at school prior to the administration of medication. Authorization forms are available on the high school webpage. Please contact our District Nurse, Mrs. Shelley Hoyer, at (513) 272-4560 with questions or assistance with medical needs or inquiries.

Lockers

Students who would like to use a locker must see Mrs. McCristy Gould who will complete the locker assignment process. Students can do that starting on August 8th. Students who bring in equipment/supplies for before and/or after school activities are encouraged to get a locker. Personal items are not permitted to be left in hallways, neighborhoods, or classrooms.

Parent Leadership/Support

Indian Hill High School would not be the exceptional place it is without the support of our parent organizations - the PTO and the Boosters. Their membership campaigns are under way. The IH PTO is organized for the purpose of supporting the education of children at all Indian Hill Schools by fostering relationships among the school, parents, and teachers. The IH Boosters are organized to support athletics, fine arts, and other extracurricular activities in all of our Indian Hill schools. For more information on becoming a Booster's member, please click here.

Please pledge your support to both organizations as they greatly benefit your children.

The Boosters are again sponsoring a Yearly Kick-Off Booster Bash on Friday, August 22nd in the pavilion. The football game will follow at 7:00 p.m. against Roger Bacon at Tomahawk Stadium.

Indian Hill Foundation

The Indian Hill Foundation partners with our schools to enhance district-wide curriculum through strategic investments in innovation. As part of its mission, the Foundation funds grants that bring bold ideas to life in the classroom and prioritizes alumni engagement as a key area of support.

In addition to grant making, the Foundation helps connect educators with professional and community resources—bringing real-world expertise and enrichment opportunities directly into our classrooms. It also serves as a vital link between donor interests and district needs, maximizing impact while fostering community collaboration.

To learn more about the Indian Hill Foundation, explore volunteer opportunities, or contribute to the mission, please click here.

Community Service Update

For a complete overview of our Community Service program, please review the following document.

Parent Information Night

SAVE THE DATE: this year's IHHS Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday, August 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Student Handbook

To access the 2025-2026 Student Handbook please click here. All of the IHHS Rules and Policies are contained in this document, which should be read by all parents and students. **All parents must approve the Student Handbook when completing your annual Final Forms registration. Students are required to electronically sign the Student Handbook and Tech Policy forms as well.** Please check the high school's website and review this information. It is important that all parents and students are aware of the information contained in this document.

Summer Assignments Reminder

Does my student have work to complete this summer? **Click here** to see all of the work required to be completed prior to the first day of school.

Important Dates for Class of 2026

I am sure you are receiving this email with plenty of emotion as your Senior prepares for his/her final year on Drake Road. To help with your planning, here are important dates for the Class of 2026.

For additional assistance with any of the above information please contact your child's counselor.

School Counselors

- A-E: Mr. Alex Grzegorzewski (513) 272-4565
- F-La: Mrs. Nollis Cottrell (513) 272-4563
- Lb-R: Ms. Lindsay Kearns (513) 272-4568
- S-Z: Dr. Donita Jackson (513) 272-4506