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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER--AUGUST 2025

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings Hawk Families! August is here and this means that we are all getting the final details ready to kick off the 2025-2026 school year. My staff and I have spent a significant amount of time this summer looking through student data, academic structures, and the feedback we have received from students and families. Based on this information, we have focused on strengthening our School Improvement Plan and providing as much academic support as possible utilizing the resources we have available to us. While we are all glad we have a little bit of summer left, we are certainly excited to get to work with our students and families.

I know you are all very busy, so I will try to keep this as concise as possible with the hope that each of you will review all of the information below. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

### IMPORTANT AUGUST NOTES:

- **Still need to register your child for school?:** Registration is 100% online via the parent portal, unless you are making a change to your address. If that is the case, you will need to provide appropriate proof of residence paperwork to our guidance office. Please register and pay fees online today if you have not already done so. You can find KUSD registration information here: <https://www.kusd.edu/registration/>
- **Interested in athletics?** If your student is interested in playing a fall sport, there is still time to sign up. *Important to know: students must have a physical and other forms completed before practice can begin.* Here is a link for more information on our athletic program: [Indian Trail Athletics](#)
- **Picture Days/Activity Fair:** Our Commons will be open on August 12 (8am-3pm) and August 13 (10:30am-6pm) for school pictures. These days are for ALL incoming and returning students at Indian Trail. *Seniors will also take their senior yearbook photos - graduation gown will be provided for the photo.* (Picture Retake Day: Wednesday, September 10 during school hours.) Note: Students can sign up for various activities when they walk through the commons. Many clubs/activities will be present. Class shirts are available for purchase. Incoming 9th grade students and our Communications Academy 11th/12th grade students can pick up their computers at this time as well.

- **Freshman Orientation for Families AND Students:** We value our families and want you to be informed about everything our school has to offer. If you have an incoming 9th grade student, please join us for an informational meeting about Indian Trail High School and Academy:

**9th Grade Student AND Family Orientation**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025**

**Indian Trail High School Auditorium**

**The program begins at 6 p.m.**

**AUDIENCE: 9th Grade Student and Families**

**NOTE: 9th grade students who attend Orientation will receive a free T-shirt that will allow them to attend our Freshmen Tailgate on Tuesday, August 26th (Hot Dog, Chips, and Beverage included) and free entry to our Hawks Soccer game that same night. The Tailgate starts at 4:30 p.m. and the game starts at 6 p.m.**

- **Chromebooks and Computers:** If you have a student entering 9th grade, they will be issued a new Chromebook for school use. Students are responsible for taking care of this school computer and will need to turn it back in upon completion of school. Chromebooks will be available for pickup during picture day, as well as during Freshmen Orientation for incoming 9th grade students. **NOTE: Communication Academy 11th and 12th grade students may pick up their laptops during picture day.**

I hope you are having a safe and enjoyable summer! My staff and I are all looking forward to what will be an amazing start to the 25-26 school year! If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of our school, please do not hesitate to contact us. Listed below are a few other important dates to be aware of for August 2025.

Have a great day and as always, GO HAWKS!

**Scott Kennow**

*Indian Trail High School and Academy Principal*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, August 12**
  - Picture Day #1: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Indian Trail Commons)--see update above
- **Wednesday, August 13**
  - Picture Day #2: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Indian Trail Commons)--see update above
  - **FRESHMAN STUDENT AND FAMILY ORIENTATION--6 p.m.**
    - Students should attend with a family member to learn about Indian Trail and related items.
    - The presentation begins at 6 p.m. in the Indian Trail Auditorium and will include ITHSA 101: All about Indian Trail, Question and Answer with student Link Crew panel, and tours of the building.
    - This is the ONLY opportunity for incoming freshmen to learn about Indian Trail prior to the start of the school year.
- **Friday, August 22: Student Schedules Released!**
  - Student schedules will be accessible through Infinite Campus starting on August 22. If you have questions or concerns about your student's schedule, please email their assigned guidance counselor and they will respond as soon as possible. This is always a busy time of the year for our counselor with lots of questions, but they will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you for being patient.
- **Tuesday, August 26th: Freshmen Tailgate and Boys' Soccer Game** (free entry for 9th grade students wearing their freshmen t-shirt). 9th grade students can get a free shirt by attending Freshmen Orientation. Shirts will be available for purchase at the tailgate event for those who did not attend orientation.
- **Tuesday, September 2: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
  - 9th grade students report at 7:20 a.m. (Activities will take place to help 9th graders get acclimated to their schedules and the school in general)
  - 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students report at 9:40 a.m. for a 9:55 a.m. start.
- **September 26: All school assembly: No Hate Tour BMX Bike Presentation**
- **October 10: HOMECOMING!**
  - Pep Assembly                      During the day
  - Parade                                Approximately 5pm
  - Football Game                      7pm vs. Racine Horlick
- **October 11:** Homecoming Dance (Students will be able to obtain permission slips in September that will contain more information regarding rules, cost, and more.)