



INDIAN TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER: July 2026

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Greetings Hawk Families! August is the next page on the calendar so I am sure you are starting to think about the start of this upcoming school year and making sure you have all the information that you need. I will be sending another communication to everyone next month, but I want to make sure that you have all the events listed on your calendar so you don't miss out on anything important for August and September. Please read through the following information below for important changes and dates related to the start of the 26-27 school year and reach out with any questions you may have.

Important Updates:

- **Frequent Contacts for School Matters**
 - **Main Office:**
 - General Information: 262-359-8700
 - Attendance: 262-359-8500
 - (Note: Parents can enter attendance via the Infinite Campus App)
 - Head Secretary: 262-359-8677
 - Guidance Department:
 - 262-359 8669 (Scheduling)
 - 262-359-8303 (Registrar)
 - School Nurse: 262-359-8678 (Not available during the summer)
 - Athletics/Activities: 262-359-8644
- **Hours of the School Day **(CHANGE)****
 - All school days are full days for students with NO more early release Fridays.
 - Here is the breakdown of the school day for students:
 - 6:30 a.m. Main Entrance Opens (no other entrances allowed)
 - 7:10 a.m. Students dismissed from Commons to classrooms
 - 7:20 a.m Bell Rings (students not in class are marked tardy)
 - 2:53 pm End of the day for students (Monday thru Friday)
 - Updated Bell Schedules, including lunch times, can be located on our school website

- **Breakfast and Lunch (CHANGE):**

- KUSD is no longer a districtwide Community Eligible Program (CEP) which means that breakfast and lunch meals are no longer provided free of charge to all families. To qualify for free/reduced breakfast and lunch, families must complete an application to qualify. <https://www.myschoolapps.com/> There was an application sent out to all families from KUSD on ParentSquare on July 2. That application is on the KUSD website. Completing this application and qualifying for free/reduced rates helps families with waivers for athletics, fine arts, advanced placement testing, and other academic services/support. Qualifications are based on family household income.
- Families who do not qualify for this support will have to pay for meals available at school or pack their meals from home.
 - **NOTE:** Due to safety related concerns, **we do NOT allow food deliveries during the school day.** This includes family drop off or any services that deliver food to the school from local establishments. There are justifiable reasons for this as safety must remain our highest priority. If there is a unique circumstance, families should contact the school and speak with administration.
- More information, including meal pricing and procedures, can be found at <https://www.kusd.edu/district/departments/food-service/>
- KUSD does **NOT** have open campus lunch, so students are required to remain in school during their lunches unless they have a release in their schedule immediately prior to or immediately after their assigned lunch time.

- **Hawk and Flight Time (Academic Support and Intervention) (CHANGE)**

- **Hawk Time (Wednesday):** This is our advisory time where students are assigned to a homeroom. This meets every **Wednesday** between periods 2 and 3. During this time students listen to announcements, meet with a teacher about attendance/grades, and work on skills that will help them be more successful throughout the week. Juniors and Seniors who are in good academic and behavior standing who have a release in their schedule for period 2 OR period 3 may complete a form (parent approval required) to extend their release during this time. No releases are authorized for this time **ONLY**. Students must have a release in their schedule on either side of this timeslot to qualify and then remain in good standing. Forms for this are located in the Guidance Office.
- **Flight Time (Tuesday and Thursday):** This time is designed for students to receive academic support, interventions, or enrichment opportunities throughout the year. Students will be assigned opportunities based on various data points or choices they make throughout the year. Once assigned, they will remain in that assigned area for a full quarter before it changes. The goal of this time is to engage students in academic support or enrichment to ensure that they remain on track for graduation with the greatest possible chance of success. Stay tuned for more information on this. Flight Times occur every Tuesday and Thursday of

the week. Students in good standing may apply for a release ONLY if they are in good standing academically and behaviorally AND have a release in their schedule for period 2 OR 3.

- **Mondays and Fridays:** No Hawk or Flight Times are scheduled for students on Mondays and Fridays. These minutes are added into the schedule to allow for more instructional times for students and staff and are full days of instruction.
- **Interested in athletics?** If your student is interested in playing a fall sport, there is still time to sign up, but you should hurry as 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](#)
- **Registration/Change of Address:** 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/>

I hope that you all are having a safe and enjoyable summer! My staff and I are all looking forward to what will be an amazing start to the 26-27 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 2026.

Have a great day and as always, GO HAWKS!

Scott Kennow

Indian Trail High School and Academy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Monday, August 10: Counselors return from summer break**
- **Tuesday, August 11**
 - Picture Day #1: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Indian Trail Commons)
 - **Picture Days/Activity Fair:** Our Commons will be open on August 11 (8am-3pm) and August 12 (10:30am-6pm) for school pictures. These days are for ALL incoming and returning students here at Indian Trail. *New this year: Seniors will also take their senior yearbook photos - graduation gown will be provided for the photo.* Note: Students can sign up for various activities when they walk

through the commons. Many clubs/activities will be present. Class shirts will be available for purchase (\$10).

- **Wednesday, August 12**

- Picture Day #2: 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Indian Trail Commons)--see update above
- **FRESHMAN STUDENT & FAMILY INFO SESSION--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.

- **Tuesday, August 18: Student Schedules Released!**

- Student schedules will be accessible through Infinite Campus starting on August 18. 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.

- **Friday, August 21: Freshman Only Orientation (Getting ready for school and learning your schedule)**

- *(This is not the same as the Freshman & Family Info Session held on 8/12)*
This focuses more on activities designed to build relationships within the 9th grade class and learning the schedule with less emphasis on operations. We recommend attending both events in August if possible.
- Schedule for this event is as follows:
 - Freshmen Meeting begins at 2:30 p.m. in Indian Trail Fieldhouse
 - Freshmen Tailgate Party in the lower PIT (outside next to the school in front) begins at 4:30 p.m. Those attending receive a free ticket to the football game.
 - Varsity Football vs. Westosha Central--6 p.m.

- **Tuesday, September 1: 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.

- **Tuesday, September 8: Homecoming Eligibility Monitoring Begins**

- For students to be eligible to purchase tickets for the Homecoming Dance, they may not have any suspensions due to behavior, unserved detentions, or attendance issues (truancies/unexcused absences). More specifics on this will be

on the permission slip which will be available online. Tickets will be on sale starting September 22 (must have permission slip on file).

- **Wednesday, September 9:**
 - Picture Retake Day: Wednesday, September 9 during school hours (8am - 2:30pm).
- **September 28 - October 3:** HOMECOMING! A week of celebration!
 - **Thurs., Oct 1** Pep Assembly-9 a.m.
 - **Friday, Oct. 2** No school-Professional Learning Day for Staff
Homecoming Parade-4:30 p.m. (approximately)
Football Game-6 pm vs. Milwaukee Rufus King
- **October 3:** Homecoming Dance (Students will be able to obtain permission slips in September that will contain more information regarding rules, cost, and more.)

OTHER QUICK NOTES:

- **Student Parking:** If your student is driving to school, they are required to park in the student parking lot with their parking pass visibly hanging from the rear view mirror. Students are NOT permitted to park in any other location. Vehicles may be ticketed if they are parked in an unauthorized area, or do not display a valid 2026-2027 parking pass. To purchase your pass, first register your vehicle here: [2026-2027 Student Parking Pass Form](#). Then pay the \$50 annual fee either online via Infinite Campus, or in person with cash or check only. Students can pick up their parking pass in the main office during lunch or before/after school.
 - Parking on site without a parking permit displayed/visible may result in citations issued by the Kenosha Police Department. We had hoped to get our parking lot repaved this summer, but budget cuts prevented this. However, our hope is that patches are done with cleaning and repainting of the stripes. Please be sure to talk to your student about defensive driving and being patient with many new drivers in one area.
- **Parent Drop Off:** If you plan on dropping your student off at school, please use the parent drop off lane. The student lot is used for **student parking only** and we want to minimize unnecessary traffic in that lot. **The BUS LANE is for bus transportation ONLY**, so other vehicles are not permitted to use that lane and it is marked accordingly. Again, please be patient with other drivers and always watch for students who are being dropped off from other vehicles; this is always a big challenge for parents who are new to Indian Trail. It is a significant challenge the first week or two of the school year and will get better as time goes. Our doors open at 6:30 a.m., so we highly encourage

families to drop off before 7 a.m. when possible to avoid the rush during the 10 minutes prior to the start of the school day which can make students late, especially with our weapons detection system (more information on this below). **To avoid being marked tardy or truant, students are expected to be in their classrooms at 7:20 a.m.**

- **Weapons Detection System**—All KUSD high schools received weapons detection systems that were installed this last spring. Students who were in high school this last year are already familiar with these and did a wonderful job navigating through them this past year. For those students who are new to high school this year or new to KUSD, there is important information to help you avoid any delays in coming through the main entrance of the school each morning. If this is new information for you, please be sure to visit the following website for detailed information regarding our morning safety measures including a video specific to Indian Trail High School:
<https://www.kusd.edu/district/departments/school-leadership/weapons-detection-systems-at-kusd-high-schools/>