

Irons' Parent Newsletter

February 2018

New Addition/Construction

The CISD School Board approved funding for the addition of ten classrooms to Irons Junior High at the last board meeting. Construction will begin in approximately two weeks. There has not been a firm date for beginning but we are anticipating the week of February 20th. Hopefully, if everything goes as planned, completion should be close to Winter Break of 2018. Construction should not impact traffic or bus routing times and it will have minimal disruption to the learning environment. The teachers that will be impacted by the construction are in the process of moving to their own classrooms without having to share classrooms with other teachers.

Drill Team Tryouts

Mandatory Tryout Meeting: Tuesday, 3/27 (6:00-7:00 pm)

Tryout Clinic: 4/16-18 -Officers (4:00-5:00 pm) Team (5:00-7:00 pm)

Tryouts: 4/19 -Officers (4:00) Team (5:00)

New Team Meeting: 4/26 (6:00-7:00 pm)

Cheerleader Tryouts

2018-2019 IJH Cheerleading Tryouts

Mandatory Pre-Tryout Parent Meeting: February 21, 2018 at 6:00pm - Irons Cafeteria

Tryout Applications Due: February 26th by 4:00pm - Front Office of ***Irons***

Mandatory Tryout Clinic: March 5th, 6th, 7th from 5:00pm-6:30pm - Irons Girls Gym

Mandatory Tryouts: March 8th beginning at 5:00pm - Irons Gyms

For the 2018-2019 Cheer Squads:

New Team Meeting: March 27, 2018 at 5:30pm - Irons LGI

*Parents and cheerleader/mascot must attend!

Vendor Night: April 10, 2018 at 5:30pm - Irons Girls Gym

*Parents and cheerleader/mascot must attend!

Summer Practice:

July 25th, 26th, 27th from 10:00am-12:00pm - Irons Girls Gym

Summer Social:

Saturday, July 28th from 11:00am-1:00pm

Cheer Camp:

July 30th, August 1st & 2nd - Irons / Times TBA

Important Upcoming Dates

February 19th Holiday

March 12th Spring Break begins

March 30th Holiday

April 10th STAAR 7th Writing

April 10th STAAR 8th Math

April 11th STAAR 8th Reading

May 9th Algebra 1 EOC

May 14th STAAR 7th Math/8th Math Retest

May 15th STAAR 7th Reading/8th Reading Retest

May 16th STAAR 8th Science

May 17th STAAR 8th Social Studies

May 28th Holiday

May 31st Early release at 12:50

May 25th- May 31st Final Exams; specific classes and days they will be tested will be posted soon.

Online Course Request Window for 2018-2019

The online course request window for 2018-2019 will be open from February 6th through February 16th. Parents/Guardians and students can request their courses for 2018-2019 at Parent Access Center or Student Access Center.

Please note:

- There is no save or submit button courses are saved automatically
- The full pc-version of Parent Access or Student Access is needed to select requests.

C.I.S.D. Program of Studies and Irons Campus Supplement

Please refer to the Irons website for the posting of the Conroe I.S.D. Secondary Program of Studies. This will provide information to answer almost any question students, parents, or guardians have about course selection for the 2018-2019 school year.

Required Immunizations for Incoming Seventh Graders of 2018-2019

If you are a parent or guardian of an incoming seventh grader of 2018- 2019, please be aware

Texas state law requires all students to have paperwork indicating receipt of the following immunizations before they can begin the first day of school: TDAP, MCV

Off Campus Physical Education Guidelines and Information for Parents/Guardians/Students Choosing the Course in 2018-2019

Information for students, parents, and guardians interested in Off-Campus Physical Education for 2018-2019 is below. Please note the important bulleted details before considering Off Campus Physical Education. Enrollment will open after Spring Break and must be completed by May 1st, 2018.

- The Texas Education Agency allows Off Campus Physical Education for participation in individual Olympic sports only. Team sports are not eligible for this program.
- Students are only allowed to participate at CISD approved facilities. Please note all organizations must renew each year. The vendor deadline to turn in their application is March 8th at 4:00 p.m.
- Off Campus Physical Education is a year-long commitment. One-semester versions of this program are not available. Students participating in Off Campus Physical Education are committed to both the fall and spring semesters consecutively. A student's class schedule is developed accordingly as students who are in off campus physical education do NOT have classes seventh period for both semesters.
- The Texas Education Agency does not allow students in this year-long program to participate in school UIL athletic programs (which have their own athletic class during the school day). Participants may and are encouraged to try-out for school club programs, such as track, golf, tennis, and soccer that meet before or after the school day. Off-campus physical education students who choose to participate in club sports after school would need to depart campus with their special dismissal time and then return to participate in the special activity after school.
- For students enrolled in the year-long Off Campus Physical Education program, a schedule can only be changed at mid-term. Choose your facility and instructor wisely from the outset. Make certain you are comfortable remaining with the instructor and facility throughout the entire school year.
- Any student choosing Category 1- Off Campus Physical Education must be picked up daily by a parent or guardian at 3:00 p.m. Make sure you have year-long afternoon pick up arrangements (parent or guardian) in place prior to choosing Off Campus Physical Education.
- Students are not allowed to leave campus and walk home unsupervised.
- Grades and attendance for a student in Off Campus Physical Education are submitted every three weeks by the approved facility. The grades are reflected on the student's report card and do count toward UIL eligibility.
- Vendors who do not submit their Grade Reports on the designated due dates will be dropped from the program. As a result, the student will be reassigned to a campus physical education class.
- The Texas Education Agency allows Category I (15+ hours per week) participants to leave campus one hour early prior to the end of the school day.
- Students in Category 2-Off Campus Physical Education do not leave school early and do not have a physical education class on campus.

· Students who fail to meet state guidelines for completion of hours or are not picked up at the proper time daily will be dropped from Off Campus Physical Education and placed in a regular campus physical education class.

Building Entry and Morning Drop Off Time - 8:15 a.m.

The building will open for students at 8:15 a.m. unless a student is in a specific school activity that begins prior to 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop your son/daughter off prior to this time.

Can my child ride another bus or have a friend ride their bus home with them?

Only under extreme, last minute emergencies will a student be approved to ride a different bus other than the one assigned to that student. Spending the night with a friend does not constitute an emergency. It is impossible to efficiently utilize our buses when taking into account each and every child's outside school activity needs. Transportation is a privilege provided for each child from home to school and school to home or daycare. If you will be out of town and know in advance, or if your child needs to go to another child's home after school for any reason, parents should work out transportation issues together ahead of time. A parent will be required to pick up these students. If permission is granted for your child to ride another bus and all of the students assigned to that bus ride and there is no room left for extra passengers, only those students assigned to that bus will be given transportation service. Even with permission for your child to ride another bus, you still may receive a call from the school requesting a parent to come and pick up a child due to the lack of seat availability. Permission will be granted only to the parent requesting a change in their child's transportation service. We cannot grant permission to the receiving parent for a change in another child's transportation service. Students must have a signed Transportation Emergency Request form signed by a campus administrator before the child will be allowed to ride the alternate bus to another student's home.

Cell Phones/electronic devices

Students are allowed to bring cell phones and other electronic devices to school as long as they are not on or seen once they enter the building at 8:15AM. Teachers and administrators met with all students the first day of school to reiterate cell phone and electronic device policies and procedures. These items are brought at the student's own risk. Please visit with your child about the importance of keeping electronic devices secure and to never leave them at places such as the lunch table, locker room bench, etc. Unfortunately, cell phones and electronic devices are high theft items and someone will take

them if left unattended.

There are times when teachers will be using cell phones as instructional tools. Your child's teacher will have their own policy when such use occurs. Please note that it is not mandatory that you purchase a cell phone, contrary to your child's wishes, for these instructional purposes. Your child's teacher will have an alternative solution if he or she does not have a cell phone.

Cupcakes, cookies, cake, etc.

Students cannot distribute these treats and other candies in the cafeteria or anywhere else within the school. The federal government (USDA) does not allow competitive foods during the school day.

Lunches

A parent can bring fast-food to the office for their child to eat, during their designated lunch period however; they cannot provide food for other children. There will be certain state testing days during the year when students will have to bring their own lunch or buy from the cafeteria. Deliveries from parents will not be allowed on state testing days. Also, students cannot have parties during meal serving times, nor can students have food delivered to them (i.e. Pizza Hut, Lenny's, etc.) during meal serving times.

Student Dress Code

School is a place of business, and dress code regulations will provide appropriate standards for the general appearance of students. The following outline shall serve as a guide for junior high school students. However, "appropriateness of dress and appearance" will be determined by and enforced by all faculty and staff. Administrators have the final decision regarding the appropriateness of dress.

*Pants for boys and girls must be worn at the waist and should never expose the underwear, whether by accident or intent. Any student that is sagging will be sent to the Assistant Principal's office and will get his/her pants zip-tied if the student does not have a belt.

*No holes or tears are allowed in jeans that may expose inappropriate body parts.

*Hats or head covering may only be worn on special occasions which will be announced to all students prior to the event.

*Piercings are to be in the ears only.

*Shorts, dresses, and skirts must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

*Spaghetti straps, small straps, racer back tank tops and halter tops are not allowed. The straps on any shirt can be no smaller than the width of two adult fingers. No cleavage should be seen.

*Leggings/Yoga Pants are allowed, but the shirt must be longer than your fingertips. NO EXCEPTIONS.

*Sheer shirts can only be worn if a school appropriate tank top is worn underneath.

*Sunglasses or shades are not to be worn on the students face or head while in the building.

*Students are not allowed to wear house shoes, slippers, or pajamas.

*Pants with words across the behind are not allowed.

*Dress code applies to all before/after school functions.

*Traditional paisley bandanas cannot be worn as headbands regardless of the color

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