

Irons Parent Newsletter

May 2018

School Supply Order Deadline

Irons Jr. High PTO would like to offer you the opportunity to order School Supplies for the 2018-2019 school year starting TODAY hassle free! Each school pack is \$90.00 with tax included.

The packs will be delivered to the school & students can pick them up during orientation, Friday, August 3rd, on the Stage. The website is open from May 8th-June 18th. After that you can still order but it will be shipped to your home and you might incur additional shipping charges.

Please click the following link: www.schooltoolbox.com

Enter IRONS and the school will pop up with the school pack.

Medication Pickup

Parents, please pick up any unused medication by 1pm on 5/31/18 (last day of school for students) or it will be destroyed.

Update Contact Information

Please make sure your information is updated with the registrar for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. This includes email address, phone number, and physical address. This information is vital in ensuring our communication with you. The district will send out an email this summer for you to update your information electronically. This eliminates the first day packet that your student is usually sent home with, and you only need to bring in proof of residency if you have moved over the summer. All other information will be available for update via that email in InfoSnap. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mrs. Charity Cornell at 936.709.8503 until June 8, or after July 22.

Early Release on 5/31/18 – 12:50 PM

Please note our campus will have early release at 12:50 PM on the last day of school, May 31st. The complete final exam schedule is available at our website.

Summer School Information Online

Summer school information is now online and available at the district website.

Orientation Date for 2018-19 School Year

Irons Junior High will be hosting its annual orientation for the upcoming 2018-19 school year on Friday, August 3rd.

7th grade orientation will be from 8:30-11:30

8th grade orientation will be from 1:00-4:00

This day is provided to welcome and help acclimate our students to junior high. This is a day to get your child's locker, get their schedule, request books and meet some of the teachers. Please note that our teachers are still on vacation. Those that help with orientation are volunteering their time and many of them may not be available. We will follow up with a Meet the Teacher Night at a later date in order for you to meet your child's teacher.

Required Immunizations for Incoming Seventh Graders

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 and MCV

If your child does not have their immunizations before orientation, they will not receive their 2018-19 class schedule.

Student Safety and Backpacks prohibited May 25th-May 31st

Keep in mind for student safety, backpacks and bags of any type are prohibited on the last four days of school, May 25th - May 31st. Students may enter with a small purse, phone, pen, review packet, and calculator if needed. Any backpack will be taken up at the entry doors and purses/bags may be checked. This information will be articulated over the P.A. often in advance so that all students are aware of the annual safety procedures.

Summer Office Hours

Our campus front desk will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the summer. We will be closed the week of July 3 through July 7.

KIDCHAT Anonymous Tipline 1-888-KIDCHAT

Our campus and district have an anonymous tipline that can be accessed 24 hours a day by contacting 11-888-KIDCHAT. Information can be communicated at this site regarding activity that is illegal or inappropriate occurring both in the community or on a school campus. Students play a key role in helping keep the school and community safe. Reports are followed up upon by school administrators and/or police. In some cases, informants may qualify for a monetary reward for information leading to felony arrests.

Vaping Awareness for Parents/Guardians

Nationally there has been a significant increase in "vaping" among teenagers. This terminology may also be known as e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are hand-held devices that heat liquid fused with nicotine or other liquids. Students across the country can, and are, vaping many different substances. Many of the devices used by teenagers to "vape" are not easily recognizable and appear as a normal writing pen or elongated USB thumb drive. In order to deceive parents/guardians, these devices which appear to be a regular USB thumb drive even light up when plugged into a USB receptacle. This also charges the battery

used to heat the liquids. Among the most popular is a device known as a “JUUL” which harbors the liquid substance at the end. Teenagers find these devices attractive to use because the vapor emitted is hard to detect and generally they do not feel as if they are as harmful as traditional cigarettes. A recent study that came out in February of 2018 has found that the vapor of these devices contains lead and other metals dangerous to all, not just the user. Be aware these devices on campus have the same school-based consequences as regular cigarettes.

Free Parent and Student Access Center

Parents and guardians have free access to Parent Access Center via www.conroeisd.net. This portal gives complete access to student grades, attendance, tardies, discipline, STAAR scores, and other information. This tool can also give parents/guardians the opportunity to set thresholds where you will be emailed scores of each assignment. Students also have the same access via Student Access Center.

Social Media Information All Parents/Guardians Need to Be Aware of To Help Ensure Children are Happy, Healthy, and Safe

The information below is very important if you are the parent or guardian of a child who has access to the internet via phone, your home, or at a friend’s house. Our goal is to help ensure all of our children are happy, healthy, and safe. The information below is being shared because social media pitfalls committed off campus are negatively overtaking the lives of our students, and much of what we do administratively each day on campus. We want to inform, help, and assist in preventing family stress as much as possible.

Overall, the vast majority of our students do a great job of using social media each and every day at home or at school. It is a great way for students to stay connected and most handle it maturely and appropriately. Some students have a more difficult time using this mode of communication in a correct and legal way.

No school has control over student social media accounts or the internet. We have no ability to delete the social media accounts of individual students including their Instagram, Snapchat, Vine, Twitter, or any other platform. We can enact school consequences if an inappropriate posting occurs on campus. Depending on the situation, criminal charges may and have been filed by the county. If you believe threatening online postings have occurred, the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department has jurisdiction.

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.

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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The Conroe Independent School District (District) is an equal opportunity educational provider and employer does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in educational programs or activities that it operates or in employment matters.

The District is required by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as Board policy not to discriminate in such a manner.

Conroe ISD is committed to providing access to all individuals, including those with disabilities, seeking information on our website. If you use

assistive technology (such as a screen reader, eye tracking device, voice recognition software, etc.) and are experiencing difficulty accessing information on this site, please contact the Director of Communications at:

3205 W. Davis

Conroe, Texas 77304

(936) 709-7752

Information about the complaints and grievances process can be found here: <http://www.conroeisd.net/department/legal/public-complaints/>

