

August 6, 2019

Hello IDEA Families,

We hope you are enjoying the summer. We are so excited to welcome your students back to school for the 19-20 school year! Below, please find information about the upcoming school year. Attached is a packing list for camp, directions for dropping your student off on August 21 for camp, a map of bus pickup options for the school year, and a list of recommended school supplies.

ALL SCHOOL RETREAT We would like to remind you that the All-School Retreat is Wednesday August 21st to Friday August 23rd at Black Lake Camp in Olympia. Please meet at FOSS HIGH SCHOOL (2112 South Tyler Street) on Wednesday, August 21st at 8:00am packed and ready to head to the overnight retreat. Please note that the retreat fee is due in full by August 16th. Please contact Colleen Vick our office manager at (253) 571-2555 with questions. School pictures will be taken at the retreat. Included is a map for drop-off and a packing list for camp.

FIRST DAY The first day of fall semester classes is Thursday, September 5th. Please note that our school day has changed slightly this year. Monday-Thursday school is from 8:00 AM – 3:20 PM and Fridays school is from 10:30 AM to 3:20 PM. The school building will be open for students 45 minutes before school each day.

CLASS SCHEDULES Your student’s schedule will be available in our online grading system ‘HAC’ (The Home Access Center) no later than Friday, August 30th. If there are any errors in your student’s schedule, their mentor will have schedule change request forms for them to fill out and it will be corrected on September 5th. Please direct any and all schedule change questions to your student’s mentor so they can submit any necessary changes to the office.

MENTOR GROUP Your student will be in a mentor group with students from 9th-12th grades. Your student’s mentor is your primary source of contact for anything regarding grades, help with school work, student-led conferences, etc. Mentor group meets on Friday mornings and will continue to meet periodically throughout the week. *This year students will also be able to use this time daily to check in with their other classroom teachers periodically.*

BELL SCHEDULE

Time	Mon-Thurs Schedule	Time	Friday Schedule
8:00-9:35	1 st Period or 5 th Period	10:30-12:30	Mentor-Project Group
9:45-11:20	2 nd Period or 6 th Period		
11:20-12:00	LUNCH	12:30-1:30	LUNCH
12:00-1:35	3 rd Period or 7 th Period	1:30-3:30	A&A
1:45-3:20	4 th Period or 8 th Period		

LUNCH OPTIONS There will be box lunches provided in the 2019-20 school year available for purchase or to families who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Boxed breakfast will also be available in the mornings before school.

TRANSPORTATION Students will be given an ORCA card to ride public transportation at the all-school retreat in August. There are 2 bus lines that come to IDEA

- 45 – This bus comes once an hour and drops students off at 64th and Yakima, 2 blocks from the school. It will drop students off in the morning at approximately 7:26.
- 1 – This bus comes every 20 minutes and drops students off at 64th and Pacific, 6 blocks from the school.
- In addition, there will be pickups on yellow school busses at 3 locations from around Tacoma.
 - Tacoma Mall Transit Center
 - Skyline Elementary (West Tacoma)
 - 10th and Commerce (Downtown)

- Students coming from NE Tacoma will be able to take the SAMI/SOTA bus from Browns Point Elementary to the 10th and Commerce Drop-off where they can transfer to the IDEA bus.
- In addition, this year IDEA will have a shuttle bus during the day to transport students to and from SAMI or SOTA during lunch and in some cases to satellite class locations through some of our community partners such as the LeMay Auto Museum, Metro Parks Facilities and sites at SOTA or SAMI. Please check your students schedule for class locations if you have any questions.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Please provide the following supplies for your use this school year.

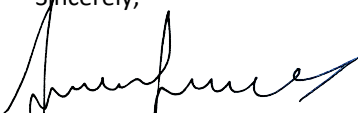
- 4-6 composition or spiral notebooks
- 3-ring notebook
- Notebook paper
- Graphing Paper
- Pens (red & black)
- Pencils
- Scientific or Graphing Calculator (or a smartphone or tablet with a graphing calculator app)
- Protective sheet covers (for best works portfolio)
- USB Jump Drive (16 GB or larger preferred)
- A backpack – We will not have lockers.

A&A Academics and Application is a Friday afternoon class that allows students to go in depth into one area of study that interests them throughout the year. Students will be given a full list of A&A classes and class descriptions during the first Friday mentor group of the school year and will enroll then. Examples of classes include bike club, animation, drone photography, podcasting, structural engineering, etc.

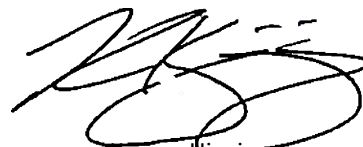
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT We invite you to our 2019-20 Back to School Night on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 PM at IDEA. Get a chance to meet some of your student’s teachers and your mentor.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions at (253) 571-2555. Our main office will be open from 7:30 to 4:30 during the school year. The location is on the main floor just to the right of the rear entrance to the building.

Sincerely,



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