

August 9, 2022

Dear Junior-Senior High Parents:

We would like to begin by welcoming everyone back for another great year at Ithaca Junior-Senior High School. We hope everyone is staying safe, finding some time to spend with family, and excited about what the future holds for your son and daughter this upcoming school year.

Ithaca will begin classes on Monday, August 29, with full days through Thursday, September 1. There will be no school on Friday, September 2 or Monday, September 5.

Enclosed with this letter is your child's class schedule. Class schedule changes need to be made before school starts. The counseling office will be available Wednesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to assist with any class schedule changes. Mrs. Skeith will take students in the order they arrive.

The media center will be open Monday, August 15 through Thursday, August 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for students to check out their textbooks (fall trimester only). Students will also have an opportunity to check out textbooks at the fall open house. We are strongly encouraging all students to check out their textbooks at this time since we will not be using class time for this purpose. \*\*\*All outstanding balances must be paid in order to check out textbooks.

### **Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents**

The Fall Open House for grades 7 and 8 will be held on Thursday, August 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for parents and students. This will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria with a welcome and introduction for parents and students. After the welcome and introduction, you will have time to find your classrooms, meet your teachers, work on your locker combinations, and check out your textbooks in the Media Center. We strongly recommend that you attend this event.

### **Seventh Grade Parents and New Families**

If you would like to bring your child in to walk around the school, find your locker, and look for your classrooms, feel free to come in Tuesday, August 16 and Thursday, August 18 between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Grades 9-12 Parents**

We would like to invite you and your student(s) to attend the High School Fall Open House on Thursday, August 25. The open house will start at 6:30 p.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. The high school open house will be using an open format (no formal opening). The teachers will be in their rooms and you will be free to stop in and meet with whoever you would like. This gives you the flexibility to meet with your child's teachers from the fall, winter, and spring trimesters. Please feel free to pick and choose what you would like to do at the open house. Some parents will want to meet with all of their child's teachers while others may only want to meet with a few. Others will want to check out their locker and pick up their textbooks.

**Testing Out Date for High School Students:** Wednesday, August 24, 9:00 a.m. H.S. cafeteria.

### **Chromebooks**

Enclosed you will find information from Mr. Hartman on our one-to-one initiative. Please read through this carefully.

### **School Supplies**

Please have your child bring the following school supplies with them when school resumes: planner, pencils/pens, and paper (5 subject notebooks with pockets are popular). This fall hand sanitizer and disinfectant items will be available to the students. We understand the importance of this, and we willingly accept any help you can provide in this department.

### **Dress Code**

As you begin your back to school shopping please keep in mind that many of the popular clothing items for sale are not appropriate for school. School should be viewed as a workplace, requiring modesty and good taste in dress. I am a big believer in using common sense when it comes to dress code issues. For example, if you can't bend over or sit down without exposing yourself, that particular top or bottom is not appropriate for school. When standing, shorts and skirts must extend down to 6 inches or less above the top of the knee cap. Tops with plunging necklines, spaghetti- straps, or excessively loose arm cut-outs are not permitted. For further guidance, please refer to the student handbook.

### **Electronic Distribution**

The 2022-2023 student handbook will be distributed electronically to students and parents via email. The handbook can also be accessed from the district website.

### **Emergency Forms**

Enclosed with the letter is the emergency form(s) that all students/parents have to submit every year and return to the office. If no changes are necessary from the previous year then just sign, date, and return.

### **National School Lunch Program**

Mr. Bongard has included information on the National School Lunch Program. Please take the time to complete the application form provided with this letter. You only need to complete one application per household.

The high school office will be open starting August 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We are looking forward to the start of another great school year. Enjoy the rest of your summer! And Go Blue!

Sincerely,

Jim Thompson  
Junior/Senior High Principal

Terry Hessbrook  
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

## 22-23 Jr/Sr High School Chromebook Information

Dear parent/guardian,

Ithaca Public Schools is moving into its second year of its 1:1 (one to one) initiative where every 7-12 grade student will be assigned a chromebook. This device is a required part of Ithaca's curriculum and will help students have access to a resource in the classroom, adding additional opportunities that were not available before.

This year, 8-12 grade students will be getting their Chromebook from last year during their 1st hour class on the first day of school. 7th grade students will also be receiving a chromebook checked out to them in their 1st hour class and information about the Chromebook 1:1 will be shared at the Open House during the 7th grade meeting. The tech department will also be available in the HS Media Center during the Open House to answer any questions. We are working to have all paperwork and payments for device protection online this year and printed forms as well as in person payments will be made available in the office.

**All of the information for our 1:1 and updates will be shared out to you and updated on our website at [ithacaschools.net/technology](http://ithacaschools.net/technology).**

### **Online Form**

When filling out the form online or on paper, you will be required to answer a few questions. Please find information about these below:

### **Take Home**

While we strongly encourage students to take the device home with them, parents can opt to have their child leave the device at school. **The student will need to check the device out in the Media Center and back in every day.** This choice is not a hybrid; parents and students will need to choose one or the other.

### **Device Protection**

The district will be offering a device protection plan for K-12 students similar to last year. Parents will need to either **opt in** or **opt out** of the protection plan, even if the device is remaining at school. This is because the student is the sole user of the device and is responsible for it every day.

### **Acceptable Use Policy**

The technology Handbook and acceptable use policies will be linked in the digital form and will also be available online at [ithacaschools.net/technology](http://ithacaschools.net/technology). If you don't have access to the online resources, forms and related materials will be made available in the office. Signature of this section is your acceptance of the policy. Technology and related accounts will not be granted without acceptance of this policy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this,  
Ithaca Technology Department



**The Ithaca Jr.-Sr. High School 2022-23 School year  
begins on Monday, August 29, 2022 @ 8:05 AM**

**Mrs. Skeith, Counselor, is available for schedule changes on:**

Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Schedule changes need to be made before school starts.

**Media Center open to check out textbooks:**

Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

From

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

(Text books can also pickup at the Open House.)

**Open House**

Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Grade 7 & 8 - Please meet in cafeteria at 6:30 PM.

Grades 9-12 (No formal opening.)

**Testing Out Exam**

Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM in High School Cafeteria

**Chromebook Checkout**

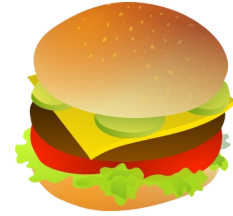
7-12 grade students - 1st hour class on the 1st day of school.

(Paperwork and payments for device protection will be online this year and printed forms as well as in-person payments will be available in the office.)



## FOOD SERVICE CHANGE

2022-23 School Year



Due to the recent changes in the Food Service, the USDA is no longer allowing all students to eat free of charge this year.

***We will be going back to the free, reduced-price and full pay program.***

Ithaca Public Schools and the Ithaca Food Service are asking all parents to fill out and return the enclosed 2022-23 Household Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, for your child's breakfast and lunch.

This application also helps benefit other programs in the Ithaca Public School system.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Mr. Rick Bongard, Director of Dining Services - Chartwells  
(989) 875-8013

Thank you!