



Irvington Community School

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Dear ICS families,

Welcome to a new year at Irvington Community School! We are very excited about everything this year has in store for us and are looking forward to the opportunity to provide a world-class education to every student that passes through our doors.

Our first day back to school for the 2008-2009 school year will be Monday, July 28th. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m., at which time students should report to their homerooms. (Seventh and eighth grade students will be provided with their full schedules upon arrival to homeroom.) Before-school care will be available beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the gym, with no charge after 7:30 a.m. Monday will be a half day of school with kindergarten through 4th grade dismissing at 11:30 a.m. and 5th through 8th grades dismissing at noon. (If you have children in both of these age groups, please plan to pick them up at noon.) Please see the enclosed two-sided page with drop-off and pick-up instructions. After-care will be provided until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28th **free of charge**.

Parents are asked to attend mandatory teacher-led grade level meetings (times listed below) on Monday. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers, learn about the classroom routines and expectations, and ask questions. For your convenience, each grade level will offer two meeting times so that you can attend the one that best fits your schedule. Individual parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for families who are new to ICS as well as any other parent who would like to request a conference. In addition, please plan to stop by the gym to fill out some very important paperwork and find out about the many opportunities for involvement at ICS.

Meeting times:

Kindergarten: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

First grade: 12:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Second grade: 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Third grade: 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Fourth grade: 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Fifth grade: 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Sixth grade: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Seventh & Eighth grade: 12:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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While visiting the gym, you will also be asked to fill out the following forms:

- Permission/authorizations form for student pickup, walking home permission, field trip permission, and photo/video release
- Consent to treat form for Learning Well Clinic
- Free/Reduced Lunch application

What to bring to the gym:

- Completed emergency medical form (enclosed)
- Signed textbook/locker rental agreement form (enclosed)
- Your child's social security number (this will be needed for certain forms)
- Up-to-date copy of child's immunization records** (for all kindergarteners and students new to ICS, as well as any returning students who have had additional immunizations since the start of the 2007-2008 school year)

Changes have been made in immunization requirements for the 2008-2009 school-year that will affect all grade levels. Parents and guardians will need to check this critical information to ensure that their children are adequately immunized for the start of school. **Please note: Children will not be allowed to attend school without the proper immunization records.

Among the changes, students are now required to have at least one chickenpox vaccine (or documentation of once having the actual disease), the series of three hepatitis B vaccines, and a second mumps vaccine. The ICS school nurse must have the updated documentation of these, and all required immunizations, on the first day of school. Full details about the changes in immunization requirements can be found on our website (www.ics-charter.org) in the "News & Press Releases" section. We appreciate your cooperation!

When you visit the gym, there will also be information available on PTSA, scouts, carpooling, Wellness Committee, and a variety of other happenings at ICS. Don't forget, after-care is **free of charge** until 6:00 p.m. on Monday only!

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please call the main office at (317) 357-5359.

Sincerely,

Deanna Pryor
Lead Teacher