# It's official!

As you may have heard, Boone County's Board of Education approved the partnership of our school and the Ignite Institute on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Kenton County's Board of Education approved the partnership on February 25<sup>th</sup>. It's official, the Academies are merging with the Ignite Institute next year!

Now that the partnership is official, we are going to keep you up to date on the latest developments regarding the Ignite Institute. As always, please feel free to email or call us with any other questions you may have. We are here for you and your scholars.



# Scheduling

It's that time of year! Schedules are being made at home schools and scholars at the Ignite Institute are no different. Here is how we plan to roll out our schedules:

**<u>Returning scholars</u>**: We will be discussing schedules during the Academy classes on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Scholars will bring home a sheet on this day for families to review.



<u>Next year's 9<sup>th</sup> graders</u>: Our counselor, Ms. Knochelmann, will review schedules during the school day with this year's accepted 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students will bring information home with them on the following dates...

Turkey Foot and Woodland: Monday, March 4th Twenhofel and Summit View Academy: Wednesday, March 6th

<u>Scholars new to the district next year:</u> We will be contacting you by email to give you a schedule for next year.

<u>Seniors</u>: Seniors will be creating specialized schedules with Mrs. Dempsey and/or Mr. Bryson over the next couple of weeks.

## **College Classes**

After school college is moving to during the school day! Because of our new, flexible schedule, college classes will now be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during school. We will be speaking to next year's sophomores and juniors about taking these courses when we review schedules on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are not currently in the Kenton County School district, please visit our website for the enrollment forms.



# Calendar

Here it is... the moment you've all been waiting for! Since the Ignite Institute building is in Boone County, we will be operating under their schedule for next year. Not to worry though, we have the same Christmas and Spring Break next year, and are devising a plan as we speak for the few other days that don't match up. Likewise, we are devising a plan for the snow days...

This means that we will begin school one week earlier than Kenton County Schools and will end one week earlier.

First Day of School for Scholars: August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Last Day of School for Scholars (excluding snow days): May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Transportation**

How many ways are there to get to the Ignite Institute?

1. Bus

Busses will run from your home high school in the morning to the Ignite Institute. Likewise, busses will bring you back to your home high school in time to catch a bus home or to participate in after school activities.



2. Drive

Scholars with a valid driver's license are allowed to drive to and from the Ignite Institute. Please note that you must purchase a parking pass to park in the Ignite Institute lot.

#### 3. Ride

Scholars are able to be dropped off and picked up by parents at the Ignite Institute.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

The first five days of school (August 14-21), busses will be running from the home high schools to the Ignite Institute, and back in the afternoons. Please note that bus routes to and from scholar's homes will not be available. For the first five days only, please make plans to drop your scholar off and pick them up at their home schools. Of course, you are also able to bring your scholar directly to the Ignite Institute and pick them up at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your cooperation. If you are absolutely not able to work out transportation for your scholar during these days, please contact Julie Whitis at Julie.whitis@kenton.kyschools.us.

\*We will send specific bus times and locations at a later date.

### Band

We are currently working on a solution for scholars wishing to remain in band and attend the Ignite Institute. While we are not able to provide detailed information at this time, we realize this is very important to some of our scholars. We will send an update as soon as we are able.



### Tours



Many parents and scholars have asked about taking a tour of the Ignite Institute. Unfortunately, the building will not be ready for tours until July due to construction on our building. Please feel free to visit the Academies in the meantime. While it will not be exactly the same, we are taking all of our learning community with us. We would love to meet new scholars and show them some things that will stay the same.

### **Questions?**

It's time for another parent/guardian and scholar night! If you still have questions about a schedule or other Ignite topic, please come visit us at our next parent night.

Turkey Foot Middle School Gym March 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm



## WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!

Our next issue of the *Ignite Institute Insider* will be given via email. Please be sure we have a correct email address so you will receive the latest Ignite Institute updates. This issue will also be sent via email, so if you do not receive it on February 28<sup>th</sup>, we do not have a correct email address for you.



### **Contact Us**

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