

Ignite Institute Insider

August 3, 2022



Welcome back returning scholars, and welcome to our new scholars and families!

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! Ignite Institute follows the calendar for Boone County Schools, so the first day of school is Thursday, August 18. Staff will be on hand to make sure scholars can get from class to class. Classes start at 8:00am, meaning all scholars must be in their classes BY 8:00am for attendance. If your scholar is driven to school, please plan to arrive early to avoid traffic or delays.

Attendance

If your scholar will miss school for any reason, we must receive a parent or doctor note to excuse the absence. You may email the note to Heatherm.Johnson@boone.kyschools.us, or send it in with your scholar. Please be aware of the attendance policy at your scholar's home high school. Official attendance records are kept there and are based on policies of that school. Thank you!

Ignite Sprit Wear

If you'd like to order Ignite Spirit Wear for your scholar or yourself, click on the link below. The order deadline is September 4, and it will be delivered to Ignite by the end of September. There should be another time to order before Winter break.

<https://ignitesummer2022.itemorder.com>

New Scholar Orientation

Orientation for new Ignite Scholars and parents is August 11. This will be a time for a tour, to speak with your scholar's teachers, as questions, etc.

Scholars in Biomed, Allied Health and Education 5:00 – 5:50 pm

Scholars in Engineering, Design, and Computer Science 6:00 – 6:50pm.

Schedules, Supplies, and Devices

Schedules- Our Infinite Campus system is being integrated, which has hindered our scheduling process. We anticipate schedules being available to you the week before school starts, and we'll keep you posted.

Supplies- If your scholar is required to have specific school supplies at Ignite, their teachers will let them know the first few days of school.

Devices- Ignite requires all scholars have their own laptop/device during the school day. If any scholar is not able to bring one to school to use, they will be able to check out a school owned chrome book to use for the year. There will be a fee at the end of the school year for any device and charger not turned back into school.

Device recommendations are listed by college on our website. Click on this [link](#) and scroll down to page 17.

Lunches/School forms

Below are the links to applications for **Free and Reduced lunch**. Lunches are not free this year for all scholars, just those who qualify. Any item not included in the normal lunch are an extra charge.

- Boone County scholars' link for the application- <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>
- Kenton County scholars' link for the application- <https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/kenc01>
- Scholars from Walton Verona, Bellevue, Dayton and Holmes high schools- please check with your home high school for a free and reduced lunch form.

Since Ignite follows Boone County policies, lunch accounts must be set up through www.myschoolbucks.com, if you haven't already done so.

Kenton County Schools have transitioned this year to using this program as well. Any previous balances should already be transferred over for current accounts. Feel free to email Paula.Hauck@kenton.kyschools.us with any questions.

All other beginning of the school year forms will be sent out electronically the first week of school. Stay tuned!

Dual Credit On-Boarding Meeting

There is a Dual Credit On-Boarding meeting for all new scholars (and their parents) who are taking a Dual Credit course on August 10, from 10am – 12pm at Ignite, upstairs in the Dual Credit space.

Gateway's online classes begin on August 15 but Ignite doesn't begin until August 18. If scholars are scheduled to take any of the fall classes below, they need to be sure to log in to their class(es) via their Gateway Blackboard account. If they are unsure how to login to Blackboard, they will go over this in the Dual Credit On-Boarding meeting on August 10, so please be sure to attend!

Online classes:

ART 100 (mostly seniors)

ENG 101 (mostly seniors)

HIS 101 (mostly sophomores)

HIS 108 (mostly juniors)

Please email lori.knapp-lindsay@boone.kyschools.us for any questions.

Senior Internship Meeting

Ignite senior scholars and parents! You are invited to attend an informational meeting about the 2022-2023 ACADEMIC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:00-8:00 PM

IGNITE INSTITUTE AT ROEBLING INNOVATION CENTER
37 ATLANTIC AVENUE
ERLANGER, KY 41018

**PLEASE RSVP TO MR. BRYSON- chris.bryson@boone.kyschools.us
By Monday, August 8, 2022.**

**** Senior scholars in Education and Logistics need not attend.**

Professional Habits

From the Desk of the Assistant Principal

Welcome to a new school year. We are looking forward to another great year at Ignite! Please let me introduce myself. My name is Don Black. I am the new Assistant Principal at Ignite, and will be working with our current Assistant Principal, Brian Noll. Over the last three years I have served as the Instructional Coach at Ignite. I have over sixteen years in Education as well as over 20 years in the private sector. I am looking forward to working with the scholars and staff at Ignite this year.

When you decided to attend Ignite, you made the choice to go to a school that values professional habits and skills that go beyond our basic core curriculum. One of the key success factors in a professional environment is being punctual and prepared. Developing good habits out of the pandemic has been difficult on all of us. Punctuality, turning assignments in on time, and being present will be emphasized this year. This year we will be focusing on systems that promote punctuality and preparedness. To that note, one item that has to be addressed at the start of the school year is being on time for the school day. Our school day starts at 8:00 AM, and students should be in their classroom prior to that time. If a Scholar who does not ride the bus, needs breakfast they should arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to the start of school. There are multiple routes to get to Ignite, students are expected to be on time and in the classroom regardless of traffic issues.

Students who do not take the school buses to school, that arrive after 8:00 AM will receive progressive discipline that may include the following:

- Conferencing
- Letter and phone call home
- Lunch detention
- After school detention
- Loss of parking privileges
- Parent teacher conference

It is also important to note excessive absences, including tardiness, can affect your child's ability to get and retain their drivers permit. This is state law and there is nothing the school district can do to alter these rules. This year this affected 45 students.

Please make sure your scholar arrives on time, so we can make every educational moment count.

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Ignite PTSO

We have an awesome group of parents who have organized a Parent, Teacher, Student, Organization for Ignite!

The PTSO was created to assist Ignite teachers, staff and scholars in things like:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Senior events
- YLP's
- Ignite Clubs
- Field Trips
- Fundraisers
- Other school events

They are looking for parents who are interested in helping out, and who are interested in being on the PTSO board. There are lots of ways to be involved! Please email igniteptso@gmail.com if you are interested.

If you do not have a current background check on file in your scholar's district, please check with their home high school to get one filled out. You must have one on file to go on field trips, and work directly with the scholars.

Check out the PTSO [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) page.

Ignite is now part of the Kroger Rewards Program! If you have a Kroger account, please log onto it and choose Ignite Institute or BN907 for your community rewards.

Our PTSO is still a new organization and can use all the help they can get. Thank You!

<https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards/>

Scheduled Ignite Activities

We have lots of events scheduled this year! We will keep you updated as dates get closer.

- August 26 Freshman Mixer 2:00-5:30pm
 - September 23 Picture Day for 9th-12th grade
 - September 23 Senior Field Trip Engineering, Design, Education
 - September 26-30 Oktoberfest
 - September 30 Senior Field Trip Allied Health, Biomed, Comp Science
 - September 30 Chess Tournament/Game Night 2:00-5:30pm
 - October 14 Video Game/Board Game Night 2:00-5:30pm
 - October 24- 28 Halloween Activities
 - October 27 Fright Nite
 - November 7- 11 Spirit Week
 - November 11 Tux and Drape formal senior pictures
 - November 18 Semiformal Dance
 - December 12-16 Winterfest Spirit Week
 - December 16 Winter Fest
 - January 20 Chess Tournament/Game Night 2:00-5:30pm
 - February 6-10 Superbowl Spirit Week
 - February 10 Chess Tournament/Game Night 2:00-5:30pm
 - March 13-17 March Madness
 - Formal Dance March 25
 - April 21 Chess Tournament 2:00-5:30pm
 - April 28 Video Game Night 2:00-5:30pm
 - May 6 Maker Expo
 - May 15 Senior Awards
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- World Series – Whiffle Ball Tournament Week and Bengals Playoffs- TBA

** Dates and times subject to change

Celebrating Scholars

Congratulations to junior Ignite scholar Joud Dahleh! She recently was appointed the second student to be on the Kentucky Board of Education as a non-voting member and was also appointed to the Commissioners Student Advisory Council! We are proud of you Joud!

Nancy Kirk took third place at the Future Problem-Solving International Competition in Massachusetts this summer! She competed in the individual category and her topic was Antibiotic Resistance. Great job Nancy!

A shout out also goes to sophomore Ignite scholar Addie Clark. Her rowing team took home the silver medal in the US Rowing Youth National Championships women U17 this summer! Addie started rowing last fall as a novice. Way to go Addie!

New Staff

We want to welcome new staff members to Ignite!

Teachers

- Camelle Gittner- Special Education
- Lisa Hartke- Special Education
- Jenny Sweeney- Special Education
- Katie Seiter- Biology (Education)
- Katie Moss- English (Biomedical Sciences)
- Eddie Reeb- Social Studies (Education)
- Dan Skidmore- Spanish- (Education)
- Josh Stephenson- Social Studies (Allied Health)

Administration

- Don Black- Co-Assistant Principal (was Instructional Coach)
- Chris Browning- Counselor (Computer Science, Design, and Engineering, Logistics)
- Holly Jones- Counselor (BioMed, Allied Health and Education)
- Michelle Schuster- Instructional Coach

ACT

The ACT test is given on several Saturdays throughout the year. You can sign up for these through act.org. They are given at most of the local high schools in the area and are for students in any grade. You can test at whichever site you choose.

The next upcoming tests are:

September 10, 2022 (registration deadline of August 5, 2022)

October 22, 2022 (registration deadline of September 16, 2022)

December 10, 2022 (registration deadline of November 4, 2022)

To sign up for the tests or find answers to any questions, please visit act.org.

Vouchers are available for those who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Please see the front office at Ignite if you qualify.

Miscellaneous

- Scholars are not permitted to bring outside food in (other than bringing their lunch to school, or a classroom lunch activity, which is led by their teacher). If they have to eat lunch outside of the normal lunchtime, they are permitted to eat in the office.
- Please make yourself aware of activities going on at your scholar's home high school. We have scholars from a dozen different home high schools, which makes it very hard to know what's going on at each. We will be happy to pass along any information we receive from the home high schools.
- If your scholar is getting their drivers permit, a "No Pass No Drive" form needs to be filled out. You can get those from your scholar's home high school.

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