



DECEMBER



Ignite Seniors

SENIORS and parents,

Please see the below information about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). When you go to fill out the FAFSA, **BE SURE** to go to fafsa.gov NOT fafsa.com. [Fafsa.com](https://fafsa.com) is not a free site!

We will be having a “Fill in the FAFSA” night here at Ignite on Tuesday, January 9th at 7pm. Our outreach counselor from KHEAA will be coming to help anyone who doesn’t feel comfortable filling out the FAFSA themselves.

Federal Student Aid has announced that the 2024–25 FAFSA will be open by December 31.

24-25 FAFSA Walkthrough

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7aTwV7gyvl8&feature=youtu.be>

HOW TO CREATE AN FSA ID (senior and at least 1 parent must get an FSA ID)

How to Create an FSA ID on Vimeo

Do this as soon as possible due to the possibility of it taking up to 2 weeks to receive your FSA IDs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Davis at mike.davis@boone.kyschools.us or you can call Ignite at 859-817-3570.

Winter Break

Boone County school district's winter break is Wednesday, December 20-Tuesday, January 2. Kenton County and Covington Independent School Districts follow a slightly different schedule, and are off Monday, December 18-Tuesday, January 2.

Ignite follows the Boone County Schools calendar, and Ignite scholars are expected to be at school December 18th and 19th.

There will be bus transportation on the 18th and 19th from the Kenton and Covington home high schools to Ignite, and back in the afternoon.

Scholars will have to provide their own transportation to their home high schools on those days.

Walton Verona scholars have the same schedule for winter break as Boone County.

Techolympics

Check out this amazing opportunity for scholars who have an interest in Tech, Math or STEM!

TechOlympics is the nation's largest student-run tech conference that gives students a space to:

***Network with Industry Professionals**

***Learn About Paid Internship Opportunities**

***Participate in Fun Workshops**

***Connect with Like Minded Students**

***And MUCH more!**

[REGISTER TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! \(https://techolympics.org/\)](https://techolympics.org/)

Sign up before January 1st to claim 25% off registration!

TechOlympics 2024: Empower is Cincinnati's premier technology competition and expo. Here, you'll be able to spend two days competing with other schools in challenges ranging from programming to design, to networking, with fun events happening throughout the weekend as well. You'll be able to get hands-on assistance with creating a professional resume and learning how to conduct yourself during a formal job interview. You'll have direct access to Cincinnati's best employers, many of whom will be looking for summer interns and future co-ops.

February 2024
17 - 18



TECHOLYMPICS

2024 - EMPOWER

Shout outs

The Ignite Vex Robotics team, PiBotics VEX, was invited to walk in the Governor's Inaugural Parade in Frankfort, Ky. Ignite Institute's World Champion Robotics team had a great time representing Boone County!





Congratulations to Riley Bonhaus and Brooklyn Hurd on their lightning bolt project! They made this for the front lobby at Ignite and it looks amazing! Thank you!

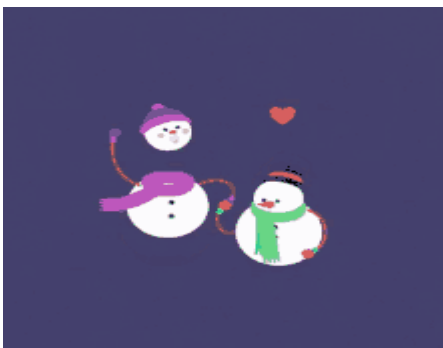


The following Ignite staff members were recognized with a BOLT of Recognition for being:

- I- Innovative**
- G- Giving**
- N- Noteworthy**
- I- Inspiring**
- T- Teamwork**
- E- Engaging**

Lisa Hartke
Tito Ibarando
Jessica Poe
Jim Mardis
Camille Gittner
Josh Stephenson
Josh Knox
Jeff Hartline
Brady Smiley
Mike Kerner
Debbie Jones
Elaine Dietz
Debra Hambrick
Kate Moss

Emily Himonidis
Leah Jefferson
Stephanie Younger
Sara Anderson
Chris Browning
Holly Jones
Eddie Reeb
Kim Dirksing
Mark Dirksing
Crystal High
Charlie Rolfson, SRO
Beth Koch
Violet Koutoulas
Adam Klaine



Way to go Team!!

Pictures for Kenton County Scholars

Strawbridge will be at Ignite on Tuesday, January 23 and Friday, January 26 to take pictures of all Kenton County Ignite scholars. If your Kenton County Scholar wants their picture in the home school's yearbook, they will need to have their picture taken at Ignite on either of these 2 days

Bottle Cap Project

The Environmental Club will be collecting bottle caps when we return from winter break until March 29th. This will be a competition between colleges with the prize of a GREEN THUMB TROPHY! The overall goal is 200 lbs of bottle caps! Each colleges' science teacher will have a tub in their classroom designed for their college where scholars can put the bottle caps. Please see the acceptable/nonacceptable bottlecap list below.



Just a Reminder...

Dual Credit Information

- Outstanding bills should be paid at this time. Bills have been sent to the students' KCTCS email accounts. Bills can also be accessed in the Student Services Portal via MyPath. Once in the account, finances are in the second box on the left. You can see detailed account information by changing the drop-down menu at the bottom of that section to account activity.
- Bills can be paid online, in person at our Boone or Edgewood campus or by contacting the Business Office at 859-442-4174. Please contact the Business Office with any billing or payment questions. Additional information is available on our website. <https://gateway.kctcs.edu/affording-college/financial-aid/payments.aspx>

- Grades for the fall semester will be posted by December 15, 2023. Grades can be accessed in the Student Services Portal. In the top section (academics), change the drop-down menu to grades and they will be available there.
- Enrollment for the spring semester has started! Your student may start to see notifications and bills as courses are added. This is a time-consuming process, so classes may not appear until early January.
- Payment for the spring semester is not due until April. You may see messages that payment is due before the start of the spring semester. That is not the case for dual credit students! Waivers will not be applied until January at the earliest. To avoid confusion with refunds and overpayment, we ask that you wait. You are welcome to make a partial payment.
- Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their Gateway courses to remain eligible for dual credit classes. If they do not meet that standard based on the fall semester, they will not be enrolled for the spring. If they have already been enrolled for the spring, they will be dropped from the class.
- If you haven't signed the Dual Credit Enrollment Agreement form for the 2023-2024 school year, please do so ASAP!
<https://gateway.kctcs.edu/dual-credit/dual-credit-enrollment-agreement.aspx>

Alumni Christmas Party

Calling all alumni scholars of the Ignite Institute! You are Invited!



From the Nurse's Office

If your scholar is not feeling well, please check their temperature before you send them to school. If they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, please do not send your scholar to school. Your scholar may return to school when they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

Be well,

Nurse Lori

Lori.goodridge@boone.kyschools.us

First Day Forms

Parents/ guardians, please complete the first day forms from the link below if you already haven't. We still have a lot of scholars who do not have this information on file. These forms are **required** to be filled out and submitted by a parent or guardian from our scholars. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

<https://forms.gle/Q33M8y2ZwHUHYeDf8>

Senior KEES Scholarship Reminders

Seniors, please make note of the information below regarding KEES Scholarship money.

1. You must earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 each year of high school to qualify.
2. You will earn money for your **best** ACT score only. The minimum score to earn money is 15. There is NO Super scoring for KEES money.
3. You must earn a **minimum of 5 credits** your senior year to qualify. If you are taking less than 5 credits this school year, contact Mr. Davis to sign up for Edgenuity.
Mike.Davis@boone.kyschools.us.
4. You **DO NOT** apply for this scholarship, your KEES money will automatically be sent to your Kentucky college/university after you start attending.
5. Go to KHEAA.com and make yourself an account. You can check there to make sure there are no errors in your KEES money. If there are, email Mike.Davis@boone.kyschools.us so he can check and make any corrections that are needed. You should check it now AND after you graduate. Corrections can be made over the summer, if needed. Be sure to use your PERSONAL EMAIL and password.
6. You will receive KEES money for 8 semesters (as long as you meet the college GPA requirements), you have a **MAXIMUM** of 5 years to use this money.
7. Students must be enrolled in a Kentucky school for 140 days.
8. Your INTERNSHIP counts for 2 CREDITS!

Ignite Calendar and Events

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

** Dates and times subject to change. Added or revised events are **bolded**.

- Dec 20- Jan 2 Winter Break
- Jan 15 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 17 2-5pm Chess Tournament and Board Game Night
- Jan 19 8:30-1:30 Picture Day Re-Takes- Seniors (Regular, Tux and Drape)
- **Jan 23, 26 8:30-1:00 Picture Day for Kenton County Scholars**
- Feb 2 7-11pm Dance
- Feb 22 6-7pm Parent Night (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- Mar 1 Early Release Day (more information to come)
- Mar 14 2-5pm Video and Board Game Night
- April 8-12 Spring Break
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 20 TBD Senior Awards Night
- May 23 Last Day for Scholars
- May 20-24 TBD End of Year activities and celebrations.

Miscellaneous

REVISED OR ADDED INFORMATION IS IN **BOLD**

- 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 many different home high schools, which makes it very hard to know what's going on at each.
- 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.
- Please remember Ignite scholars are not permitted to ride a different bus home with another scholar.
- If your scholar is out for an EHO, they are not to be in the building to catch a ride with another scholar.
- Access the Ignite Family Dashboard [here](#) for lots of Ignite information. **RECENTLY ADDED-** Website links for each school district we are affiliated with!
- You can view the Ignite testing calendar [here](#).
- Parent or doctor excuse notes can be emailed to Heatherm.Johnson@boone.kyschools.us

- If your scholar drives to school, and does not have a parking pass, they **must** have one visible in their cars to drive to Ignite. Parking passes are free, and available in the office.
- If you would like to help our PTSO with school events, please email igniteptso@gmail.com. Also, check out the PTSO [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages.
- Parents/guardians, please remember if you are picking up your scholar from Ignite or their home school, you need to go into school with your id and sign them out.
- Please note- scholars are not to bring blankets to Ignite.

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