



What's New?

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Applications for Free and Reduced lunches must be filled out each year for Kenton, Boone, and Walton Verona districts.

This does not apply to the Covington Independent or Dayton school districts.

If your scholar applied and was accepted for free and reduced lunches last year, that will expire on September 28, and they will be charged the full price of \$3.25 for lunch, and \$2.00 for breakfast after that date.

Please click on the appropriate link below to apply for the 2023-2024 school year. (must go by home school district)

Scholars with a Kenton County home school:

https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/DistrictRedirect/KENTON_KY?langid=1

Scholars with a Boone County home school:

<https://www.boone.kyschools.us/quick-links/reduced-lunch-application>

Scholars with a Walton Verona home school: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>

Vex Robotics

The Ignite Robotics team is hosting a STEM event in the Makerspace at Ignite! See the flyer below for more information.

SUPER STEM SATURDAY
SEP 23
9AM-12PM

2024
PIBOTICS

BALSA PLANES
Design and build a plane made of balsa wood, the world's lightest wood. you'll also get a demo of our drone program

ROBOTS
Learn to code using block coding, and guide a sphero through the maze

3D PRINTING
Learn how to 3D model using industry level programs and create wonderful designs

4TH-6TH GRADERS
FREE ENTRY

REGISTER HERE

IGNITE INSTITUTE
37 Atlantic Ave
Erlanger, KY 41017
www.pibotics.info

QR code for registration

Also... Battle at the Bolt VEX Competition, will be held at Ignite on Saturday, September 30, and volunteers are needed!

Please click on the link below if you'd like to volunteer at the Competition. No experience with robotics is necessary, and there are partial, and full day roles available. Please consider assisting with this event which provides both funding for our teams and their first competitive experience of the season. Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/BATB2023Volunteers>



Dual Credit Math

Any Ignite juniors who did not qualify for a dual credit math class this fall and would like to take one in the Spring must sign up for the October 28 ACT to get an improved math score.

Registration can be completed on ACT.org. Scores should be reported to the scholar's counselor once they are received.

If a junior scholar has already taken another ACT since the one in April, they should reach out to their counselor with their new scores.

Just a Reminder...

Testing Calendar

September TBD	MyACT/Panorama	Grade 12
September 19	Panorama (Currently no contract in Boone)	Grades 9, 10, 11
September 21	Panorama Make-ups	Grades 9, 10, 11
September TBD	MyACT/Panorama Make-ups	Grade 12 (not on FT)
September TBD	MyACT/Panorama Make-ups	Grade 12 (not on FT)
October 3	MVPA (Case)	Grades 9, 10
October 5	MVPA Make-ups	Grades 9, 10
October 17	ACT	Grade 12
October 19	ACT Make-ups	Grade 12
November 28	MVPA for 9, 10, 11	Grades 9, 10, 11
November 30	MVPA Make-ups 9, 10, 11	Grades 9, 10, 11
January 9	CERT	Grades 9, 10, 11
January 11	CERT Make-ups	Grades 9, 10, 11
February 6	Panorama	Grades 9, 10, 11
February 8	Panorama Make-ups	Grades 9, 10, 11
February 20	MVPA	Grades 9, 10, 11
February 22	MVPA Make-ups	Grades 9, 10, 11
February TBD	MyACT	Grades 10, 11
February TBD	MyACT Make-ups	Grades 10, 11

March 5	ACT	Grade 11
March 7	ACT Make-ups	Grade 11
March 26???	ACT	Grade 10
March 28???	ACT Make-ups	Grade 10
April 16	MVPA	Grades 9, 10, 11
April 18	MVPA Make-ups	Grades 9, 10, 11
April 23	CERT	Grades 9, 10
April 25	CERT Make-ups	Grades 9, 10
May 6-24	KSA	Grade 10, 11

Senior Internships

Beginning Monday, September 11, any senior who fails to post his or her internship attendance by the required time each day will be marked as absent (unexcused) from internship.

Multiple occurrences of this omission from their record will result in disciplinary actions up to, and including removal of the scholar from internship, and a failing grade for this two-credit course.

Please let your senior scholar know that they cannot ignore this. It's like punching a time clock at work. If the time hasn't been recorded or documented with this process, then it's like it didn't happen at all.

ACT for Seniors

All Ignite seniors will be able to take the ACT at Ignite on Tuesday, October 17 with the exception of Walton Verona seniors.

WALTON VERONA SENIORS- You will be taking the ACT at Walton Verona High School that day. You will need to report to the gym by 7:55am. After the ACT you may return to Ignite for the rest of the afternoon or stay at Walton. (There will be no bus service to return you to Ignite).

Ignite seniors taking the ACT on this day need to communicate to their internship provider that they will be taking the ACT instead of going to internship.

First Day Forms

Parents and guardians, please click on the link below (if you haven't already) and complete the First Day forms. 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!

Senior parents and guardians- included in this link is the MyACT paperwork that you will need to fill out giving consent for your senior's ACT scores to be sent to colleges.

<https://forms.gle/Q33M8y2ZwHUHYeDf8>

From the Nurse's office

If your scholar requires medication or has a medical condition that requires emergency medication or care, please complete the required forms. This includes asthma, seizure disorders, diabetes, severe allergies (anaphylaxis), and syncope. Scholars are not allowed to carry medication on them at school unless it is in their emergency plan. All other medications must be locked in the First Aid Room with the appropriate documentation.

These forms can be located on the [Ignite Family Dashboard](#) or on the Boone County Schools website under health services. Please note that these forms need to be completed every school year. Information from your scholar's previous or home school may not have carried over. It is imperative for the safety of your scholar that you communicate any pertinent information with me. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

Thank you,

Nurse Lori

Lori.goodridge@boone.kyschools.us

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 one of the Co- Assistant Principals at Ignite. I have over seventeen 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 can be challenging but they are vital to success in life. Punctuality, turning assignments in on time, and being present will be emphasized this school 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 doors open at 7:30 AM and our school day starts at 8:00 AM. The students should be in their classroom and ready to learn 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 and 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.

Students at Ignite have an hour less instructional time as the students at their home schools. It is important that we make every moment count.

Don Black
Assistant Principal Ignite Institute
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Family Dashboard

Parents and guardians will want to utilize the Ignite Family Dashboard. This is where you can find lots of information such as:

- Scholar Handbook
- Free and Reduced lunch forms/ How to set up an Ignite lunch account
- How to set up a parent portal in Infinite Campus
- Boone County district calendar
- Counselor request forms/ schedule change forms
- Dual Credit Website
- And many others!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1t7Z6XIC5iZ5paafnTS9ssZPWyzoZ7_EaeD8MneEaQGk/edit?usp=sharing

You can also access the Family Dashboard by going to the website- www.igniteinstitute.org. click Information, then click Ignite Family Dashboard.

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!

Gateway/ Dual Credit Reminders

Gateway Dual Credit scholars and families,

Please take a few minutes to complete this form if you have not already. Thanks!

We are pleased that your scholar has chosen to take advantage of the Early College Program or Dual Credit classes offered through our local colleges and universities. Please review the following information provided for your review. By checking the understand box, you are acknowledging the statement, and the final question is an approval to participate in the classes offered as dual enrollment.

Regards,

Jerome A. Gels

Principal

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzy8q4AeQHycokabfjVE_KTiw_yD7MK4XynE9lv0x7OmYeUA/viewform

Ignite Events

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

** Dates and times subject to change and added ore revised events are **bolded**.

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| • Sept 18-22 | School Day | Hispanic Heritage Week Celebration |
| • Sept 20 | 2-5pm | Chess Tournament and Board Game Night |
| • Sept 22 | 8:30-1:30 | Picture Day- ALL SCHOLARS (this is a revision) |
| • Oct 11 | 4-8pm | PTSO Fundraiser @ Chipotle, Crescent Springs |
| • Oct 20 | 8:30-1:30 | Picture Day Re-takes- ALL SCHOLARS |
| • Oct 25 | 6-10pm | FrightNite (open to the community) |
| • Oct 26 | | Early Release Day (more information to come) |
| • Nov 9 | 2-5pm | Video and Board Game Night |
| • Nov 10 | 7-11pm | Semi-Formal Dance |
| • Nov 10 | 8:30-1:30 | Picture Day- Seniors (Regular, and Tux and Drape) |
| • Dec 5, 7 | School Day | Elf Institute |
| • Dec 15 | 6-10pm | Winterfest |
| • Dec 20- Jan 2 | | Winter Break |
| • 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) |
| • Feb 2 | 7-11pm | Dance |
| • Mar 1 | | Early Release Day (more information to come) |
| • Mar 14 | 2-5pm | Video and Board Game Night |
| • May 20 | TBD | Senior Awards Night |
| • May 23 | | Last Day for Scholars |
| • May 20-24 | TBD | End of Year activities and celebrations. |

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 the policies of that school. Thank you!

Parking Passes

Any scholar who drives to and from Ignite **MUST** have an Ignite parking pass visible in their car. Parking passes are free, and forms are in the office or on the Family Dashboard.

Scholars park in the upper lot at Ignite. Scholars may keep their passes from last year, but need to let the front office know if any information on the form needs to be updated (vehicle, insurance, etc).

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.

Don't forget there is a Chipotle Fundraiser on October 11

Shout-outs

Ryle Marching Band recently competed in their first competition of the season and won every category of performance standards and the coveted Grand Champion Award!
Great job!!!

Engineering freshmen in the Fabrication Lab recently learned to use a jig saw!

NaviGo is a career exploration program where students apply to the career focus areas they want to explore, and sponsor companies select the students.

Congratulations to the following Ignite scholars who were accepted into the NaviGo Program!

Garret Applegate- St. Elizabeth
Adam Brown- Skilled Trades
Carson Brown- Toyota
A'maha Chandler- St. Elizabeth
Kanishk Devarakonda- US Bank
Nolan Fitzgerrel- Business Entrepreneurship
Grant Gehring- US Bank
Isabella Ingram- St.Elizabeth
Tyler McNeal- Toyota
Fatima Mejia- BMW
Amanda Resendiz-Azua - BMW
Jennifer Resendiz-Azua -BMW
Evan Robinson-McCoy – US Bank
Richa Sharma- US Bank
Carson Stary- US Bank

** NaviGo applications for the 2024 spring groups will be open in late November/early December.



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 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.

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