

DAY 1  
WEEK 1  
MONTH 1

# 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

MAY 6, 2025

LET'S GET READY FOR  
YOUR IA JOURNEY!



**EXPECTATIONS OF  
AN IA STUDENT**



**IMPORTANT  
DATES**



**EVENT LOGISTICS**



**TIPS AND ADVICE**

# AGENDA FOR TONIGHT

MAY 6, 2025



**STUDENT  
SCHEDULES**



**INDIVIDUAL  
STUDENT  
QUESTIONS**



**CURRICULUM**



**IN DEPTH DISCUSSION  
OF FLEX FRIDAYS AND  
GT BLOCK**

# NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR TONIGHT

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# WHY?



## **STUDENT SCHEDULES**

Schedules will be released in Infinite Campus on July 30. Check the Information Day/Orientation email in July for all details.



## **INDIVIDUAL STUDENT QUESTIONS**

Reach out to the individual administrator. Names and administrators shown later tonight.



## **CURRICULUM**

Curriculum Night (aka Meet the Teacher) will be asynchronous and will go live on our website in August. More details to come!



## **FLEX FRIDAYS AND GT BLOCK**

This is such a big part of our school that we have a virtual night just for this: Tuesday, August 12 at 7pm virtually

# NORMS FOR TONIGHT

**The goal of this meeting  
is to get us to  
Tuesday, August 12**

1. Utilize the chat for on topic questions
2. If you do not have your question answered by the end, utilize the Q&A time at the end.
3. Save individual student questions for Information Day or an administrator email
4. This is being recorded. A link with the recording and the PowerPoint will be sent out tomorrow.
5. GET EXCITED ABOUT IA!

# MEET YOUR ADMIN

INNOVATION ACADEMY

**SCOTT KENT**

Principal

**AGNES BROWNING**

Assistant Principal  
A - G

**SCOTT HETHERINGTON**

Assistant Principal  
H - Par

**JESSICA LUNDY**

Assistant Principal  
Pas - Z

**AVERY WHITE**

Assistant  
Administrator



Prom 2025

# BEING AN IA STUDENT

- 1** PASSIONATE
  - What is your high passion or interest?
- 2** CURIOUS
  - Ask questions
- 3** HUMBLE
  - Willing to learn and grow and say “I made a mistake”
- 4** PROBLEM SEEKER
  - Don’t be afraid of a challenge
- 5** PROBLEM SOLVER
  - Once I hit the challenge, search for a solution

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

Organization

Check Student Email Every Single

Day

## **SELF-MONITORING**

Homework

Communication with Teachers

Fulton Virtual Class

# **EXPECTATIONS OF AN IA STUDENT**

## **READY TO LEARN**

Come prepared

Proactive instead of Reactive

## **EMPATHETIC**

Get to know others

Listen to others

Learn from others

## **DRIVEN**

Always give your best

Be willing to try again

# MAGNET REQUIREMENTS

1

## Attendance

- Maintain 90% rate
- No more than 10 early checkouts or late arrivals per year

2

## Core Class Grades

- Pass all core classes for graduation

3

## GT Block and Pathway Classes

- Pass GT Block class
- Complete a pathway and take EOPA

4

## Pinnacle Project

- Junior Year Research Clas

5

## Discipline and Technology



# IMPORTANT DATES

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**MON, JULY 14  
– FRI, JULY 18**

Summer  
Bridge  
Program for  
rising 9<sup>th</sup>  
graders

**WEDNESDAY,  
JULY 30**

Information  
Day and  
Orientation

**MONDAY,  
AUGUST 4**



First Day of  
School

# INFORMATION DAY AND ORIENTATION

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## 9TH GRADE ONLY JULY 30 from 9 – 12:30pm

Use the TEACHER LOCATOR to find your teachers - Not your schedule!  
Visit the room where your class will be located

## ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Every 30 minutes

Topics Include:

- Canvas and Infinite Campus
- Study and Org Skills
- GT Block
- Virtual Lab
- And More!

## IN THE HANGAR

Join PTSO  
Visit the clinic  
Transportation Info  
Cafeteria Info  
Summit Counseling

## CHECK THE LINKS IN THE EMAIL

Access to Canvas and much, much more!

INNOVATION ACADEMY

# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

All Bell Schedules are provided in  
Orientation folder

First Class begins at 8:55am

Car riders can arrive starting at 7:45am

Our doors open to students each day  
at 7:30am

Final bell is 4:15pm

All students are to exit the building by  
4:30pm

All students follow schedule in Infinite  
Campus on Day 1

# BUS TRANSPORTATION

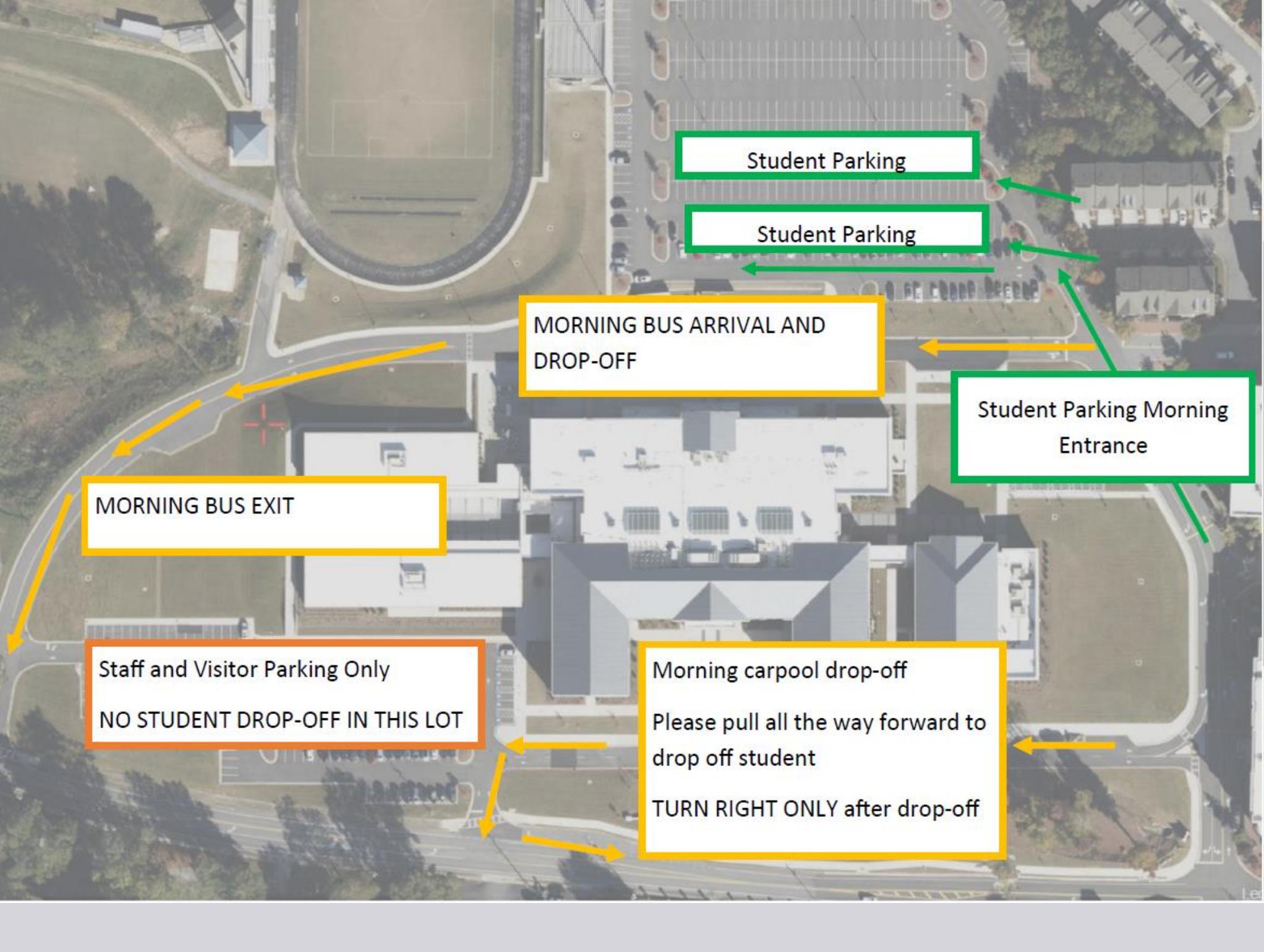
Located in the Infinite Campus portal when it opens on July (Final Date TBD)

A table at Information Day will be set up for you to double check arrival and departure times from your zoned school.

Reminder: you must ride by car to your zoned school to catch the bus to and from IA; you can not ride the bus to and from your house.

# MORNING CARPOOL

ARRIVE EARLIER  
THAN YOU THINK



Student Parking

Student Parking

MORNING BUS ARRIVAL AND  
DROP-OFF

Student Parking Morning  
Entrance

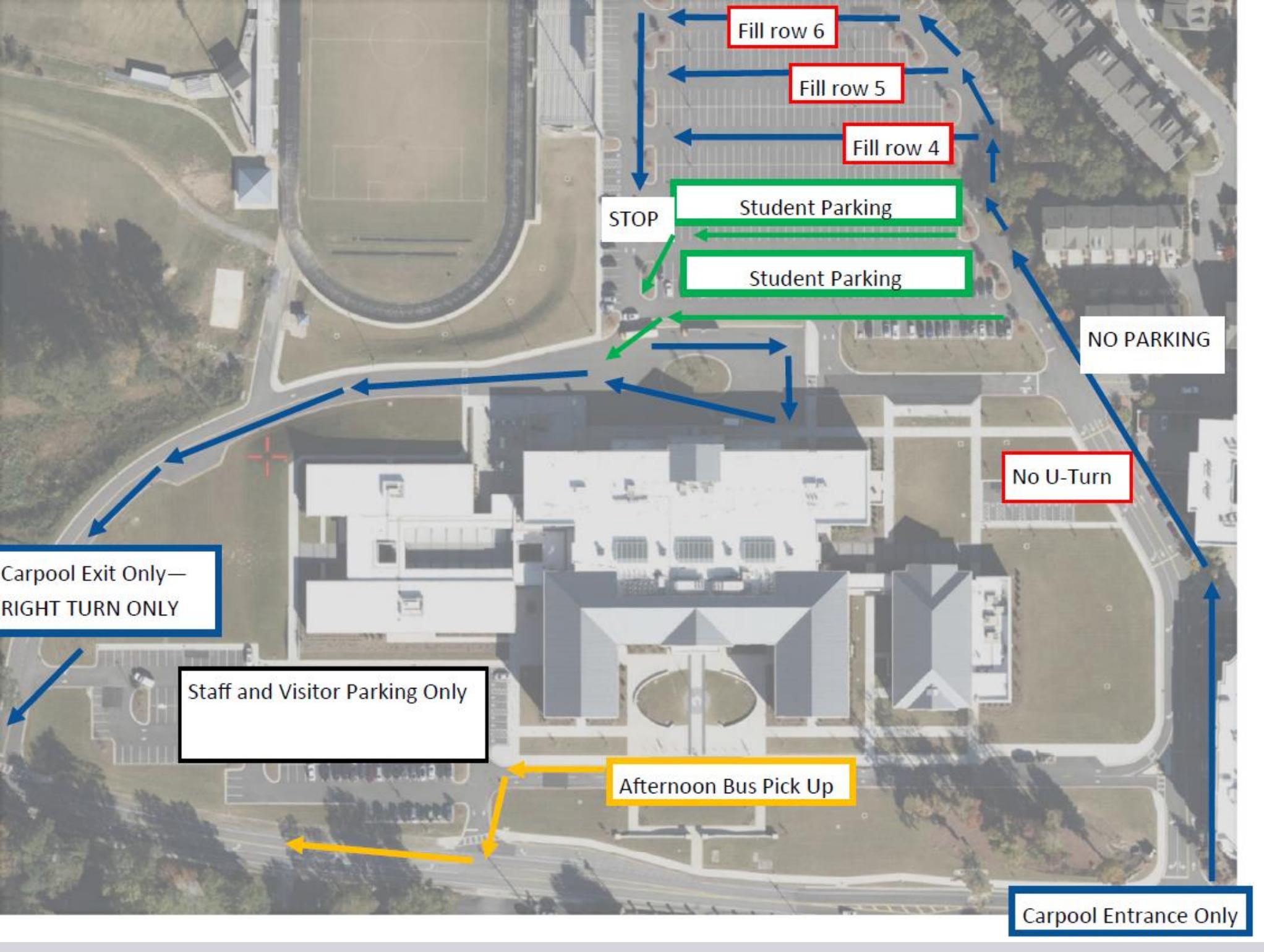
MORNING BUS EXIT

Staff and Visitor Parking Only  
NO STUDENT DROP-OFF IN THIS LOT

Morning carpool drop-off  
Please pull all the way forward to  
drop off student  
TURN RIGHT ONLY after drop-off

# AFTERNOON CARPOOL

BE PATIENT AND  
STAY IN LINE



Fill row 6

Fill row 5

Fill row 4

STOP

Student Parking

Student Parking

NO PARKING

No U-Turn

Carpool Exit Only—  
RIGHT TURN ONLY

Staff and Visitor Parking Only

Afternoon Bus Pick Up

Carpool Entrance Only

August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:15am – 9:30am  
PTSO Coffee Chat with Mr. Kent and the Admin Team  
Stop by during drop off to meet other parents and say hello!

# IMPORTANT DATES

## **First Two Weeks of School**

9th Grade  
Class  
Meeting  
during both  
lunches

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12**

Block and  
Flex Friday  
Virtual  
Meeting for  
Parents and  
Students at  
7:00pm

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 15**

Club Fair  
During  
Lunches



# IMPORTANT DATES



**AUGUST 19**  
**6:30 – 8:30PM**

Virtual  
Counseling  
and Student  
Support  
Kick Off

**FRIDAY,**  
**AUGUST 22**

IA PD Day

\*Students are  
asynchronous

**FRIDAY,**  
**AUGUST 29**

9th Grade Flex  
Friday - IT



Fall 2025  
Flex Friday Schedule

AUG

**8.8**  
Regular School Day

All Students

**8.15**  
Phoenix Project Moonshot

All Students

**8.22**  
IA PD Day

No Students

**8.29**  
9<sup>th</sup> Grade IT Flex Friday

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

SEPT

**9.5**  
Regular School Day

All Students

**9.12**  
ENG Flex Friday

ENG Pathway Students

**9.19**  
HS Flex Friday

HS Pathway Students

**9.26**  
IA PD DAY

No Students

OCT

**10.3**  
Innovate IT Conference

IT Pathway Students

**10.10**  
HS Flex Friday

HS Pathway Students

**10.24**  
ENG Flex Friday

ENG Pathway Students

**10.31**  
IT & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
ENG Flex Friday

IT Pathway and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

NOV

**11.7**  
HS Flex Friday

HS Pathway Students

**11.14**  
CULTIVATE

All Students

**11.21**  
Phoenix Project Celebration

All Students  
\*half day\*

**11.28**  
Thanksgiving Break

No Students

DEC

**12.5**  
ENG Flex Friday

ENG Pathway Students

**12.12**  
IT and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
HS Flex Friday

IT Pathway and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

**12.19**  
Regular School Day

All Students

**WINTER BREAK!!**



**IMPORTANT  
DETAILS**

# ALL THINGS IN THE CLASSROOM

**Device rollout will be in the  
first few weeks of school**

All teachers use Canvas for their classrooms

Parents have full access to link to their student accounts and can see all aspects of the class

Syllabus will be posted the first week

Supplies will be in the syllabus and on teacher boards during Information Day and Orientation

Reminder: IA does not have lockers

# TYPICAL DAY

**Lunch is either 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> period and includes Wellness Time**

| Time          | Period          | Class          |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 8:55 – 9:45   | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Math           |
| 9:49 – 10:39  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Science        |
| 10:43 – 11:33 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | GT Block       |
| 11:37 – 12:33 | 4 <sup>th</sup> | GT Block       |
| 12:37 – 1:33  | 5 <sup>th</sup> | Lunch          |
| 1:37 – 2:27   | 6 <sup>th</sup> | Virtual Period |
| 2:31 – 3:21   | 7 <sup>th</sup> | Social Studies |
| 3:25 – 4:15   | 8 <sup>th</sup> | English        |

**Teachers are available by appt before school for tutoring**

# SUMMER WORK

## English Language Arts Courses

- [AP Language and Composition](#)
- [AP Literature and Composition](#)
- AP Seminar
- [Dramatic Writing](#)
- [Lit/Comp II Honors](#)

## Math Classes

- [AP Calculus AB and BC](#)
- Enhanced Advanced Algebra: [Assignment](#) and [Key](#)

**FCS Innovation Website – Counseling and Academics**  
**Click on Academics and Summer Work**

# VIRTUAL PERIOD

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## TREAT VIRTUAL PERIOD AS A CLASS

Manage time wisely  
Turn in assignments on time

## COMMUNICATE

Communicate with your virtual teacher  
Communicate with Ms. Danner and Ms. Shiotelis

## FIND A STUDY BUDDY

Same class or similar work habits

## FIND YOUR PLACE TO WORK

Find a place that is comfortable and works for you

**All 9th graders work in the virtual lab for the first 4.5 weeks. Virtual privileges begin after that if you are in good standing.**

## **VIRTUAL PERIOD**

Monitor their progress in Canva  
Check email every Friday for  
standing status

## **CANVAS OBSERVER ACCOUNT**

Once your student has their  
device, sign up for an observer  
account

Directions will be sent out

# **HOW TO SUPPORT MY STUDENT**

## **ALLOW GROWTH**

Allow your student to problem  
solve and advocate for themselves

## **ORGANIZATION PLAN**

Agenda

Time to meet and check grades

## **GT BLOCK**

Check in often on the current unit  
and project

Check Canvas often for due dates

# COMMUNICATION

## THE BEACON

This is sent out every Friday.  
Upgraded this year  
First Beacon this Friday in July

## IA WHO TO CONTACT FLOWCHART

Posted on website  
Sent out in Beacon in July

## SOCIAL MEDIA

X: @iafultonschools  
Instagram: @iafultonschools  
Facebook: FCS Innovation Academy



# WAYS TO SUPPORT

# PROJECT FEE

## OPTIONAL

This fee is encouraged but not required.

If you choose to donate, the recommended amount is \$50

The money is used to fund materials for school projects in core classes and pathways.

<https://osp.osmsinc.com/FultonGA/BVModules/ProductTemplates/Bvc2013/Product.aspx?productid=EN023-310>





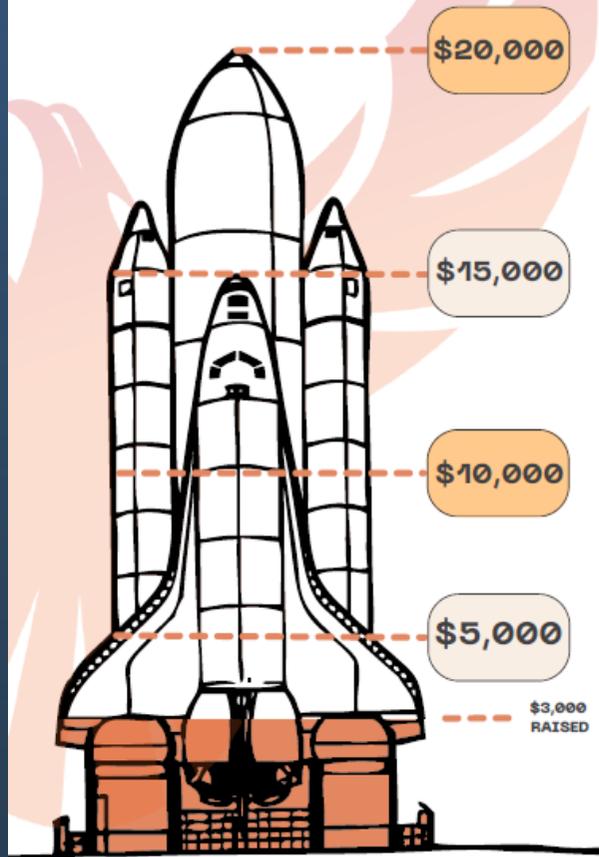
# INNOVATION ACADEMY FOUNDATION

Innovation Academy Foundation (IAF) was founded to provide resources and financial support to Innovation Academy's magnet STEM initiatives. We are a group of community and business partners who recognize the importance of developing the next generation of leaders through an authentic and rigorous course of study. Our students complete an educational pathway while applying their academic knowledge in real world, practical and complex situations.

<https://foundation.fcsia.com/donate>

# FUEL THE ROCKET

Fundraising Campaign



#### Innovation Academy's Vision

To develop innovative leaders for a dynamic world. Our students experience a rigorous, collaborative environment that connects Career Pathways, STEM, and Humanities, fostering lifelong learning through design thinking and research skills.

#### Our Mission

To provide relevant experiences that help students develop innovative solutions for real-world problems.

#### Fuel the Rocket Campaign

We need your support to continue this journey. The Fuel the Rocket Campaign aims to raise funds to propel our "dream big" projects into reality. These projects are essential to our mission, providing students with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.

#### How You Can Help

We seek support from business partners, the community, alumni, and anyone who believes in the power of innovation and education. Every contribution, no matter how small, brings us closer to our goal.

#### Join Us

Be a part of this incredible journey. Let's dream big, innovate, and create a brighter future together.

Donate Here Today!



# **INNOVATION ACADEMY PTSO, INC.**

MISSION STATEMENT

**INNOVATION ACADEMY PTSO, INC. IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND VALUED. OUR MISSION IS TO INSTILL A CULTURE BASED ON A LOVE OF LEARNING, DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT, AND SOLID STEM FOUNDATION THAT SEEKS TO SERVE EVERY CHILD.**

# WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE PTSO?

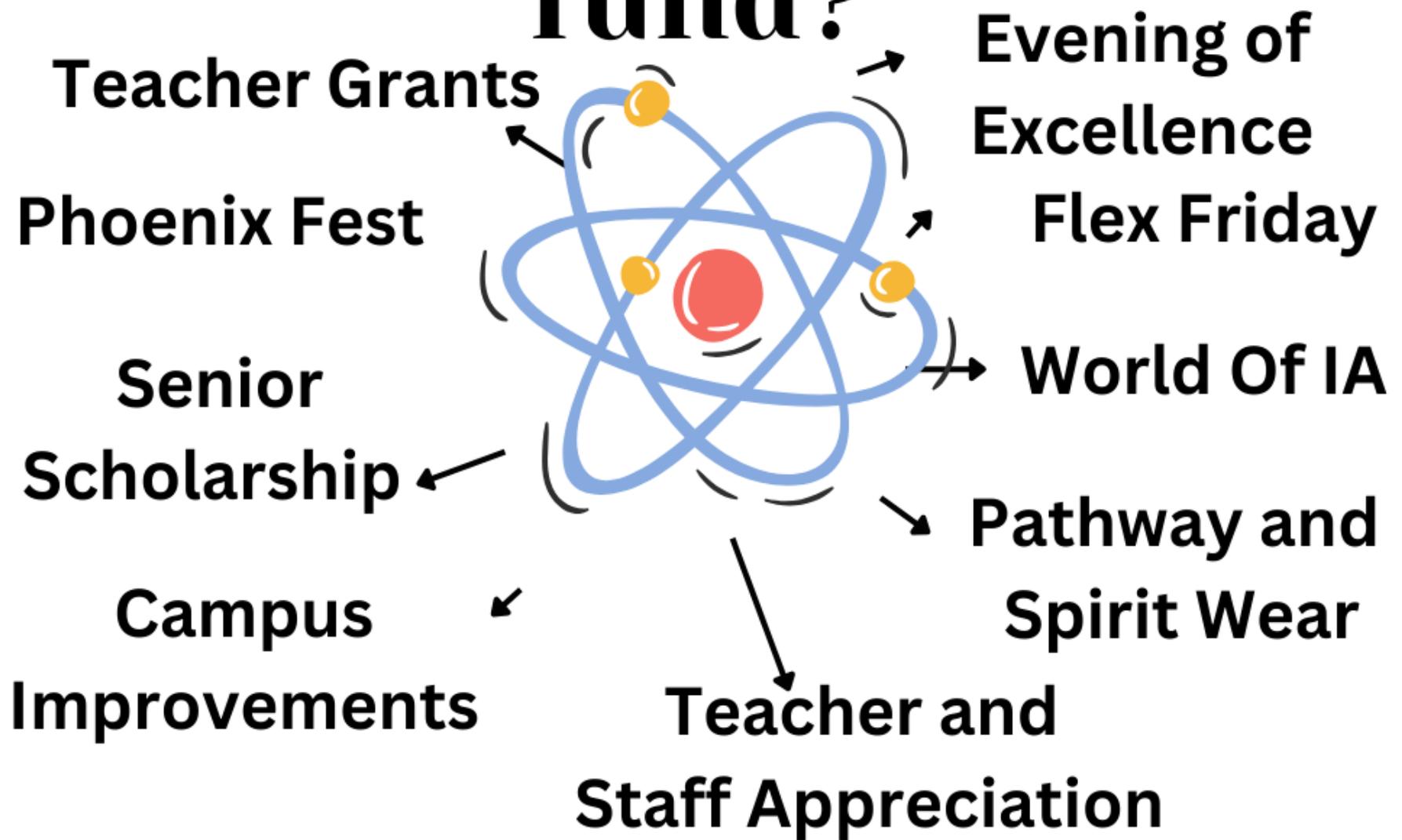
**THE PTSO PAYS FOR SUPPLIES AND EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE OF WHAT THE SCHOOL IS GIVEN BY THE COUNTY BUDGET.**

**WE PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000 - \$20,000 FOR THE SUPER FLEX FRIDAY PROJECTS. Without our support, these opportunities would not be available.**

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE THE SINGLE BIGGEST MEANS OF OUR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOL. By joining, you are directly funding the educational opportunities to your student!**

**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

# what does the PTSO fund?



**\$26,000  
AWARDED  
IN TEACHER  
GRANTS IN  
2024/25**

# PTSO Teacher Grant Winners

The PTSO enthusiastically supported over \$26,000 worth of materials and experiences that IA teachers and staff members sought in Mini-Grants! PTSO Mini-grants help support the innovative learning going on in the classroom!

## Fall Semester:

- Student Work Display Case
- Mini GC and Polarimeter to Synthesize Organic Compounds
- Strong Women in Engineering at Auburn University
- Ganglion Board and OpenBCI EEG Headband kit to Study Brainwaves
- Dramatic Writing Coursebooks
- Vernier Go Direct Mini GC to Study Chemical Analysis of Molecules

## Spring Semester:

- BlueRay and Assorted DVD Collections for Creative Writing
- Atlanta Shakespeare Company Performance for 9th Grade Lit
- Genotype to Phenotype: PTC Taster Lab to Study Genetics
- ZWO ASI AIR Plus controller for the School Telescope Camera
- Gene Sequences Nanopore Sequencer and Flongle Flow Cells
- Dad's Garage Improve Workshops for Cultivate
- 3M Littman Classic III Monitoring Stethoscope
- Multicolor Ink Cartridges for the eXchange Printers
- Assorted Supplies for the Student Support Team
- Paver Patio for Outdoor Space

# COMMUNITY COFFEE CHAT

## Community Coffee Chat

Sponsored by  
the IA PTSO

### 9th Grade Parents

Meet the Administrative  
Team for an informal Q & A  
session AND meet other 9th  
grade parents!

August 14th  
8:45-9:30  
Mission Control



Light Refreshments donated by July Moon Bakery  
& Cafe and Coffee by Valor Coffee

[info@iaptso.org](mailto:info@iaptso.org)



# PATHWAY DECLARATION & PHOENIX FEST



# WORLD OF IA & STAFF APPRECIATION



# PTSO SUPPORTS SUPER FLEX FRIDAY & SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP





**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS  
AVAILABLE**



**KROGER REWARDS -  
ENROLL WITH  
“IA PTSO, Inc.” as  
Community Rewards**



**CORPORATE  
MATCHING**



**SUPPLY DONATIONS -  
AMAZON WISHLIST IN  
NEWSLETTER**



**SILENT AUCTION**

# **OTHER DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

# HOW TO JOIN AND VOLUNTEER

GO TO [IAPTSO.ORG](https://iaptso.org) to  
learn about  
Membership Levels,  
meet the Executive  
Board, and volunteer

- Create a Membership Profile at [iaptso.org](https://iaptso.org)
- Become a member, shop for spirit wear & sign up to volunteer!
- We have a variety of giving levels, from \$25 - \$1000.



[iaptso.org](https://iaptso.org)

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# Q&A

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