



West Irondequoit Central School District

IRONDEQUOIT HIGH SCHOOL
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August 3, 2026

Hello IHS Families,

We hope you took time this summer to unwind, relax and be present with family and friends. As we gear up for a new school year, we are excited to welcome you back and begin new learning experiences together! Getting involved in school activities is a powerful way to build both academic success and social emotional growth. We encourage you to explore the list of clubs and activities offered by accessing our webpage (<https://ihs.westirondequoit.org/>). Whether you're discovering a new passion or deepening existing interests, there's something for everyone.

Our goal is to help you become well-prepared for your journey beyond high school. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, seek support, and advocate for your needs- we're here for you. Let's work together to make this year one of growth, connection, and achievement!

We use email as our primary method of communication to increase environmentally friendly practices. Please check your inbox for a copy of this letter which was sent on Monday, August 3, 2026. If you do not see it, **be sure to check your spam or trash** folders and adjust your filters to allow emails from us. If you are still missing the message, reach out to donna_hefner@westiron.monroe.edu. She'll help ensure you're set up to receive all school communications throughout the year.

Internet Enabled Device Reminders:

New York State Governor Kathy Hochul joined more than 20 other states restricting or banning student cellphone use throughout the school day. The West Irondequoit Central School District implemented Policy 7315 which prohibits the use of Internet-enabled devices by students during the school day on school grounds. This policy aims to ensure that students remain focused on their academic responsibilities and social emotional health throughout the school day, which includes all instructional and non-instructional periods such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

All students will be assigned a school locker which can be found in Infinite Campus. After entering the building, students will be expected to store any personal internet-enabled device (excluding the district issued laptop) in their locker. All devices must remain in the locker until the 2:55pm bell.

Students will be able to remain in contact with families via our school's main office phone, secure messaging platforms used by staff and through written notes delivered through the main office. If your child requires a personal internet enabled device for health reasons, please reach out to your students' Assistant Principal. We wish to partner with you to support all students. You can find the policy and updates on the [WICSD website, Parents/Students Tab](#).

Parking is limited on campus. Only seniors who have earned their Gold Key may park on campus and will be considered on a first come first serve basis. Please include plans for drop off and pick up as you prepare for the upcoming school year. We are unable to accommodate other student parking requests.

Important Dates:

- **Infinite Campus and Parent Portals open Monday, August 25th** to view your child's schedule, locker information and transportation schedule, if applicable.
- **Gold Key Senior Painting, August 27th and 28th**
- **Freshmen Orientation Wednesday, August 26th** at 8:00AM- 10:00AM, in the gym; arrival starts at 7:45am.

- **Freshmen Parent Orientation Wednesday, August 26th** from 9:30AM-10:00AM, in the auditorium.
- We are looking forward to welcoming all students back on **Thursday, September 8, 2026.**
- **Homecoming week is scheduled for the week of September 14th**
- **IHS Open House is scheduled for September 24, 2025 from 5-7 (College Night for Parents 5-6pm)**

Welcoming our newest faculty and staff:

- Ms. DeFay, Business Teacher
- Ms. Ruggles, Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Eckert, Special Education Teacher
- Ms. Zehr, French Teacher
- Ms. Wallace, ELA Teacher
- Mr. Jacques-Britton, ELA Teacher
- Mr. Neal, Teaching Assistant
- Ms. Goodman, Math Teacher

Please refer to our webpage (<https://ihs.westirondequoit.org/>) under the Parent Tab, for the following information:

- Bell Schedule; Dake and IHS doors open at 7:30AM.
- Breakfast is served in the large cafeteria from 7:30am-7:55am.
- School Supplies Lists
- Drop/Add Policy
- School Counselor/Student Assignments
- You will be able to view your **schedule** in Infinite Campus later in August and can contact your school counselor with questions.

A huge thanks goes out to the custodians for their work in ensuring that the building is in pristine condition for opening. Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

Be well,



Alecia Zipp-McLaughlin
IHS Principal

West Irondequoit Mission

The West Irondequoit Central School District partners with our community in providing a comprehensive educational experience that balances high expectations, diverse opportunities, intellectual growth, and personal responsibility. Our community welcomes each child, nurtures each mind, and inspires each other to peak performance.