



مرحبا - WELCOME

EXCITING START TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



Message - From Dr. Zak Palsha, Superintendent

Dear ACST Families,

Welcome to the American Cooperative School of Tunis!

As we prepare to begin the 2026-2027 school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families. Whether you are joining the ACST community for the first time or returning for another year, we are excited to have you as part of our school.

As we approach the start of the year, we would like to share a few important reminders and dates to help your family prepare. The 2026-2027 school calendar is available [here](#).

In the coming week, our school principals will continue to share additional information and updates to help ensure a smooth start to the year.



FFA (FALCON FAMILY ASSOCIATION)

The Falcon Family Association unites families, students, faculty, and staff to strengthen connection, school spirit, and student success.

It brings together the former PTO and Falcon Parent Council into one unified structure designed to make family engagement simpler, stronger, and more meaningful.



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ICE CREAM SOCIAL



By The Falcon Family Association (FFA)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

🕒 **2:30 - 3:00 PM**



ELEMENTARY

PRE-K PLAYGROUND



SCHOOL HOURS & BELL SCHEDULES:



Pre-School	8:00 - 3:00 pm (full day) 8:00 - 12:00 pm (half-day)
Elementary & Secondary School	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
After-School Activities	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Secondary Athletics	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

You will be receiving more **specific schedules** from other members of the school personnel. **Elementary teachers** will share **homeroom schedules** and **Secondary school students** will view their class schedule via **PowerSchool** (returning students) or through a **school email** (for new students and grade 6 students).

SUPPLY LISTS:

For **Elementary School students**, we provide all supplies; students only need a backpack, a water bottle and a healthy snack for each day.

For **Secondary School students**, please click [here](#) to view the supply list in order to be ready for the first day of school.



DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONES FOR STUDENTS

Students may be dropped off at the main gate; the main gate is used for a quick drop-off to keep the flow of traffic moving. If you want to walk in with your child(ren), you may use the parent parking lot to park your car and then access the campus.

SS ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Middle and High School fall athletics will begin on Monday, August 24, followed by after-school activities for all students starting August 31. All sign-ups for Athletics and After-school Activities will take place within PowerSchool.

Directions for accessing PowerSchool and signing up will be shared by the tech department soon. Questions about athletics or after-school activities should be directed to [Tim Schlosser](#), our SS AP and Athletics & Activities Director.



 athletics@acst.net



CHILD PROTECTION

At ACST, we are committed to safeguarding all children by ensuring they are protected from harm, abuse, and neglect. We believe safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we are dedicated to building a safe, inclusive, and respectful community where every child is valued and supported.

For more information about our child protection commitment and practices, [visit this page](#) and you may reach out to [Zeina Abourouse](#), Educational Psychologist.



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ACST FAMILY MEET & GREET:

We're excited to welcome back our returning families and to greet approximately 70 new students joining the ACST community this year! Enrollment continues to progress steadily, and we're receiving new inquiries every day. We anticipate starting the school year with around 400 students. Our annual ACST Family Meet & Greet will take place on [Monday, August 17, 2026](#), with specific timings listed below. As we get closer to the event and the start of school, Principals will share school-specific details to help you prepare and make the most of the day.



DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY,
AUGUST 17,
2026

Morning Schedule - New Families Only

🕒 9:30–10:30 a.m. | THEATER

New ES and SS Parents & Students

🕒 10:30–12:00 p.m.

Explore the ES campus

🕒 9:30–11:00 a.m. | E102

Secondary Program

🕒 9:00–11:30 a.m.

New Secondary Students (extended orientation)

Lunch - New Families Only

🕒 11:00–1:00 | CAFETERIA

Optional lunch for new families (students and parents)

Afternoon Schedule - Returning Families

🕒 12:45–1:15 p.m. | THEATER

ES and SS Returning Families

🕒 1:15–1:45 p.m. | GRADE-LEVEL ROOMS

Advisory Meet and Greet: New and Returning SS Parents and Students



DATES TO REMEMBER

TUESDAY,
AUGUST 18

■ First day of School

MONDAY,
AUGUST 24

■ SS Fall Athletics Begin

MONDAY,
AUGUST 31

■ First day of Session One After-School Activities (Elementary and Secondary Schools)



PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

School fees can be paid [online](#) or with the [cashier](#).
If you have any questions, please contact [Dorra Garci](#).



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SCHOOL LUNCH:

ACST outsources the school lunch/canteen services
For questions about signing up and costs, please contact [Ferial Helal](#).

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:

To register for bus services or update your details, please contact our
[Transportation Office](#).



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MEDICAL FORM REMINDER – GRADES 3, 6 & 9

A friendly reminder to all parents of returning students in [Grades 3, 6, and 9](#): Please submit your child's [updated medical form](#) to the [ACST Health Center](#) [before the start of school](#). This form was emailed last spring, and having current health information helps us provide the best care for your child during the school day.

Important: Students in [Grades 6 and 9](#) will [not be permitted to participate in after-school sports](#) until their medical form is up to date.

If you have any questions, please contact the [Medical Office](#).



USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

Admissions: admissions@acst.net

Reception: receptionist@acst.net

Marketing & Communication: nboumiza@acst.net

School Clinic: nurse@acst.net

Elementary Office: esoffice@acst.net

Elementary After School Activities: cca@acst.net

Secondary Office: ssoffice@acst.net

Tech Office: it@acst.net

SCHOOL LEVEL ADMINISTRATION

Elementary Principal: [Dr. Lauren Dillard](#)

Secondary Principal: [Mr. Chris Boyle](#)

Elementary Assistant Principal: [Ms. Alyssa Wakely](#)

Secondary Assistant Principal

and Athletics & Activities Director: [Mr. Timothy Schlosser](#)

DIRECTORS & MANAGERS

Interim Finance Director: [Mr. islem Ridane](#)

HR Manager: [Ms. Rihab Afrit](#)

Technology Manager: [Mr. Sameh Romdhani](#)

Facilities Manager: [Mr. Mohamed Wasfi Limem](#)

Safety and Security Manager: [Mr. Mourad Ben Amor](#)

Logistics Manager (Transportation & Canteen): [Ms. Ferial Helal](#)





As I begin my final year at ACST, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for the opportunity to serve this incredible community. Over the past years, I have been continually inspired by the dedication of our faculty and staff, the achievements of our students, and the partnership of our families. Together, we have continued to grow, reflect, and make meaningful progress in support of our students, [our strategic plan](#), and the future of our school.

I am looking forward to this year ahead and to the many opportunities we will share together. Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and commitment to ACST.

On behalf of the entire ACST team, we are excited to welcome our students back to campus and begin another year of learning, connection, and growth.

In Partnership,
Dr. Zak Palsha
Superintendent



Opening Doors, Hearts and minds