



# Welcome IA 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Families

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Introduction Night  
Tuesday, July 26, 2023

# Agenda for Tonight

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## Expectations

What does it mean to be an IA student?

02

## Important Dates

Get your calendar out and ready!

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## Event Logistics

What to expect for the first month of school

# What is not on the agenda tonight

## SCHEDULES

The next opportunity to make schedule changes will be the first day of school

Students will receive their updated schedules on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and walk their schedules on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Information Day

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## INDIVIDUAL STUDENT QUESTIONS

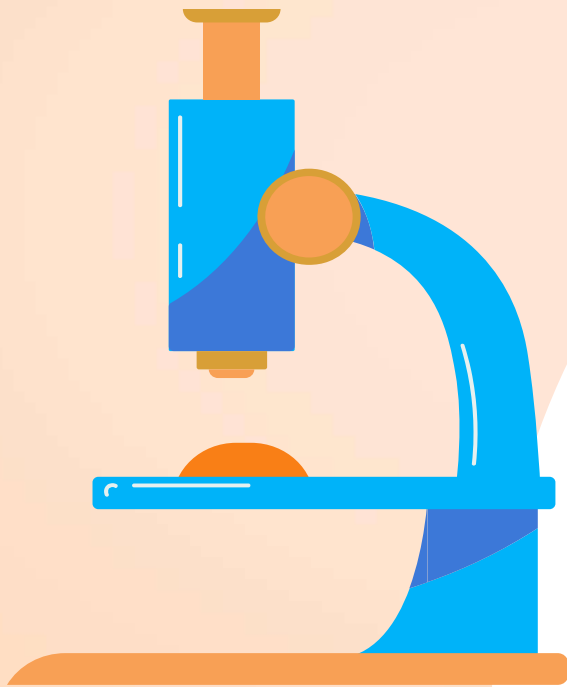
Contact information for your AP and counselor will be provided at the end of the presentation

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## CURRICULUM

Curriculum Night will be Thursday, September 7 and syllabi for each course will be sent home the first week of school

# Norms for the Meeting



- Utilize the chat for all questions
- Keep questions to the current topic being discussed
- Save individual student questions for Information Day or Email
- GET EXCITED ABOUT IA!

# Meet Your Go-To Contacts



Principal  
**Scott Kent**

Student Last Name  
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**Haaris Quraishy, AP**



Student Last Name  
A - G  
**Agnes Browning, AP**

Student Last Name  
Pat - Z  
**Jessica Lundy, AP**



Assistant Administrator  
**Joseph Seals**

# What does it mean to be an IA Student?

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## PASSIONATE

IA is a place to find your passion!

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## CURIOUS

Ask questions

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## HUMBLE

Willing to learn and grow and say "I made a mistake"

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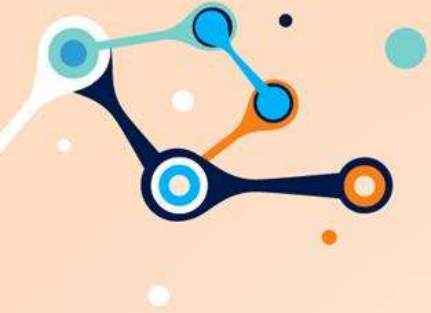
## PROBLEM SEEKERS

Don't be afraid of a challenge!

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## PROBLEM SOLVERS

Once I hit the challenge, search for solutions.



# Expectations of an IA Student

## Responsibility

Organization  
Student Email

## Ready to Learn

Come prepared  
Be proactive, not reactive

## Self-Monitoring

Homework  
Communication with  
Teachers  
Fulton Virtual Class

## Empathetic

Get to know others  
Listen to others  
Learn from others

## Be Ok with Mistakes

9<sup>th</sup> Graders Learn and  
Grow

## Driven

Always give your best  
Be willing to try again

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# Important Dates



# July and August Dates to Remember

- July 25: Odyssey Freshmen Orientation
- August 3: IA Information Day
- August 7: First Day of School
- August 11: Regular School Day
- **August 16: Flex Friday and GT Block Information Night (Virtual) – 7pm**
- August 18: Club Fair
- **August 24: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night with Your Counseling Team – 6pm in Auditorium**
- August 25: First Flex Friday for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders – Cohort 12 Only
- August 29 and 30: Block Days
- September 1: IA PD Day - Students Asynchronous

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# Freshmen Odyssey

Freshman Orientation  
Tuesday, July 25, 2023  
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Students should wear their freshmen t-shirt and comfortable clothing. Bring a refillable water bottle, writing utensil, and somewhere to take notes.

If you have not registered and would still like to attend, please email Jessica Lundy at [lundyjn@fultonschools.org](mailto:lundyjn@fultonschools.org)

# SCHEDULE

- 8:30am – Check in – Front Lobby
- 9:00am – Orientation Begins
  - Students will rotate through sessions with their small group leader. They will have a Q&A panel with upper classmen
- 3:00pm – Dismissal – Back of School
- Pizza Lunch is provided by PTSO or students can bring their own lunch. Meatless option available. No gluten free or vegan options available.



# What to Expect

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MEET PEERS AND  
UPPER CLASSMEN

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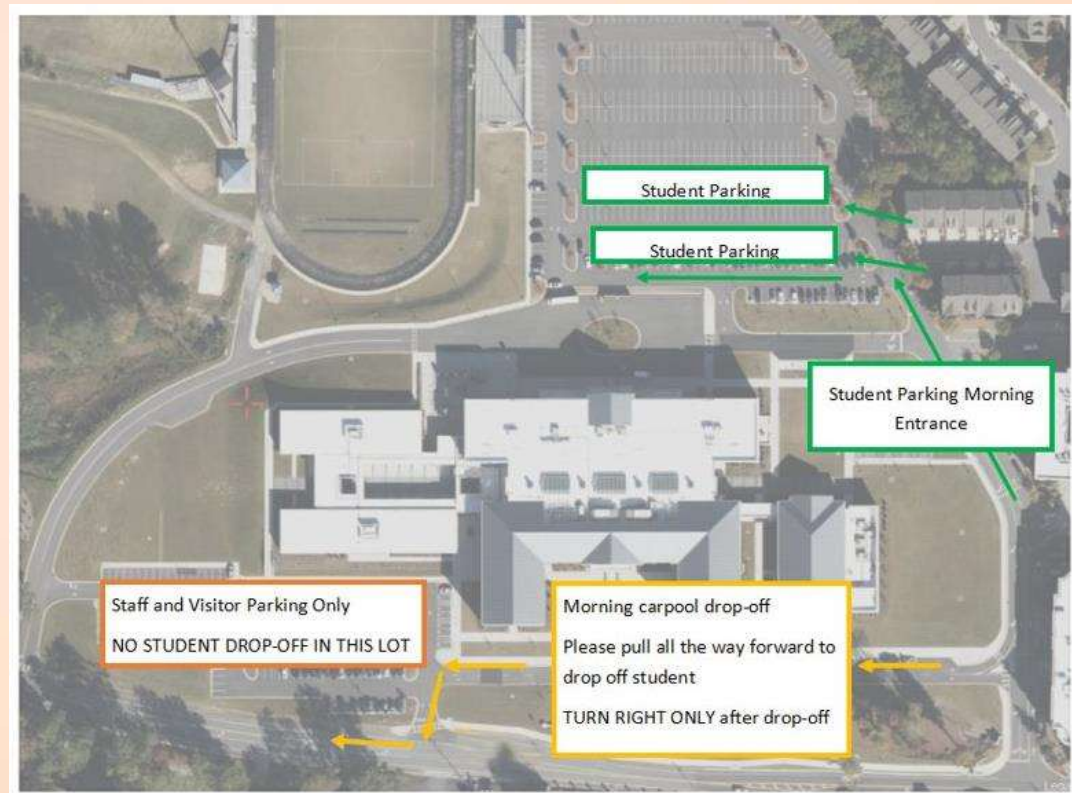
GET TO KNOW THE  
SCHOOL

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LEARN DESIGN  
THINKING PROCESS

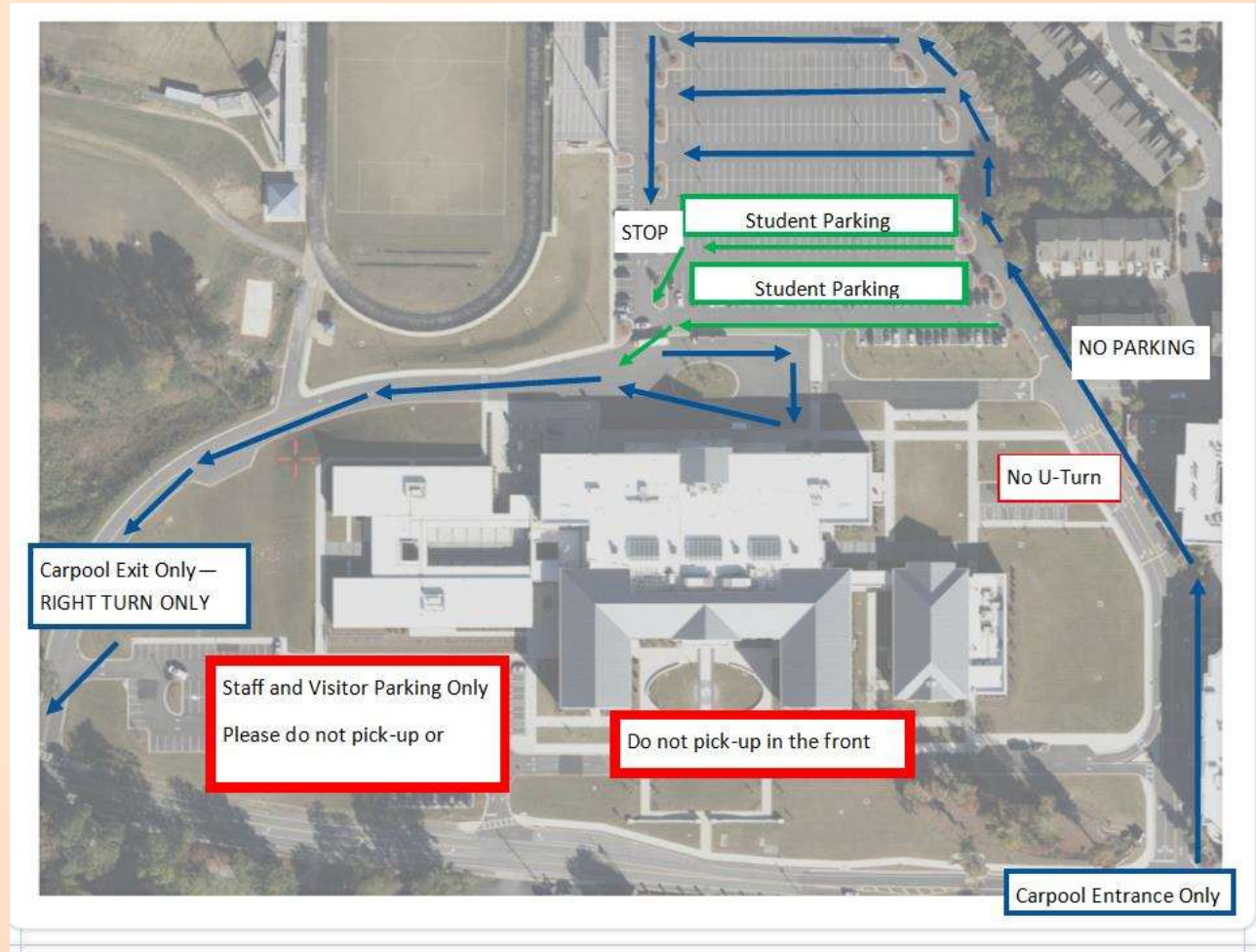
# Where to Drop Off for Odyssey

- Drop off your child in the front of the school by the flagpole



# Where to Pick Up for Odyssey

- We are running regular car pool for pick up. Get to know our process
- It is helpful to text your student once parked to tell them what lane you are in (3, 4, 5 or stadium)



# Information Day

9am – 12pm

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Time Slot: 9:00 – 9:45am

Walk your schedule

Meet your teachers

Join the PTSO

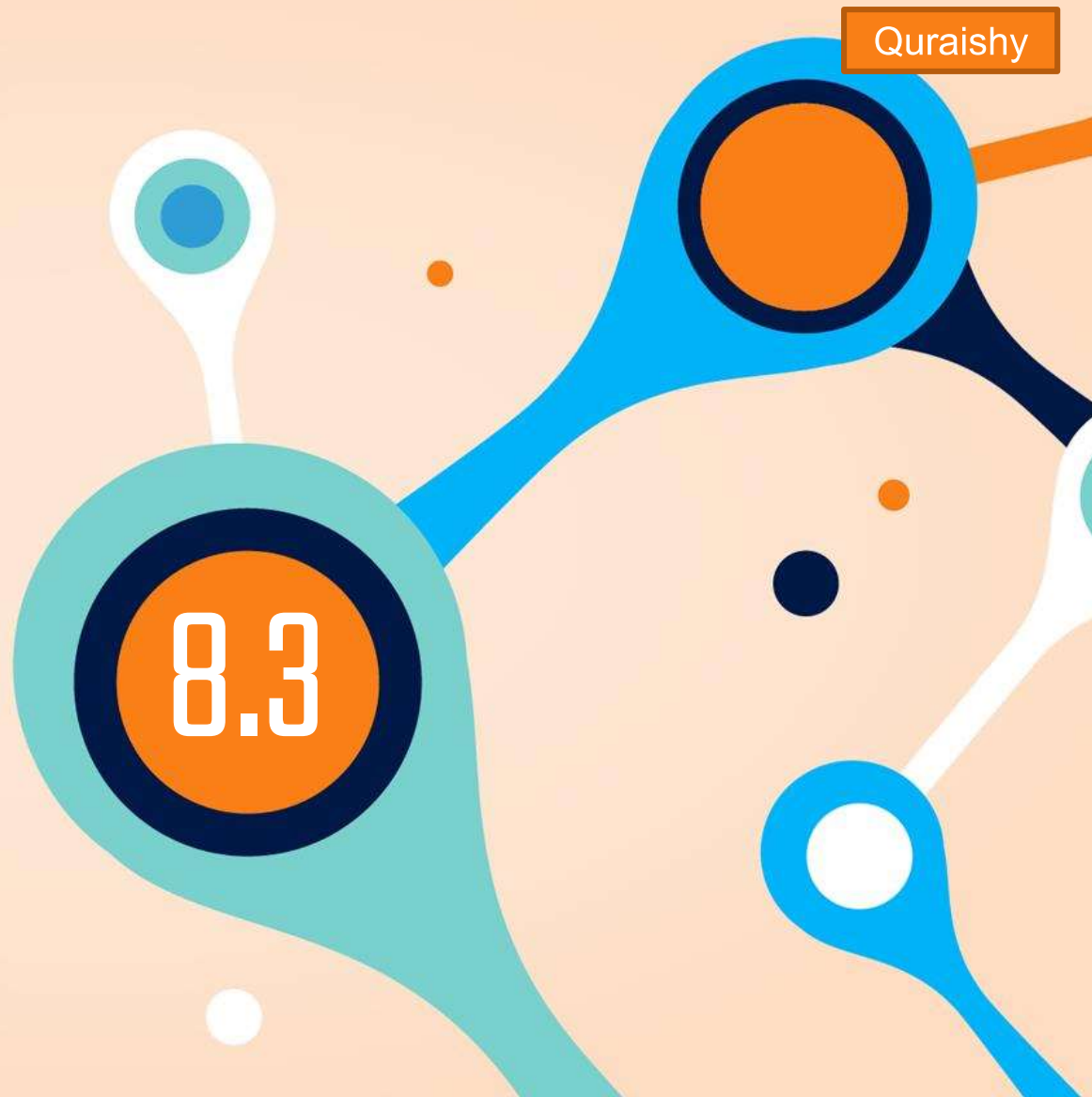
Purchase spirit wear

Turn in proof of residency (10<sup>th</sup>)

Receive bus information

Check The Beacon email for the full catalog  
for IA Information Day

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[www.iaptso.org](http://www.iaptso.org)



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PTSO

## Why Join the Innovation Academy Parent - Teacher - Student Organization?

The IA PTSO is a non-profit organization responsible for the student-life at IA raising approximately \$180,000 last school year to support programming, including:

- Over \$20,000 in Teacher Grants
- Over \$17,000 in School Improvements including outdoor tables & benches and student/faculty flex seating
- October Sky Flex Friday event featuring the building and launching of rockets by Engineering Students with Lockheed Martin
- Raspberry Pi Hackathon featuring IT student and business sponsor team projects coded on Raspberry Pis
- International Night of Innovation (fall cultural event)
- Phoenix Fest (spring festival)
- Student Recognition
- Teacher Appreciation & Hospitality
- Pathway Declaration Ceremony
- IA Spirit Wear
- Business Partners



All of this and more was possible because of parent contributions to the PTSO!

Please join the IA PTSO and purchase spirit wear at [www.iaptso.org](http://www.iaptso.org).



# IA Funding Organizations

	IA Foundation	IA PTSO
Primary Responsibility	Advancing the IA Curriculum and providing capital support for the school and specific pathways while creating a long-term capital reserve to support Innovation Academy's long-term mission.	Supporting the development of robust student/faculty life and culture at IA
Typical activities sponsored or funded	<p>Student internships            Student and Program Grants            Advanced Training for Faculty and Students            Business / Industry Partnerships            Externships for faculty</p>	<p>Teacher Grants            School-wide Community Events            Staff Appreciation and Hospitality            Sponsored Flex Friday for Each Pathway            Student Recognition Events            Senior Activities            Senior Scholarships            Campus Improvements and Beautification</p>

# Fundraising at Innovation

IA PTSO

[bit.ly/iaptso](http://bit.ly/iaptso)



IA Foundation

<http://bit.ly/iafoundation>



# Optional Project Fee

- This fee is encouraged but not required.
- If you choose to donate, the recommended amount is \$50.00.
- The money is used to fund materials for school projects in core classes and pathways.



# Communication

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- Parents receive **The Beacon** every Friday
  - This includes all things Innovation Academy such as logistics, highlights, and much more!
  - Next Beacon: Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>
  - July Edition at [beacon.fcsia.com](http://beacon.fcsia.com)
- **The IA Who To Contact Flowchart**
  - This will be posted on Information Day on our website and will be included in The Beacon
- Follow Innovation Academy on Social Media
  - Twitter: @IAFultonSchools
  - Facebook: Innovation Academy
  - Instagram: @IAFultonSchools

If you have not been receiving emails from the school, please send your updated contact information to [innovationacademy@fultonschools.org](mailto:innovationacademy@fultonschools.org)

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Note: Breakfast and Lunch  
are no longer free for all  
this year.  
Breakfast: \$1.25  
Lunch: \$2.70



Set up your  
lunch  
account

# First Day of School

- First Class begins at 8:55am
- Car riders can arrive starting at 7:45am (our doors open at 7:30am)
- Final bell is 4:15pm with the building closing at 4:30pm (unless there is an after school event)
- Students access their schedule through Infinite Campus starting July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Counselors will be finished with schedule changes on August 2<sup>nd</sup>

# All Things In The Classroom

Teachers will provide a syllabus for their class in the first week of school

This will outline the curriculum, their expectations, their tutoring hours, and any suggested supplies

Supplies suggestions will be on teachers' boards during Information Day

**Reminder:** IA does not have or use lockers; our teachers use technology often for their classes (Microsoft Teams or Canva)

# Technology This Year

- ❖ Microsoft Teams
- ❖ Canvas
- ❖ Planbook
  
- ❖ Read each syllabus with your student
- ❖ Once the FCS devices are issued, have you student show you each class and how their work is organized

As soon as we have the device rollout schedule it will be emailed to you and posted for students

# Virtual Period

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Treat virtual class like any other IA class. Manage time wisely during this period.  
Turn assignments in on time!



Find a study buddy



Find a consistent, quiet place to work where you are comfortable and can focus



Communicate with your virtual teacher, whether by email, phone, or Teams

- 1st, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th
  - Report to HUB 380s for the first 4.5 weeks
- 6th Period
  - Report to Auditorium for the first 4.5 weeks
- Be on time
- Make use of your time—do not fall behind
  
- At the 4.5 week mark, students in good standing may have their virtual period in the building
- If you fall out of good standing, your virtual period will be back in a monitored room



# How to Support My Child

Work with your student to determine how much should be completed each week

## Virtual Period

Read each one carefully with your student

## Syllabus

Help your student determine the best way to stay organized

## Organization Plan

What platforms does your student use for each class?

## Online platforms (Teams, CANVA)

Allow your student to problem solve and advocate for themselves

## Allow growth and communication

This is the hardest part, we know!!!

# Wellness of our Students

## Student Planning

- [IA Health Wellness Plan.docx](#)

## Lunch Period

- Decompress
- Outside activities (intramurals)

## Wellness Focus Groups

# Flex Fridays

1. **What is Flex Friday?**
  - a. Alternate school day schedule focused on the career pathways of IA
2. **What are student expectations for Flex Friday?**
  - a. Come with a purpose
  - b. Be where you are assigned/signed up to be
  - c. Model IA Student expectations
3. **Does my student attend every Friday?**
  - a. No, only on the required Fridays depending on their Cohort.
  - b. Other Fridays are optional attendance based on need
    - i. Tutoring, Make Up Work, Group Project
    - ii. Come with a purpose
4. **What does my student do when they do not attend Flex Friday?**
  - a. Working on assigned virtual work from teachers

Dates For Freshman To Attend For Flex Friday This Semester depends on when your student has GT Block during the day. They are labeled Cohort 12, Cohort 34 and Cohort 78.

- a. If your student has GT block during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period, they will be apart of Cohort 12. (the cohort number represents the periods they have GT Block)

Join us for an in-depth look into Flex Friday and GT Block on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm virtually. Link will be emailed to all 9<sup>th</sup> grade families.

# Fall Flex Friday Schedule

## FLEX FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Fall 2023

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### AUGUST

8/11	REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	ALL STUDENTS
8/18	REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	ALL STUDENTS
8/25	IT FLEX FRIDAY	IT & COHORT 12

### SEPTEMBER

9/1	IA PD DAY	NO STUDENTS
9/8	DT DAY	ALL STUDENTS
9/15	ENGINEERING FLEX FRIDAY	ENG & COHORT 34
9/22	HEALTH SCIENCE FLEX FRIDAY	HS & COHORT 12
9/29	IT FLEX FRIDAY	IT & COHORT 78

### OCTOBER

10/06	IA PD DAY	NO STUDENTS
10/13	REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	ALL STUDENTS
10/20	ENGINEERING FLEX FRIDAY	ENG & COHORT 12
10/27	HEALTH SCIENCE FLEX FRIDAY	HS & COHORT 78

### NOVEMBER

11/03	IT FLEX FRIDAY	IT & COHORT 34
11/10	REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	ALL STUDENTS
11/17	IA PD DAY	NO STUDENTS

### DECEMBER

12/01	ENGINEERING FLEX FRIDAY	ENG & COHORT 78
12/08	HEALTH SCIENCE FLEX FRIDAY	HS & COHORT 34
12/15	DECLARATION DAY	ALL 9TH STUDENTS

\*NO STUDENTS INDICATES NO STUDENTS PRESENT ON CAMPUS. STUDENTS WILL BE ENGAGING IN ASYNCHRONOUS ASSIGNMENTS FROM TEACHERS AT HOME.

# First Four Fridays

**August 11:** Regular School Day

**August 18:** Regular School Day – Club Fair at Lunch

**August 25:** IT Flex Friday with GT Block Cohort 12  
All other students are Asynchronous Learning at Home

**September 1:** IA Professional Development Day  
All students are Asynchronous Learning at Home

# What does it mean to work asynchronously at home?

Asynchronous Days are  
SCHOOL DAYS

Work Deadlines  
are enforced

Time  
Management

# Individual Questions?

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