

Hello, Ipswich School Families!

The countdown is on! We're excited to welcome you back for another fantastic school year here at Ipswich!! Here are some important details to help you get ready. Click the blue hyperlinks for more information on specific topics.

Fall Sports Kick-Off

- **Power of the Paw** – Tuesday, August 5th @ 4:00 pm. Athletes in grades 6-12 are invited. Click the link for details.
- **Fall Sports Meeting** - Tuesday, August 5th @ 7:00 pm. [Ipswich School Theatre](#) for athletes/parents in grades 6-12.
- **Football practices** start on **Thursday, August 7th**
- **Cross Country practices** start on **Monday August 11th**
- **Volleyball practices** start on **Thursday, August 14th**

- All student-athletes need to have their sports physicals completed before participating.

- Questions? [Contact Dan.Knust@k12.sd.us](mailto:Dan.Knust@k12.sd.us) or the head coach of each sport.

- **Middle School Sports** start on the first day of school, **August 20th**.

Football players meet in the MS locker room, and volleyball players in the Auxiliary gym after school.

Check the [Activities/Athletics Website](#) or contact the coach or Dan.Knust@k12.sd.us at 426-6571 for more details.

Open House Extravaganza

Join us on **August 12th from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM** for our Open House!

- If you need to update any of your family information, please stop in the main entrance area.
- Meet our new and returning staff, confirm class schedules, buy activity and lunch tickets, and tour the classrooms.
- No school information will be mailed out.
- Find all details on the [Ipswich School Website](#) under the ["Links List For Parents"](#) tab.

School Picture Day

We encourage you to have your children take school pictures on Open House Day, Tuesday, [August 12th, with Real Dakota Photography](#). Katie will only take pictures from 12:00-3:30 pm that day.

**** School picture day is scheduled for Thursday, Sept.4th. Pictures can be taken on either of those days.**

A picture re-take day will be scheduled as well.

First Day of School

Mark your calendars: School starts on **Wednesday, August 20th at 8:30 AM**. Buses and the lunch program will be running as usual. Regular school hours are from **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**.

Elementary School Supplies

For the small fee of \$15 per student, we'll take care of providing all the necessary school supplies for your elementary child. It's a hassle-free way to gear up for the new academic journey without breaking the bank!

****Please email IpswichSchool@k12.sd.us and let them know you want to be included.** By opting into this program, your child will only need to bring a few personal items to school, including a sturdy backpack, comfortable headphones (earbuds not allowed), a functional pencil box without a handle, or a practical pencil pouch.

PE shoes and a reliable water bottle are also essential for active days of learning and fun. Additionally, for our youngest learners in Preschool and Jr Kindergarten, we have a special request – kindly send them with an old paint shirt to protect their adorable outfits during art explorations! To our fifth-grade students, we recognize the importance of this transitional phase, and we kindly request that they bring their preferred deodorant to stay fresh and confident throughout the day.

Lunch Money and Fees

- Ensure your child has funds on their Infinite Campus account for extra milk and seconds.
- Need help? Call Shana Gohl at 426-6561 or email Shana.Gohl@k12.sd.us
- Lunch prices: PK-5 (\$2.85), 6-12 (\$3.10), Seconds (\$1.25), Milk (\$0.40).
- You can add funds through the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** (found on the App Store) using a credit/debit card or by dropping off cash/check at the school office.

Activity Tickets and Passes

- Grades 1-5: \$15.00
- Grades 6-12: \$20.00
- Adults: \$40.00
- Senior Citizen: \$25.00
- First home activity is a Volleyball Match vs. Highmore/Harrold on **August 28th starting @ 4:45 pm**.
- Passes can be purchased at the "Open House" or in the Business Office during regular business hours.

School Closures

Notifications will be sent via telephone messaging, school website, TV, radio, and social media.

Update Your Infinite Campus Information

Please log in to your Infinite Campus account to confirm and update household information. Questions? Email your child's principal Matt.Pollock@k12.sd.us or Dan.Knust@k12.sd.us or, email Trent.Osborne@k12.sd.us

Immunizations Required

All students must have up-to-date immunizations, including T-dap and MCV4 for 6th graders, before the school year begins. Please send a copy of your updated records to Shana.Gohl@k12.sd.us

Busing Info

Questions about busing? Call Lenny or Deb Braun at 426-6095 or 380-7079. New families in rural areas should contact the school to be included in the bus routes and schedules.

Child Find

If you know of students needing special services who aren't attending school, please contact the Superintendent's office at 426-6561 or email lpswichSchool@k12.sd.us

Student Records

Under FERPA, certain "directory information" can be disclosed without written consent unless you opt out. For more details, review our [FERPA policy](#).

High School Schedule Changes

High School students, check your schedules on Infinite Campus. Need changes? Email Mr. Knust by **Monday, August 4th**. Juniors and Seniors interested in dual credit, virtual high school, or internships should contact Mr. Knust ASAP.

Important Dates

For up-to-date activity and athletic schedules, please visit the [Activity/Athletic Calendar](#)
For the current school year calendar, please visit the [25-26 Academic Calendar](#)

We can't wait to see our students fill the hallways once again. Let's make 2025-2026 the best school year yet!!
Go Tigers! 