

1002 South Indian Creek Dr. Trafalgar, IN 46181

Hello, ICES Families!

The 2023-2024 school year is upon us, and our ICES team has been busy preparing for your student. We couldn't be more excited to welcome you next week at our Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, Aug. 1, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In addition to meeting your child's teacher, you'll have the chance to explore the building and visit various tables in the gym (to include PTO, bus transportation, background checks, community partners and more). Also, be sure to stop by our photo booth and enjoy a cold treat from Kona Ice.

You're welcome to bring in your child's school supplies during back-to-school night. To access their school supply list, <u>click here</u> (scroll to the bottom and select the appropriate grade level under "Supply Lists"). If you purchased supplies through the NHJ Education Foundation fundraiser, they will be in the classrooms on Tuesday.

## Who is your child's teacher?

On Friday, July 28, you can see who your child's teacher is through Infinite Campus. If you need help signing in, please call the ICES front office at 317.878.2150.

#### Textbook rental fees

Beginning this school year, after a law passed in the 2023 legislative session, Indiana families will no longer be charged textbook fees, including iPads and Chromebooks. The state has set aside \$160 million dollars per year in the state budget to take the burden off parents to pay. Note: Parents will still be responsible for lost or damaged items.

## **Background checks**

In an effort to keep our schools safe, all volunteers must have a background check completed and on file with the school. To volunteer in the classroom, chaperone field trips or attend classroom parties, you must have a background check done. There will be a table in the gym where you can complete this form. Important: A new background check must be done every school year. Also, this background check is only for ICES. Meaning, if you have a child in another building, you will need to complete one for that building too

## **NHJ PTO**

The NHJ PTO serves both ICES and ICIS. Be sure to stop by their table in the gym to sign up for email alerts about upcoming events. Save the date: They will kick off their first meeting of the new school year on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. Please consider getting involved!

# For Kindergarten students only: "Watch Me Grow" t-shirts for sale!

New this year, you can purchase a "Watch Me Grow" t-shirt for the Class of 2036 for your kindergartener. This t-shirt is a great way to watch your child grow as you take a picture of him/her wearing it at the beginning and/or end of each school year. All shirts are adult large and the cost is \$15 (cash or check only). Be sure to look for this table in the gym near the photo booth. Of interest: This is a fundraiser put on by ICHS Brave Backers, a parent-led group, for the purpose of providing a fun and safe post-prom experience. See flyer attached for visual but please note that the deadline to pre-order has already passed. There should be plenty to order on site.

Again, we're excited to see you next week. If you have any questions, please contact the front office at 317.878.2150.

With Appreciation,

Mr. Long Principal, ICES