



# Wildcat Weekly News

Independence Charter School West Family Newsletter

## Back to School Edition - Part II



We hope that you are enjoying the summer break! We are so excited to welcome our students back for the 2022-23 school year! In this edition of the *Wildcat Weekly News*, you will find all of the information that you need to get ready for the start of the school year.

**Virtual Family Orientation:** We will host a virtual Family Orientation on Zoom on Monday, Aug 22nd from 5:30-6:30pm. Please [use this link](#) to join us to learn more information for the 2022-23 school year, and to hear from Nurse Shavon about health & safety measures.

**COVID-19:** All students and staff will be required to wear masks while in school during the first two weeks of the new school year, from Aug 29th through Sept 9th. Following this time, we will continue to re-evaluate masking requirements and keep families informed throughout the year. Please [complete this survey](#) to opt in or out of testing at school for your child.

**Uniform Swap:** ICS West will host a free Uniform Swap at the school on Saturday, Aug 20th from 10am-12pm. [Click here to RSVP](#) and include the sizes that you are requesting and/or donating. All donated clothing should be clean.

**School Supplies:** ICS West will provide free supplies for all of our students to be used in the classroom. Please note that parents will need to provide students with a backpack and reusable water bottle. Students' names should be written in permanent marker on both backpacks and reusable water bottles.

**Class Assignments:** You will receive an introductory letter and invitation to join Class Dojo from your child's new teacher during the week of August 22nd.

**2022-23 School Calendar:** The 2022-23 calendar is available on [our website](#). Please note that we will return to early dismissals on Wednesdays. Use [this survey](#) to submit questions or concerns about the schedule.

### Arrival & Dismissal Times:

Arrival will take place between **9:00-9:15am**. Students will not be allowed to enter the building before 9:00am. Dismissal takes place between **4:00-4:15pm** on regular days and from **1:30-1:45pm** on Wednesdays.

**Parent Engagement:** We would like to increase our parent and family engagement at ICS West. Please [complete this form](#) to share your contact information with our Board Parent Rep so that you can share your ideas and stay informed.

**Before and After School Programs:** The [application for 21st Century](#) is now closed. If your child was not offered a spot in 21st Century, there are [other free and low-cost options](#) for before and after school programs available.