

August, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian & Student:

We hope you've had a pleasant summer and are looking forward to the first year at the New Tech High School. Please read carefully, as this letter has a number of important announcements. **Included are the emergency health information sheets.**

The Following Forms may be accessed through Tech's Website: www.isd742.org Click on schools, then "About our School."

- **Photo Image Release Form** - If you do not want to have your child(ren) identified in various media publications/productions, the Photo Image Release Form must be completed and returned to the Principal's Office by October 11th, 2019.
- **Military Form – 11th & 12th Grade** – If you do not want your child's information released to the military, complete this form and send to Tech by October 4th, 2019.

Evening Open House Tuesday, August 27th, 4:00 – 8:00pm

All students and their families are invited to attend Tech's Open House on **August 27th**. All families must use the 33rd Street entrance for access to the new Tech High School. This is an opportunity to meet teachers and become familiar with our new building. You may arrive at any time and visit teachers at your leisure. Please enter Door 1. Schedules will be available for all 9th graders as well as 10-12th grade students new to Tech. For all others, we ask that you print your child's schedule in advance of Open House. Hope to see you there!

Student Schedules Student schedules should be accessed through you or your child's **Skyward accounts**. Paper copies of schedules for **9th Grade Students** will be distributed the night of **Open House**. Paper Copies of schedules for **all Grades** will be available the **First Day of School**.

Schedule Change Procedure Because staffing decisions are based on the course students register for, schedule corrections will be done on a limited basis. If you have a scheduling issue, please utilize our schedule request form linked through our Tech Website at <https://www.isd742.org/domain/460> Counselors will review requests and notify students of any action taken. Students are to follow their original schedules unless notified by their counselor. Schedule request forms are also available in the guidance office.

Post Secondary Option Students PSEO students should email their post-secondary schedule to their counselor and phone the guidance office, **370-8362**, to make an appointment with their counselor the week of August 19th.

First Day of School The first day of school, Tuesday, September 3rd, is **only** for Ninth Graders and students new to Tech in Grades 10, 11, and 12. **New Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12** will meet in the Commons and have an orientation from 1:30 – 3:15 pm on that day. New 10 – 12th Graders should make their own travel arrangements on September 3rd.

Ninth Grade Students will have a full day orientation on September 3rd with our Link Crew Program. Link Crew welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout their first year of high school. Your son/daughter will be assigned a "link leader" who is a junior or senior at Tech High School. Link leaders will serve as positive role models, motivators, and teachers throughout the school year. They will help freshmen discover what it takes to be successful in high school. **All freshmen are to report to the gym upon their arrival to school by 8:30 a.m. Please do not bring backpacks on Tuesday, September 3rd.**

The First Day of classes for all students will be Wednesday, September 4th. Final schedules will be distributed in the gym on the first day of classes. Since there may be changes made to schedules in late August, please do not use the tentative schedule. The length of the school day for the 2019-20 School year will be 8:30 – 3:15 pm.

New 11th Grade Study Halls In an effort to provide additional student supports and align district 742 high schools, all juniors will now be scheduled into study halls beginning this fall. This means all 9 -11 graders will have required study halls opposite their scheduled lunch.

Emergency Health Form Update Please update this form and bring it to school on Sept. 3rd or 4th or mail it to the Tech High School Health Office. It is very important that a relative or friend be listed whom we can contact in case of an emergency or illness at school. If a student wishes to go home and a parent cannot be reached, the relative or friend will need to be contacted. **Students will not be permitted to attend classes until they have turned in their emergency health care update form.**

School Pictures School pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, September 11th** A payment envelope will be given to all students in homeroom the first day of school. **The envelope should be returned on September 11th with payment.**

Skyward Please refer to the District Website www.isd742.org for the Parent Portal information regarding access to Grades, Teacher Plans, etc.

Parking Information Student parking permits may be purchased for \$100 in the Commons 7:30 – 8:20 am, during the first week of school. All permits must be purchased and displayed by Friday, September 6th as parking restrictions will be enforced at that time. Permits may also be purchased at any time during the school year. Please call **370-8352** with questions.

Transportation The regular bus schedule will begin on Tuesday, September 3rd. Please call Transportation at 370-6940 with any questions.

Lunch will be available the first day of school for the price of \$2.90. Students may deposit money in their lunch account each day before 1st Period in the Commons. Information will be distributed in homeroom on the first day of school. You may access your child's lunch account through "Skyward Family Access" located on the District Website www.isd742.org
Free & Reduced Lunch Forms will be available in the Guidance Office, Student Services Office as well as online www.isd742.org – Click on Students – Nutritional Services (form on left side of page).

Tech School Supply list Please see Tech's Website www.isd742.org The list will also be available at Wal-Mart, Target & Five Below.

Early Release Days In the upcoming 2019-20 school year, the academic calendar includes five days with a two-hour early release in order for staff to participate in professional development. The dates are: November 1, December 6, February 7, March 13 and May 1. (These dates can also be found on the district calendar: https://www.isd742.org/cms/lib/MN01909691/Centricity/domain/4/calendars/Calendar_2019-20.pdf)
Please mark these dates on your personal calendar and arrange in advance for your child's pick-up or after-school care, if needed. The school day on Early Release days is 8:30 – 1:15 pm.

We are excited to share that our partnership with the Central Minnesota Boys & Girls Club will enable families to utilize after-school care and activities on early release days. Boys & Girls Club locations are listed below and transportation from the school to the Boys & Girls Club site is provided. A minimal fee applies; however, scholarships are available. Registration is required.

Boys and Girls Club <https://www.bgcmn.org/>
Eastside Boys & Girls Club – 320 Raymond Ave SE St. Cloud 320-253-5159
Roosevelt Boys & Girls Club – 345 30th Ave N St. Cloud 320-257-5124
Southside Boys & Girls Club 1205 6th Ave S St. Cloud 320-251-4314
Please contact your school principal with any questions.

<p><u>GUIDANCE OFFICE COUNSELORS</u> Jeni Schad (ALL 9th Graders) Ext. 8364 Erin Bloch A – Ga (10th – 12th) Ext. 8365 Phil Corbett Ge-Moh (10th – 12th) Ext. 8366 Krisi Lain Moi-Z (10th – 12th) Ext. 8367</p>
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We're looking forward to the New Tech High School this year, as we continue a tradition of excellence since 1917. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Charlie Eisenreich
Principal