



Kouts Middle/High School

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TO: High School Students and Parents/Guardians
FROM: Thomas Stoner, Principal
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Ready or not, the school year will begin on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:45 AM. This will be a full day of instruction from 7:45-2:45. On the first day of school, all high school students will report to the PAR gym at 7:45.

REGISTRATION: Online registration will be open from July 15-August 1 to register returning students and to pay book rental/fees. Parents/guardians are to log in to their Skyward account to complete the online portion. Any returning student whose online registration is **not** completed by August 1 will need to have a parent/guardian register them on a school computer by **August 6**. ***Registration at the school will be held on July 31 and August 1 from 12:00-4:00 and 5:30-7:30.*** Students are encouraged to set up their lockers and practice their combinations during registration times. No students will be allowed in the building on August 12-13 except for supervised athletic activities.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: A [Medication Administration at School](#) form is needed for each student each year. The [Student Health Information](#) form is only required for the following: all new students and students whose information has changed since submitting last year's form. We will need a copy of any new immunizations received. If your student is not vaccinated, please complete the [Objection to Immunization](#) form. Return forms to the office.

PARKING PERMITS & RANDOM DRUG TESTING: Parking permits **for seniors only** will be distributed in the office on July 29 from 8:00-11:00 AM. Parking permits for all other grade levels will be issued during registration on July 31 and August 1 and during regular offices hours beginning August 5. If you plan on driving to school, complete both the [Parking Permit](#) form and the [Random Drug Testing](#) form and bring them to the office with \$11.00. If you filled out a drug testing form last year, you do not need to fill out another one this year, but you do need to pay the fee. The parking permit is \$5.00, and the consent for random drug testing is \$6.00 (both require a parent/guardian's signature). Please bring exact amount or write a check payable to Kouts School. Parking will be permitted in the school lot only. All students will park in the school lot or will forfeit their privilege of driving to school. **Participation in the random drug testing program is *required* for students in grades 7-12 who participate in extracurricular activities, are in band or choir, or who drive to school.**

PE UNIFORMS: All students are required to wear a Kouts School gym uniform for physical education classes. Those who need to purchase a uniform should order online no later than August 1 at <http://teamblythes.com> or you may purchase a uniform directly at Blythe's Team Sports in Valparaiso. The uniform fee is \$10 for shorts and \$6 for t-shirts plus tax. The fee must be paid for when ordering—state assistance will not cover the cost of the uniform. Uniforms will be delivered to the school for a nominal fee or you may pick up your order at Blythe's at no additional charge. Uniforms delivered to

the school will be distributed to students during the first week of classes. Students are to wear school-appropriate shorts and t-shirts to gym class until their uniforms arrive.

BOOK RENTAL & LUNCH ACCOUNTS: Please be prepared to pay at least a portion of your book rental/fees when you register. **Corporation policy states that textbook rental/fees are due within three weeks of the first day of attendance for each family.** Families who cannot comply with this deadline **must contact the principal or bookkeeper** to establish an individual payment plan. Applications for assistance with book rental and/or lunches for families whose income is at or below standards published by EPCSC are available in Skyward during online registration and are also available in the office. The price for school lunch this year will be \$2.75 (checks are payable to **EPCSC**). Please monitor your student's lunch account in Skyward and have payment brought to the office at the beginning of the week, or you may add money to the account electronically online in Skyward (for an additional fee).

Band and Color Guard Members: [Click here](#) for the KHS marching band summer schedule. If you have any questions and would like to contact the director, Miss Perry, please email her at caitlyn.perry@valpo.edu (or after the school year begins at caitlyn.perry@eastporter.k12.in.us).

Color Guard: Coach Fosburgh will be in contact with you.

ATHLETICS: Along with book rental, a fee for athletic transportation will be applied for students participating in sports and cheerleading. The fee will be \$15 for the entire year (unlimited sports) with the fee capped at \$45 for the entire year for a family with more than three children. The transportation fee must be paid before students can participate in away games. ***All students who plan on participating in athletics must have physical, concussion, and athletic rules forms completed and on file in the Athletic Director's office before they can participate.*** These forms are available on the school's website athletic page, at the corporation office during the summer, and in the office during the school year. It is also recommended that students have a physical examination by their family physician prior to participating in physical education class.

MANDATORY ATHLETIC PRACTICES:

Girls & Boys Cross Country	August 5, 6:30-7:30 AM
Girls Soccer	Tryout dates are August 5 and August 6 Mandatory two practices each day August 5-10 (9:00-11:00 AM & 5:30-7:30 PM at KHS soccer field)
Boys Soccer	Click here for the summer practice schedule. Mandatory two practices each day August 5-10 (7:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-5:00 PM at the KHS soccer field)
Girls JV & Varsity Volleyball	August 5, 5:30-7:30 PM (tryouts)
Boys Volleyball	August 5, 5:00-7:00 PM

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST: [Click here](#) for a list of school supplies you will need.

Once again, I would like to welcome you to the new school year at Kouts High School! If you or your parents/guardians have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.