

## Welcome Back Event – Monday, August 7th



### Welcome To Walnutwood High School Independent Study

Welcome, if you are new to Walnutwood. If you were with us last year, we are so very happy to have you back. We have had some exciting new additions to our staff this year. Kim Walker, Principal of Innovations Academy has taken over for Mrs. Conover after she retired this past year, and Mrs. Ann Botsford, is our new Assistant Principal, coming to us from Cordova High School. Stacey Michelini is our new administrative assistant, and Jerry Dunlap is our registrar. We are so excited to have you join us for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, **Our Welcome Back event is Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**All registration and InfoSnap** is completed online and should be done at prior to the start of school. If you have not registered or if you are unsure, please reach out to Jerry for confirmation or assistance [jdunlap@fcusd.org](mailto:jdunlap@fcusd.org) or 916-294-9105 option 1. If you need assistance, we are more than happy to have you come in and complete the process here on site.

*On the first day, we encourage all parents/guardians to attend the first appointment with their child in order to plan for the upcoming school year. All students are to attend our Welcome Back Event to ensure your:*

1. registration is complete
2. Sign the master agreement / meet teacher
3. Sign technology agreement
4. Pick up your chrome book

#### Material Pick-up & Meet Teacher:

- 9th grade 9am -10am
- 10th grade 10am -11am
- 11th grade 11am -12pm
- 12th grade 1pm - 2pm

#### Master Agreement:

California Independent Study regulations require that each enrolled student have a signed master agreement on file for each grading period enrolled. The student, parent/guardian and supervising teacher must sign the master agreement. Signing of the master agreement states that you agree to all enrollment requirements set forth by Walnutwood High School. **Attendance cannot be calculated until your students has a signed master agreement on file.** Each student will need to have a signed master agreement for each grading period enrolled: 1<sup>st</sup> semester and/or 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. **You will sign the master agreement on August 7th, during our Welcome Back event.**

#### Other Important information

We will continue with the 9th grade Pathfinders Program. The purpose of Pathfinders is to prepare freshmen with the necessary study, reading, and writing skills to succeed in Walnutwood's Independent Study program. All students enrolled in the Pathfinder Program are expected to attend in person 2 days a week. During the semester, students will participate in

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mini-lessons in English and math, as well as planning, calendaring, and developing effective study skills.

Students who are in 10th-12th grade meet with their teacher for 1 time a week for a 45-minute block of time. Students should anticipate 4-5 hours of homework daily. All students are encouraged to attend weekly support labs, as well as extra live instruction sessions from teachers.

### Independent Study Attendance Guidelines

Attendance looks a bit different in an independent study program, compared to a traditional school. In independent study, schools track attendance in two ways: through *engagement* and *work completion*. In PowerSchool, you will see attendance tracked through the following:

**Advisory**—In advisory, we will track the attendance of your student for when they meet with their teacher. Your student may be required to attend once a week, or more often, depending upon their individualized needs. This meets the state requirement of tracking *engagement*. According to ed code, students are not able to miss more than 50% of their assigned meetings with their teacher in a month. If your student struggles in this area, we will start the tiered re-engagement program.

**ADA Work Completion**—In ADA Work Completion, we will track the attendance of your child's assignments. This attendance mirrors the expectation of your child sitting in their seat at a traditional site. If your child completes 100% of their assignments during the week, they will receive 5-days-worth of *ADA work completion attendance*. If they complete 80% of their assignments during the week, they will receive 4 days-worth of this attendance. According to Ed Code, students are not able to miss more than 10% of this attendance a month. This equates to about 4 days a month. If your student struggles in this area, we will start the tiered re-engagement program.

We want to support the individual needs of your child. If you or your child finds themselves struggling with the requirements of our program, please reach out to your child's teacher, our counselor, or the administration staff. We have many strategies to support your child and your family.

- [2023-2024 Instructional Calendar](#)
- [2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook](#)
- [Parents Rights/Student Conduct](#)

Visit our [school website](#) for more information pertaining to WHS programs, graduation requirements, school schedules, resources, and curriculum information. Sara Cavero is our school counselor and would be happy to sit down and go over any information. She can be reached at [scavero@fcusd.org](mailto:scavero@fcusd.org).

**Walnutwood High School – (Entrance location change)**

**School Office 916-294-9105 Hours 7:30-4:00**

**10848 Gadsten Way, Bldg. A-19**

**Rancho Cordova, Ca 95670**

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**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*** *Our Parent/visitor entrance is located in **building A, Room A-19**. Student may still enter through door A-1 for class meetings. Students must sign-in and out when coming on campus or leaving.*

### School Picture Information

**When:** Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Innovations Academy Bldg. D-17  
10886 Gadsten Way Room

Mark your calendar now so photo day does not sneak up on you! We will have Picture information available for all students. Every student will have their picture taken for their student ID card, and senior portrait if applicable. This year, we are using Bill Smith Photography. If you have questions? Call (916)749-1026 and select Option 1 or email [services@billsmithphoto.com](mailto:services@billsmithphoto.com)

#### **Bill Smith Photography**

111 Vernon St, Roseville, CA 95678  
(916)749-1026

Enjoy the rest of your summer break. We look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup>!