

# TECH HIGH SCHOOL

## FALL NEWSLETTER



**Our Mission is to create a safe and caring climate and culture in which we prepare, engage, educate, empower, and inspire all learners in partnership with their surrounding community to be successful in today's and tomorrow's society.**

Dear Tech Families:

We hope you have had a wonderful summer! Our Tech staff are looking forward to welcoming our students and families back to school this fall.

Every week we will send out our "Tech Tiger Times" family newsletter with important announcements, dates and planned activities. Look for opportunities to participate in family engagement activities, to assist in student learning and enrichment, and to attend extra-curricular activities weekly.

We are looking forward to a great school year focused on Pride, Respect, and Responsibility, and to preparing your child to be an engaged Tech student displaying 'Tiger Pride' in his or her continuing personal growth and learning achievements.

Jason Harris, Principal  
[jason.harris@isd742.org](mailto:jason.harris@isd742.org)

**I am pleased to have our entire Administrative Team returning this year. Check out their information [here](#).**

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

**Check out Tech's webpage for additional information: <https://www.isd742.org/tech>**

### **WELCOME BACK CONFERENCES**

Welcome Back Conferences will be held at Tech High School on Tuesday, August 31 from 12:00-7:30 pm. Welcome Back conferences are an opportunity for students and families to visit the school and meet with advisory teachers in-person for a 15-minute, pre-scheduled conference. This meeting will allow teachers, students and families to get to know one another, understand student strengths and needs, and share important information prior to the start of the school year. Students should be present with their parents or guardian for their conference.

The conference scheduling window opened Monday evening, August 23 and will be open through Tuesday, August 31. Please use Skyward to schedule your conference meeting times with your student's assigned Advisory teacher. For directions on how to schedule your student's family conference in Skyward, see [Family Access Conferences \(English\)](#) or [Family Access Conferences \(Somali\)](#).

If you need assistance scheduling your student's conference time, please call Tech's front office at 320-370-8350 between the hours of 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Staff will also be available during device distribution on 8/25, 8/26 and 8/27.

### **Important Dates:**

August 23	Conference Sign-up Available in Skyward
August 31	Conferences with Your Student's Advisory Teacher @ Tech High School 12:00-7:30 pm.

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### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

#### **9th Grade & New Student Orientation -**

Wednesday, September 8th will kick off our first day of school for **9th GRADERS and NEW STUDENTS** (10th-12th). Our new Tech students will have fun filled activities with our Student Ambassadors, Administrative team, Dean of Students, counselors and teachers. They will also participate in a shortened schedule and receive lunch.

### SCHOOL HOURS

This year's school hours will be 8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Students are allowed in the building beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Upon dismissal each day, students not participating in a supervised activity must exit the building by 3:30 p.m. Keeping our learning community safe and healthy is all of our responsibilities, and we appreciate your support.

Please use the following doors when entering the building:

Bus Riders - Door 2 & 6

Drivers - Door 1

Drop off/Walkers - Door 40

### STUDENTS TRANSPORTED AND PICKED UP BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We all want Tech High to be a safe place for students. Please drop off and pick up students by door 40. For safety reasons please do not pick up students in the student parking lot, rather use the parent pick-up lane. Cars are not allowed in the bus loading areas from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

### ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES

If you have an address change, please inform the Welcome Center at 320-370-8000. For contact information, email or phone number updates, please update it in Skyward or contact the Welcome Center at for assistance as soon as possible.

### ATTENDANCE

Parents and/or guardians are reminded that they should always call Tech (320-370-8644) each day their child(ren) is absent to inform the school of the reason for the absence. The office should be notified in advance of scheduled absences. Parents also have the option of entering daily or future absences in Skyward under the attendance section for their child.

### ADVISORY

Advisory will take place Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:20-10:50. Advisory time provides a structured curriculum, including: social/emotional learning, Career and College readiness, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) expectations, and time to check in with advisory teachers on academics and support. This time will provide students with the opportunity to connect with caring adults and fellow classmates as well as to focus themselves for learning each day.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct handbook is a guide for student behavior. The District 742 Board of Education creates and adopts policies to guide the actions of everyone in the district. The link for this handbook can be located on Tech's web page, under **Quick Links** – [Student Handbook](#).

### COMMUNICATION

Along with Skyward messages and our school webpage, <https://www.isd742.org/tech>, the "Tech Tiger Times" newsletter will serve as your weekly communication for important dates, upcoming events and need to know information. To receive these messages, please be sure the school has both a valid phone number and email address for your family.

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### BUSING INFORMATION

Busing information was communicated by Transportation Services to families on August 20th. Call the transportation office at 320-370-6941 if you do not receive a notice. Student busing will begin September 8th.

### PARKING PERMITS

Parking Permits will be required this year. You can pay for the permit through the activities registration page: <https://isd742a.cf.affinety.com/>. They can also be paid for in the activities office with check or cash. The fee is \$100.00. Parking is a privilege at Tech High School. Administration reserves the right to revoke parking permits at any time due to parking lot misconduct.

### DRESS/APPEARANCE

Students are encouraged to take pride in their attire to ensure a respectful learning environment. The question of acceptability is determined by the school staff and administration. Students will be asked to change into appropriate clothing. If they have nothing to change into, parents will be called to bring appropriate clothing to school or students may be sent home. The Dress Code is in the Student Handbook.

### CELL PHONES

Cell phones must remain on silent during school hours between 8:30 am – 3:15 pm.

### EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

It's More Than Just a Meal Application!

#### FREE or REDUCED LUNCH



Receive free or reduce priced student meals.

#### ACTIVITY FEES



Receive discount on fees associated with participating in certain activity programs with District 742.

#### SCHOOL FUNDING



Increase funding for schools to ensure students receive the support they need.

#### COLLEGE APP FEES



Receive discount on fees associated when applying to some colleges.

#### ACADEMIC TEST FEES



Receive discount on fees associated with academic tests such as the ACT, SAT and Advanced Placement (AP).

#### TECHNOLOGY & INTERNET



Receive free or discounted internet rates for your household as well as discounted rates on device insurance.

#### AFTER-SCHOOL CHILDCARE



Receive discount rates on after-school childcare as well as on some Community Education classes.

#### APPLY NOW!

Log in to your Family Skyward account and select "Food Service."

St. Cloud Area School District 

Online Applications are available through Skyward Family Access for anyone wishing to apply for educational benefits.

### PICTURES

School pictures of all students will be taken on August 25-27.

8/25 9am-4pm

8/26 12pm-7pm

8/27 8am-3pm.

Retakes will be scheduled on September 28th.

### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

**Students need to have the following immunizations:**

Two Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), the Hepatitis B Series (HBV – usually is 3 doses), Polio (IVP-at least 3 doses) and either written documentation from your healthcare provider of having had Chicken Pox including month/year

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or two doses of Varicella vaccine for Chickenpox). In addition, 12th graders will need to have **the booster Meningococcal vaccine.**

- Minnesota law requires children enrolled in school to be immunized against certain diseases or file a legal medical or conscientious exemption.

### CLASS SCHEDULES

Your child’s class schedule is now available in Skyward. Go to the district’s website, [www.isd742.org](http://www.isd742.org), then click on “Families” on the top blue bar, then click on Skyward Family Access listed under Parent Tools. If student’s need assistance with their schedule please follow up with your counselor listed below.

### SCHOOL COUNSELORS 320-370-8363

Jeni Schad	9th Grade Counselor	A-Z Counselor	<a href="mailto:jennifer.schad@isd742.org">jennifer.schad@isd742.org</a>
Erin Bloch	10th-12th Grade	A-F Counselor	<a href="mailto:erin.bloch@isd742.org">erin.bloch@isd742.org</a>
Phil Corbett	10th-12th Grade	G-Mohammed Counselor	<a href="mailto:philip.corbett@isd742.org">philip.corbett@isd742.org</a>
Krisi Lain	10th-12th Grade	Mohamud-Z Counselor	<a href="mailto:krisi.lain@isd742.org">krisi.lain@isd742.org</a>

### ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

If you have specific questions, please contact Eric Ruska, Tech Activities Director, [eric.ruska@isd742.org](mailto:eric.ruska@isd742.org) at 320-370-8360.

#### Activities Brochure



#### Registration



#### Tech Student Handbook



#### Transportation Waiver



### Transportation drop off locations for after-school activities

Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oak Hill</li> <li>• Lake George</li> <li>• Southside B&amp;G Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laudenbach Cr &amp; Clearwater Rd.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talahi Elementary</li> <li>• Oak St. &amp; 15th Ave SE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eldorado Park</li> <li>• Clearview Elementary</li> </ul>