

August 2019



Important Dates

August 19: Welcome New Students!
First day of school for NEW students
Testing day for new students (drop off between 7:15-7:45AM)
New Parent Meeting at 8am or 6pm

August 20: First day of school for returning students
Soccer and Cross Country tryouts after school

August 22: Walk through the Schedule Night 6:30-8PM

August 24: IA Family picnic (see details below!)

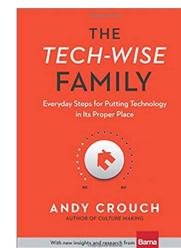
September 2: Labor Day - No school

September 3: College Night for Senior Parents and sons

School News



Our new students experienced a great week at Crucible Camp this year and got to know each other. We are a family, so be sure to introduce



We will be hosting a Tech Wise Family Seminar with Jonathan Lenker from Summit Church in mid-September. Please plan to join us.

Important Information

No Rescue Policy

The cornerstone of Iron Academy is that God will be glorified in everything we do. Our goal for all students is that they acquire the tools and techniques necessary to successfully navigate every situation presented to them. We realize that each student's level of maturity is different, but the endgame is always the same: that the student be instructed and encouraged in such a way that they learn to overcome the obstacle presented.

Considering this rationale, Iron Academy has adopted a NO RESCUE POLICY which we are calling upon our parents to accept, endorse, and implement. Here are some of the areas where this policy will be enforced.

1. Homework assignments and projects are the responsibility of the student, not his parents. We are asking parents to encourage their students to work hard and smart without doing the work for them or bringing it to them during the day.
2. The student is responsible for bringing in and keeping up with his money and his food while he is in school. Please don't prevent your student from learning from his own inattentiveness by bringing in forgotten lunches or money during the day.

Our goal at Iron Academy has always been that the young man's heart would be changed more into the image of Christ. By joining us at Iron Academy, you as a parent accept the terms of what we do. If parents choose to rescue their sons without allowing the process of biblical transformation to take place – if the students do not reap the consequences of their own actions, they will remain dependent children. We are training men!



Parent Testimonial

As a new parent, the no rescue policy may come as a bit of a shock. You want to save the day and spare your son from consequences from their decisions (or lack thereof), but there is a better way to be their hero.

Let them learn from their own mistakes.

As an experienced Iron mama, I can tell you that there is great value in letting our sons learn to fend for themselves. It is second nature to try and smooth the way for our sons, but lessons are best learned through experience, and saving them over and over makes them pay a high price in the long run.

Iron Academy changed the way I parent my sons, and they are so much better off because of it. Start being intentional about letting your son(s) problem solve when things go wrong, instead of jumping in to "help". By letting them solve small problems today, you are helping them learn the coping skills they are going to need in the future.

-Blake McMurray, Iron Mama, year 4

BSMT

One of our goals is to launch boys safely and successfully into middle school through our Basic Self-Management Training (BSMT). That is why we have created

Shepherds

New leadership positions are available for upperclassmen beginning this year. Each middle school grade will have their own Shepherd to tend to their group.

intentional weekly training sessions to transition them from elementary boys to responsible middle school young men.

Middle school students will learn valuable skills, such as; balancing academic classes, time management, upholding an honor code, managing tools (planner, locker, etc.), how to respect and love others, accountability, responsibility, and grit.

Duties will vary per grade, but will include helping with organization, planner checks, and working through honor code violations.



Staff News

From the desk of Coach Mitchell

Let's get ready for some Iron Academy competitions!!

With the new school year comes a new season of athletics. This fall, we will again be offering cross country and soccer to both our Middle School and High School students. All are welcome to try out.

Iron Academy has a strong tradition of building young men through athletics. Our coaches focus not only on the 'X's and O's' but also on leadership, sportsmanship, teamwork, and accountability. Oh, and we've won a few along the way also! Our teams have won conference championships, conference runner-up, and State Runner-up honors. We have also had several athletes recognized on the All-Conference and All-State teams.

Tryouts for both soccer and cross country begin August 20th after school. You must have a current medical/athletic physical on file with the school before you are able to try out or practice.

Come be part of an IA team! Go Swordsmen!!

Iron Parent Fellowship News

THE IPF WELCOMES ALL NEW & RETURNING FAMILIES!

Here are the newly elected IPF officers for the 2019/20 Academic year:

- Greg Huntington, Chair
- Nannette Collier, Secretary
- Angie Schulz, Treasurer
- Debbie Drew & Karen Sabo, Co-chairs of Fundraising
- Selina Murrell & Becky Ulrich, Co-chairs of Family & Social Activities

"We are excited to support Iron Academy this year, as well as help families find ways to engage, fellowship, and create lasting memories along the way. If you have ideas to share or questions about the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact any IPF officer. We are here to help and serve!"

– IPF Officers

Upcoming Events

* IA/IPF upcoming **Family picnic**, Saturday August 24th. Please come out and spend the afternoon relaxing with other IA families and faculty at our annual family picnic. It's a great time for new and returning families to engage with each other, share experience and learn more about the upcoming year. Click [here](#) for details and to RSVP. See you there!

* Be sure to save the date for our September family social: **ComedyWorx** Family Matinee, Saturday, Sept 21 4pm to 5:15 pm. It will be a lot of fun!



IPF - We're off to a GREAT start!

The IPF has already been hard at work helping with school improvements.

On Saturday, July 13th, many families (including some siblings) turned out to help do a deep-cleaning of the IA school floors. Many hands made a large job seem much more manageable! Additionally, a few young men fixed walls, and several fathers helped assemble new classroom tables.



IPF - New Committee Members Needed

The IPF has established a new Sports & Recreation Committee, so we are seeking sports enthusiasts (dads or moms) to help lead as Co-chairs this year. This committee will help ensure the success of this rapidly growing area for Iron Academy. Interested in learning more? Contact Greg Huntington, IPF Chair at (703) 225-9207 or via email at: huntingtonga@gmail.com.

IPF Clothing Store

The IPF clothing resell retail store has (once again) been a huge success! Thanks to Karen Sabo and her team for getting us organized - many thanks to the families that donated or sent items in on consignment.

Fundraising

Please be intentional about supporting our school where it makes sense for your family. Some areas are as easy to do as ensuring your account is linked to Iron Academy, such as Harris Teeter Together in Education, or Amazon Smile donations to IA, Lowes Foods, etc. For a complete list of fundraising opportunities, [click here](#).



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