

# ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

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Dear Itasca 10 Families,

Please review the 2020-2021 Itasca Elementary School District Calendar. Please follow this link: [2020-21 Board Approved Calendar](#). There are some new design features with the calendar:

- Benson and Franzen Schools will increase to 6 hours and 50 minutes of student time. This increase is commensurate with other area districts and is the equivalent of adding approximately “four weeks” of learning time for our students.
- Weekly early dismissal on Thursdays is discontinued and replaced with fourteen Wednesday Early Release Days (designated as ER on the calendar). These days typically align with Lake Park High School early release days and provide our educators important time for professional development and learning.
- The first day of school for students for the 2020-2021 school year is Thursday, August 20th.
- Holidays and seasonal break times generally align with Lake Park High School.

The entry and dismissal times for regular school days are:

Peacock: 7:55-2:55

Franzen: 8:20-3:10

Benson: 8:45-3:35

The entry and dismissal times for Early Release Days are:

Peacock: 7:55-12:45

Franzen: 8:20-1:10

Benson: 8:45-1:35

Additional information will be forthcoming on Parent Teacher Conference dates and times for the fall. We are also working with our community partners to provide choices for extended afterschool care on both regular and early release days. Finally, I will host some “New School Calendar” Coffees to explain times and address any concerns you may have with this design for next year. Those dates are:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup>	5-5:30 PM	Franzen
Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	5-5:30 PM	Peacock
Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup>	5-5:30 PM	Benson



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I appreciate your flexibility and support with our new calendar. The key benefits to this design is that our students will have a similar amount of time to learn and develop as our neighboring schools and our educators will have the necessary time for their continued professional development.

Thank You,



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