

## Eastern Middle School Orientation Information

Dear Eastern Middle School Families:

We're counting down the days until school starts! The excitement grows each day, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Eastern for a new school year.

The staff and administration of EMS hope you have enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer. The first day of school is Monday, August 28, 2017. We look forward to seeing you, and to the beginning of a great new school year. Important information regarding the start of school and the school year. Please save this newsletter for reference during the school year. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

David Washburn, Principal

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 Guidance Office: .....493-8850  
 Main Office: .....493-8850  
 Media Center: .....493-8834  
 Transportation: .....493-8785  
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Website: <http://www.fhps.net/middle-schools/eastern/>

### EMS DAILY CLASS SCHEDULE

1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	7:45	-	8:42
Ace	8:47	-	9:12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	9:17	-	10:14
3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	10:19	-	11:16
LUNCH	11:16	-	11:46
4 <sup>th</sup> Hour	11:51	-	12:48
5 <sup>th</sup> Hour	12:53	-	1:50
6 <sup>th</sup> Hour	1:55	-	2:50

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>New Family Orientation Fall Parent Athletic Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Packet Pick-up</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Packet Pick-up</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>School Pictures (Order form req'd)</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Sept 4</b>	<b>Labor Day – No School</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>Curriculum Night</b>

### STUDENT PICTURES

Students will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, August 29. You will need an order form (included in orientation packet) and payment at this time. Picture retakes are scheduled on September 25.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION, AUGUST 22, 2017

#### 4:00 p.m. New Family Orientation in Media Center

A special event for those students and their parents who have recently moved into Forest Hills or have transferred from another district.

#### 4:30 p.m. Fall Parent Athletic Meeting in Auditorium

This is a mandatory meeting for parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students planning to participate in a fall sport at EMS. Attendance is taken. Note: All athletes need a physical dated after April 15, 2017 in order to begin practice. Fall sports include: Girls' Volleyball and Co-ed Cross Country.

#### 5:00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation in Auditorium

EMS will hold orientation sessions for parents and students to receive back to school packets, student schedules and locker information. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade and new families are requested to attend the formal presentation. Packets containing student forms that need to be filled out and returned to school will be distributed at orientation. A food service representative will be available to process deposits. A transportation representative will also be available to answer any bus route questions. Families with both a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student need only attend the 7<sup>th</sup> grade presentation. *After orientation families are welcome to walk through the student schedule and set up student lockers.*

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule/Package Pick up in Great Hall August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Eighth grade students and their parent/guardian are requested to come to school to pick up their packet during the days and hours listed above. *Families are welcome to walk through the student schedule and set up student lockers.*

### STUDENT SCHEDULES

**Schedule changes will be made only if a class is missing or repeated.** Changes cannot be made to accommodate friends and/or teacher preferences. Parents should call the Guidance Office to speak with our counselor if a schedule correction is necessary.

### CURRICULUM NIGHT (September 12, 5:00-6:30pm)

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for Curriculum Night.** Curriculum Night is designed for parents and guardians to have an opportunity to travel through their student's schedule, meet each teacher, and learn about key units of study for the year and understand available student opportunities and expectations. The evening begins PROMPTLY at 5 p.m. on September 12, with parents beginning their evening in first hour classrooms. Your student will bring home a copy of their schedule for you to use. Allow a little time to make it to your student's first hour class before the evening begins to collect handouts.

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## Orientation Information

### SUGGESTED MATERIALS LIST

#### General Supplies for all Classes:

- Pens/Pencils
- Lined paper
- Kleenex box for 1st hour class
- Backpack (must fit in 12" w x 11" d locker)
- Poster board
- Ruler
- Sticky notes (min 2 colors)
- 3x5 note cards
- Poster Board
- Flash Drive
- Glue Sticks
- 2 pocket folders

#### Language Arts:

- 1 inch & 2 inch, 3-ring binder
- 1 subject spiral notebook (college ruled)
- Red pens
- Earbuds
- Tab dividers
- Highlighters

#### Math:

- Pencils
- Lined paper/spiral notebook (college ruled)
- Dry erase markers
- Calculator: TI-30X, TI-30XS, TI-30X I, TI-30X II (not graphing)

#### Science:

- 1 inch, 3-ring binder
- (2) 1-subject spiral notebook w/pocket 11"x9" (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- (4) 1-subject, spiral bound wide-ruled notebooks (Honors Foundations of Science 8 only)
- Colored pencils
- 5 tab dividers

#### Social Studies:

- 1 inch, 3-ring binder
- Colored Pencils
- Plastic accordion style binder

#### Physical Education:

- Athletic shoes
- Athletic Uniform (orders placed with PE teachers)

#### World Language:

- 3 ring binder
- 2 dry erase markers
- Closed container for flashcards (pencil box)

### TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Textbooks may be assigned to your student the first week of school by their teachers. **Textbooks become the responsibility of the student when they are issued.** Please be advised that any change in textbook condition other than normal wear will result in the student being assessed repair or replacement costs at textbook collection in June. If a textbook is lost during the school year, the student will receive another textbook after they

have paid the replacement cost. If the book is found, a refund will be issued.

Please instruct your student to write their first and last name on the inside cover of each of their textbooks. This assists us in returning a misplaced book to its owner

### ATTENDANCE - Will your student be absent from school?

Procedures – Please call the Attendance Office at 493.8856 or send a note with your student to the Main Office by 9:00am if:

- your student will be missing school due to illness or another reason.
- your student needs to leave early for an appointment. Please send a note with your student to the attendance office before school for an early dismissal pass.
- your student will be missing school for more than three days. Your student is required to complete a Pre-Arranged Absence Form, filled out by his/her teachers, and returned to the Main Office prior to departure.

### Information

- All students leaving early must be signed out by the parent/guardian or an adult listed on the emergency form. According to school district policy, students cannot be released to anyone other than those listed on the emergency form.
- Knapp Street Entrance is locked during the school day.
- Attendance Office is located in the EMS Main Office.
- Students should plan to **arrive at EMS NO EARLIER THAN 7:15 a.m.** EMS students are to **leave the building by 3:15 p.m.** unless they are participating in an adult supervised after-school activity.

### MEDICATIONS

If your child requires prescriptions or over the counter medications during the school day, please complete a medication permission form available in the main office and on our web site:

<http://www.fhps.net/middle-schools/eastern/>

### SCHOOL LUNCH

Prices: \$3.05/\$3.35/\$3.55 (includes milk)

Milk-only: \$ .65

The lunch account your student used in elementary school is available to use in the middle school. Your student will use their Student ID number to purchase lunch. Menus are available at: <http://fhps.nutrislice.com/>

### Student Account Details

Please contact the food service department with any questions or concerns at 493.8774.

## Eastern Middle School Orientation Information

### WOULD YOU LIKE COMMUNICATION FROM US?

We'll be using School Messenger to notify you about events, important information, updates, reminders, etc. Customize your PowerSchool settings to receive notifications from Eastern Middle School and the District. For more information, go to <http://www.fhps.net/departments/technology/school-messenger-notifications/>

### WEBSITE INFORMATION

Have other questions about EMS? Go to our website at: <http://www.fhps.net/middle-schools/eastern/> to find more information about:

- EMS Staff
- EMS Calendar
- Media Center
- EMS Athletics
- School Nurse
- Health and Wellness Information
- Forms for sports, medication, insurance, etc
- Food Service/School Lunch/Online menus
- Course Descriptions
- Student Handbooks
- FHPS Policies, Resources and Forms

### FHPS NEWS UPDATES

Beginning for the 2017-2018 school year, news updates will be emailed once a week and contain information from around the district, such as upcoming events, school/student/staff accolades, achievements, accomplishments, and more. Go to this link to signup: <https://www.fhps.net/about-us/subscribe-to-fhps-news/>

### FHPS SCHOOL MESSENGER

The other messaging system, [SchoolMessenger](#), is only for families of currently-enrolled students. Examples of how the district uses [SchoolMessenger](#) are: to notify families of school closings/delays, to communicate an important message from the superintendent, and to alert families of school emergencies. Eastern Middle will use SchoolMessenger for non-emergency communication such as activity reminders, updates, and calendar dates. Go to this link to signup: <https://www.fhps.net/departments/technology/school-messenger-notifications/>

### EMS ATHLETICS

**Fall:** Girls' Volleyball & Cross Country  
**Winter:** Boys' Basketball  
**Late Winter:** Boys' Wrestling & Girls' Basketball  
**Spring:** Track

*Soccer, Swimming & Diving, and Tennis programs will be offered through Community Education, Call 493.8950 OR sign up online at [www.enjoylearning.com](http://www.enjoylearning.com)*

**Fall sports signup will be during lunch on Tuesday, August 29. Practices begin Tuesday, September 5.**

### Required Athletic Parent Meetings

Per Forest Hills Board of Education required policy, parent/guardian of athlete participating in fall, winter, and or spring sports are requested to attend the Parent Informational Meeting scheduled at the beginning of each season. Team rules and interscholastic information will be shared with parents at this time.

**Fall:** August 22, 4:30p.m., FHE Auditorium  
**Winter:** October 17, 6:00p.m., C-Hall  
**Late Winter:** December 12, 6:00p.m., C-Hall  
**Spring:** March 13, 6:00p.m., C-Hall

**Physicals:** Athletes must have a current physical (dated after April 15, 2017) in order to participate in interscholastic athletics at EMS. This physical must be on file before his/her practice begins. We recommend you make a copy of the completed form in case you need it for another event or camp. Feel free to turn these in at the parent meeting.

### Pay-to-Participate Policy for Middle School Athletics

The Forest Hills Public School District has a "pay-to-participate" policy for all middle and high school athletics. The policy will also be reviewed at each parent Athletic Meeting.

### PHONE/ADDRESS CHANGES

If your address or phone number has changed since last school year, please correct this information on the Emergency Form you receive at Orientation in red ink. This information is essential to insure timely communication. You may also call Eastern Middle at 493-8850 to update our records for any changes during the school year. **\*Please note that you will be required to provide proof of residency for all in-district address changes.**