

EMS 2019-2020 Orientation Letter

Dear Eastern Middle School Families:

On behalf of the EMS staff, we hope you enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer. We are counting down the days until school starts, and looking forward to welcoming you to EMS for the new school year!

Our first day of school is Monday, August 26. Below is important information regarding activities, events and procedures. Please save this information for reference during the school year, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Judy Walton, Principal

Jason Yelding, Assistant Principal

Directory

Name	Phone Number
Attendance Office	493-8856
Guidance Office	493-8850
Main Office	493-8850
Media Center	493-8834
Transportation	493-8785
Athletics	493-8850
Fax	493-8859

Website

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

EMS Daily Class Schedule

Hour	Start Time	End Time
First Hour	7:55 am	8:50 am
Second Hour	8:55 am	9:50 am
Hawk Reading Teams	9:55 am	10:10 am
Third Hour	10:15 am	11:10 am
Lunch	11:10 am	11:40 am
Fourth Hour	11:45 am	12:40 pm
Fifth Hour	12:45 pm	1:40 pm
Sixth Hour	1:45 pm	2:50 pm

Eastern Middle School Orientation Schedule

Event Name	Date	Time
7th Grade New Family Orientation	August 21st	4:00 p.m.
7th Grade Orientation	August 21st	4:30 p.m.
8th Grade New Family Orientation	August 22nd	4:00 p.m.
8th Grade Orientation	August 22nd	4:30 p.m.

What Happens at Orientation?

New Family Orientation in Media Center

A special, grade-specific event for those students and families who have recently moved into Forest Hills or have transferred from another part of our district.

7th & 8th Grade Orientation in Auditorium

Grade-specific sessions for families and students to receive back-to-school packets, student schedules, locker information, etc. All families and students should attend. A food service representative will be available to process deposits. A transportation representative will be available to answer any bus route questions. *After orientation, you are welcome to walk through your student's 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. Families should call the Guidance Office to speak with our counselor if a schedule correction is necessary.

Student Pictures

Students will have their pictures taken on Tuesday, August 27. **You will need an order form (mailed separately to you from Geskus Photography)** and payment at this time. Picture retakes are scheduled on September 30.

EMS Athletics

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 p.m. - Required Parent/Guardian Athletic Meeting in Auditorium

Per Forest Hills Board of Education required policy, parent/guardian of athlete participating in fall, winter, and or spring sports are required to attend the Parent Informational Meeting. Team rules and interscholastic information will be shared with parents at this time. For more information and questions, please contact Athletic Coordinator, Jennifer Hendricks at jhendricks@fhps.net. *This is a mandatory meeting for parents of 7th and 8th grade students planning to participate in any sport any season at EMS. Attendance is taken.*

Fall: Girls' Volleyball & Cross Country

Winter: Boys' Basketball

Late Winter: Boys' Wrestling & Girls' Basketball

Spring: Track

Soccer, Swimming & Diving, and Tennis programs are offered through Community Education, Call 493.8950 or sign up online at www.enjoylearning.com

Fall sports signup: during lunch Mon, August 26

Volleyball tryouts: Aug 27, 28, 29 after school

Cross Country: Practices begin Tuesday, Sept 4, 2019

Physicals

Athletes must have a current physical (dated after April 15, 2019) in order to participate in interscholastic athletics at EMS. *This physical must be on file at school 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 the Parent Athletic Meeting.