

Eastwood Middle School "Home of the Eagles"

## Eagle News





## January 2016

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

**Challenge Day** January 12

8th Grade Curriculum Night @ NC January 12

**Health Screenings** January 13-15

> Act Out! January 19

**Open Gym/Movie Night** January 22

**Artistically Talented Field Trip** January 28

8th Grade Field Trip to IRT January 29

ISSMA Solo & Ensemble January 30

6th Grade Band Recital February 26

> **Spring Activities Picture Day** February 1

**Great North Run** March 12







Click the picture to find out how to help us get new buzzers!



# WELCOME!

Welcome our Interim Principals! Mrs. Natasha Mikus and Mr. James Tutin



Natasha Mikus—Interim Principal

As a born and raised Hoosier, IU Grad and fan, I have worked at Eastwood Middle School for 16 years. After starting in room 218 in seventh grade science, I then went to room 112 in sixth grade science and science department chair, and now in the office as assistant principal and co-interim principal.

I enjoy sports of all kinds and family time with my husband, daughter (8) and son (2). I like to read and sing... right now the family favorite is "Jesus Loves Me" or Adele's "Hello", depending on which kid you ask!

Eastwood is an awesome place in where I have been fortunate to grow up professionally!



#### **James Tutin–Interim Principal**

Welcome Back! I am looking forward to completing my 8th year at Eastwood and my second year as an AP/AD/ CIP:) I have been in education for 14 years, the first 12 of them teaching American History to 8th graders.

My days outside of school are spent enjoying time with my family. Kelly and I will be celebrating 15 years of marriage in November and my boys (Carter-7, Marshall-3), are keeping us on our toes at every turn.

We just purchased a new home and will be moving on Feb. 12th, and we are willing to feed all those interested in helping.

Go Eagles, Boilers, Mets, and Colts!

### Welcome BACK our Interim Vice Principal! Mr. Tim Hon



## From the Principal's Desk

#### Hello Eastwood Middle School Families,

Happy New Year! Each New Year brings change and 2016 is no different. The biggest change at Eastwood is the departure of Mr. Day. Mr. Tutin and Mrs. Mikus will act as Co-Interim Principals for the Spring semester. Mr. Tim Hon will be joining the team again to assist with the transition. He will be working with students when discipline issues arise and assisting in supervision during and after school.

We are all excited to continue Eastwood Middle School's tradition of excellence. Throughout the transition the roles and responsibilities of the Principal have been divided and you can see some of them below. Ultimately it is our goal to end this school year as strongly as we began, keeping systems such as FINO, Developmental Designs, and International Baccalaureate (MYP) strongly at the forefront of efforts for our students.

Interim Principal Roles and Major Responsibilities		
Natasha Mikus	James Tutin	
FINO administration	Budgets and Finance	
MYP (IB) Liaison	Master Schedule	
RTII Leadership	Honor Celebrations	
Grade 7/Grade 6 A-Mi Principal	Grade 8/Grade 6 Mo-Z Principal	
School Improvement Plan	Building Security and Facilities	
Shared Responsibilities: Evaluation, PTO Liaison, Case Conferences, Department Chair Meetings, Leadership Team Meetings, Hiring, and other duties needed		

- FINO sessions will begin on January 11. *If you are interested in volunteering please call!* We are in need of volunteers to assist students with their work when staying for FINO.
- Grade reports will be available on Friday 1/8/16 for the second quarter! Access Skyward to check grades! Call Vickie Bradley if you have access issues.
- Second Quarter Honor's Celebration will be at 7:45 on January 20, 2016. Lists will be posted for students to check next week.
- Marion County Health Department will be here next week for Vision and Hearing Screenings for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns for your child!

Natasha Mikus: ext. 21103	Jamie Tutin: ext. 21104	Tim Hon: ext. 21102
nmikus@msdwt.k12.in.us	jtutin@msdwt.k12.in.us	<u>thon@msdwt.k12.in.us</u>

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### Happy New Year from the Eastwood Guidance Department!

Congratulations are in order for Kobe Raine - 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Ritesh Ray - 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Marissa Bardo, 6<sup>th</sup> grade! Each student won \$200 as winners in the Mozell Sanders Empowerment Scholarship contest! They received their scholarships Thanksgiving morning.

#### Canned food drive results:

We were able to donate 1,034 pounds of food to donate to the Second Presbyterian Church food pantry. That food pantry is one to which Washington Township families in need are referred. Thank you so much to National Junior Honor Society and to our Eastwood students and community for your help with this endeavor.

#### Hat day success:

We were able to raise over \$300 to benefit the homeless population in downtown Indianapolis! With that money, we have put together bags that have included toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, Vaseline or lotion, chapstick and handwarmers. Thank you to our students for their donations and support!

On **Tuesday, January 12**, 100 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in Challenge Day! This is an all day event facilitated by the Challenge Day Foundation which is based out of California. The group will work with each of our three middle school students on personal development and acceptance in an effort to change school climate. For more information, please visit <u>www.challengeday.org</u>.

On **Tuesday, January 1**9, members from the Peace Learning Center will present Act Out! a series of short skits geared toward middle school life and middle school issues. Act Out! will be presented to each grade level during their Developmental Design class time. This interactive activity will fulfill our third quarter bully prevention requirement.

On **Wednesday, January 20**, students will participate in the statewide ISTEP readiness test. This test is not one that will measure a student's academic ability level. Rather, it is a test that will determine if the state will be able to accommodate the load of every student computer in the state at one time before we enter our computer-based ISTEP assessments in the spring.

### **ATTENTION 8th GRADERS!**

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The dates below are important dates to know as you prepare for high school!

<u>Monday, January 11, 2016</u> - High School Planning - Classroom Guidance Lessons in Individuals and Societies classes

Middle school counselors talk with students about North Central, high school graduation requirements, earning credits, and diploma types and options. Students receive updated 2015-2016 North Central Course Catalogs.

<u>Monday, January 11, 2016</u> – Choir auditions for North Central to be held from 1:00-2:30pm at Eastwood

<u>Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00pm</u> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night in North Central Auditorium

Students and parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Please take the course catalogs with you!

#### Tuesday, February 9, 2016 - North Central Guidance Counselors Present 9th Grade

Scheduling Options

Yellow course selection sheets are sent home for students to review with their parent/ guardian. High school counselors talk with students about North Central, high school graduation requirements, earning credits, and diploma types and options.

#### Wednesday, February 10, 2016 – Applications for <u>New</u> AVID Students Due

Students who are not currently in AVID but would like to apply to begin AVID in 9<sup>th</sup> grade should turn in an application to their middle school counselor. Applications can be found in the School Counseling Office.

#### Thursday, February 18, 2016 – Yellow Course Request Sheets Due to Middle School

Counselors

Students turn in their <u>signed</u> course requests to the counseling office.

<u>Wednesday, February 24, 2016</u> – *NC Summer School Forms and Money Due* Summer School payments due to middle school counselors. Make checks payable to Eastwood Middle School.

*Summer School dates*: Session I June 1 - June 21 Session II Jun 22 - July 14; no school on July 4 or 5

\*\*\*Summer school dates may change if we have snow make-up days.

\*\*\*Contact your child's middle school counselor for summer school forms or questions.

#### Monday, March 14, 2016 – Individual Student Meetings at Eastwood

North Central guidance counselors will meet with students for 10-minute meetings to discuss their course request sheets and the transition to high school. Students will be assigned a meeting time and will receive passes.

#### Monday, April 11, 2016 - 8th Graders tour North Central

Students tour North Central, listen to speakers and have a question and answer session with high school students and counselors.



## **<u>21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars</u>**



It's Never too Early to start planning for college... The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program can help!

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program provides income-eligible students the opportunity to earn a scholarship that covers up to four years of tuition and regularly assessed fees (such as technology fees) at approved Indiana colleges. To see the list of colleges, please visit <u>Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges</u>

21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars also supports eligible students and parents with tools they need to prepare for college, graduate on time and start toward a successful career path. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. It does not cover the cost of books or room and board, and the funds are applied after any other student financial aid from the state is awarded.

Students that enroll in the program must meet the following requirements and take the Scholar Pledges in high school and college. Students must complete the Scholar Success Program which includes activities at each grade level in high school to help students plan, prepare and pay for college. Students must graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students must also file for FAFSA in high school and not us illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age. To learn more about 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars please visit the website at <u>www.scholars.in.gov</u>

Don't Delay! Enroll Online TODAY at www.scholars.in.gov



#### Martin F. Hill, Ph.D. (Gallahue)–School Based Therapist

Dear Eastwood Parents,

Hello and good day. I hope this memo finds you well and in good health. I trust the school year is off to a successful start. I know each student is planning for a year full of achievement and along the way may face some challenges and need support creating solutions to these challenges. Knowing that you have a support network focused on the success of the students is vital as each of us plays an important role in each student's personal and academic development. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and provide some insight on how I will collaborate with you to help your child achieve.

My name is Martin F. Hill, Sr. I am the new Community Health Network School-Based Therapist for Eastwood Middle School. I have a sincere passion to see students be successful and my vision of student success centers on "teachable moments." I desire to be in a position to help a student grow/develop and acquire the skills to overcome a challenge or barrier. My means of assisting students are through mental health supportive services. My educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Indiana University-Bloomington, a Master of Arts in Counseling from Michigan State University, and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Michigan State University. My work experience has included working in University Counseling Centers, working with children and adolescents dealing with behavioral concerns through Community Mental Health agencies, and working as a Management Consultant and Leadership Trainer.

Knowing "It takes a village to raise a child", my role is to support the student working closely with the family, teachers, and staff here at Eastwood Middle School. It takes commitment and dedication to help students learn, and my role is to assist when and where I can. I am focused on being a proactive partner and want to provide my services to help the students grow and reach their true potential. Here are ways you can reach me:

Voicemail: 621-2129

Email: <u>MHill2@ecommunity.com</u>

Visit the officer here in Eastwood Middle School

If you feel there is a need for my support to help your child be successful, feel free to refer them for services or ask for a referral from their counselor Mrs. Franklin or Mrs. Hopkins.

Sincerely,

Martin F. Hill, Ph.D.

## **SKYWARD**

Need assistance accessing Skyward? Having trouble logging in?

If so, please email: <u>skyward@msdwt.k12.in.us</u> or visit <u>sites.msdwt.k12.in.us/skyward/</u> <u>category/parents/</u> for additional info!

Skyward can be used to access attendance, grades, assignments, report cards, and more.



Eastwood's Lost and Found is purged and donated at the end of every midterm and quarter! Please tell your child to be sure to check the bins before this deadline!

#### SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER!

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Parents, please note that Eastwood's doors are open to students between the hours of 9:00am-4:10pm. Any time before or after these times, your child will need to be under adult supervision at all times. We ask that students are picked up in a timely manner at the completion of school and/or evening activities.

EWMS is not able to provide supervision prior to 9:00AM due to other morning obligations. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to use the bus system when at all possible. When dropping off your child, please do so as close to 9:00am as possible to reduce the number of unaccompanied minors outside the school.

#### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!**

My name is Kathy Sagarsee and I'm thrilled to be the Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator for Eastwood.

Eastwood has been participating in the Box Tops for Education program since 2010, but success with the program has been limited. For the past two years, we tried having a class and grade collection competition, and although we were able to bring in a little over \$1,000 over that two-year period, we feel there are many more Box Tops out there that are not making it into our collection bin.

Therefore, this year, we have decided to **SWITCH GEARS** and focus on individual efforts. Starting in September, there will be a monthly drawing at the end of every month. Anyone, students and staff members alike, can participate in the drawing. Simply place you r collected Box Tops in a baggie or envelope, labeled with your name and grade, and turn it in to your first period teacher. For each 10 Box Tops submitted, you will receive one entry for the monthly drawing. At the end of each month, Mr. Day

will draw one name from that month's entries. The winner will receive a \$10-\$15 gift card.

The entry hopper will be emptied after each monthly drawing, so continue submitting Box Tops all year long to increase your chances of winning.

**Good luck and Happy Box Tops Clipping!** 

## ASTWOOD ATRLETIC













## **OPEN GYM / MOVIE NIGHT!**

When: Friday, Jan. 22 Time: 6:30pm-9:00pm Price: \$10 (which includes admission and a bag of popcorn) Movie: Minions

For more information, please see the link to the Jan. Athletic Newsletter!

Welcome Eastwood Families. Please be sure to visit our January Edition of the Eastwood Athletic Newsletter, by visiting: www.smore.com/ka3sr

We have various Athletic Tryouts at the end of the month. Please see the above newsletter for more info!

## **Eastwood Sign Rental**

Celebrate your child's graduation, birthday, or other accomplishments with an announcement on our new message board located in front corner of the school. All of the buses and cars drive by it every morning. For the low cost of \$20, you can recognize your child.

#### **Rental Sign Information**

STEP 1: Rental Sign Requests should be emailed/submitted to James Tutin itutin@msdwt.k12.in.us. Your email should include the following information:

- Date you want message posted
- Nature of message (e.g., birthday, congrats, etc.)
- No more than four lines of text
- Planned method of payment (if check please include check #)

**STEP 2**: Payment of \$20 (cash or check) should be sent into school in an envelope marked ATHLETICS SIGN RENTAL. Please put your email address in the memo line.

STEP 3: Confirmation of your request will be sent via email and is based on the availability of the sign. Please note a 48 hour advance notice is required. Rental requests are filled on a first come/ first serve basis. Reserve early to ensure that you are not disappointed.



### BAND NOTES — Laura VanderHaeghen

Welcome back to the second semester! All of the band classes are hard at work: the 8th grade students are preparing for our Pacers Night performance on February 24th as well as ISSMA contest on March 18th at Northview Middle School; the 7th grade students are preparing for our IMEA festival performance at the Schrott Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Butler University on February 26 or 27; and the 6th grade students are preparing for our in-school recital on February 26th during block 4 in the LGI room. Many students are also working to prepare for ISSMA solo & ensemble contest on January 30th at Westlane Middle School. If you are in need of an accompanist, please make those arrangements as soon as possible; you can find information about contacting accompanists at: <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/120l-Wy5hgtrEaRQAyRDeyD3YxBTYBy1jqAa-2ecAWKc/edit?usp=sharing</u> All students should have received their new passwords to access Canvas (msdwt.instructure.com) in order to continue turning in practice records online this semester. If your child is unsure of their new password it is the first two letters of the last name in capital letters, the last 4 numbers of their student ID, and the first two letters of their first name in lower case letters (i.e. VA1234la). Practice records are due online by midnight every Monday. Jazz band rehearsals start up again on Monday, January 11th from 8-8:55 AM. We have several performances this semester: January 28 and February 23 basketball games until 6:15 PM, Open house March 15, and the Band Finale Concert on May 17.

Parents with incoming 6th graders: we will be visiting John Strange and Allisonville on January 29 and February 3 to have the students try out the instruments to see what they would like to play next school year. We will have a parent information night for future band and orchestra students on February 18th at 7 PM in the Eastwood band room. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask and I'm looking forward to a wonderful second semester with your young musicians!

### ORCHESTRA NEWS – Corinne Imboden

#### Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2016

ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest for participating 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Saturday, January 30 at Westlane Middle School. As soon as Ms. Imboden knows what time you play your solo or your ensemble performs, she will inform you. In the meantime, ensembles need to be practicing on their own and in their groups so that you can make good music! Ensembles must be able to easily play their music together before attending a coaching session. Sign up sheet for an ensemble coaching session is posted in the orchestra room. Every ensemble must meet with Ms. Imboden in one of these coaching sessions and all members must be present.

The MSDWT Middle School Honors Recital is Tuesday, March 1. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students wanting to audition with a solo for this prestigious event should be working diligently on his/her music. Only 6 slots from Eastwood are available for this recital and will be chosen from band, orchestra and choir students. Successful ISSMA ensembles should definitely audition.

6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra students have several pieces of sheet music to be working on. Daily practice in the Essential Elements book, both reviewing what is played in class and what will be played in the future is an excellent way to work on note and rhythm reading. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> recital on Thursday, February 25 at 10am in the LGI. All parents are welcome to this brief (20 minute) performance.



CHOIR CANON Welcome, Jennifer Shuck! We are so happy to have you as our new EW Choir Director!

-- A message from Ms. Shuck --

"I am excited to be a new addition to the Eastwood Eagle family!

I am a Hoosier through and through - I grew up in Indiana, attended Indiana University ('05), and follow the IU men's basketball team religiously. I attended Northwestern University and graduated with a Master of Music in 2010.

This is my tenth year in the field of music education. In my spare time I enjoy cooking, playing golf, and spending time with my family.

I'm really excited to see what this semester has in store for the Choral Department!"

Welcome to the Eastwood Family, Ms. Shuck!

## **OFFICER'S BULLETIN**

Hello Eastwood students, parents and staff. This school year 2015-2016 is well on its way and I have to say I am pleasantly pleased. Many of you I have met but for the rest this gives me the opportunity to introduce myself.



My name is Freddie D. Edwards, Jr. and I am your proud School Resource Officer. I am entering my 24<sup>th</sup> year in law enforcement in many capacities such as road patrol, traffic, accident investigations and criminal investigations. I have been involved in school policing for 10 years and I will admit I LOVE IT! The opportunity to provide a safe and secure environment for your student and staff is my daily number one mission. The opportunity to provide students with a friendly, empowering, understandable role model in the community is secondary.

I have three children (Freddie III (19), Amajae' (15) and Amaya (11)) who are the joy and love of my life. Having children in age range keeps me abreast of current events and actions. Students here in Eastwood I tell no different than my own when it comes to positive and negative choices. My favorite speech to say is "remember you represent not just you but your family, every choice you make will have either positive of negative consequences." I also encourage others to be leaders NOW, it's never too early. LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

PARENTS: I also encourage you to be active and involved in your child. I know society has created many barriers for us balancing work; school, friends, and many other events but stay active with your child. Question them. Challenge them. Be nosey. Be loving. Set standards.

I look forward to networking and continuing the communication with students, parents and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me <u>fedwards@msdwt.k12.in.us</u> for issues, praises or just to say hello. I also encourage you to contact me if there is an area of interest you would like for me to speak on such as truancy, gangs, drugs, juvenile law etc.







The Great North Run is a 10K, 5K & Fun Run through the North Central High School campus and surrounding neighborhoods. The registration fee includes recovery station with food and a fitness fair. All events are open to all walkers and runners. Elementary school children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The run will be held on March 12, 2016. Start time for the 10K is 9AM - Start time for the 5K is 9:20AM and Start time for the Fun Run is 9:25AM

For Registration and more information, please visit: <u>https://secure.getmeregistered.com/</u> <u>get\_information.php?event\_id=121716#top</u>

## AVID UPDATE!

As the AVID program heads into the Spring Semester, students are fully into the routine of consistently using their agenda books and working with our tutors to work through their Points of Confusion. The 7th grade AVID students are even working with 6h grade students from Mrs. Ware's class on how to organize and keep their agendas updated. We also have some really cool experiences planned for our groups this semester. On January 22nd, the 8th grade class has an opportunity to meet and hang out with AVID students from North Central High School at the first ever "AVID Meets AVID Night". Students will eat dinner together and participate in some fun activities before they watch the North Central vs Lawrence North Boys Varsity Basketball game. All students in attendance receive a t-shirt and will have their name announced at halftime. We hope this event will encourage our middle school students to want to enroll in AVID at the high school level.

Also, on March 15th, both grade levels will be attending AVID Night with the Pacers. The evening starts with a presentation that takes place on the court at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, followed by a College Fair, and then ending with the Pacers taking on the Boston Celtics. Our students will get to meet representatives from over 12 different colleges and will hopefully see a few players warming up for that night's game (fingers crossed). Spring Semester is also when we begin our recruitment and application process for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have any questions concerning AVID placement for your student please email our Site Team Coordinator, Sharon Hopkins.



## **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

We are looking for students, parents, and community members to help us create the BEST outdoor classroom and community garden ever! Do you have gardening tools you don't use? Seeds that you didn't plant but want to donate? Books about gardening that you don't need anymore? Expertise in gardening or construction? Then we would appreciate your support! **Our next meeting will be on January 27th**. Please email Mrs. Merrill (dmerrill@msdwt.k12.in.us)

if you have any donations or questions.

## What's the BUZZ?

We need buzzers, please!

After years of being pushed and slapped and pounded, the buzzer systems for the Academic Pursuit teams are on their last click. We are seeking monetary donations to replace the vital buzzer systems for the team. Each system costs \$500, and we need three.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

#### Please contact:

Jean Gentry (jgentry@msdwt.k12.in.us) or Kevin Jones (kjones@msdwt.k12.in.us) or Jill Ware (jware@msdwt.k12.in.us) for more information.

### SPRING PICTURE DAY!

Lifetouch will be at EW on February 1st to take pictures for:

- Clubs
- Music
- Groups
- Candids

If you are in any clubs, etc., be sure to look your best!

#### MATH STUDY TABLES

Every Wednesday, at least one Math teacher will be on duty after school to help any student struggling in Math. The teacher on duty will be announced weekly. This is in addition to our morning study sessions!

- Your EW Math Team

## STUDENTS IN ACTION!

## EW Band in Action!

These 6th grade woodwind class students were working on an IB project of small group ensembles to perform a mini in-class recital for each other on the last days of the semester.



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