



Eastwood Middle School
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Eagle News

December 2016 Edition

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

8th Grade Winter Dance
 Dec 9

7th & 8th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert
 Dec 13

First Day of Winter
 Dec 21

Blue Day - Dec 19

Gold Day - Dec 20

Community/Eagle Day-
 Last day for students
 Dec 21

WINTER BREAK
 Dec 22 - Jan 8

NC Counselors meet
 with 8th graders
 Jan 9

Choir Holiday Concert
 Jan 11

8th Grade Curriculum
 Night @ NC
 Jan 17 @ 7pm

Vision and Hearing
 Jan 17-19

Happy December, Eagles!



From the Principal's Desk

Happy December, Eastwood!

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00pm., North Central High School will open its doors to all Washington Township 8th grade students and their families to provide an overview of the curricular opportunities available to freshmen. The evening will begin in the North Central Auditorium, with a welcome by Mr. Evans Branigan, Principal, who will also present an overview of the comprehensive programs available at North Central. The second part of the orientation will provide students and families with an opportunity to explore curricular options.

Every Department will be represented as well as Athletics and Guidance so families may explore specific areas of interest. Also included will be a presentation of the International Baccalaureate Degree Program.

Join us at North Central on January 17 for an interesting and informative evening. Now is the time to begin planning for important decisions in the spring.

WHAT: Freshman Curriculum Orientation

WHERE: North Central High School Auditorium

WHEN: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00PM

If you have any questions or need to contact the Principal's Office, please call 317-259-5401 ext. 21150.

Happy Holidays,
Sean G. Taylor

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Happy December!

Seventh grade students registered for the Indiana Career Assessment and took a career interest inventory this month. The results were added to their portfolios in November. Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Franklin led students through this activity in their Science classes.

We are ready to begin transitioning our eighth graders to North Central! Please consult the enclosed transition calendar for important dates for eighth grade students. The first dates to know are:

Thursday, December 8, 2016 – *JELCC Open House 5:30-7:30pm*

Students and families have an opportunity to explore the Career Center and talk with teachers

Monday, January 9, 2017 - *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 2016-2017 North Central Course Catalogs.

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00pm – *8th Grade Curriculum Night in North Central Auditorium*

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

Monday, January 23, 2017– *Choir auditions for North Central to be held at Eastwood*

Students not currently in choir should see Mrs. Darbro to sign up for an audition time. Students who are already in choir will audition in their choir classes.

Sixth graders had their second quarter Bully Prevention lesson in their Science classes this month. These will be led by Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Franklin.

Seventh and eighth grade students...please do not forget to complete the 21st Century Scholars applications! Remember, this is money that is awarded to students in the state of Indiana for college tuition! You do not want to miss out!

AVID students toured the campus of IUPUI this month on November 17. It was so exciting to hear them talk about the campus and the information they learned. Eighth grade students interested in applying for AVID for ninth grade should see either Mrs. Hopkins or Mrs. Franklin for an application.

Canned Food Drive

National Junior Honor Society will be sponsoring a canned food drive from Monday, December 5 – Friday, December 16. If each student brings in 2 cans, we will have over 1600 nonperishable items to donate!

National Junior Honor Society is also raising money to assemble bags of personal items to donate to homeless people in the downtown Indianapolis area. If you would like to donate money, please turn it in to the counseling office.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Some members of the National Junior Honor Society volunteered at Nora Elementary's Thanksgiving Dinner over their November break. They served food to families who were in need and also helped to clean up afterwards.



New enrollees are given a free pass to an athletic event at school!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

21st Century Scholars

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

The 21st 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 Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges

21st 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 use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age. To learn more about 21st Century Scholars please visit the website at www.scholars.in.gov

Don't Delay! Enroll Online TODAY at

www.scholars.in.gov

School Based Services



How to get help for my child:

Contact the administrator at your child's school!

Growing up in today's fast-paced society is a challenge no matter one's age. Children may experience emotional and behavioral problems in trying to deal with issues at home or school.

Reasons to seek help for my child:

- **Mood disturbances (changes in mood/behavior)**
- **Attention deficit / hyperactivity**
- **Disruptive behavior problems**
- **Anxiety**
- **Family conflict**
- **Substance use**
- **Stress or difficulty adjusting**
- **Grief or loss**
- **Suicidal thoughts**
- **Disturbance in eating or sleeping**
- **Social/peer challenges**

Our Mission: To strengthen individuals and families by providing strength-based, family-centered, collaborative care in homes, schools, and communities.

Our Philosophy: To use a trauma informed approach to enhance the resiliency of our students and families. Family sessions can teach you skills to deepen family connections and get through stressful times. We believe families and schools want all children to be successful!

Services provided:

- ◇ Assessment
- ◇ Family Therapy
- ◇ Individual Therapy
- ◇ Group Therapy
- ◇ Parenting Support
- ◇ Skills Training
- ◇ Crisis Support
- ◇ Medication Management
- ◇ Care Coordination

COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK GALLAHUE

1525 N. Ritter Ave

Indianapolis IN 46219

317-355-2560

www.ecommunity.com/behavioralhealth

www.HaveHope.com

Text 'HELPNOW' to 20121



Eagle Express!



SKYWARD

Need assistance accessing Skyward?
Having trouble logging in?

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

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

The IU School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry is conducting a brain imaging study to find out what makes children more likely to make risky decisions. Eligible kids are 11 -12 years old who MAY or MAY NOT have ADHD and a father with a history of substance abuse.

Mental health evaluations will be provided free of charge and participants can make up to \$610!

Call our research team at (317) 278-7795 or email us at iubrain@iupui.edu to find out more.

SCHOOL HOURS REMINDER!

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.

Eastwood Athletics



Open Gym/Movie Night

TBA in January
6:30pm-9:00pm
Feat. The Jungle Book



Welcome Eastwood Families,
Please be sure to visit our December Edition of the Eastwood Athletic Newsletter, by visiting:

<https://www.smore.com/3eyhr>

We have various Athletic events happening this 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 - jtutin@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.

Music Notes

CHOIR



BAND

ORCHESTRA

BAND NOTES – Laura VanderHaeghen

6th grade students who applied to switch instruments have been notified and should have their new instrument when we come back for the spring semester. We have our next performance during block 8 on February 3rd. We will play for about 20 minutes, and if you are available to attend, we would love to have you. More information will come home in January.

The 7th and 8th grade bands will have their winter concert with the 7th and 8th grade orchestras on December 13th at 7 PM in the East Gym. Students must wear their white dress shirt, black pants, black socks and black shoes for this performance. This concert is typically an hour in length, and is free and open to the public.

The 8th grade band will perform at Bankers Life Fieldhouse on January 29th. Tickets must be ordered by December 20th. We will perform the hour prior to the game on the main concourse, and then stay to watch the game. Transportation will be provided to and from Bankers Life.

Students who participated in the fundraiser can pick up their products on December 13th (block 7, block 2 and 4 can get them at the concert that night) and December 14th (block 8). We raised just over \$1200 for the band! Thank you to everyone who contributed by purchasing tumblers or making direct donations. We will have another fundraiser in March, and information will come out as we get closer.

The Art, Jazz and Poetry Night for jazz band has been rescheduled from November 1st to April 11th. We will start rehearsing again the first student support morning of February.

Don't forget that private lessons are good for all students, regardless of ability level. If you are interested in getting your students into lessons, check out the list of private instructors on the band website: <http://sites.msdt.k12.in.us/lvanderhaeghen/>

ISSMA solo and ensemble contest for piano and vocal students will be on January 28th at Noblesville High School and contest for band and orchestra students will be on February 4th at Ben Davis 9th Grade Center in Wayne Township. Times for these contests normally arrive 2 weeks ahead of the date, and are scheduled by ISSMA. Students signed up for solo & ensemble prior to Thanksgiving break.

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ORCHESTRA NEWS – Lori Metzger

December is a busy month for our orchestras! First, the 8th grade orchestra will be going to Circle Centre Mall on Thursday, December 8th to perform at the Mistletoe Festival in the Artsgarden. They'll be playing as one of many ensembles during the month of December. Normal concert attire is required, though holiday/festive hats, ties, and suspenders are welcome.

Next, the 7th and 8th grade orchestras and bands have their winter concert on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the East Gym. Orchestra students should arrive by 6:15pm in order to allow for tuning. Normal concert attire is required for this concert as well. Festive accessories have yet to be decided.

The last performance is the Eastwood String Ensemble (ESE). They are performing at Brookdale Senior Living in Castleton on Thursday, December 15th. It will be the first official performance for the ESE, and I know they're excited. Normal concert attire is required with holiday/festive accessories being optional.

All orchestra students are picking solo and ensemble music to work on in class or in preparation for ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest in February. Money and registration was already due to participate in Contest.

This time of year is always crazy with the amount of performances, but we enjoy making music for the community.

Happy holidays!

Busy PTO Bees



Happy Holidays Eastwood Families!

First we are grateful for the widespread support for the passing of the MSDWT referendum! We are all excited about the growth and changes that will come as a result of this success.

A few additional thank yous -- thank you to the anonymous parent donor that donated the funds for and coordinated the purchase of new Eastwood sweatshirts for all of our bus drivers! What a generous gift and one that was greatly appreciated by our drivers who are excited to show their school spirit! Thank you also to the parents who volunteered to help at the school's mock election, and thank you to everyone in the community that participated in the Veteran's Day program at Eastwood. This program was extremely well done and a great opportunity for the students of Eastwood to show their appreciation for our Veterans. Thank you to the IAS department, school administration, PTO and to the families that participated!

Coming up in December is the **8th Grade Winter Dance on Friday, December 8th** from 7:00-9:00 pm in the LGI. Tickets will be on sale during lunch the week of the event for \$8. Thank you to Neelu Burgan for chairing this event. Many volunteers are needed to put on the dance. Please contact eastwoodmiddlepto@gmail.com if you would like to help out!

Mark your calendars for our final Dine-Out Fundraising night of the semester. We will be partnering with **Puccini's Smiling Teeth Pizza** at Dean Road and 82nd street on **Wednesday, December 14**. Flyers will be passed out at school as well as available electronically via the Eastwood Facebook page and Twitter. Please dine in or carry out on Dec. 14 - show your flyer and 20% of the proceeds will come back to Eastwood! Thanks for your support of this event!! Great way to feed your family during a busy time of year and help support EW at the same time!

Thank you to each and every family for your support of EW middle school and we wish you a very happy holiday season!

Sharlee Little and Julie Breedlove

PTO Co-Presidents

Teacher Tips

WEDNESDAY MORNING SUPPORT

Parents, please see the note below for an example of what your child should have in order to attend Wednesday Morning Support. If they do not have this pass SIGNED by a teacher, they will not be allowed into the school. An important note—They MUST be dropped off between 8-8:15am or they will not be allowed into the building. If you have any further questions, please contact the main office at 317-259-5401.

Student Name: _____ Wednesday Date: _____

Write a brief description of what you want to accomplish on Wednesday Morning:

Teacher Name (filled out by student): _____

Teacher Signature (required): _____

Please Note:

Students must arrive between 8:00am-8:15am in order to participate
Students will enter door #1 and sign in upon arrival
Students will not be permitted to go to lockers, so they must bring all materials with them.
Students without a teacher signature will not be allowed to enter.

MATH STUDY TABLES

On Wednesday afternoons, at least one Math teacher will be on duty after school to help students struggling in Math.

The student must stay until 5:15pm and MUST have a pass to attend.

The teacher on duty will be announced weekly.

This is in addition to our morning study sessions!

- Your EW Math Team

WANTED: FINO VOLUNTEERS!

We are in need of some assistance after school with FINO!
If you would like to volunteer to help out our kids after school, please go to this link below or contact Mrs. Santiago for more information!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45abaf2fa31-volunteers2>

We would love to have your help and support with this important program. If you are unfamiliar with Failure Is Not an Option (FINO), this program allows our students to complete their missing/late work for a grade so we do not see their grades suffer for missing assignments. Teachers will often come by to assist any student who may be struggling with an assignment as well. This is a really wonderful opportunity for our students and their education!

Teacher Tips

Yoga Club @ Eastwood

The PE Department would like to extend the opportunity to all Eastwood students to participate in our brand new Yoga Club. The yoga practice is taught by instructor Oliva Bell from Indy Yoga Movement and takes place during Wednesday morning student support time.

The benefits of yoga include increased balance & flexibility, improved posture, decrease of stress & anxiety, as well as a sense of accomplishment. Your student will need an orange pass to attend our yoga sessions. They can acquire a pass from Ms. Darling, Mr. Ahlfeld, Ms. Grisson, and Ms. Clippinger. Student will not need to purchase any equipment but should dress comfortably.



Remaining Fall Semester Yoga Sessions

November 30th

December 14th

STUDENTS IN ACTION!

Veteran's Day Program - 11/11/16

