



Eastwood Middle School
 "Home of the Eagles"
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Eagle News

August 2017 Edition

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Picture Day!
 Aug 9

Fall Sports Parent Mtg
 Aug 10 @ 6:10pm

Book Fair
 Aug 14 - Aug 18

Back to School Night
 Aug 15 @ 6:30pm

Coffee w/ Principal
 Aug 18 @ 9:30am

"The Great American Solar Eclipse"
 Aug 21

Fall Fundraiser Kickoff
 Aug 22

FINO Begins
 Aug 22

Wed Morning Support
 Starts
 Aug 23

Labor Day - No School
 Sep 4

Welcome to the 2017 - 2018 School Year, Eagles!



To our new Eastwood families, Welcome!
 And to our returning families, welcome back!

We are very excited for this 2017-2018 school year!

In this month's newsletter, you will find many important dates, documents, and new information for this school year.

We release a new edition every month and hope it will help to keep you and your family up to date with all the exciting events here at Eastwood!

From the Principal's Desk

Eastwood Families,

Thank you again for your cooperation as we work with our 9 a.m. Drop-off Policy that went into effect at all three Washington Township Middle Schools for the 2017-2018 school year. We are allowing cars to enter the drop-off lane starting at 8:50 a.m. to ease some of the congestion on 62nd St. Again, the purpose behind the policy enforcement is as a result of the amount of students being dropped off campus long before we have the staff available to supervise them.

I want to invite all of you to our *Back to School Night* the evening of August 15 from 6:30-8 PM. Please note the time change, as I understand it is reflected as 6:45-8 on the district events calendar. During this event, parents follow their child's schedule and visit with each of their teachers for a few minutes in order to get informed of some of the basic expectations, routines and procedures that promote success at Eastwood.

Later that week, our PTO will host a Coffee with the Principal on Thursday, August 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the LGI. During that time, I will share with you some school improvement efforts that our staff is engaged with in order to best meet the diverse needs of our Eastwood Students. We value your partnership and I hope to see you at these events.

Best regards,

Dr. Taylor

On **Monday, August 21**,
Eastwood students will be
given the chance to observe

The Great American Eclipse!

This spectacular celestial event occurs when the moon is directly in line with the sun. The eclipse will be visible from 12:58pm-3:49pm, with maximum viewing at 2:24pm. Indianapolis will see a 91% eclipse, which makes us one of the only major cities to see the eclipse at near-totality.

Viewing a solar eclipse can be dangerous due to the intensity of the sun's rays. All students will be creating eclipse viewers using recycled materials to help protect their vision and ensure that everyone can enjoy this once in a lifetime event.

Permission slips for students to view the eclipse will need to be completed by a parent or guardian and returned to the child's science teacher by Friday, August 18th. Donations of empty paper towel or toilet paper rolls and empty cereal boxes to create the viewers can be brought to Mrs. Grinnell's room, 216.

Welcome New Staff!

2017 - 2018

We have many new staff members this year, and we wish them the best of luck We are lucky to have these people join our team and so glad they are Eagles!

Janet Pillsbury

7th Grade Math Teacher

Susie Sprinkle

6th Grade Lang & Lit Teacher

Sierra Lopez

Lang & Lit Intervention Teacher

Allison Craney

8th Grade Resource Teacher

Hellie Howard

7th Grade Indv. & Soc. Teacher

Wes Bremer

Language Acquisition – French
Teacher

Angela Tipton

8th Grade Reading Teacher

Tommy Wells

Guidance Counselor

Katelyn Haskell

8th Grade Lang & Lit Teacher

Carol Churchill

Reading Support Teacher

Karen Weaver

7th Grade Resource Teacher

Chris Seigel

Instructional Assistant

Clayton Stewart

Instructional Assistant

Davina Felix

Instructional Assistant

Ed McNeil

Instructional Assistant

Kate Sim

ENL / Instructional Assistant

Kelli Monedero

Social Worker

Nicole Goodman

Speech & Language Pathologist

Laura Steele

School Psychologist

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We would like to give Mr. Tommy Wells a warm Eagle welcome! We are thrilled to have him join our team and look forward to a great school year!



Short Bio of Mr. Wells

Tommy Wells is so excited to be the new school counselor here at Eastwood! He most recently was a school counselor and tennis coach at Northwest HS in IPS, but he has worked in Washington Township before at John Strange and Westlane. Mr. Wells is thrilled to join the counseling team and will also serve as the new FINO program coordinator. In his spare time, he likes to sing in the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and play tennis.

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



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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/](http://sites.msdwt.k12.in.us/skyward/category/parents/) 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!

Parents, please note that Eastwood's doors are open to students between the hours of **9:10am - 4:20pm**. 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 9:10AM 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.

Eagle Express!



Metropolitan School District
Supporting Students in a Supportive Community
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Nikki C. Woodson, Ph.D., *Superintendent*

Important Information Regarding New Drop Off and Pick Up Times

(Students must be dropped off after 9:00 a.m. next year.)

Dear Middle School Parents and Guardians:

Over the course of the 2016-17 school year, the number of students who are at school during unsupervised times has increased significantly. Unsupervised times include hours when school is not in session as well as situations when a student is not involved in a regularly scheduled extracurricular activity. There are times when the entries to our schools may have more than a hundred students packed into a very concentrated area making it nearly impossible for adult visitors to the school to walk into the building. In addition, there are other times when the group gathers outside the main entry chasing each other around or throwing various objects around sometimes leading to unsuspecting students being hit or knocked down. Neither of these scenarios works well for middle school students.

Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to supervise students during these times. Staff members are frequently involved in meetings during this time or are involved in supervising extracurricular activities. Thus, if a student were accidentally or intentionally hurt or injured, there is no one available to assist. In addition, we have had parents and community patrons express their inability to easily gain access to the school because the students are so tightly wedged into the vestibules that no one can pass through even though they have politely asked to pass through.

As a result of these concerns, we are implementing a very rigid drop off time and pick up time for the 2017-18 school year. With the student school day beginning at 9:20 a.m. this fall, students will not be able to be dropped off prior to 9:00 a.m. unless your child has made arrangements with a teacher to come into his/her classroom earlier for academic support if the teacher is available. In terms of pick up, unless a student is participating in or viewing an extracurricular activity, he/she needs to be picked up by 4:45 p.m. each day. In other words, students should not be present on the school campus before 9:00 a.m. or after 4:45 p.m. unless they are taking part in an extracurricular activity or receiving support from a teacher. Early next year, each school will share procedures regarding their process for when a student is permitted to arrive early to school for academic support. In addition, on Wednesdays when students can arrive prior to 9:00 a.m. in for regularly scheduled academic support, they will be permitted to arrive early as long as they arrive at the time established by the school.

Our goal in sharing this now was to provide you with adequate time to make alternative plans for the fall. We thank you in advance for supporting this change and have a wonderful summer break.

Sincerely,

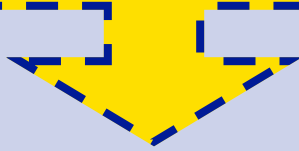
Richard Doss
Director of Secondary Education

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Eastwood Front Desk Tips – Did you know???

If you need to pick up a student early from school due to an appointment...

You can send a note in with your student! Have them take the note to the front desk, and the front desk volunteer will write your student a pass that will excuse them from class at the appropriate time. They will be waiting for you in the student center when you arrive to pick them up.

For appointments scheduled same day, you can call the front desk at least two hours before you plan to pick them up (preferably before lunchtime) and we will write your student a pass and have it delivered to them.

We cannot call students down until you arrive, so please send in a note or give us at least two hours to get a pass to them if you want them to be waiting for you.

We check IDs of everyone entering the building, and especially for anyone signing a student out of the building.

No exceptions! Please make sure to bring your photo ID with when visiting our building—we will ask you to retrieve it if you don't.

Any person you want to be able to pick up your child MUST be listed either as a guardian or under the Emergency Contacts section of your enrollment form.

In those cases when you need to authorize someone other than those primary contacts, you must either call ahead to Ms. Bradley or send in a note to the front desk with specific name and relationship information. As always, we will require that person to show photo ID.

Please be aware...

Depending on time of day and building conditions, we may ask you the reason for your visit to our school before buzzing you into the building. Please do not take offense; everything we do is for the safety and security of our students and staff.

Did you know???

The people sitting behind the front desk are parent volunteers! We are happy to help you in any way we can, and if we can't help you we know who can. Thanks for your support and welcome to Eastwood Middle School!

Eagles in the Evening

Academic Pursuit

- Students answer academic and current events questions in quiz show format!
- Wednesdays 4:30-5:30, practices or meets against other teams (home and away)
- Call outs for the team in the fall
- No costs
- County tournament in February

Come join in the fun and learn something new!

YOGA CLUB



Eastwood has partnered with Indy Yoga Movement to provide an hour of free yoga to all students during Wednesday Morning Student Support. Students will need to get a pass from Ms. Darling, Mr. Ahlfeld, Ms. Grissom or Mrs. Clippinger. The class is taught by a certified yoga instructor and will help improve student's posture, flexibility, balance, and give them breathing techniques to keep them calm under stress. The dates of Yoga Club this Spring semester are March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26, and May 10.

Eastwood Equity Alliance

We are an after school group dedicated to making Eastwood an accepting and safe school for all students. We meet on Wednesdays right after school until 5.45. It doesn't cost anything and you need to come willing to live the Learner Profile attributes.

EASTWOOD ROBOTICS

We have two VEX Robotics teams at Eastwood. We meet during student support on Wednesdays and some Saturdays. We try to go to three competitions a year. The students will have opportunities to design and build a robot that will work with an alliance to score the most points in a minute. They will also have experiences explaining the engineering process in a group interview at the completion. Next year will be Eastwood fourth year participating in the VEX robotic program. See Mr. Rosemeyer for more!



Exploring the World of Science

Eastwood has a long tradition of participating in Science Olympiad. A team of 15 students have the opportunity to compete demonstrating what they have built or what they have studied. The team will participate in 23 events at the regional at Butler University. If we do well enough then the team advances to the State competitions. The team starts practices in November, usually one day a week. After holiday break the team practice three days a week. We are flexible to work around other experiences that may conflict with the schedule.

See Mr. Rosemeyer for more information!

Eagles in the Evening



JAZZ BAND

Jazz band is open to 6, 7, and 8th grade students who read music and want to have fun learning a new style of music. You do not have to be in band to participate! We rehearse on Student Support Wednesdays on the first and third Wednesday of each month. We have several performances scheduled throughout the year: Eastwood Open House; Art, Jazz, and Poetry Night; and the Spring Band Finale Concert. Students must apply to be selected at the beginning of the school year. There is no cost to participate, and all music is provided by the Band Department.

Maker Space

We make things, all kinds of things. We are techie and becky home ec-y! Some of the things we've done: sharpie mugs, bath fizzies, sugar crystals, slime, 3D printing, screen printing, sewing...if you can think it up, we can probably do it! Meets on Thursdays after school, sometimes there is a small fee to cover cost, but usually not. No qualifications except willingness to learn new cool stuff about just about everything!

For more information, please talk to Mrs. Merrill in the Media Center!

Eagles Around The World Club

Eastwood offers students who are taking a Language Acquisition course in 6th, 7th or 8th grade the unique opportunity to join Eagles Around the World, a world language club. It started in 2000 and has become a success through the participation of Eastwood students, faculty, and staff. Eagles Around the World club members participate in activities related to the study of language and culture such as making masks for the Day of the Dead, celebrating Chinese New Year, fieldtrips to authentic cultural restaurants, and numerous other activities.

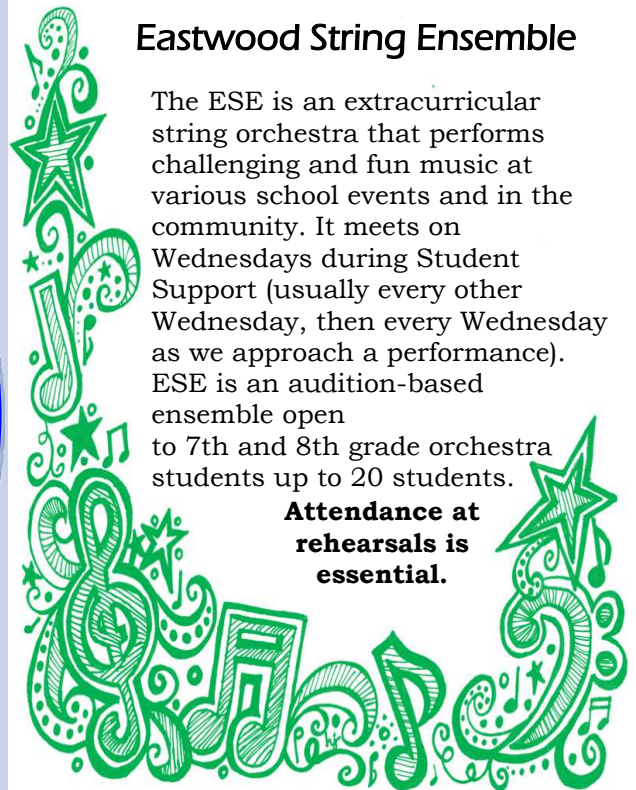
If you are interested in joining this group, just talk to any of our foreign language teachers!

We hope to see you there!

Eastwood String Ensemble

The ESE is an extracurricular string orchestra that performs challenging and fun music at various school events and in the community. It meets on Wednesdays during Student Support (usually every other Wednesday, then every Wednesday as we approach a performance). ESE is an audition-based ensemble open to 7th and 8th grade orchestra students up to 20 students.

Attendance at rehearsals is essential.



NORTH CENTRAL HOMECOMING PRE-GAME PARTY



September 8

5:00-7:00

NCHS Brick Plaza

(Just north of the North Central Stadium)

Proudly Sponsored by:



The Advancement Center
for Washington Township Schools and North Central Alumni
Serving students—past, present and future

- **Food Trucks**
- **Music**
- **Kid's Activities**
- **Half Time Parade of Schools**

Rain location is the North Central South Gym

AdvancementCenterWTS.org

EASTWOOD ATHLETICS



Meet James Tutin Athletic Director/ Assistant Principal

This past year, James began his seventh year at Eastwood Middle School as the new Athletic Director/Assistant Principal. Beginning his 4th year as Asst. Principal, he also taught 8th Grade IAS here at Eastwood previously. As a graduate of Purdue University, James has had a passion for educating students and guiding them on and off the field. As an avid historian, he has led numerous trips of students to our nation's capital. Additionally, James has spent a number of seasons coaching a variety of sports including baseball, basketball, track, and football. When not at Eastwood, you can find James spending time with his wife of 16 years, Kelly and their two sons, Carter (age 9) and Marshall (age 5).

Welcome Eastwood Families,
Please be sure to visit our quarterly Eastwood Athletic Newsletter, by visiting:

<https://www.smores.com/x41zu>

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.

EASTWOOD ATHLETICS



INFORMATION

FALL SPORTS

Sport	Grades	Cut?	Coach	email	1 st Practice
Coed Cross Country	6, 7, 8	No	Robby Geile	rgeile@msdwt.k12.in.us	Wed., 8/2
Coed Tennis	6, 7, 8	Yes	Karen Courtney	klcourtney@comcast.net	Monday, 8/7
7 th Volleyball	7	Yes	Anndi Maguire	almaguire24@yahoo.com	Thursday, 8/3
8 th Volleyball	8	Yes	Lauren Wilber	lwilber@msdwt.k12.in.us	Thursday, 8/3
Boys Soccer	6, 7, 8	Yes	Miguel Rodriguez	Miguel.rodriguez1818@gmail.com	Monday, 8/7
Girls Soccer	6, 7, 8	Yes	Lucia Darling	ldarling@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 8/7
7 th Football	7	No	Kyle Ochs	kyle.ochs@sadhanausa.org	Wed., 8/2
8 th Football	8	No	Caleb Snow	csnow@msdwt.k12.in.us	Wed., 8/2
Cheerleading	6, 7, 8	Yes	Kelly Biddings	kellyb06@hotmail.com	Thurs., 8/10
Eaglettes Dance	6, 7, 8	Yes	Kathleen Reitz	kreitz@msdwt.k12.in.us	Tuesday, 8/8

WINTER SPORTS

Wrestling	6, 7, 8	Yes			Monday, 11/27
7 th Boys Basketball	7	Yes	Robby Geile	rgeile@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 10/23
8 th Boys Basketball	8	Yes	Adam Ahlfeld	aahlfeld@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 10/23
7 th Girls Basketball	7	Yes	Anndi Maguire	almaguire24@yahoo.com	Monday, 11/27
8 th Girls Basketball	8	Yes	Lucia Darling	ldarling@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 11/27

SPRING SPORTS

Boys Track	6, 7, 8	No	Robby Geile	rgeile@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 3/12
Girls Track	6, 7, 8	No	Kelli Monedero	kmonedero@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 3/12
7 th Baseball	7	Yes	Caleb Snow	csnow@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 3/12
8 th Baseball	8	Yes	Doug Vinton	dvinton@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 3/12
7 th Softball	7	Yes	Lauren Wilber	lwilber@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 3/12
8 th Softball	8	Yes	Megan McCoy	mmccoy@msdwt.k12.in.us	Monday, 3/12

OFFICER'S BULLETIN

Hello Eastwood students, parents and staff. On behalf of the MSD Washington Twp. School Police Department I would like to welcome you to Eastwood and the Eastwood community. 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 25th 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 12 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 am married to the love of my life Pam and we have four children (Freddie III (21), Amajae' (17) Amaya (13) and JaMya (6) who are the joy and love of my life. Having children in this 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 advice I love to say is "remember you represent not just you but your family, every choice you make will have either positive or 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 nosy. 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 fedwards@msdwt.k12.in.us 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 ect.



Music Notes

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BAND NOTES — Laura VanderHaeghen

The band program at Eastwood and in MSDWT has a great tradition of excellence. We are looking forward to all of the new students in the program, and how much everyone will grow as a musician this year. · The beginner level bands will be working in small groups with sectional teachers August 7-September 1 (first concert is November 14th). Students must have their instruments no later than August 7th. · The intermediate level band will be working in small ensembles in preparation for our ensembles recital prior to fall break. · The advanced band will perform with all of the other advanced bands in the township as well as the NC Marching Panthers on September 15th, and again as a mass advanced band on September 26th as part of the Township Band Festival. We hope you'll be able to join us for their half time performance. · The jazz band will start second semester. Be on the lookout for more information regarding jazz band this school year. Be sure to follow us on Twitter @MrsV_ewband and visit <http://sites.msdtw.k12.in.us/lvanderhaeghen/> or our Canvas groups for more information.

All band students should submit their contract by Monday, August 7th (can send through email or Canvas as well) that they received on the first day of school.

Beginners should have: Essential Elements Interactive book 1 for their instrument, instrument, and accessories (mouthpiece, reeds, oils, etc.)

Intermediate students should have: Essential Elements Interactive book 2 for their instrument, instrument, and accessories

Advanced students should have: Foundations for Superior Performance for their instrument, instrument, and accessories

Order forms for music polo shirts will come out soon!

Regular communications will be sent through the Skyward message center, so make sure you have an updated email address on file with Canvas. Mrs. VanderHaeghen will be on maternity leave September 5-December 12. Mrs. Amstutz will be the guest teacher, and has a degree in music education from Indiana University as well as a variety of teaching experiences in small settings and public school band programs. Please welcome her when she starts!

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ORCHESTRA NEWS – Lori Metzger

Hello and welcome to orchestra! I'm Mrs. Metzger, the orchestra teacher here at Eastwood. Here are a few things to know for the month of August for orchestra:

- Instruments and the method books will be needed from now on for the school year. If you do not have your instrument or method book yet, please acquire it as soon as possible. If there is a financial issue with getting an instrument, please get in touch with me.
- Practice sheets will begin on Monday, August 14th. Students are expected to practice for 4 hours for the 2-week long practice sheet (ideally about 2 hours a week). Practicing is essential to musical growth, so try to practice as close to daily as possible. Set up a routine for when you practice and how you practice to ensure your success.
- The intermediate and advanced orchestras will have seating auditions at the end of this week. Seating auditions are not for a grade, but students should be trying their best. Auditions will be in front of the class, so make sure you're as prepared as can be.
- The first performance of the year will be for the Symphony (Advanced) Orchestra toward the end of September. More details will come for that as the time approaches.

I'm looking forward to this year and all the beautiful music we will make together!

Musically yours,
Mrs. Metzger

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CHOIR CANON — Jacqueline Darbro

Greetings and welcome back to school! I am hoping that all had an enjoyable summer and are ready to get back to school! The choir program underwent some modifications not only to be more student-centered with regard to development and comfort-level, but also to prepare our students for the different styles of choirs they will get to engage in once they have moved into North Central. As of this year, students had the choice to either move into a more show-choir developing class or a more traditional, all-genres concert choir. With the new changes, hopefully everyone is happy in their corresponding choir, and can grow and experience music in a way that appeals to them.

News for those families who have not yet purchased the "sing at first sight" book. My understanding is that with so many schools using this great text, in many cases it is on back-order. Please know that I understand, and will make the according accommodations, but students should try to get their order processed as soon as they can do so. Reminder: level 1 book is for beginning choir and for intermediate; level 2 is for advanced. It is still for sale on Amazon, and many students have expressed concern that they will need for me to order their book. I am happy to do this in service for our students. Please send a note and \$8.00 in an envelope with your child at your earliest convenience.

Theatre news: Our students will be presenting "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" this year. The show will be Friday, October 27 and Saturday October 28. I am greatly excited about this show, as it allows a vast array of student participation. There is a large ensemble of "town's folk" both strong male/female leads and then a large supporting cast of future wives and siblings to our pro/antagonist eldest brother. The show is a great example of growth in mind-set but still manages to be hilariously funny. Many of our students are almost as excited as I about this up-coming romp! Auditions are coming soon, and information will be posted outside the choir room door (122). Get ready!

Busy PTO Bees



Welcome and Welcome Back from the PTO!!!

We are looking forward to a great year ahead with many opportunities to get involved and to support students and staff at Eastwood. At any time if you have any questions or want to know more about the PTO, please contact us at eastwoodmiddlepto@gmail.com

To start the year off please take note of these opportunities:

2017-2018 PTO form: <https://goo.gl/forms/dlSBkKylfXFghgPZ2> (also on the next page) The form link provides options for every level of involvement in the PTO from just receiving informational emails to chairing an event and everything in between. We appreciate our communities support of the PTO in a manner that is comfortable for each individual supporter.

- Book Fair happens August 14-18 -- Be on the lookout for the opportunity to sign up to help at the book fair.
- Fall Fundraiser kicks off August 22 -- Fundraiser materials will be sent home with students - your participation in this fundraiser provides funds to support student events, teacher grants and much more! Thank you for your participation!!

Thank you for your support and participation! We look forward to a great year ahead at Eastwood!!!

Emily Kaiser and Gina Naas
PTO Co-Presidents

Count On Me 2017-2018

YOUR INCREDIBLE EASTWOOD COMMUNITY CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU! PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW TO LET US KNOW IN WHAT CAPACITY YOU ARE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE PTO THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child Name: _____ Grade: _____

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Questions?

Contact Your PTO
Co-Presidents:

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Please help us by filling this line out on line if possible at: <https://goo.gl/forms/wWRlUmC2BCaeREI2>

PTO Communications and Volunteer Pool

YES! PLEASE PUT ME ON THE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR PTO UPDATES AND GENERAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Support:

One Time Events

First Day of School (August 2)

Chair: Cynthia Wright
 Will Help

Fall Fundraiser

Chair: Julie Botts
 Will Help

Teacher Workday Meal (various)

Chair: Aimee Kanac
 Will Help

Teacher Back to School Night Dinner (August 15)

Chair: Kathleen Ferguson
 Will Help

Bingo Bash (February 23)

Chairs: Mary Beth Reffett & Jodi Isenberg
 Will Help

Summer Mailer (Last week in May)

Chair: Stacey Hutte
 Will Help

6th Grade Social (September 22)

Chair: TBD
 Will Help
 Will Chair

7th Grade Social (September 15)

Chairs: Melanie Armstrong & Monica Nicholas
 Will Help

8th Grade Social (December 15)

Chair: Jennifer Buddenbaum
 Will Help

Book Fair (8/14-8/18 & Spring TBD)

Chair: TBD
 Will Help
 Will Chair

Teacher Appreciation Week (4/30-5/4)

Chair: Meg Burk
 Will Help

8th Grade Celebration (May 22)

Chairs: Beth Olson & Holly Walsh
 Will Help

On Going Events:

Dine Out/ Community Nights

Chair: Jennifer Locke
 Will Help

New Family Liaisons

Chairs: Shadie Little
 Will Help

Parent Council

Chair: Shelley Clark
 Will Help

FINO Snacks

Chair: TBD
 Will Help
 Will Chair

Financial Support:

The strong sense of community at Eastwood is possible because of parents, teachers, and administrators working together. The PTO helps facilitate a successful educational experience for all Eastwood students by providing support for all aspects of the school community. This vital support is only possible because of the volunteer and financial support dedicated community members like you provide. Supporting the PTO through one of the levels below allows the PTO to provide teacher grants, student program support, teacher supply stipends, and staff appreciation.

We view every member of the Eastwood community as a member of the PTO and there is no financial obligation to participate. However, we invite all members to consider optional financial support at one of the levels below. By selecting a level you are pledging the associated financial support and we will be in touch at the start of the school year to provide the different options available for fulfillment of that pledge.

- Eagle Level: \$10
- Blue Level: \$25
- Gold Level: \$50
- Platinum Level: \$100
- Other

*Names will be published periodically throughout the year denoting levels of financial support. Please check the box if you prefer to be denoted as anonymous.

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Teacher Tips

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP - 8th Gr

8th Graders have until 8/11 to make final arrangements on the DC trip. With the trip finalizing so closely to the end of the school year, I am deeply sorry that we couldn't do fund-raisers this year. Hopefully, moving forward, we will be able to reach a greater number of students who need assistance. If you have forgotten how to access online information, I struggle with the link, but found this better: google DC trip + ambassadair + Washington township. This search brings up the link easily. Please remember that Mrs. Darbro needs room selections as soon as possible. I have about 16 so far. Thank you! Let's make this a great experience!

Trip Supervisor: Jacqueline Darbro (Choir)
Email: jdarbro@msdwt.k12.in.us

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

Follow the EWMS Art Department happenings on Facebook and Instagram!

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/EWMSArtDept

Instagram: @ewmsartdept

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!