



EAST ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Senior:

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, I would like to welcome you back to East Islip High School. I look forward to working in cooperation with students, parents and faculty in maintaining the high level of academic excellence that has become the hallmark of an East Islip High School education.

The summer months have been devoted to preparing the building for the first day of school. Our custodial staff has been working very hard to put a sparkle on the entire building before our students return. School begins for students on **Wednesday, September 6th at 7:10 AM**. Also note that Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Thursday, **September 28th at 6:30 PM**. You will hear more about Meet the Teacher Night in a later communication from me, but I hope you will reserve the date on your calendar.

The senior year of high school is a very exciting time for students. In addition to completing their graduation requirements, students will be busy preparing college applications, and solidifying their post high school plans. However, being a senior comes with a certain amount of responsibility. Please note that you are now the leaders of East Islip High School. Therefore, it is up to you to set good examples for the underclassmen. Show your EI Pride and be good role models within our school and community. Being a senior also brings a few additional privileges; enjoy them, don't lose them!

As our students prepare to return to school, I would like to remind them that they must abide by the District Code of Conduct at all times and we expect their complete cooperation each and every day. This includes regular on time attendance to every class. If any issues arise, students can seek assistance from their designated administrator. As a reminder, students in Grades 9 & 11 are assigned to Mr. Seifert, and students in Grades 10 & 12 are assigned to Mr. Thorley.

Please be reminded that the High School is a closed Campus, thus eliminating "Senior Privileges" and the ability for students to leave the building for lunch or any other reason. Only those students with a shortened schedule will be permitted to leave the building before 1:47 PM. All other students will be required to stay in the building for the entire school day.

The primary reason for closing the campus is rooted in student safety. However, a closed campus also reinforces our belief that students maximize their potential by remaining in school and taking advantage of our programs and courses. Without the distractions of planning lunch outings and figuring out who is going to drive, our students can focus on their studies, meet with teachers for extra help, utilize the library and work towards becoming an outstanding student. By taking advantage of the aforementioned opportunities, our students will build a solid foundation for success!

As previously communicated to you, cellular telephones continue to be a daily distraction to students, and as such, they have become a major disruption to the educational process. Therefore, for the 2017-2018 school year, the use of cellular telephones is prohibited in all classrooms. Students are only permitted to use their phones in non-instructional areas such as the cafeteria and in the hallways between periods. Students who are caught using a cellular telephone in a classroom or other instructional area such as the library, gymnasium, forum and auditorium will be subject to disciplinary action. If parents need to communicate with their children during the regular school day, they can contact the main office at 224-2110. We thank you, in advance, for your support in helping us to eliminate this unnecessary distraction at East Islip High School.

As indicated on the district calendar, on **Thursday, May 3rd, at 7:00 PM**, East Islip High School will host a **mandatory pre-prom meeting** for all senior students, and their parent/guardian(s), who plan to attend the senior prom. **Students who do not attend this mandatory meeting with a parent or guardian will not be permitted to attend the prom. No exceptions will be made.** Therefore, please plan ahead to ensure that there are no conflicts on this date (Seniors, let your boss know now that you cannot work on May 3rd).

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Also note that the beginning of the school year is a very hectic time for our guidance staff as they work to review schedules and ensure that all graduation requirements are being met. In addition, they must verify that all students have schedules that are consistent with the selection that he/she made in the spring. Therefore, during the first two weeks of school, the only schedule changes that will be permitted are for students who have a required class missing from their program. We appreciate your patience and support during this two week period while the counselors are working to ensure that our student's educational needs are being met.

- Your official schedule can be viewed and printed off of the Parent Portal beginning on Thursday, August 31st.

Please note that when you print the class schedule you must choose the report option: Schedule With Locker.

- There was a tremendous amount of work that went into creating a master schedule that accommodates both your interests and your graduation requirements. We ask that requests for schedule changes be for educational reasons only. **Teacher requests and lunch period changes will not be honored.** Please review your child's schedule to make sure all of their major courses are correct. If a graduation requirement has been omitted from your schedule, please contact your guidance counselor.
- Please note your **locker number & combination** is located at the top of your schedule.
- **Please call the Guidance office if you have any additional questions. The Guidance office can be reached by phone at any of these phone numbers: 224-2123, 224-2124, 224-2125 or 224-2126. For your convenience, your counselor's name is listed below.**

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| <u>Mrs. Sachs</u> | <u>(A – C)</u> | <u>224-2117</u> |
| <u>Mr. Boehler</u> | <u>(D-H)</u> | <u>224-2103</u> |
| <u>Mrs. Salvaggio</u> | <u>(I-Mi)</u> | <u>224-2118</u> |
| <u>Ms. Vincenti</u> | <u>(MO-Ri)</u> | <u>224-2120</u> |
| <u>Mrs. Pignataro</u> | <u>(Ro-Z)</u> | <u>224-2116</u> |

Please check the high school's virtual backpack at eischools.org to find the following items:

- **Welcome Letter** from Mr. John V. Dolan, Superintendent of Schools
- **Code of Conduct** summary which outlines your rights and responsibilities as students of East Islip High School. Please read this over carefully before arriving for the first day of school.
- **District-wide Committee Application** - Please return to the district office by **October 13**.
- **Parking information and forms.**
- **East Islip High School/Parent Compact** – The parents and school both play very important parts in the student's education. Please return signed agreement to main office by **September 28**.
- **Computer Network and Internet Notice** – If you would like your child to not have access, please contact the main office by **September 8**.
- **PTSA Membership form** – please join to help provide educational programs for our students.
- **No Child Left Behind Act** letter – please sign and return if you wish us to withhold your student's information. Please return to main office by **September 26**.
- **eiMAPs Membership form** – to support East Islip's music and arts program.
- **Arriving Late/Leaving Campus form**
- **Add/Drop Deadline**
- **Guidance Calendar of Events**
- **Manners Matter**
- **Patriot Day**
- **Summary of Food Allergies Policy**
- **Immunization Requirement**
- **Senior Mandatory Dates**
- **Diploma Order for the Class of 2018**

I hope that you enjoy the last few days of summer vacation. Please accept my best wishes for a successful school year. I am looking forward to seeing you and welcoming you back to school for the first day of classes on September 6th.

Sincerely,

William Brennen

William J. Brennen
Principal
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