

WELCOME TO THE EAST ISLIP MIDDLE SCHOOL!

August 2017

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Students and Parents,

It is our pleasure to welcome you back to the East Islip Middle School. This year is an academically challenging year; all of the students will be participating in New York State Assessments in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Grade 8 students will complete additional assessments in Science and a regionally developed World Language Proficiency (Check Point A). We are committed to providing you with outstanding academic challenges while continuing to broaden your school experience through our co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

On the middle school website is the bell schedule and other important information with which we would like you to review. You will be able to access and print your class schedule from the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Any questions regarding the use of the Parent Portal can be sent via email to parentportal@eischools.org. Please be advised the building will be open from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5 to allow the upper classmen the opportunity to set up their lockers.

First Day of School

School begins on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017** with a regular “A” day schedule. Your school day begins at 7:54 a.m. with Period 1. Please enter the building through the library lobby on the bus loop side or near room 112 on the east side of the building at 7:47 a.m. The front doors will not be available until 7:54 a.m. Students are to report directly to their individual locker or first period class upon arrival.

Breakfast/Lunch/Home Baked Goods

The cafeteria will be open for breakfast from 7:00 – 7:40 a.m. You may purchase breakfast for \$.75 and lunch for \$2.00/\$2.80. Please do not drop off any “outside food” for your child during the day for their lunch period i.e.; McDonald’s, pizza, etc. To help ensure the health and safety of all students in the building, home baked goods or prepared goods including but not limited to cupcakes, cookies, etc. are not permitted to be distributed during the school day. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Transportation Information

Bus Students

Student transportation services for the 2017-18 school year will continue to be based on the following Board of Education walker/rider policy (#8410) limits:

- Grades K-3, inclusive, shall be provided transportation if students live more than one half (1/2) mile from school.
- Grades 4-6, inclusive, shall be provided transportation if students live more than one (1) mile from school.
- Grades 7-12, inclusive, shall be provided transportation if students live more than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from school.
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Students using bus transportation will receive passes in the mail from the transportation department.

Please be reminded that students are only allowed to ride the bus that they are specifically assigned to. Drivers will be checking bus passes to ensure this procedure is adhered to. Please contact the Principal's Office with any concerns or questions that may arise during the school year.

There is an exclusive bus entrance/exit both before and after school on the west side of the building for bus drop-off and pick-up. In the morning 6th grade students will enter the building near the auxiliary gym and the 7th and 8th grade students will enter through the library lobby doors.

Walkers or Bicycle Riders

If you ride a bicycle to school, a bicycle rack is available next to the school near the bus loop. You are responsible for properly securing your bicycle.

Students who walk may enter the building through the entrances on the east or west side of the building. Students are prohibited from walking behind the building.

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up

Arrival

Please note the arrival and dismissal procedures; student safety is our primary concern and your assistance will be appreciated.

7th and 8th grade students will enter the building through the doors near room 112 or library lobby. Students wishing to attend extra help in the morning can enter the building at 7:10 a.m. It is important that we keep traffic flowing. Therefore, drive as far forward as possible towards the cafeteria when dropping off your child from the passenger side of the vehicle. Please be courteous of other parents at drop-off time. The front driveway is used for minibus, handicapped and visitor access only. Visitors and late arrivals must enter the building via the main entrance and report to the main lobby desk where they must sign in. If a student becomes injured during the school year, special arrangements for arrival or dismissal will be made through the nurse's office.

Dismissal

If you plan on picking your child up after school, please be reminded that there is no stopping on Redmen Street. Parents can begin to line up on the cafeteria (east) side of the building in the middle school parking lot. Please adhere to the directions of the security personnel by pulling ahead to allow several vehicles the opportunity to wait in the lot for student dismissal at 2:32 p.m. For your child's safety, do not park in a stall and require your child to walk across the parking lot. Please do not pick-up on the west side of the building near the district office.

The Afternoon Extra Help Bus

In the afternoon, there will be three 3:20 p.m. extra help buses (subject to change to 3:35 p.m. due to routing issues). One will be exclusively for those 6th graders that live between 1 and 1 ½ miles from the school. This mini bus will have a placard in the window indicating grade 6. The other two buses #4 & #7 will be available for students in grades 6-12 that live beyond 1 ½ miles from school. Students will need to obtain an extra help bus pass from their teachers before they are allowed to ride the bus. The extra help bus stops are different from the regular bus stops. These stops are posted in various places around the building.

Important Information

Three very important items have been posted on the middle school website or mailed to your home that require your review. These must be signed and returned to your child's 1st period teacher no later than Monday, September 11, 2017.

- Breakfast/Lunch Free/Reduced Lunch Application (mailed)
- East Islip School District School/Parent Compact
- Summary of the Food Allergies Policy

Please check the Middle School's *Virtual Backpack* for the following important documents:

- Superintendent's Welcome back Letter
- Manners Matter
- Superintendent's Wellness and Allergy Policy Update
- Code of Conduct
- Patriot Day Letter and Bibliography
- Computer Network for Education Letter
- Districtwide Committee Application
- PTA Information
- FTK Information

Documents

If you have any updated legal documents pertaining to guardianship please submit them to the Principal's Office as soon as possible.

Meet the Teacher Night

Our **Meet-the-Teacher Night** will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Our program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please save this date, we will be following a B-day schedule.

Honor Roll

In an effort to encourage our students to strive for their personal best, we have established criteria to achieve honor roll status at the East Islip Middle School. The criteria are as follows:

- Honor Roll – 90 – 93.99 and no grade less than 70
- High Honor Roll – 94 – 100 and no grade less than 70

Health Office Reminders

New York State Health Law mandates that all students enrolled in grade 7 receive a physical. Beginning September 1, 2016, all 7th grade students must have proof of having the meningococcal vaccine in order to attend school. Please return your child's physical form to the middle school health office as soon as possible. Any questions please contact the middle school nurses at (631) 224-2181.

We look forward to seeing you on **September 6, 2017**. Please view our website to see the supply lists for the upcoming school year. Utilize our website throughout the school year to see regular updates of school, district-wide events and important information.

Very truly yours,



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Principal



Nicholas Bilotti
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