

WELCOME TO THE EAST ISLIP MIDDLE SCHOOL!

August 2021

Dear Incoming 6th Grade Students and Parents,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to East Islip Middle School. As seems to always be the case, this year is going to be a very challenging one for our students.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, we are committed to strengthening our ability to provide a cohesive and relevant curriculum. To do so, we will need students and parents to partner with the school to rediscover the importance of in-person instruction, good behavior and most importantly, good citizenship. All of us here at the Middle School are extremely excited to return to in-person instruction and look forward to ensuring that our students are where they need to be academically and social emotionally. We are committed to providing our students with outstanding academic challenges while continuing to broaden the school experience through our co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

First Day of School

School begins on Thursday, September 2, 2021 with a regular “A” day schedule. Your school day begins at 7:54 am with Period 1. Upon arrival, sixth grade students will enter the building through the doors near the auxiliary gym on the west side of the building or the north cafeteria doors on the east side of the building and report directly to the cafeteria. Students will be dismissed from the cafeteria to first period at 7:47 am.

Breakfast/Lunch/Home Baked Goods

School districts across the United States will be providing free meals for students this year. For the 2021-2022 school year, all students will receive a free breakfast and lunch. Funding for the National School Lunch program is being provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). As a result of COVID-19, the USDA looked to help provide food for students through the pandemic. The Free and Reduced Lunch Packets are being mailed home. These packets still need to be filled out and returned to school by September 3, 2021

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goods or prepared goods including but not limited to cupcakes, cookies, etc. are not permitted to be distributed during the school day.

Transportation Information

Bus students

Student transportation services for the 2021-2022 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.

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.

All 6th grade students should be dropped off on the east side of the building and will be entering through the north cafeteria doors. The doors will be opened at 7:15 am. 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 (after 7:54 am) 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 and/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 line for student dismissal at 2:32 pm. 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 3:30 pm. extra help buses. One will be exclusively for those 6th graders that live between 1 and 1½ miles from school. This mini bus will have a placard in the window indicating grade 6. The other two buses #4 & #12 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 that requires your review. These must be signed and returned to your child's 1st period teacher no later than Friday, September 3, 2021.

- 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
- Code of Conduct
- Computer Network for Education Letter
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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 Thursday, September 30, 2021 Our program will begin at 6:30 pm. Please save this date, we will be following a A-day schedule.

Honor Roll

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

Health Office Reminders

New York State Health Law has amended immunization requirements for all students who are entering 6th grade. Students who are 11 years old and entering grade 6 in September must have proof of receiving the Tdap. Students who are 10 years old and entering grade 6 in September will be flagged and must receive the Tdap within 2 weeks of their 11th birthday. All students must also show proof of having received a second chickenpox (Varicella) and fourth polio vaccine.

We look forward to greeting you on August 30th at our 6th grade orientation. Utilize our website throughout the school year to see regular updates of school, district-wide events and important information.

Very truly yours,

William J. Brennan

Mr. William Brennan

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§ eiMAPS

§ Important Dates Reminder

§ Health Appraisal Form (7th Grade)

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New York State Health Law mandates that all students enrolled in grade 7 receive a physical. 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.

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Very truly yours,



Mr. William Brennan
Principal