

WELCOME TO THE EAST ISLIP MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Students and Parents,

I am very grateful and excited to take on this new role as East Islip Middle School Principal. I am eager to welcome our 7th and 8th grade students back from what I hope was an enjoyable and enriching summer. Our goal here is to create self-confident, happy, engaged, and well-prepared young adults that are ready to move on to future success in high school and beyond.

To reach this goal it is imperative that we work together as a team. A team, whereas members, we can all count on, lean on and support each other. This must include our administration, faculty, support staff, parents, caregivers, and students. Together, with proper communication, effort, and accountability by all, we can ensure that our students will become everything they can be. We can accomplish great growth and achievements.

In addition, the school building will be open from 2:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 5th for students to come in and set up their lockers. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

First Day of School

School begins on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 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

The cafeteria will be open for breakfast from 7:00 – 7:40 am. You may purchase breakfast for \$.75 and lunch for \$2.40/\$3.20. 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 2023-2024 school year will continue to be based on the following Board of Education walker/rider policy (#8410) limits:

- 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

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 Thursday, September 7, 2023.

- 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
- East Islip School District School/Parent Compact (sign and return to homeroom teacher)
- Immunization Requirements
- Summary of the Food Allergies Policy (sign and return to homeroom teacher)
- Districtwide Committee Application
- PTA Information
- eiMAPS
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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 26, 2023, our program will begin at 6:30 pm. Please save this date, we will be following a A-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 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 28th 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,

Mr. Michael Hansen

Principal

