

EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Cougar News, February 2024

Dear Students and Families,

As we step into the winter and second semester, it's a time for new beginnings—new schedules, new classes, new friends, and new challenges. It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the school year. The start of second semester can bring some anxiety, but it's crucial to take a moment to reflect and appreciate the success of our first semester. So, let's breathe a sigh of relief and keep the momentum going into the second half of the year!

I am thrilled with the positive start we've had, and I encourage all of you to continue doing what you're doing. There are exciting events and activities lined up for this semester, such as students scheduling classes for next year, 5th-grade sneak peek, 8th-grade visit to the high school, M-step testing, PSAT testing for 8th grade, talent show, mid-winter break, and more. Specific dates and details for these events will be available on the Eastland home page and through emails, so please stay tuned.

For the second semester, we will continue offering after-school tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The sign up link was sent out in January via email for parent(s) and/or guardian(s) to sign students up. Please take advantage of this valuable program to support your child's academic progress.

A quick reminder about school rules: phones, backpacks, blankets, coats need to be in lockers and not visible during class time. We have a policy regarding cell phones and other devices, and repeated violations will result in consequences. Please familiarize yourself with these rules to ensure a positive learning environment for everyone. The policy also includes air pods, headphones and the like.

First Incident: student is warned and device returned at the end of the day

Second Incident: requires parent to pick up device, and student receives a lunch detention

Third Incident: requires parent to pick up device, and student receives an after-school detention

Fourth Incident: requires parent to pick up device, and student receives an after-school detention

Fifth Incident: requires parent to pick up device, and student receives an at-home suspensions

Five incidents and beyond result in the same consequence as the fifth incident.

As the weather gets colder, it's crucial, for safety reasons that students are picked up promptly at the end of the day. Students can't stay at school waiting for rides as it poses a safety concern. If your child does not ride the bus, please arrange for pickup by 3 p.m. We truly do not want students waiting out in cold, but we have no supervision for them.

This semester let's focus on regular attendance. While we understand that students may occasionally need to stay home due to illness or other reasons, consistent attendance is vital for their academic success. Research shows that students who are chronically absent in middle school tend to face challenges in high school and beyond. Let's work together to improve attendance and ensure students arrive on time to class.

Thank you for your hard work, and let's keep it going strong!

Best Regards-Mr. Beato



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Message From our Principal

February 2024 Calendar



2/1—U of D Mercy Dentists visit

2/5—Girls' Basketball v. Carter
3:45pm

2/6—Art Club 3-4:30pm

Dance Club 2:50-4:30pm

2/7—Early Release 1:20pm

2/8—Girls' Basketball v. Carleton
3:45pm- BE NICE GAME-rescheduled

2/12--Girls' Basketball v. WWMS 3:45pm

2/13--NJHS 2:55-3:30pm

Video Game Club 3-4:30pm

Dance Club 2:50-4:30pm

2/14--COUNT DAY

Girls Basketball v. Grissom 3:45pm

Lego Club 3-4:30pm

2/15--Dance Club 2:50pm-4:30pm

**2/19-2/20—No School Mid-Winter
Break**

2/21—Lego Club 3-4:30pm

Art Club 3-4:30pm

2/26—Girls' Basketball @ Beer MS
3:45pm

2/27—Video Game Club 3-4:30pm

Dance Club 2:50-4:30pm

2/28—Early Release 1:20pm

3-1— Dance Club 2:50-4:30pm



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

**Save
these
Dates!**

**Early
Release @
1:20 pm:**

2/7/24

2/28/24

3/13/24

4/3/24

4/24/24

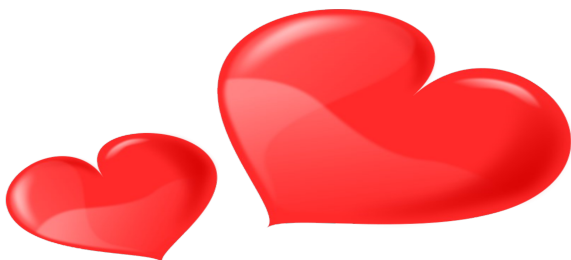
5/8/24

Newsworthy Notations

Absences

Regular attendance is critical to your child's academic success; however, there are times a student may need to miss school due to illness. Please make sure you verify ALL absences by calling the Attendance line at 586-445-5701. If your child is absent, they are still responsible for making up missed assignments, which can be requested directly from the teacher. Teachers are happy to accommodate students who may need additional time and support to complete work while being out sick.

EMS Staff would like to welcome our new Counselor, Malaika Williams, she comes to us from RHS. We would also like to welcome our new SRO-Officer MacDonald. Officer Latour is retiring and moving on to a new chapter. Welcome to EMS!



Second Semester Reminders

Please remind your students to attend class prepared and arrive to class on time.

Bring to class:

Pencil

Notebook/folder

Textbook (if required)

Any belongings the student may need for class

Arriving at class on time and prepared is great practice for future life skills. We appreciate your help and support! Thank you!



NJHS Information



Reminder: NJHS members have a meeting on Tuesday February 13, 2024 from 2:55 to 3:15PM.

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Winter Gala

SATURDAY,
MARCH 9, 2024

6:00 P.M. - MIDNIGHT
DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.

VINTAGE HOUSE
31816 UTICA RD, FRASER

DINNER
DJ/DANCING
BASKET RAFFLE
PRIZES

\$55
PER PERSON

BASKET TICKETS WILL ALSO
BE SOLD VIRTUALLY

TABLES OF 8 RESERVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1
TICKET SALES WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 6. NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS, RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: ttomala@roseville.k12.mi.us or (586) 445-5675



The Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation began with a dream and a goal when it was established by the Roseville Kiwanis Club in 1963. The dream was to touch the lives of Roseville's young people; the goal was to raise funds to aid them in their continued educational quests.

In 1984, the Roseville Board of Education joined the ongoing project. Today, citizen volunteers, educators, business representatives, and local leaders assist in the process of raising funds and allocating scholarships to deserving recipients. This year, we awarded 55 \$1200 scholarships to recipients.

In April 2022, the Foundation officially became a 501c3 organization. This allows additional opportunities to receive donations from individuals and companies wishing to donate to a charitable organization. If you own, work for, or know of a company looking for a charitable organization to donate to, we would greatly appreciate you sharing the Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation name with them.

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Our “BeNice” Awareness games will take place on Thursday, February 8, 2024, during our 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball games against Carleton Middle School at EMS. Students can purchase a “BeNice” bracelet for \$10.00. This bracelet is admittance to 5 games, and proceeds raise money for our “BeNice” program.

Concessions will also be sold-please make a point of attending this important game!

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Message from the Superintendent

Last month I discussed the impact of attendance on student's graduation rates, post-secondary success and how much it takes to make up for the lost days of school. We also need to look at chronic absenteeism (18 or more absences in year) and the short-term effects.

Did you know that is a Kindergarten or First Grader who is chronically absent for one of those years will only have a 41% chance of reading at grade level in the 3rd grade? Just one of the first two years in school has that severe of an impact.

If a student is chronically absent for both Kindergarten and 1st grade, they only have a 17% chance of reading at grade level in the 3rd grade! Now imagine the impact being chronically absent through high school.

Yes, attendance matters! Every single day your child misses creates a void of learning and being chronically absent is devastating to your child's academic success. I do know that you want what is best for your child. I hope you agree that learning how to read is an essential life skill.

Sincerely,

Mark Blaszkowski

Superintendent

Roseville Community Schools

Phone # (586) 445-5505

*"It's amazing what the hard times can reveal,
Like who shows up, who walks away and who's for real"
Shinedown "Daylight"*



You Are Invited To The RHS Incoming Freshman Family Tours

For Us To Properly Plan, Please Go <https://forms.office.com/r/RwryvKCXZ>

Or Simply Scan The QR Code And Sign Up For The Time Slot You Would Like To Attend.

February 8, 22, & 29, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



SCAN ME

hello **high**
SCHOOL

This Program Is Designed For Incoming Freshman
Families To Get Acquainted With Roseville High
School, Meet A Principal, & Have Your Questions
Answered. **RSVP @ Link Is Required**

**All Students Must Be Accompanied With A
Parent or Guardian, No Exceptions**