

EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cougar News, September 2023

Hello everyone,

I am so excited to start out the school year. As always, as educators, our main goal is to connect with students, to create a learning environment where students feel safe, loved and respected, and to maximize learning opportunities for all. I would like to point out a few things that can support the classroom community-building initiatives of our staff members.

Students' cell phones need to be powered off and stored in a locker. Cell phones are distracting, even sitting on a desk or in a pencil case/binder, can serve as a major distraction to community building and learning. We would prefer our students to have conversations, which will lead to more in-depth learning. We would also like to minimize unnecessary screen time and focus on teacher direction and deepening cooperative learning opportunities. Cell phones stay in lockers. Students will receive detention the second time a phone is seen and taken by a teacher (the parent or guardian will have to come pick up the phone at the end of the day). Third time will be another school detention, fourth time may be an In-House Suspension, and the fifth time will be at Home Suspension.

Please follow the dress code policy. The dress code policy is in the Student Code of Conduct on the district website, www.rosevillepride.org. The short version is this: no -crop tops, tank tops, inappropriate slogans, pajamas, see-through clothing, ski mask, sunglasses, gators, hats, and slippers (again please refer to the Student Code of conduct handbook). School dress code works better when we as a community follow the rules. Students that are in violation will have to have their parents bring them appropriate clothes.

We are asking our families to support us by speaking with your child about the importance of appropriate masks, storing a cell phone in the locker, dress code, and listening to directions from the adults in the building (teacher, administrators, counselor, paras, secretary, etc.). These small measures will help our staff to maintain a safe environment, and to maximize learning. Thank you for your support. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this.



586-445-5700 Main Office

586-445-5701 Attendance

Board of Education

- Theresa Genest, President
- Kevin Switanowski, Vice President
- Joseph DeFelice, Secretary
- Matthew McCartney, Treasurer
- Gina Aiuto, Trustee
- Denise Brun, Trustee
- Michelle Williams-Ward, Trustee

Central Administration

- Mark Blaszkowski, Superintendent
- Pete Hedemark, Assistant Superintendent
- Dave Rice, Asst. Supt. of Inst. & Curriculum
- Rayetta Ashbaugh, Exec. Dir.-Business & Finance

Message From our Principal

Message from the Principal continued...

The basic school supplies needed for middle school will be provided by the school (paper, pencils, etc). However, if your son/daughter prefers to have their own materials, you are more than welcome to purchase them on your own. Below is a suggested school supply list:

- Folder (two pocket) and notebook for each class (color coordinate to help with organization)
- Pencils
- Pens
- Coloring utensils (crayons, colored pencils, or markers)
- Pencil Case

These materials will help your sons/daughter stay organized. These materials can only keep them organized if they bring these folders/supplies to their classes. Being organized and coming prepared to class will help them succeed in school and life outside of school. Being prepared is a lifelong skill that we all (teachers-parents etc.) need to constantly remind our kids of daily. Let us help our kids get prepared and organized. Together (parents and Eastland) we can make a difference.

Eastland Middle School is very happy to announce that we will be starting a "BE NICE" program here this year. We will be looking for 7th and 8th grade students that want to make a difference not only at Eastland but the community as well to join this group. NJHS members will automatically be part of this program. This program will be run by Mrs. Riley and Ms. Morgan.

The goal of the program is to promote a positive school environment by encouraging good mental health through teaching students to notice, invite, challenge, and empower. While it is a proactive bullying and suicide prevention initiative, it goes far beyond that, seeking to educate students on the impact their words and actions have on the way others think, act, and feel. We want all our students here to feel safe and proud of who they are.

Students and staff will be educated about this topic through classroom discussions, videos provided by the "Be Nice" program, and through student leaders who will be leading activities provided by the "Be Nice" program (we will be forming a leadership "Be Nice" chapter with students who are interested and applied this month). Students are being informed of this program the first week in their homeroom. If students wish to be a "Be Nice" member, they need to sign up with Mrs. Riley or Ms. Morgan. Please, ask your son/daughter about this program and encourage them to sign up.

The "Be Nice" program should give students directions on what to do if a friend is in need (or if they themselves) are going through a hard time. It opens the door to conversations that can be hard to discuss- especially when it comes to feelings and mental health, and last but not least it also teaches people to be nice to others and reminds people that you never know what someone is going through. Every single one of us (students, teachers, leaders, parents, adults) can do a better job of just treating others with kindness, friendship, and understanding.

We want the concept of "Be Nice" to gain momentum in our school, so discussions and activities will continue throughout the coming school year. Any discussions you can have at home will keep our students thinking about the importance of their actions and their own personal values. Please visit the website- www.benice.org-and learn more about the action plan and the pledge.

We look forward to a great year.

Important Reminders

9/6	First Day of School, 1/2 day, 7:45 am—11 am
9/7	7/8th Volleyball try outs-EMS Gym, 3:00-5:00pm
9/8	7/8th Volleyball try outs-EMS Gym, 3:00-5:00pm
9/11	Picture Day
9/13	Early Release 1:20pm Meet the Teacher 5:00-7:00pm
9/19	Home- 7th & 8th Grade Football vs. South Lake-4:00pm
9/21	Away- 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball vs. WWMS-4:00pm
9/25	Away- 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball vs. Grissom-3:45pm
9/26	Away- 7th & 8th Grade Football vs. Eastpointe-4:00p
9/27	Early Release 1:20 pm

School Meals

School lunches

This year all school Breakfast/Lunch are free. However, items from the Snack Shack are not free. These items can be purchased.

Attendance

Please call 586-445-5701 on the day the absence occurs. By Board policy, an absence must be called in within 48-hours to be considered verified and documentation provided to be considered medically excused. (See handbook for entire attendance policy.)

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MATTERS

Phone Calls During Class Time

Please make after school plans at home, and communicate them with your child. Phone calls made home during class time interrupts valuable learning time.



Electronic Devices

Devices such as IPODS, MP3 players, DS's, recorders, laser pointers, cameras, skateboards, roller skates/blades, motor bikes, etc., are not allowed on school premises. These items will be confiscated, and students will be subject to disciplinary action according to our Code of Conduct. **Cell Phones are to be turned off and out of sight from 7:45 am to 2:50 pm.** The school is not responsible for any of the above or similar items. School time will not be disrupted to deal with the loss or theft of these items.

School Traffic

Please remember to drop your students off in the driveway next to the Cafeteria.

Please do not drop off by the bus drop off as it causes safety concerns and slows down transportation routes. Thank you.

**THINK SAFE
ACT SAFE
BE SAFE**

Notes from Our Staff

Sports Info

Our 2023 season is right around the corner. Football practice will be held at EMS this fall. Looking forward to a successful season. For more information, please contact Coach Baldes at Jbaldes@roseville.k12.mi.us. Thank you!!!!



School Supplies

School Supply Lists

All basic classroom supplies and materials needed by students will be provided by the school. If your child prefers his or her own supplies (crayons, pencils, notebooks, etc) you are welcome to send them. We encourage you to label all personal supplies with your child's name.



Finally, teachers will be happy to accept donations of certain supplies for general classroom use. Ex. Sanitizing hand wipes, facial tissue, paper towels, ziploc bags, etc.

NJHS

Meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year are as follows:

October 10-MANDATORY	November 14
December 12	January 9
February 13	March 12
April 9	May 14

Meetings are on Tuesdays from 2:55-3:30pm.

Safety & Health

Medication & Allergy Information

If you have a student that is prescribed medication or uses an inhaler during the school day, please be sure to have a medical form filled out before school starts. It will need to be filled out and signed by you and the prescribing doctor. Parents are reminded that an adult must drop off the information and medication.

If your student has severe allergies or other medical issues, please be sure to inform the office before school starts.

Safety Drills

To help students prepare for emergencies, schools routinely practice drills for fire, tornado and lockdowns. In the event of a building crisis, all doors will be closed/locked, lights turned out and window blinds closed. Students will be moved away from the door and remain quiet until there is an "ALL CLEAR" given from the office.

No Smoking Policy

A State law prohibits smoking in or on school property. This includes district-owned buildings or vehicles and property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the school district. The law, along with Roseville Board policy, seeks to model behavior that supports district curriculum regarding health and safety. Thank you for your cooperation in promoting a healthy environment for students and employees by not smoking on school property.



Eastland Middle School Bell Schedule

THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Eastland Middle School Daily Bell Schedule (55 minute classes) 2023-2024

Hour	8 th Grade	6 th Grade	7 th Grade
Homeroom	7:45 – 8:25	7:45 – 8:25	7:45 – 8:25
1 ST	8:29 – 9:24	8:29 – 9:24	8:29 – 9:24
2 ND	9:28 – 10:23	9:28 – 10:23	9:28 – 10:23
3 RD		10:27-10:54	*10:27 – 11:22
LUNCH*	*10:27 – 10:54 10:57– 11:22	*11:25 – 11:53 11:25-11:53	11:25 – 11:53
4 TH	11:57 – 12:52	11:57 – 12:52	11:57 – 12:52
5 TH	12:56 – 1:51	12:56 – 1:51	12:56 – 1:51
6 TH	1:55 – 2:50	1:55 – 2:50	1:55 – 2:50

*6th grade is split during 3rd hour. Start 3rd hour, Lunch, return to 3rd hour.

HALF-DAY SCHEDULE A

Hour	GRADES 6, 7 & 8
Homeroom	7:45 – 8:08
1 st	8:13 – 9:06
2 nd	9:10 – 10:03
3 rd	10:07 – 11:00

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE

Hour	GRADE 8	GRADE 6	GRADE 7
1 ST	7:45 – 8:30	7:45 – 8:30	7:45 – 8:30
2 ND	8:35 – 9:20	8:35 – 9:20	8:35 – 9:20
3 RD	9:25 – 10:10	9:25 – 10:10	9:25 – 10:10
4 TH			
LUNCH*	*10:15-10:45	*10:45-11:10	*11:15-11:40
5 TH	11:45 – 12:30	11:45 – 12:30	11:45 – 12:30
6 TH	12:35 – 1:20	12:35 – 1:20	12:35 – 1:20

HALF-DAY SCHEDULE B

Hour	GRADES 6, 7 & 8
Homeroom	7:45 – 8:08
4 th	8:13 – 9:06
5 th	9:10 – 10:03
6 th	10:07 – 11:00

HALF-DAYS				EARLY RELEASE DAYS		NO SCHOOL DAYS
Date	Schedule	Date	Schedule			
9/6/23	1 st day sch	6/10/24	Speed	9/13/23	2/28/24	9/5/23
10/18/23	A	6/11/24	B	9/27/23	3/13/24	11/7/23
10/31/23	B	6/12/24	A	10/11/23	4/3/24	11/22/23 - 11/24/23
11/3/23	A			10/25/23	4/24/24	12/25/23 – 1/5/24
1/25/24	B			11/15/23	5/8/24	1/15/24
1/26/24	A			11/29/23	5/22/24	2/19/24 – 2/20/24
3/6/24	B			12/13/23		3/25/24-3/29/2024
4/5/24	A			1/10/24		5/27/24
	B			1/24/24		
				2/7/24		

Half Day Speed Schedule: 1st 7:45-8:14; 2nd 8:18-8:47; 3rd 8:51-9:20; 4th 9:24-9:53; 5th 9:57-10:26; 6th 10:30-11:00 **1st day Speed Schedule: 7:45-8:35, 8:39-9:04, 9:08-9:33, 9:37-10:02, 10:06-10:31, 10:35-11:00- 9/6/23 (all periods after 1st hour are 25 minutes)**

Bus Schedule – Regular Days

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Route R – [EMS]

Eastland/Delaware	
*(6 th grade only)	7:00
Eastland/Commonwealth	
*(6 th grade only)	7:02
Utica/Wedgewood	
*(6 th grade only)	7:04
Springfield Apts.	
*(6 th grade only)	7:06
Hidden Pines	
*(6 th grade only)	7:08
McGill/ Eastway	7:13
Voiland/Haggerty	7:15
Lakeworth/Barris	7:17
Patton Elem.	
*(6 th grade only)	7:20

Route T – [EMS]

Eastland/Michigan	7:02
*(6 th grade only)	
Kment Elem.	7:06
Yorkshire Townhouses	7:09
Golf Manor	7:10
Erin/Ellis	7:12
Nardelli Lane South	7:16
Nardelli Lane North	7:18
Macomb Manor	7:22

Route U – [EMS]

Barkman/Wellington	7:02
Cedarwood/Sandalwood	7:04
Pinehurst/Northview	7:07
Tranquil betw. Melvin/Victor	
*(6 th grade only)	7:10
Van Howe/Meier	7:15
28054 Jahns	7:17
Melvin/Schram	7:18



Annual Asbestos Notification

Roseville Community Schools have complied with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act, commonly referred to as AHERA. AHERA provides a framework for addressing asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. The regulations provide a comprehensive scheme for school to access and respond to potential asbestos problems in their buildings. This compliance was carried out by:

1. Having all buildings inspected by an accredited inspector.
2. Developing an asbestos management plan for each school and submitting a copy to the Governor.
3. Providing copies of the report and management plan, which are on file in each of the schools' administrative offices and can be viewed by any interested party.
4. Re-inspecting all school buildings every six months.

If there are any questions regarding asbestos in the Roseville Community Schools, contact Joe Smith, Director, Buildings & Grounds, at (586) 445-5697.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Statement of Policy

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining a learning/working environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from illegal discrimination and harassment. There will be no tolerance for discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, marital status, genetic information, disability, age, or any other basis prohibited by law. The Superintendent will develop administrative regulations to implement this policy. The Superintendent designates its Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Title IX Coordinator to supervise the implementation of this policy and its implementing regulations. Any person suspecting a discriminatory practice should contact the Roseville Community School District, Administration Building, 18975 Church Street, Roseville, Michigan, 48066 or call (586) 445-5513.

Complaint Procedure

Any person believing that the Roseville Community School District, or any part of the school organization, has discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender/sex, age, disability, height, weight or marital status, may seek resolution of the matter through informal or formal procedures. A formal or informal complaint may be filed with a School District employee, the Superintendent or other central-office administrator, or the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator.

Mr. Peter Hedemark
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
and Title IX Coordinator
Administration Building
18975 Church Street
Roseville, Michigan 48066
586-445-5513

All grievances will be processed through the following steps:

- A. A written statement of the complaint shall be submitted, using the district's complaint form, to the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator.
- B. Upon receipt of the completed grievance form, the Coordinator will conduct an investigation and notify grievant of the results, including any remedial measures. Normally, the investigation will be concluded within (30) thirty school days.
- C. Within (10) ten school days, the grievant may appeal, in writing, to the Superintendent of Schools, who will make a written decision, normally within (30) school days.

The complete complaint procedure is found in Roseville Community Schools Board Policy 8007 and Administrative Regulations 8007.1-AR / 8007.2-AR, which can be obtained from the Coordinator or at Roseville Community Schools Administrative Regulations.

School Controlled

Balance Forwarded	\$1614.19
Revenue	\$28,687.92
Staff/Student Appreciation	\$ 300.43
Talent Show	\$ 7.83 (loss)
Student Award/Recognition	\$ 575.61
Donations	\$197.18
Field Trips (Chicago/U of M)	\$28,787.87 (loss)
Bus Use	\$246.29
Yearbook	\$230.00
Balance	\$ -\$43.10 (loss)
Honor Society	
Balance Forwarded	\$479.51
Revenue	\$42.40
Donation	\$
Student award/ recognition	\$153.98
Balance	\$367.58
Student Congress	
Balance Forwarded	\$90.85
Revenues	\$253.49
Candy Sales	
Bus use	0.00
Dues and Fees	
Supplies	\$43.33
Balance	\$301.01
Woodshop	
Balance Forwarded	\$ -190.35
Revenue	\$625.70
Teaching Supplies	\$0
Balance	\$ 435.35

Cougars

Balance Forward	\$1552.44
Revenues	\$1115.43
Teaching Supplies	\$893.56
Balance	\$1774.31
Parent Club	
Balance Forwarded	\$1165.25
Revenue	\$396.94
Student Award/ Recognition	\$300.00
Donations	\$150.00
Staff Appreciation	\$318.31
Balance	\$538.09
Band	
Balance Forwarded	\$1047.01
Revenue	\$2977.49
Balance	\$4024.50
Vocal Music	
Balance Forwarded	\$220.68
Revenue	\$0
Balance	\$220.68
Green Team	
Balance Forwarded	\$500.35
Revenues	\$429.71
Teaching Supplies	\$32.84
Donations	\$99.90
Presentations & Programs	\$
Candy Sales	\$264.60
Balance	\$532.52



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8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

TRYOUT DATES:

- Thursday, September 7th from 3:00-5:00pm @ Eastland Middle School Gym
- Friday, September 8th from 3:00-5:00pm @ Eastland Middle School Gym

**Activities bus will take RMS students to EMS.*

**RMS students should wait for the activity's bus by the main office (Bus is usually there by 3pm.)*

**EMS students can go right to the EMS gym.*

**ALL parents will pick students up at EMS at 5pm.*

**Final Cuts will be made on Friday. Should show up to ALL tryout dates.*

To tryout you **MUST**:

- Have a physical on file at the school for this school year or bring it to tryouts. You will not be allowed on the floor without a proper physical. Tryouts will not be extended.
- Wear proper gym clothing and shoes.

What Coach Morgan is looking for:

- Positive attitude/Sportsmanship
- Hard work/ great effort
- Volleyball skills
- Academics

