

East Windsor High School

September 2018

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Welcome Back!

It has been a great start to the school year! Athletics, clubs and activities are starting off, and students are settling into their classes.

Even with the early release days and hot weather, our students did a great job. I appreciate our upper-class students assisting new students throughout the first few days of school.

We have many exciting events happening this fall, with both our athletic teams, musical groups and clubs! We will be sending out information through regular emails and this newsletter!

Thank you,
Ted Keleher

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back! It is an exciting time to be part of the *East Windsor Public Schools*.

We are all excited about the work we have ahead of us this year and want to thank all the parents/guardians for getting students ready and excited for school.

I am encouraging all families to review their contact information we have on file so that we are able to get in touch with you. It is extremely important that staff are able to contact a parent/guardian or trusted adult in the event we need to call due to illness or other important matters – or to share good news about something happening for your child!

Please join me in congratulating Tamara Hoang, Special Education teacher at East Windsor Middle School, who was named East Windsor Teacher of the Year for 2019. Thank you for your caring and commitment to the students and entire East Windsor community.

Unfortunately, we started this school year with some unusual heat and the resulting early dismissal. It is a bit early, but I wanted to take a minute to share my approach to weather-related decisions. I believe that our students are better off being in school, but my first priority is to the safety of students and staff. I consider multiple factors when making decisions about school being in session – including delays, early dismissals, and cancellations. Some of these factors include the forecast, building/parking lot conditions, and road conditions. I respect, that at times, you may disagree with my decision. In those cases, I encourage you to make the decision you feel is best for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I thank you in advance for your support as we progress through the year.

Please keep watching the district website at www.eastwindsork12.org for information about our Strategic Plan initiatives, opportunities for parent involvement, and information about the exciting events happening in all of our schools.

I hope everyone had a wonderful start to their year!

Christine DeBarge, Ed. D



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPT. 13 - Open House
@ 6:00pm
- SEPT. 14 - Picture Day
- SEPT. 15 - EWHS Band
@ Four Town Fair
- SEPT. 19 - EWHS Band
@ the Big E
- SEPT. 22 - EW 250th
Anniversary
Heritage Day
Parade & Picnic
- SEPT. 26 - Early Release
for Students

SPANISH CLUB

Spanish Club Meetings will take place on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Students are encouraged to participate.



WORLD LANGUAGE

We are proud to be working with so many exceptional pupils who display perseverance, self-motivation and willingness to challenge themselves academically.

This year we are offering all academic, honors and AP courses as well as a new traditional format of French 1 and 2 class.

Our Online World Language Class is also growing. This year we offer German 1, 2 & 3, Italian 1 & 2, and ASL 1 & 2 and 3 & 4.

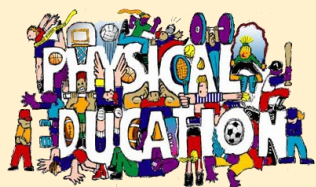
Further, to maintain learning about culture, Spanish club meetings will take place on the third Thursday of the month. Students are encouraged to participate to learn more about the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.

We are expecting yet another fabulous year. Please let us know if you have any questions.

World Language Department:
Mr. Gamble, Mr. Incurvati &
Dr. Koczyński



“September 14 - Open House 6:00pm”



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students in Physical Education 2018-19 will be able to exhibit responsible personal and social behaviors through respecting themselves and others in a physically active setting. They will develop value in physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenges, self-expression, and/or social interaction. Students will learn to lead healthy lifestyles and become responsible citizens, problem solvers, and effective communicators while becoming positive contributors to society. The physical education department has a new addition, Ms. Vargas, who is continuing our drive for the success of each individual. The main focus of our department's activities will be based on team building, good sportsmanship and cooperation. These activities include: Fitness Preparation, Weight Room, Speed Ball, Soccer, Ultimate Ball, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Football and many more. East Windsor High School's physical education program stresses the importance of effort while being physically active and never on individual skill level.

Jason Flynn, George Thomas, Sasha Vargas

ENGLISH

The new year is off to a great start in 9th grade English! During September, we will establish agreements about how we will interact as a class to build classroom community. Students will also be introduced to options available in the EWS library. Our first unit explores literary elements through various texts, including narrative and short stories. We will study John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* to examine literary elements including characterization.



MODEL CONGRESS

The Model Congress is a competition that takes place in January at American International College. The student delegations prepare through the fall by practicing writing bills and debating ideas. The competition takes place over a long weekend (Thursday to Saturday) and is an unforgettable experience. New delegation members are chosen by the existing students and make a 3-year commitment to the experience, ensuring there are always experienced members.

This year, 4 new sophomores will be selected and applications will be available soon outside Mr. Masters' room. Please see Mr. Masters, Louisa Harman, Zaiba Khan or Bella Ryan if you have questions.

All those in favor, say "Aye".

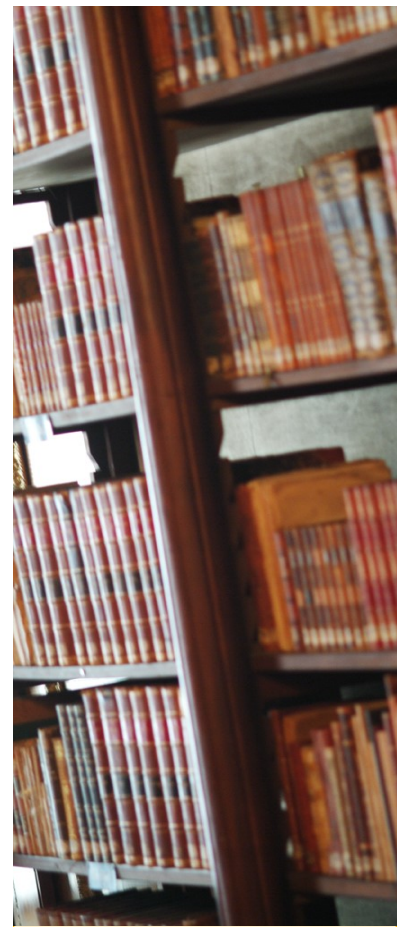
CLOSE UP IN WASHINGTON, DC

This year's Close Up week is scheduled for March 31 to April 5, 2019. This week-long learning experience takes place in the nation's capital and includes US history, museum visits, civic engagement and a ton of social experiences. Information regarding the trip and cost will be

available to families soon. Get Close Up with your leaders of government, Senators and Representatives. Plan ahead for a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Washington, DC. Please see Mr. Masters for more information.

EAST WINDSOR TRANSITION PROGRAM

Welcome Back! Participants in our Transition program are looking forward to another awesome year working in our community to learn job skills. With the added number of participants this year our program has added two new job sites. We are excited to begin our partnerships with Carr Hardware and Bordua Farms. We also welcomed Tony Romano as our new Job Coach this year. Our Program is excited to continue our work with Parks and Rec. this year. We will be helping with the Food Share delivery as well as packing the power packs for Broad Brook.



EAST WINDSOR TRANSITION PROGRAM (CONT.)

Thank you to our Summer Job sites:

Crestview
Pickle Jar
Marshall's
Geisslers
Marriott
Chili's
Carr Hardware
Bordua Farm

Extended school year 2018 was a big success! We had several students participate in vocational training opportunities in our community. We received positive feedback from all our sites about how well students

worked. Business partners at Marshall's and Walgreen's gave glowing reviews on how hard the students worked. Thank you to the ESY staff for their hard work in keeping students



*“College Representatives will be visiting EWSH
check out the list located on our website.”*

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Mrs. Sharon Whalen
Mrs. Nicole Walker
School Counselors
860-623-4426

Mrs. Patricia Brown
Administrative Assistant
School Counseling Office

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

FRESHMEN NEWS

School counselors will be meeting with students through our School Counseling Seminar. This seminar includes 4 sessions that take place during the first quarter for all ninth graders. Emphasis is placed on the transition from middle school to high school. Information about school counseling services, graduation requirements and extra-curricular activities will also be covered. We look forward to getting to know the freshmen and helping them have a successful start. If you need to speak to a counselor about your student's adjustment to high school or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 623-4426. Please note, Mrs. Whalen has students last names A-K, and Mrs. Walker has students last names L-Z.

JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES TAKE THE PSAT

Sophomores and juniors will participate in the PSAT on Wednesday, October 10th. The test has three components: reading, writing and language and math. The PSAT prepares students for the SAT which is administered in the spring to juniors. Counselors will present information to students and provide them with a student guide. Students are encouraged to take the practice test. PSAT interpretation meetings will be held when scores return in December.



SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS (CONT.)

For more information be sure to check the School Counseling page on our website.

SENIOR REMINDER

Individual planning meetings will be held in September for all seniors. Seniors are reminded to process college applications as soon as possible. Students are responsible for meeting their application deadlines. Please be sure to allow school counseling personnel at least ten (10) school days to process transcript request forms. Students should send official SAT scores directly from the CollegeBoard to their schools. If a student needs help with this, their school counselor can show them how, but counselors cannot send their scores. Seniors should try to have all applications completed and sent by December break. Many students will have deadlines prior to that break. Please contact Mrs. Whalen or Mrs. Walker with any questions.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES VISIT EAST WINDSOR

Representatives from post high school educational institutions are coming to East Windsor throughout the fall and winter. Students are encouraged to attend these meetings if a school is of particular interest to them. College rep visits are posted in

the school counseling office along with sign-up sheets. If a student wishes to attend any of these meetings, they must sign up in advance and get permission from the teacher.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

The School Counseling Office will host a Financial Aid Workshop on September 26th in the high school auditorium. Suzanne Hanlon, Financial Aid Counselor at the University of Connecticut, will discuss how to apply for financial aid, the types of student aid available, and the filing of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA opens on October 1st. Some private selective colleges require that an applicant complete the

CSS Financial Aid PROFILE in addition to the FAFSA. A question and answer session will be conducted. All senior students planning to pursue post-secondary education and their parents/guardians are invited, as well as any family wanting to learn about the process. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school counseling office for a packet of information.



MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



If you have not accessed your PARENT PORTAL please contact Colleen Mayberry at cmayberry@ewct.org.



Everything from Breakfast and Lunch menus to Free/Reduced Applications can be found on our website under the PARENTS tab and click on FOOD SERVICE.



Text Message notifications are available.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORMS are located on our school website under NEWS.

DRIVER'S EDUCATION CLASSES

East Windsor High School will again partner with All-America Driver Education to offer driver's education classes at the high school after school, two days a week. The cost for classroom instruction and driving instruction will be around \$520 and payment plans are available after the initial deposit has been paid. The class needs 10 students to run, so please see Mr. Masters right away to sign up. As soon as there is a full group, the class will run.

PARENT PLUS PORTAL

The Parent Plus Portal connects parents with schools and teachers. As a parent you can quickly stay informed about what's happening at the school and in your child's classes—from checking your student's attendance, viewing calendar and school announcements and see how your child is doing on his or her last homework or exam.

If you have not accessed your parent portal contact Colleen Mayberry at cmayberry@ewct.org and include your child's name and grade. You will receive an email with your login credentials.

Logging into the Parent Portal is accessible through our website

SCHOOL LUNCH

Breakfast and Lunch menus can be found on the school website, www.eastwindsork12.org under the parents tab.

You can also access the PAYSCHOOLS Lunch program, which allows you to fund your student's lunch account online.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

EWPS uses School Messenger to notify families when there is a delay, cancellation and other important information.

If you have a cell phone # on file and would like to receive text messages,

- Text the letter Y or YES to 67587.
- To OPT out of this feature text the letter S or STOP to 67587

School delays and cancellations will also be posted on our website.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are on sale now for \$60 through September 28th, then are on sale for \$65. Go to Jostens.com or email Ms. Johnson for more information.

The next round of senior portraits will be on Tuesday September 25th and Wednesday September 26th from 8:30am to 2pm in room D2.

Picture Day will be on Friday September 14th in the Auditorium, schedules will be posted in the school.