



## Greetings EMS Parents and Students,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Edgewood Middle School. As we approach the start of school, you will find some key information below to help you and your students begin preparing.

### Open House

- 6th Grade will be on Thursday August 12th from 6:30-8:00pm
  - Due to social distancing and the expected crowd please limit attendance to students and parents/guardians. Masks are encouraged but not required.
  - Students will first check the main entrance doors to determine their homeroom teacher. Students should then report to their homeroom to receive their schedule.
  - 6th graders and parents are asked to attend one Welcome Session. All sessions will be in the auditorium.
    - Session 1 (Last names A-I): 6:30-7:00pm (if you are in this session report directly to the auditorium, schedules may be picked up after)
    - Session 2 (Last names J-R): 7:00-7:30pm
    - Session 3 (Last names S-Z): 7:30-8:00pm
- 7th and 8th Grade will be Monday August 16th from 6:30-8:00pm
  - Due to social distancing and the expected crowd please limit attendance to students and parents/guardians. Masks are encouraged but not required.
  - Students will first check the main entrance doors to determine their homeroom teacher. Students should then report to their homeroom to receive their schedule.
  - 7th and 8th graders and parents new to the building or with questions may attend one of the Welcome Sessions.
    - Session 1: 6:30-7:00pm
    - Session 2: 7:00-7:30pm
- Students who do not attend either open house will receive their schedules from their first period teacher on the first day of school. First period teachers will be posted on the doors and throughout the building for the first day.

### Schedules and the School Day

- We are working hard trying to make last minute adjustments to schedules for this year. Schedules will be ready to be picked up at Open House on August 12th and 16th, depending on the grade, but not before. We appreciate your understanding and patience.
- The school day for students this year will be **7:20-2:10**.

### Dress Code

The following is the dress code taken directly from the student handbook:

#### **Dress Code**

The primary purpose of the school is education, and all matters of dress and grooming must be weighed against that single objective. To that end, students should avoid styles of dress and grooming (including hair styling and makeup) which are bizarre and flamboyant, distract attention from the orderly pursuit of knowledge, disrupt the educational process or constitute a threat to individual safety or the safety of the group. In addition, students are expected to maintain high standards of

personal cleanliness and hygiene by making sure they are neither offensive to others nor a threat to the health of the school community. The administration will make final judgment on the appropriateness of any mode of student dress. The following guidelines are to be adhered to:

Students should not wear any article of clothing that is distasteful by language or sign.

Students should not wear clothing that is overly distracting.

Students should not wear shorts that are overly revealing. Because school age students vary greatly in height and weight, it is difficult to establish an absolute standard length for shorts/skirts/dresses. The recommended length for shorts, skirts, and dresses will be 4" from the top of the kneecap. Please refer to the dress code ruler on the back of this planner.

Students should not wear clothing or hats advertising alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, or look-alike labels.

Students must wear shoes to school and to class.

Students are not permitted to wear hats or hoodies on their heads during school hours.

Clothing must be modest, not skimpy or over-revealing, and must adequately cover the shoulders, back, midriff, and undergarments. Tank tops or sleeveless shirts are not appropriate attire for school. Midriffs are not to be exposed. All shirts should be long enough to be "tucked in", although they are not required to be tucked in.

Pants must be worn at the waist. No undergarments should be seen. Jeans with excessively large holes or holes above the thigh are not acceptable.

### **Transportation and Start of the School Day**

- **Bus Services**
  - Bus Routes and schedule will be posted On Monday, August 9th on the district website here:  
<https://www.edgewoodschools.com/page/transportation>
- **Parent Drop Off**
  - The drop off route will remain the same as last year. Parents must enter the parking lot from Busenbark road, turn left, and pull up to the main entrance. Cars must then exit to St.Route 73.
- Students may be dropped off beginning at 6:50. At this time students will either go to breakfast or the new gym until 7:05 when they will be released to classrooms. The school day begins at 7:20.

### **Lunch**

Below you will find a chart of lunch prices. Students may pay with cash or money may be added to their account through EZ Pay. Applications for free and reduced lunch can be found on the district website or picked up in the main office. Please see the food services section of the district website for more details:

<https://www.edgewoodschools.com/page/food-services>

	Grades 6-12
Breakfast	\$1.50
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Plate Lunch	\$3.10
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.50

**Lunch Schedule and Edge Time-** There will be 5 total lunches this year at EMS in the following order: 7th Grade A, 7th Grade B, 6th Grade, 8th Grade A, 8th Grade B. Each lunch will be paired with an Edge Time for 30 minutes either before or after lunch. This time will be used for PBIS lessons, career education, small group help and interventions, and homework.

### **PBIS and Student Handbooks**

- **PBIS** (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports)- This year our staff will be using the same digital system as last year called PBIS Rewards to award students points for displaying our building character traits of respect, responsibility, safety, and kindness. Students can accumulate points to buy prizes at the school store and to qualify for our quarterly incentive days.
- **Handbook Review-** The first day of school, students will be given their planners for the year and asked to review the student handbook with their teachers during Edge Time.

### **Masks and Safety\***

- At Edgewood Middle School we are committed to providing a safe and secure learning environment for our students. Rooms and high traffic areas will continue to be cleaned and sanitized frequently. Masks will be required while riding the bus due to the close proximity to others. Masks at school are highly encouraged, but not required.

*\*This is subject to change based on guidelines and mandates set by the district, Butler County Board of Health and CDC regulations.*

We look forward to another exciting year and if you have any questions please feel free to contact us. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you soon.

Respectfully,

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