



BULLDOG BRIEFS



Edgar Middle School Newsletter
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Back to School Night

This year Back to School Night will be held virtually.
Thursday, September 24, 2020 7:00pm-8:45pm

Schedule

- Period 1- 7:00-7:10
- Period 2: 7:13-7:23
- Period 3: 7:26- 7:36
- Period 4: 7:39-7:49
- Period 5: 7:52-8:02
- Period 6: 8:05-8:15
- Period 7: 8:18-8:28
- Period 8: 8:31-8:41

- Class sessions will be 10 minutes long with 3 minutes for passing time.
- Band, Orchestra, or Chorus will present during students' lunch periods.
- We will follow an "A" day schedule
- School Counselors and Child Study Team members will be available via email during the evening.
- Go onto your child's Google Classroom and use the Google Meet or Zoom link the teacher provides.
- Please be advised, teachers who have double periods, may only be speaking during the first period the class is held.

Attendance

Please make sure your child attends every class every day. If your child is too ill to participate, please call the school at 732-321-8770 and press 1 to report your student's absence. Even though students are home, they are expected to attend all classes. Teachers will be taking attendance for every class. If for some reason your child will not be attending a class, please notify the teacher. They will be marked absent for that class. Missing a class similar to a parent coming to the school and picking up a student for a doctor's appointment when students are attending school in the building.

Benchmark Testing

Benchmark testing is underway!

- Grades 5 and 6 will be taking any make-up tests through September 25th
- Grade 7 & 8 will be taking benchmark assessments between September 21st and September 25th. Make-ups will take place through October 2nd.

Yearbooks are Here!!

- We will be holding yearbook pick-ups on Wednesday, September 23 and Thursday, September 24 from 3-4. Pick-up will take place in the back of the building. Please remember to maintain social distance and wear a mask while on our campus.
- We do have some extra soft cover yearbooks. If you are interested in purchasing one, you may do so during the pick-up days. Please bring \$30 cash or a check made out to Edgar Middle School.

7th and 8th Grade Math Book Pick-Up

- Textbook pick up for students in Math 7 and Pre-Algebra 8 will take place on Tuesday, September 22nd between 2:30 and 3:30.
- Please come to the back of the building to pick them up. Please remember to maintain social distance and wear a mask while on our campus.

Hybrid Schedule Begins October 1st

- For the health and safety of all students and staff, parents of students who are coming into the building will need to complete a Daily Wellness Questionnaire every day. It will be posted to Genesis. Students who do not have complete Daily Wellness Questionnaires will not be allowed in the building until the questionnaires are complete.
- Temperatures will also be taken every day.
- Please make sure your child wears a mask every day and remind them not to share their mask once they come to school.
- More information on the re-entry of students to come soon.

Supporting Our Children in the Midst of a Pandemic

On Tuesday, September 15, Nicole Paiva and Ashley Harnish, both clinicians from our Rutgers UBHC N.E.S.T Program gave a presentation at the PTO meeting on supporting our children. To view this great and very informative program follow this link: [Supporting Our Children in the Midst of a Pandemic](#)

Hispanic Heritage Month

- The Hispanic Heritage observance began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.
- Look for some fun facts about the Hispanic culture in our morning announcements.
- Some students in our Spanish classes will also be preparing a presentation to share with everyone.
- Like to cook? Check out Mrs. Azevedo's [Empanadas Recipes](#)

Athletics

- Middle School sports teams will start their season on October 1, 2020. Both boys' and girls' soccer, and cross country will be playing in an Edison/Metuchen soccer conference. While the season will be shortened, the teams should be able to play an 8 - 10 game schedule. Field hockey will begin practicing as soon as 9/23 and will play an abbreviated schedule and will attend clinics with the varsity program.
- The Edgar Cross Country Team is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Practices are held Tuesday through Friday afternoons from 2:45 - 4:00.
- Students interested in joining either the Boy's Team or the Girl's Team can sign up on Fall 2020 Cross Country Team Google Classroom site using the code: xbz2khp. Then clicking on "Classwork" and "Sign-up Sheet".
- In addition to a Physical, parents and students also need to fill out the documents in the "Covid Forms To Be Completed" before the first practice.

Reminders!

- Please remind your children not to share their Google Classroom codes and/or Zoom/Google Meets links.
- Please review the [Hybrid Model with Remote Learning and Full-Time Remote Learning Model Guidelines](#).
- If you have changed your mind about whether your child will be participating in hybrid or remote learning, please send Mrs. Azevedo an email. Please allow 3 days for the change to be made.
- If your child picked up textbooks but you have not completed the Textbook Numbers Form, please do so by following this link: <https://forms.gle/CeqZxEzfef8PbE8a7>
- Students should be using the district issued Chromebooks while participating in classes.
- Cameras should be on when students are joining their classes.