Welcome to Middle School East
Tonight’s Goals

- Middle School Philosophy
- Overview of schedule
- Explanation of Period 10
- Answer any questions
Middle School Philosophy

- Opportunity to make our large school "smaller"
- Emphasis on team and collaboration
- More interdisciplinary options
- Fewer transitions, longer instructional periods
Academic Teams

- Discovery, Visionary, Endeavor and Odyssey Teams
- Have the same group of major subject teachers (share a science and SS teacher)
- School counselors provide continuity/support
  - Mrs. Malfaro / Mr. Eckenrode – Grade 6
  - Ms. Williams and Mrs. Bellino
Overview of Schedule:
Six-Day Cycle and Class Periods

- MS schedule uses a six-day cycle with 8 possible instructional periods per day plus Period 10
Required Major Subject Courses

- Two Periods of English/Language Arts
- Two Periods of Math 6
- Two Periods of Science 6 (semester)
- Two Periods of World Cultures and Geography 6 (semester)
Required Special Area Courses

- Specials that run 30 to 60 days
  - Art (60 days)
  - Technology Education (60 days)
  - Business (30 days)
  - Health (30 days)
Required Special Area Courses

- General Music OR Chorus (2 days per cycle all year)
- Physical Education (every other day all year)
- Road to Success (1 day per cycle all year)
Music Electives

- Instrumental Music electives – meet three days per cycle during Period 10
  - Band
  - Orchestra
- Choral Music – meets two days per cycle in place of General Music
  - Sixth Grade Ensemble – auditioned club
Period 10

- Advisory
- Clubs
- Study Hall
- Band and Orchestra
- Enrichment and Remediation
Advisory

Vision Statement: Every student is important AND has a place in our community.
We want to ensure that students know that someone cares about them.
Perfect complement to No Place for Hate
Advisory

Students will:

- Be a good human being
- Be Responsible
- Be Independent
- Be Problem Solving
- Be Resilient
- Be Empathetic
- Be Open Minded
- Be a Positive Community Member
## Advisory

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- **Band**: Band class.
- **Advisory**: Advisory class.
- **Club**: Club activities.
- **Homeroom**: Class for homeroom activities.
- **Lunch**: Lunch period.
- **Math**: Math class.
- **Music / Chorus**: Music and Chorus classes.
- **Science**: Science class.
- **World Cultures**: World Cultures class.
- **Road to Success**: Road to Success class.
- **Gym**: Physical education class.
- **Tech Ed**: Technology Education class.
- **Art**: Art class.
- **Business & Health**: Business & Health class.
- **HR Short Homeroom (3 min)**: Short homeroom for 3 minutes to charge laptop.
Clubs

- Wide variety
- Semester / Year-long
- Some require application
- Can choose study club
- Read the descriptions carefully to make the best selection for you
- Return choices to elementary teacher by April 16.
### Possible Period 10 Schedule

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Academic Supports

- Period 10
- Tutoring
- Math Camp
- After School Homework Help
New for 19-20

- All students will be issued a Chromebook for use in school. It stays in the building.
- A case will be provided to protect the laptop.
- Insurance will be available for purchase.
- Students use the computer for school purposes, not gaming or social media.
Athletics – Grade 7 & 8 only

- **Fall**
  - Football, Soccer, Field Hockey, Competitive Spirit

- **Winter**
  - Basketball, Wrestling, Competitive Spirit

- **Spring**
  - Baseball, Softball, Track, Lacrosse
Activity Fee

- The school district charges a fee for your child’s participation in certain activities.
- The activities currently carrying the fee include: all school sports teams, marching band, jazz ensemble, color guard, select string ensemble, show choir, musical productions
- The fee is a one-time charge each year.
Parent/Guardian Communication

- Electronic Parent/Guardian Portal (HAC)
- E-mail List (Week in Review)
- East Webpage
- Facebook
- Coffee with the Principal
Electronic Parent/Guardian Portal

- Opportunity for parents/guardians to check student grades and assignments on a regular basis.
- Interim (mid-marking period) progress reports and report cards are posted.
Electronic Parent/Guardian Portal

- You can sign up in August through our website or at the various orientations that we offer.
- All students are also assigned an account. They are expected to refer to it at least weekly to self-monitor progress.
School Safety

- Emergency Drills
- Blackboard Connect
- Raptor System
- Camera System
- Officer Perez – BASD School Policeman
- New Hanover Twp. Police
Other Important Information

All items below will be on the East website this summer:

- Student Handbook
- 6-Day Cycle
- School Supply Lists
- Gym Attire – Red shirt / black shorts
- Lunch Menus
- Program of Studies
Other Helpful Items

- Bear Ambassadors
- Extra time for lunch
- End-of-day bus dismissal 5 min. early
- Teachers understand that students will be late for class initially.
- Adults and Bear Ambassadors will be in the hallways to help students find their way.
Daily Schedule

- Doors Open – 7:15 AM
- Homeroom Begins – 7:35 AM

- “First Run” Bus Students Dismissed – 2:40 PM
- All Other Students Dismissed – 2:43 PM
Transition Dates/Information

- May 7 – 5th graders tour East
- New Student Days – Summer
  - Thursday, August 15 (9 to 11 AM)
  - Monday, August 19 (1 to 3 PM)
- 6th Grade Orientation Night
  - Wednesday, August 21 at 6:30 PM
Transition Dates/Information

- 6th Grade Fun Night and Parent/Guardian Survival Night
  - September 4, 6:30 PM
- 6th Grade Team-building Day
  - September 13
- Back to School Night
  - September 25, 6:30 PM
Thank You!

- Don’t forget to turn in your club selections by April 16.
- We are excited that you are coming to East!
- Questions?