

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

EASTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

COUGAR TALES



September 2009



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Calendar

9/8	First day of school—Half day 7:45-11:00 a.m.
9/9	First FULL day, 7:45 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
9/11	Student Pictures
9/15	Open House & Parents' Club Bake Sale, 7:00 p.m.

From Our Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of year to send your child off to school. The beginning of the school year is always exciting for students. They have many questions. For example, "What teachers do I have?", "Are my friends in my class?", and most of all, "What am I going to wear?". Please read the information in your packet carefully. The newsletter is loaded with important information. If you still have questions after reading the information, please call us to help you.

Our **Open House** will be held on **September 15** at 7:00 p.m. We plan on giving you an opportunity to meet the teachers and see what types of material will be covered.

Our staff here at Eastland Middle School is very dedicated to providing your child with a clean, safe, and enriched learning environment. Please contact teachers as often as you like. They appreciate the feedback. Communication between parents and the school is a key component to your child's success. I hope to see you soon, and let's have a great year together.

ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

RCS Scholarship Foundation is hosting the 6th Annual Charity Golf Scramble on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at Selfridge ANGB Golf Course. Cost is \$85 per person and includes 18 holes, cart, and steak dinner. For more information, contact Barbara Miglio at (586) 773-9385 or Rosemarie Smith at (586) 445-5505. Entry deadline is September 25, 2009.

First Day of School / Class Schedules

Tuesday, **September 8, 2009** is the first day of school. On this day, all students will attend from 7:45 to 11:00 a.m. All 8th grade students will report to the gym. All 7th grade students will report to the cafeteria.

Tables will be set up around the perimeter of the cafeteria and gym. Students are to go to the table that indicates the first letter of their last name. There they will pick up copies of their schedules. Teachers will be there to assist them.

On this day students will be given information about time for class periods, the breakfast and lunch program, and busing.

Parents' Club

Please watch for news of upcoming Parents' Club meetings. **ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.** During Middle School your child may lead you to believe that you don't need to be involved --- don't listen!

2009/2010 EMS PARENT CLUB OFFICERS

President	Laura Boggetti
Vice President/Secretary	Vanessa Minch
Treasurer	Kristi Dreyer

We appreciate your involvement and dedication to Eastland Middle School!

Central Administration

John Kment, Superintendent
Rebecca Vasil, Deputy Superintendent
Michael LaFave, Assistant Superintendent
Lynn Hutchison, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance

WELCOME BACK!!

The entire staff at Eastland Middle School extends a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all new and returning students and their families!! Our goal at Eastland Middle School is that you enjoy a pleasant and productive year of learning and growing. We would also like to welcome the following new staff members: Mr. R. Cabarris, Mr. J. Herbertson, Mrs. S. Jacobs, Ms. Cheryl Vitale, Instructors; Mrs. D. Robinson, Band Instructor, and Mrs. L. Case, Secretary.

Student Pictures



Lifetouch will be at Eastland Junior High on **Friday, September 11th**, to take student pictures. More information will be sent home later.

Reading Promoted

This year we are continuing to promote reading by our secondary students. All students are to bring reading material (books, magazines, or newspapers) to school with them each day. When the students are finished early with assignments, waiting to see a counselor, etc., they will have some constructive reading with them. Please remind your students to have reading material with them each day. Also, the first fifteen minutes of each Friday are used for a building-wide reading period.

(The following was reprinted from The Positive Line #79930, Item #CS-824)

10 WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD ENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1 Start talking about the differences between elementary and middle school early—and with honesty.
- 2 Give your child more responsibilities for decision-making tasks at home as preparation for increased deadlines in middle school.
- 3 Supplement schoolwork with additional reading and writing projects at home in readiness for lengthier school assignments.
- 4 Talk about the fun of changing rooms and teachers several times a day. Explain that each class is a separate subject.
- 5 Help your child understand that students have to adapt to different teachers, not the other way around.
- 6 Visit the middle school several times together to help your teen become comfortable with the changes from his or her current school.
- 7 Attend all new school orientations. Make the transition seem like an adventure and a step forward in your youngster's education.
- 8 Discuss the fact that your child is moving from being the "top dog" to the bottom of the ladder—preparation makes it easier.
- 9 Find out who your child's teachers will be and see if you can make appointments to meet them prior to the new year.
- 10 Make a list together of your child's expectations for middle school. Make a plan to ensure that the expectations are met.

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 Jon Steenland, Director, Buildings & Grounds, at (586) 445-5697.

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.



2009/2010 Roseville Community Schools Board of Education

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Medication



If parents request the office staff to assist with medication, the following will apply. There must be instruction from a physician in every case, even if the medication can be purchased without prescription (i.e., aspirin, cough medicine, etc.). A new medication form (to be signed by the physician) is available now in the office upon request. Parents also are reminded that all medication should be dropped off at the office by an adult. Please attach a student photo with the medication request form.

Middle School Handbooks

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Eastland Middle School Handbook written for parents and students. Roseville Community Schools' Attendance Policy, Dress Code, Code of Conduct, along with other important information, is included. Please read and discuss the handbook with your student.

EMS Cafeteria

Breakfast	\$1.75
Lunch	\$2.75
Milk	\$0.50



EMS will no longer loan money for lunch.

DID YOU KNOW?

Roseville Community Schools prides itself on its highly qualified teaching staff.

Our dedicated, professional educators meet 100% of the state and federal certification standards. 78% of our teachers have a Masters Degree or higher. Two thirds of those remaining teachers are currently enrolled in university programs working toward graduate degrees.

Our devoted staff also participates in ongoing conferences, seminars, and professional development classes designed to improve instructional skills or train for new programs.

All Roseville teachers meet the rigorous standards of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

For more information on our highly qualified staff, contact the Deputy Superintendent's Office at (586) 445-5513. **Highly qualified staff...Another reason to choose Roseville Community Schools!**



FALL SPORTS

All students interested in participating in athletics must have a completed physical form on file with the school. Forms are available in the Main Office.

Home basketball games will be played at Eastland Middle School.

Home football games will be played at Roseville High School on Common Road.

Students who wish to participate in sports may contact Mr. Blaszkowski for information, or call the Athletic Director's office at 445-5577.

7th & 8th Grades Girls' Basketball

Coach: 7th Grade, Mark Lamberti

8th Grade, Joe Herbertson

09/30	Flynn	A	4:00
10/05	Beer	H	4:00
10/07	Carter	A	4:00
10/14	RMS	H	4:00
10/16	Carleton	H	4:00
10/19	Grissom	A	4:00
10/21	Flynn	H	4:00
10/26	Beer	A	4:00
10/28	Carter	H	4:00
10/30	RMS	A	4:00
11/02	Carleton	A	4:00
11/04	Grissom	H	4:00

7th & 8th Grades Football @ R.H.S.

Coach: Mark Masserang

09/29	Anchor Bay	A	4:00
10/06	Anchor Bay	A	4:00
10/13	South Lake	A	4:30
10/20	Kennedy	H	4:00
10/27	New Haven	H	4:00
11/03	RMS	H	4:00

TIMELY REMINDERS

☉ For security reasons, ALL VISITORS to the school must report to the office to sign in and/or pick up a visitor badge. For your child's safety and security, all contact with students must be made through the office. Early releases, deliveries and messages to students must be handled through the office to minimize classroom disruption. If you need to see a teacher, please send a note or call to make an appointment.

☉ As part of our ongoing effort to maintain a safe school environment, Roseville Community Schools conducts **annual** criminal history checks on prospective school volunteers and chaperones. Only those parents who have applied and been approved will be allowed to be parent volunteers.

If you are interested in serving as a school volunteer or chaperone during the current school year, please complete a Volunteer Application Form (included with this mailing) and return it to the office as soon as possible. **Please note that volunteers must complete a new application each school year.** To avoid disappointments, please do not wait until the last minute to fill out an application, as there is generally a two-week time period to get applications processed and approved.

☉ Remember that drivers before and after school **MUST STOP** when a school bus has its red "STOP" lights flashing. For our children's safety, please obey the law!



Thank you for your attention to these important concerns. With everyone's cooperation, we will have a safe and pleasant school year!

Safety Drills

To help students prepare for emergencies, schools routinely practice drills for fire, tornado, and lockdowns.

In the event of a building crisis, doors will be closed or 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" from the office.

