

# Falcon Forum

## From the desk of ...



Dear Falcon Families,

Summer Greetings! I hope this letter finds you rested and relaxed!

I want to take this time to welcome our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Falcon Family! We are excited to meet you and we expect great things from you! EHMS has high academic expectations while creating a supportive and nurturing environment to help you every step of the way. As you take the first steps towards middle school—step with resolution and pride! You are joining a winning team. To our returning 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, I look forward to our year together. As our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, I expect leadership, drive and excellence when you return in the fall. Make this year count!

Our theme for this year is to **Invest in EHMS!** We believe that investing in our school and the people who are a part of our family will enhance the school culture and “Quality of Life” at EHMS. This simply means that we will focus on the big concepts of respect, building positive relationships, and communication. In addition, we will place a **premium** on the little things for our students—getting to class on-time, being polite, following the dress code, and using technology properly. Our **investment** extends to the classroom where you will be expected to *make the investment*. All students should come to school prepared and ready to learn. This will include:

- 3 Ring Binder
- Homework Folder
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Pens and pencils
- Highlighters and colored pencils

Our core values are basic and life applicable – we believe that preparation and hard work will lead to success. We also understand, that the journey and timetable is different for everyone and that we need to work together to meet the individual needs of our students, so that they can achieve. Thank you for working with us to emphasize to your child the importance of working with others, putting in the effort, and having a positive attitude. Together, we are building a strong foundation for our children!

As you come to school on August 28, 2019, make plans for your own success. Make your first day the start of many great things to come!

We are looking forward to another great year together—thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Menard  
Principal



**First Day of School**  
**August 28, 2019**  
**7:55am-2:45 pm**

## Points of Interest

- ✓ Important Phone Numbers
- ✓ Uniforms
- ✓ Incoming Student Orientation
- ✓ Nurse's Note
- ✓ Guidance
- ✓ Open House/Back to School Night
- ✓ Reminders



## Scheduling Appointments for your Child

Due to the busy schedule of EHMS, we ask parents to try to make doctor's/dentist's appointments for their child after school hours.

If you need to pick up your child early, please send a note in with the student. Students should present the note to the Assistant Principal's office at the beginning of the school day to receive a dismissal pass. Parents must show a picture I.D. before we release the student.

Please note that students in PE classes without a pre-registered note will not be released until after the PE class period.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding of this policy.

# INCOMING SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS ORIENTATION

**Wednesday,  
August 21, 2019  
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

## Get to Know EHMS

- Meet the Principal and Assistant Principals
- Meet Guidance Counselors
- Review Student Schedule
- Tour the Building
- Breakout Sessions/Important Topics

**AGENDA**  
 8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.  
*Student Schedule Distribution  
(Auditorium Lobby)*  
 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.  
*Introduction by Mr. Menard*  
 8:55 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
*Orientation*

Seventh and Eighth grade schedules will be given to students the first day of school. Team Time locations and bus schedules will be printed in the East Hartford Gazette.

Visit our School Website @ [www.easthartford.org](http://www.easthartford.org) for updates and information. Future editions of the Falcon Forum will be available on our website.

Our EHMS Website give parents a direct portal to our **HOME Access Center**—A great way to immediately check your child's grades and progress.



**Stay  
Connected!**

## Notes from Mr. Pearce, First Assistant Principal Seventh Grade Academies

Dear Falcon Families,

Greetings! I hope you are all enjoying a relaxing and restful Summer spent with families and friends.

I want to take a moment to formally introduce myself to the East Hartford Middle School Community. My name is Joseph Pearce and I am the new 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Principal at EHMS. In the upcoming 2019 – 2020 school year I will have the wonderful opportunity to serve our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and families. I am so excited to join the Falcon Family!

While new to East Hartford Middle School, I have been happy to call East Hartford Public Schools my home since 2010. After graduating from East Hartford High School in 2004, I professionally joined the district as a teacher at Norris Elementary School in 2010. From 2010 – 2019 I have served in a variety of leadership roles, including both as an Interim Principal and Interim Assistant Principal at Sunset Ridge Middle School, the CT IB Academy and Stevens Synergy Alternative High School. I look forward to meeting all of our students in person in August!

While there is plenty of time left to enjoy Summer, as you begin to prepare for the upcoming school year please take some time to talk with your student about investing in making the 2019 – 2020 school year their best yet. Invest in being present; in school, in class, on time, every day. Invest in being an active learner; having an agenda, completing assignments on time and asking questions when help is needed. Invest in being a leader and friend to others; be polite, kind and understanding of your peers. These little investments can have a huge payoff if applied over an entire school year!

Please do not hesitate to reach out this Summer if you need anything, anytime! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

<u>EHMS BELL SCHEDULE</u>	
<b>FULL DAY-</b>	<b>HALF DAY-</b>
DOORS OPEN 7:55AM	12:45PM DISMISSAL
1ST PERIOD 8:10AM	
DISMISSAL 2:45PM	
	<b>2 HOUR DELAY</b>
	DOORS OPEN 9:55AM
	1ST PERIOD 10:10AM

**September  
12th  
6:00 p.m.  
Auditorium**

**Open  
House  
Back to  
School  
Night**

**Spend a day in your child's life.  
See what we can offer your child to make  
2019-2020 the best year ever!**

## Visit your counselor!

Please accept your counselor's invitation to stop into their suite in the Guidance Department and speak to them regarding your child's journey to achievement.

## Notes from Ms. Houghton, Assistant Principal Sixth Grade Academies and Trinity Academy

As the school year winds down and our teens look forward to the summer months, it's a good time to begin thinking about how to keep your child learning over the summer months. Here are a few suggestions;

- Keep a schedule. Sit down with your child and set up clear expectations of how his or her day should look. Help your child make a schedule of what he or she will accomplish each day. The schedule doesn't have to be finely detailed or elaborate, it just needs to offer some structure.
- Keep learning
  - Most of our students have an IXL account. They can log in to keep their math skills strong
  - Do "The Commissioner's Summer Math Challenge": Go to: [quantiles.com/summer-math](http://quantiles.com/summer-math) to enroll your child
- Read, Read, Read
  - Join "The Governor's Reading Challenge": Go to <http://portal.ct.gov/sde/ctread/connecticut-reads> to print out a reading and see a suggested list of books that may interest your student
- Take educational outings. Learning doesn't have to be restricted to home or school. Take educational outings to your local history, science, art museum, or take a hike in one of our state/national parks.

Most of all, relax and enjoy each other! Have a great summer.

## Notes from Melinda Grunert, Assistant Principal Eighth Grade Academies

Graham Green said, "*There is always one moment in childhood where the door opens and lets the future in.*" This spring at EHMS, we could see that door opening many times. The spring brought many celebrations of all our students had accomplished. The Yale and Trinity Awards Ceremony, the Yale and Trinity Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremonies were proud moments for families and students alike. Fifty-seven students and their art teacher, Paul Mericle, had their artwork celebrated during the art show and mural unveiling. These students had helped Mr. Mericle to paint our amazing new mural and/or participated in an afterschool Art Club and created numerous original artworks. Another highlight of the spring was the EHMS Career Day 2019. Career Day was a huge success. The mission of Career Day is, "To create a moment for the door to open and let the future in, by exposing our eighth grade students to the wide variety of career opportunities available and inspiring their future choices". EHMS Career Day 2019 brought almost thirty diverse presenters representing diverse careers. The career titles included Construction Engineer, Jet Engine Test Engineer, Registered Dietician, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Directing Editor for ESPN, LCC Operator, Associate Professor at UConn's NEAG, and Music Producer. Our presenters represented diverse work places and companies such as ESPN, Helix Corporation, the US Army, UConn, Pratt and Whitney, EHPD, and Inner Community. We were privileged to have Connecticut State Representative Henry Genga also present to our students. And we were very honored to have Mayor Marcia Leclerc as our keynote speaker to kick off the event. Her keynote address inspired us all to open the door and let the future in.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 15--OCTOBER 18, 2019

*Student Half Day-12:45 pm Dismissal*

SIGN UP ONLINE TO SCHEDULE YOUR  
CHILD'S CONFERENCE

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION

### Be prepared



Students are most successful when they come to school each day prepared to learn. This means having pencils, notebooks, 2 pocket folders and a binder. You will have 7 different teachers each day and staying organized is the key to success!

## Nurse's Note

### **Welcome**

EHMS Nurse's Office 2019-2020 school year

Lynn Moreland, RN will cover 7th Grade  
 Nicole Tarbell, RN will cover 6th & 8th Grades  
 860-622-5603

The Nurse's Office is closed during the summer, but they will come in to check the mail/fax/phone periodically.  
 Fax 860-622-5676 or 860-622-5619

**If your child is entering Grade 7 and has not had or handed in a physical with state required immunizations, they will not receive their schedule in August.**

**The above is a state mandated requirement**

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

August 26th	January 13th
September 16th	February 10th
October 21st	March 16th
November 4th	April 6th
December 2nd	May 11th
December 16th	June 8th

**TRYING OUT FOR A TEAM?**

### **What You NEED Prior to Trying Out for Sports**

**ALL MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE CLEARED TO TRYOUTS !!!!**

- Parent Permission Form with all portions completed submitted to the school nurse prior to tryouts.**
- Current physical on file with nurse or handed to nurse, With-in the past year.**
- Cardiac Arrest and Concussion Papers** (You will receive these when you have made the team)

Have Safety or Security Issues? Make the Right Call! Contact the EHMS Security Team

**860-622-5677**

East Hartford Public Schools Security Tip Line:

**860-874-2821**

Or

[securitytipline@easthartford.org](mailto:securitytipline@easthartford.org)



### **Adopt-A-School**

Board of Education Representative

Tyron Harris

[harris.tv@easthartford.org](mailto:harris.tv@easthartford.org)

## **Telephone Numbers**

Please use the appropriate telephone numbers when calling a specific office or press the number for the office on the main menu.

*If you are calling in a student's absence or dismissal you must call the Assistant Principal's office. If you get a voice mail, please leave a message. Voice mail is checked often and that office will receive your request or message. Thank you for your cooperation.*

EHMS Main Office	860 622-5600
Joseph Pearce 7th Grade Academies	860 622-5620
Melinda Grunert 8th Grade Academies	860 622-5630
Deborah Houghton 6th Grade & Trinity Academies	860 622-5610
Guidance Department	860 622-5640
Nurse's Office	860 622-5603
School Based Health Center	860 622-5670

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

August 28th	First Day/Full Day
September 12th	Open House 6:00 pm
September 11th	SGC Meeting 6:00 pm
October 15th -18th	Parent/Teacher Conferences

# Looking Great at EHMS

## UNIFORM POLICY DESCRIPTION:

### 1. Tops:

**POINTS OF EMPHASIS:** The EHMS Polo or Mock T (Long or Short Sleeve) MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES with all uniform accessories. Accessories include the EHMS Fleece, Sweater Vest and Cardigan

- Students may only wear tops (with the exception of undergarments/t-shirts) that have been purchased from inchworm clothing in grey, black or red with the school logo. Shirts must be either tucked into skirts or pants or extend no lower than the top of the pants pocket (rear).
- Please note: Non vendor clothing worn under the EHMS Polo that extends past the sleeves or waist will not be permitted.
- Students that wear these clothing items will be required to remove these articles of clothing.

### 2.

**POINTS OF EMPHASIS:** Pants made from Stretch or Denim material WILL NOT BE ALLOWED

### Bottoms:

- Casual or dress pants/shorts must be sized to fit the student in solid colors of black or khaki.
- Skirts/jumpers/capris in solid black or khaki must extend to student finger tips when hanging arms from an upright position. Tight fitting skirts or jumpers are not permitted. Visible spandex type pants will not be permitted to be worn under shorts or skirts.
- Please note that bottoms, pants, shorts or skirts may be purchased from a vendor of choice. Please be sure your selections are in black or khaki and meet the requirements listed above.

### 3. Footwear:

- Dress shoes, sneakers, or boots. Footwear must have a rubber/non-marking sole.

## ENFORCEMENT AND DISCIPLINE:

All students reporting for school in the fall must be in compliance with the EHMS Uniform Policy to be allowed to attend classes. Students who fail to meet compliance will not be permitted to attend classes until their clothing meets policy guidelines above.

Please plan as a family to purchase an appropriate number of uniforms so that your child can be ready for the first day of school.

Thanks for your support and focus on your child's achievement.

## INFORMATION MONDAYS

*Important parent information regarding our school, procedures and events will be sent home with your child on Mondays.*

**Let us help you stay connected!**

## Guidance Counselors Servicing Our Teams

Mrs. Cook 860-622-5643	Seventh Grade Academies
Mr. Kelsey 860-622-5642	Eighth Grade Academies
Mrs. Zingler 860-622-5644	Sixth Grade Academies & Trinity Academy
Mrs. Hart 860.622.5640	Guidance Executive Secretary



## EAST HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The following vendors have been approved to provide all school uniforms for the district

- **JB Pride Uniforms**

70 Tolland Street  
East Hartford CT 06108  
1-844-527-8643 phone

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

In-store sales or on-line at: <https://www.jbprideuniforms.com/>

- **Living Word Imprints**

450 Homestead Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06112  
860-882-1679 phone 860-882-1680 fax

Monday - Friday: 10:00am - 6:00pm

In-store sales or on-line at: [www.livingwordimprints.com](http://www.livingwordimprints.com)

- **Office Depot on-line sales only**

<http://easthartfordpublicschool.yuki4u.com/>

Prices and details are available at each vendor's website and in store