

Welcome to WC EAST High School

Dr. Kevin Fagan, Principal

Introductions

- Dr. Kevin Fagan, Grade 9
- Mr. Stephen Brown, Grade 10
- Mrs. Sarah Graham, Grade 11
- Mrs. Nicole Forrest/Erin Stephen, Grade 12
- Ms. Sue Cornelius, Athletic Director

Agenda for tonight

- Information session
- Q/A
- Take a tour of the building

Student well-being comes first

- Security cameras (16)
- Monthly safety drills
- Double locking security doors at front entrance
- Entrances monitored throughout the day
- Raptor system for all guests and volunteers
- Relationship with police
- New phone system
- Building close relationships with students
- Staff trained to students in jeopardy
- Visible staff
- Bullying and Hazing policies
- Constant contact with outside agencies and authorities
- Staff development and training
- New security supervisor

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How to stay in contact with the school

- We send emails via School Messenger. Make sure you don't have us blocked in your email account.
- Keep your email address and other contact information updated through the Guidance Office.
- Check our school web page, calendar.
- The VL newsletter.
- Follow me on Twitter: @principalfagan

What happens when students arrive at school?

- The café is open for breakfast and the library is open.
- Report to HR by 7:30 sharp.
- There will be another orientation the first day of school.
- First two days of school, extended HR to provide additional guidance and information to students.

BELL SCHEDULE

- HOMEROOM 7:30 - 7:40
- 1ST PERIOD 7:44 - 8:29
- 2ND PERIOD 8:33 - 9:18
- 3RD PERIOD 9:22 - 10:07
- 4TH PERIOD (LUNCH) 10:11 - 10:56
- 5TH PERIOD (LUNCH) 11:00 - 11:45
- 6TH PERIOD (LUNCH) 11:49 - 12:34
- 7TH PERIOD (LUNCH) 12:38 - 1:23
- 8TH PERIOD 1:27 - 2:15

Graduation Requirements

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
• English	4
• Social Studies	4
• Math	3
• Science	3
• Arts/Humanities	2
• Electives	5
• Health/PE	<u>2.8</u>
• TOTAL	23.8

***As of right now, KE are still a graduation requirement**

What does it mean that “*everything* counts in high school”?

- What is a transcript?
- What is GPA?
- What are the different course levels and how do they impact my GPA?
- What do colleges look for?

What are the KE and why do they matter?

- The KE are state-mandated tests, not district-mandated, and not school mandated.
- As the law currently stands ...
 - Class of 2021 would be required to demonstrate proficiency in Algebra, Reading, Biology.

So how does East measure up?

- EHS was awarded a National Blue Ribbon in 2017
- For 2017-2018, our report card score, aka School Profile score, was a **89.9**, the third highest in Chester County, highest in the school district.
- Our SAT, ACT, and AP scores are strong.
- In 2018, 293 East students took 620 AP tests. Eighty percent of test takers scored a 3 or better.
- Nationally ranked high school for the last four years.
- Award winning clubs, Cheer/dance, music and theatre.

Pathway to success in high school

- The next four years are a time to discover who you are as a person and as a student.
 - Get involved.
 - Ask for help when you need it.
 - Follow the rules.
 - Work hard.
 - Plan forward, plan backward.

What's new at East?

- 1:1 Initiatives
- Dual enrollment
- Blended learning
- No more class rank (*class of 2021*)
- No more valedictorian or salutatorian
- Schoology (learning platform)
- Library is more like student center

Meeting the needs and interests of our students ...

- Most courses offered at various levels
- Math help room
- Our staff is here after school each day
- Blended learning opportunities
- College courses
- 24 Varsity Teams
- Academic Clubs
- Cultural Clubs
- Mentoring opportunities
- DECA
- Academic Comp
- Cheer
- Dance
- Drama
- Fashion
- NHS
- BSU
- Theater
- Yearbook

Who is my child's counselor?

- A - CO
- Cr - G
- H - Mc C
- Mc D - R
- S - Z

Setlock

Reichle

Otto

Salley

Lindros

School Attendance: It's critical

- Students need to be here on time, everyday, in homeroom. HR starts at 7:30 sharp.
- Late students need to sign into HR upon arrival to school.
- There are consequences for too many lates (see student handbook).
- Absence notes need to be turned in within 3 days.
- Parents can email the attendance office directly: ccampbell@wcasd.net.

What do new high school students stress about?

- “I am going to be new again.”
- “I won’t know any of my teachers!”
- “I won’t know where I am going!”
- “I am not going to see my friends!”
- “How will I know where to sit at lunch!”
- “I heard high school is really hard!”
- “I won’t know who to ask for help!”

What does the “typical” student at East do?

- Gets here on time, every day. (Our student attendance rates are the best in the district).
- Takes a mix of classes.
- Does her homework, works hard and gets good grades.
- Gets involved. 24 sports, 50 clubs, award-winning Cheer, Dance, music and theatre groups.
- Has a plan for after high school.
- Is not afraid to ask for help.

4 challenges for this year and beyond ...

1. Learn about how you learn.
2. Learn how to manage time.
3. Learn how to study and prepare.
4. Get involved!

What happens after high school?

- 100% of WC East students graduated on time in 2018.
- Each year, about 90% go on to college.
- The remainder enter the Armed Services, work force or tech school.
- No matter your dreams, there is a path for you.

Help! My kid is entering high school!

East is a good school and a caring place, but high school can be a tricky place for young people to navigate.

1. Talk to your child, a lot.
2. Monitor the electronics. Our students dwell in two worlds, both of which are very real.
3. Social Media
4. Help him to handle stress the right way.
5. Help him to work out his own problems.
6. Keep him busy with the right things.
7. We are here to help. Talk with us, work with us.

Supports for our students

- Teachers
- Administrators
- Counselors
- Coaches
- Crisis intervention specialist
- NHS Tutors
- Help Room

Some of the challenges we face together ...

Behaviors

- Misuse and abuse of social media, especially Snapchat.
- Vaping in school, at home, on the bus, everywhere.
- Risky behaviors, such as drug and alcohol use.
- Lack of empathy for others

Actions

- Educating students about effective communication, demonstrating responsibility.
- Informing students about vaping, the health risks, and holding them accountable.
- Providing counseling services and teaming up with community resources, such as *Communities that Care*.
- Lessons on empathy, beginning with our ninth graders.

What if I have questions or concerns?

- School web page is a great resource.
- Contact the teacher first.
- Contact the counselor or grade level administrator next.
- Contact the principal.

QUESTION?

And then we'll give you
a tour of the building

Thank you for coming!

Let's have a great school year!