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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, September 3, 2024. As your Superintendent of Schools, I am excited to welcome you back to another amazing year at Edwardsburg Public Schools.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our families and the Edwardsburg Community for their support in passing the recent bond. Your support

will fund essential improvements in safety, security, and infrastructure across the district. These improvements are crucial to providing a safe, secure, and engaging learning environment for all of our Eddies. Over the next year, you will see work getting underway on improvements funded by bond dollars including upgraded security, enhanced building safety features, and much needed infrastructure renovations. As a district, we will continue to keep our community updated on how the bond dollars are being used so be sure to check our website throughout the year.

In addition to the passing of the bond, I am excited to announce that a new strategic plan has been created that will help guide the district's direction and priorities for the next five years. Our new strategic plan is the result of extensive collaboration with school staff, families, students, and the Edwardsburg community. The new plan focuses on three key areas: Teaching, Learning & Programming; Community & Communication; and Facilities & Funding. Our goal is to make sure that every Eddie leaves EPS knowing their Pride, Passion and Purpose.

As we head into the new school year, Edwardsburg Public Schools remains committed to providing an education that continues to honor past traditions while looking forward to all that the future has to offer our Eddies. As superintendent, my focus remains on growing relationships within the school and community while continuing to build trust through openness and transparency.

I am looking forward to all the great things we will accomplish together in the year ahead. Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful start to the 2024-25 school year.

With Eddie Enthusiasm,
Dr. Courtney Szucs
 Superintendent of Schools

KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025

August 26, 2024	Teacher Work Day
August 27, 2024	Professional Development Day
August 28, 2024	Professional Development Day
August 29, 2024	Professional Development Day
August 30, 2024	No School
September 2, 2024	Labor Day – No School
September 3, 2024	First Day for Students Full Day/KDG. Orientation
September 4, 2024	First Day for Kindergarten Students
September 11, 2024	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
October 9, 2024	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
November 1, 2024	End of Grading Period – Full Day for Students and Staff
November 5, 2024	Half Day for Students (AM) Full Day Staff – Work Day (PM) Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening
November 6, 2024	Half Day for Students Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon/Evening
November 7, 2024	No School for Students Professional Development Day
November 8, 2024	No School for Students and Staff
November 13, 2024	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
November 27, 2024	Half-Day for Students and Staff (AM)
November 28-29, 2024	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 11, 2024	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
December 23, 2024	Winter Break Begins
January 6, 2025	School Resumes
January 8, 2025	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
January 20, 2025	No School for Students and Staff
January 24, 2025	End of Grading Period – Half-Day for Students (AM) Full Day for Staff – Work Day (PM)
February 17, 2025	No School for Students Professional Development Day
March 12, 2025	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
March 28, 2025	End of Grading Period – Full Day for Students and Staff
March 31, 2025	Spring Break Begins
April 7, 2025	School Resumes
April 9, 2025	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
April 18, 2025	Half Day Students & Staff (AM)
May 7, 2025	2 Hour Late Start for Students K-12
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day – No School
June 10, 2025	Half Day for Students (AM) Full Day for Staff – Work Day (PM)
June 11, 2025	Tentative Last Day of School End of Grading Period – Half-Day for Students (AM) Full Day for Staff – Work Day (PM)
June 12-13, 2025	Snow Make Up Days, If Needed

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MEAL PROGRAM 2024-2025

The Food Service Department at Edwardsburg Public Schools welcomes you and your children to the 2024-2025 school year.

The district utilizes a Point of Sale program called Meal Magic. The system uses the student's identification number on their picture identification card to access their lunch account. Use of the card is REQUIRED for any student wishing to purchase a la carte items from their account.

Families are encouraged to complete a free and reduced meal application online at www.LunchApp.com as the district receives yearly federal funding based on all eligible applications. Please include all children in your household on this application. Once completed, the application will be forwarded to the school for processing.

Parents/Guardians may use FamilyPortal.cloud to make deposits to their child(ren)'s accounts. A fee of \$2.85 is assessed per transaction. If you utilized SendMoneyToSchool.com last year, your login will remain the same, but you will be asked to change your password. If you would like to begin using FamilyPortal.cloud simply go to www.FamilyPortal.cloud and select "sign up" under the account menu. We encourage the use of electronic deposits, however, you may make deposits to your child(ren)'s lunch account by sending a check to school with your child(ren) or by U.S. Mail.

The Meal Magic system tracks your child(ren)'s credit balance automatically. Parents may also limit what their child may purchase. If your child has diet restrictions, please contact the Director of Dining Services, Jodi Bushrow, at **663-1057**.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Bushrow.

MEAL PRICES

Prices for school meals for the 2024-2025 school year (prices subject to change):

GRADE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
K-5	\$1.75	\$2.70
6-12	\$1.75	\$3.15

ALL BUILDINGS

Breakfast Reduced \$.30

Lunch Reduced \$.40

Milk \$.50

*A free standard school meal will be provided during the 2024/2025 school year per the Michigan Legislature. There will be a food service program at all Edwardsburg Public Schools. This program will start on the first full day of school.

EDWARDSBURG ATHLETICS

As we begin the school year, you will once again be able to keep updated on all Edwardsburg Eddies athletic news by visiting, www.eddiesathletics.com or by accessing the athletic tab on the EPS website. We encourage you to follow us on Twitter (@EddiesAthletics) and receive Edwardsburg Athletic Booster information by liking their Facebook page (Edwardsburg Athletic Booster Club). The Athletic Boosters do an incredible job of supporting our 6-12 athletic program, both financially and by providing workers to help in many different functions during athletic contests. Interested in getting involved and volunteering a little of your time? Please contact the athletic office for more information on how you can help!

Wishing all student-athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators a successful 2024-25 school year, Go Eddies!

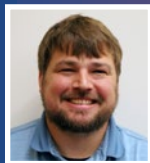
Jon Pobuda, Athletic Director

EPS FOUNDATION

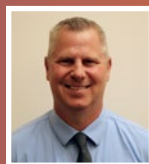
The Edwardsburg Public Schools Foundation invites you to stop by their booth at Open House to learn about available scholarship and grant programs.

NEW STAFF FOR 2024-2025

New Administrator: Kenneth Grinage



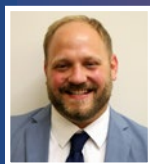
Kenneth Grinage has been hired as the new Alternative Learning Center Director. Mr. Grinage has worked as a Business Education teacher at Edwardsburg Public Schools. He holds a Master of Business Administration from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Science in Business Education degree from Western Michigan University. Mr. Grinage succeeds Mr. Brian Clements who retired in June.



Scott Rodesiler

High School: Reading High School, MI
College: Western Michigan University, Concordia University - Ann Arbor
Degree: M.A. in Athletic Administration, B.S. in English
Assignment: High School, English

New Administrator: Jared Melander



Jared Melander has been hired as the new Principal at Eagle Lake Elementary. Mr. Melander comes to us from Horizon Elementary where he was an Assistant Principal. He holds a Master of Education in School Administration from Bethel University and a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Lee University in Tennessee. Mr. Melander succeeds Mrs. Deb Becraft who retired in June.



Katherine Winkler

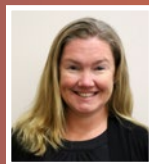
High School: Park Hill South High School, MO
College: Western Michigan University, Indiana University
Degree: M.A. in Literacy Studies, B.S. in Education
Assignment: Primary School, Young 5's

Recommended to the Board of Education



Corydon Hurst

High School: West Lafayette High School, IN
College: Indiana University, Purdue University
Degree: M.S. in Education, B.A. in Spanish
Assignment: High School, Spanish



Morgan O'Grady

High School: Edwardsburg High School, MI
College: Indiana Wesleyan University, Indiana University
Degree: M.A. in School Counseling, B.S. in Business
Assignment: High School, Business Education



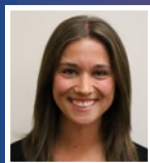
Michelle McClintic

High School: Elkhart Central High School, IN
College: Indiana Wesleyan University, Indiana University
Degree: M.Ed., B.S. in Elementary Education
Assignment: Eagle Lake Elementary, Third Grade



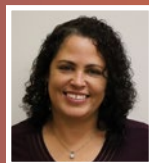
Pamela Ritzler

High School: Penn High School, IN
College: Grand Valley State University
Degree: M.Ed. in Special Education, B.S. in Psychology
Assignment: Eagle Lake, Special Education



Megan Mills

High School: Nixa High School, MO
College: University of Missouri
Degree: M.A. in Curriculum & Instruction, B.A. in Elementary Education
Assignment: Middle School, Sixth Grade



Melissa Shemanski

High School: Woodrow Wilson High School, OH
College: Grand Valley State University
Degree: M.A. in Special Education, B.S. in Human Services
Assignment: Middle School, Special Education



Edwardsburg Public Schools
69410 Section Street
Edwardsburg, MI 49112

2024-2025 Registration Documents ONLINE at www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org.

Click on "2024-2025 Registration Documents" link – Print forms – Fill them out – Bring to OPEN HOUSE

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering the Edwardsburg School system, in accordance with Michigan Law, must be up to date on their immunizations before they begin school. The requirements for students can be obtained at any of the schools' offices or on our website www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org. The Meningococcal vaccine is required for all new students in grades 7-12 and all 7th graders attending Edwardsburg Public Schools. Tdap is required at 11 years of age or older regardless of grade, IF it has been 5 years since the last dose of tetanus/diphtheria containing vaccine. All enrolling kindergartners are required to have had a vision screening. The State of Michigan has worked hard the last decade to insure that its youth are properly immunized. If you have questions, please call the school nurse at 269-663-1078 or the school building your child attends.

Michigan has also modified the administrative rules that change how nonmedical waivers for immunizations will be processed. For information regarding nonmedical waivers, please contact your child's school or the Van Buren Cass District Health Department at 269-624-3143.

HOURS	OFFICE	PHONE
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Central Office	663-3055
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Superintendent's Office	663-1053
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Instructional Services	663-1048
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Senior High School	663-1044
5:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Transportation	663-2900
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Senior High Attendance	663-1024
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Senior High Guidance	663-1025
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Athletics	663-1026
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Alternative Learning Center	663-1068
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Middle School	663-1031
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Middle School Guidance	663-1083
7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Edwardsburg Intermediate	663-1063
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Eagle Lake Elementary	663-1040
7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Edwardsburg Primary	663-1037

ABOUT YOUR EDWARDSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Open House Schedule

Eagle Lake Elementary School	Monday, August 26 (4:00-6:00 PM)
Freshman Orientation	Monday, August 26 (5:00 PM)
Edwardsburg High School	Monday, August 26 (5:00-7:00 PM)
6th Grade Orientation	Monday, August 26 (5:00 PM)
Edwardsburg Middle School	Monday, August 26 (5:00-7:00 PM)
Alternative Learning Center (ALC)	Tuesday, August 27 (5:00-7:00 PM)
Edwardsburg Intermediate School	Tuesday, August 27 (4:00-6:00 PM)
Edwardsburg Primary School	Wednesday, August 28 (4:00-6:00 PM)

ALL BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED AUGUST 30th & SEPTEMBER 2nd

School Picture Day: Picture Day for all students attending in person is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024. Picture Day for virtual students - TBD

EHS FALL SPORTS

Special Note: No vehicles are allowed behind the high school building, or any of the school grounds, other than designated parking areas. This is essential to allow for visiting teams, officials, emergency vehicles, and deliveries. We are proud of our facilities and want to maintain them for your benefit. Also as a reminder pets are not permitted at any EPS athletic contest.

The Edwardsburg Athletic Department announces the following gate prices for the regular 2024-2025 sports season:

High School - \$7 per person. Middle School - \$5 per person. Edwardsburg will offer digital tickets or spectators can pay cash at the gate. Please be advised that many of our away opponents will only accept digital tickets. Be sure to check the opponents' websites for ticket information and policies.

24/25 REGULAR Athletic Season Passes:

- All-Sports/All-Seasons Family pass for up to FIVE immediate family members - \$250
- All-Sports/All-Seasons Individual Adult pass - \$75
- Wolverine Conference Student (K-12) Pass - \$50 (This pass is good for any regular season home sporting event or any away Wolverine Conference game.)

A link to purchase the passes can be found on our website under Athletics.

Coupon Books: 10 tickets good for any home contests – Adults - \$35, Students \$25

Student tickets can be pre-purchased at all buildings to any home event for \$1 in the office.

All high school sports schedules are available on the district website at www.eddiesathletics.com

TRANSPORTATION/BUS SCHEDULE

The Edwardsburg Transportation Department will deliver the 2024-2025 bus route schedule via email. Every parent who requested transportation for their student will be sent the bus stop times and pick-up location no later than August 26, 2024. If you have not completed a Transportation Request Form, please visit our school website, www.edwardsburgpublicschools.org, and complete the form. They were due August 9, 2024.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Edwardsburg Public School District Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or any other legally protected status in its employment decisions or the provision of services. If any person believes that the Edwardsburg Public School District or any of the district's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulation of Title II, Title VI, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Age Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint to Civil Rights Coordinator, Edwardsburg Public Schools, 69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI 49112 (269-663-3055).

