



East Jackson Secondary School

Dear Parents,

August 2017

Wow! Summer is moving along quickly and the beginning of another school year is just around the corner. It seemed not that long ago we had the pleasure of saying goodbye to our senior class of 2017. This wonderful ceremony took place on May 26th and it was great to see all the parents and family members in attendance. With the seniors departing and moving on, we begin the planning and preparation for the 2017-18 school year.

As we look forward to another great year, we will once again be starting the year according to the county wide calendar. This will have our first day for students starting on August 23rd, which is considerably earlier than a traditional starting date in September. We are looking forward to the earlier start as we try to minimize the summer learning loss for our students.

We are fortunate to once again add upgrades to our secondary building. In addition to the new office space and student commons area featured last year, we have added the Kirk A. Warner Wellness Area. This area provides a brand new facility for students to improve their overall health and wellness.

As a staff we are just finishing up our school improvement process, were we have been meeting and collaborating on ways of improving our instructional process. We are excited for another year and are looking forward to providing new curriculum offerings for our students which include; Psychology, Robotics & Rocketry (2nd year), AP Computer Sciences and Studies in 20th Century History. We are excited to offer these courses next year and will continue to find ways to expand our curriculum offerings.

As we begin another school year, I want to thank the following for their years of service to the district, Ms. Mary Papiersky. who has retired and will be missed next year.

I look forward to continuing the great work we are doing for our students. As always, my door is open and I encourage you to stop in or call with any questions or concerns. This is a community school, which means we need to educate as a community. If you are interested in being a part of that community, please contact me. We would certainly welcome your interest and participation in our school. Below are important dates beginning our 2017-18 school year. If for some reason you cannot attend our orientations or open house, please stop in and see me. I would be glad to spend the time to make sure your student has a solid foundation for next year.

Important Dates for East Jackson Secondary Students:

To avoid conflicts for parents who have students in both buildings we have adjusted our open house and orientation times. We hope this makes it more convenient for everyone.

August 21st (Grades 7-12 **Open House**) **5:00PM-6:30PM** EJSS

August 21st (**7th Grade Orientation**) **5:30PM-6:00PM** EJSS Auditorium

August 21st (**9th Grade Orientation**) **6:00 PM-6:30PM** EJSS Auditorium

August 23rd (First day of school)

I wish you all a great and rewarding school year and hope to see you and your student soon!!

Brent Cole

EJSS Principal