

East Edition

East Junior High School Wis. Rapids, WI ~ 422-6100

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Attention Parents of 8th Grade Students!

Eighth grade students will be given the opportunity to sign the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge. The pledge makes college and financial assistance available for those students that are willing to work hard and to stay focused. At this time, over 35,000 students have signed the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge. Attached are the pledge forms that are due to Mrs. Kufalk no later than April 20th. Students that return their forms by April 20th will have the opportunity to participate in school related workshops on higher education through the guidance department. However, pledge forms will be accepted until September 30, 2009. For more information, please feel free to check the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge website at www.wisconsin covenant.wi.gov

We are proud...of our ninth grade students that have spent the past three years with us at East Junior High School. Their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm has made East Junior High School a better place to learn. Ninth grade parents, please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- **Freshman Formal, Friday—May 29 (7:00—10:00 PM)** This event will take place at the Ridges. There will be a DJ, pizza, soda, and prizes. This is a celebration for East Junior High ninth graders only. Tickets will be on sale soon. Parents who are interested in helping with the Formal will have an initial meeting on Thursday, April 16 in the Little Theater at 5:30 p.m.
- **Ninth Grade Celebration:** During the week of June 8, we will be holding an assembly to honor the accomplishments of the 9th graders and celebrating their transition to Lincoln High School. This event is still being planned, so please stay tuned for more information.

The East Junior High Parent Group...will be meeting on Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Conference Room. Troy Schimek will be present to discuss the WRPS Able Learner Program. Discussion regarding fundraising and teacher appreciation will continue. THANKS to the many parents that are participating!

Working together with home and community, we are dedicated to providing the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world.

Dates To Remember

April 16—9th Grade Formal meeting for parents 5:30 pm

April 20—EJH Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

April 29—Business Ed Field Trip to Chicago

May 1—Festival of Nations Field Trip

May 7—District String Festival LHS 7:30 pm

May 11—Peer Partners @ YMCA Camp

May 19—7th Gr. Band & Jazz Band Concert LHS 7:30 pm

May 21—8th & 9th Gr. Band Concert LHS 7:30 pm

May 25—*No School* Memorial Day Observed

May 28—Japanese Field Trip to Chicago

May 29—Freshman Formal Ridges 7 pm—10 pm

June 4—Choir Concert LHS 7:30 pm

June 10—Students last day early dismissal 1:00 pm

Immunization Rule Changes

Last year the Wisconsin Legislature passed several immunization rule changes. New requirements include:

- **A Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis booster vaccine (Tdap) for students entering grade 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 in Sept. 2009.** If your child had a Td (tetanus/diphtheria booster) in the last five years that did not include the pertussis vaccine, it is not necessary to get the Tdap at this time;
- **A second dose of the Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students entering grade K, 1, 6, 7 and 12 in Sept. 2009** (unless the child has already had chickenpox disease).

If you have children entering Kindergarten, Grade 1, 6, 7, 9, 10 or 12, please check their immunization records to determine if their immunizations are up to date with the change. Immunizations can be obtained from your child's health care provider or from the Wood County Health Department (421-8911). **Required immunizations should be received prior to the start of the school year.**

From the Blazers: We

have noticed that many students are running short of some of their school supplies. Please take an inventory of your child's supplies to see if they have what they will need for the remainder of the year. If possible each Blazer student will need a clean, plain, light colored pillowcase by the end of April for Social Studies class. We will be writing on the pillowcase with an ultra fine-tipped Sharpie so they will need one of those as well.



Parents: Please keep East Junior High students safe. It is important to abide by safety rules when dropping off or picking up your son or daughter. All student drop offs and pick ups are on 6th Street. DO NOT drop your son or daughter off on Lincoln Street or Peach Street! Lincoln Street is reserved for buses only. Drop offs on Peach Street have been creating a hazard. Thank you for helping to keep all students safe at East Junior High.

Student Registration...has been completed, and we are now in the process of building the schedule for the 2009-10 school year. It is extremely difficult to change student classes after the schedule has been built. If your son or daughter wishes to change a course that they selected, please have them do this before May 1st. We will not make course changes after that date. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Tutoring and after school homework help...is available at East Junior High. If your son or daughter is struggling in a particular subject or having trouble with homework completion, please contact their counselor. Working together, we can help your child be successful.

Picture Day... is coming Thursday, April 23, 2009! Spring Portraits by Lifetouch offer casual, studio-style photography that gives students more freedom to create a look that's truly their own. Visit www.lifetouch.com for clothing suggestions, grooming tips, program details and more.

Students will receive informational packets from their English teachers. This is a "Look Before You Buy" offer. Parents will send no money now – families will be able to view student portraits before they buy. Student portrait packages will come home for parent review. Parents simply return any un-used portrait sheets and a payment for any portraits they have chosen to purchase. **There is no obligation to purchase anything.**

Also, Lifetouch studios will create a 9th grade photo montage of all graduating East Junior High 9th graders. The spring photos are the photos used in the montage. When you walk into East Junior High from the 6th street exit, you will see the montages from the past three years hanging on the wall. This framed photo will remain on display in the halls of East Junior High for years to come.

Lifetouch Studios provides East Junior High with a donation for every student that is photographed whether a package is purchased or not! This is a way to put money in our school's student activity fund. That is why we request all students to be photographed during their English classes on Thursday, April 23, 2009. There IS NO obligation to buy anything!!!

If parents have questions, they can contact Lifetouch at 920-733-3089 or 800-930-2526 M-F from 8AM-4PM.

Summer School...is available for current 9th graders from June 22—July 30 and is held at Lincoln High School. Summer School for current 7th & 8th graders will be held at West Junior High School from June 16—July 3. Information and registration was sent to students who failed core classes at the end of first semester. If you do not receive a packet but would like more information on Summer School, contact the Guidance Office at 422-6110.

Summer orchestra...is open to all orchestra students grades 5-12. Each student receives one 20-minute lesson per week and one large group rehearsal once a week from June 23-July 23 for a total cost of \$7.00. The same lessons with a private teacher would cost a minimum of \$80.00. You can get information from Mrs. Bergerson or at the String Festival.