NEW STAFF MEMBERS JOIN THE EMHS FACULTY

There have been some staff changes at East Meadow High School this fall. Please welcome the following teachers to our faculty at EMHS:

Assistant Principal—Christina Egan
Music Chairperson—Stephen Engle
Kristen Anderson—Special Education
Stephanie Levarone—Math
Allison Truchan—English
Zac Robason—Music


Welcome Dawn Gates to our Clerical Staff.

IMPORTANT DATES

9/16—2 pm—Football vs. Oceanside—Away
9/19—6:30 pm—Meet the Teacher Night
9/20—Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown
9/21-9/22—Rosh Hashanah - Schools Closed
9/23—2 pm—Football vs. Hicksville—Home
9/25—7 pm—Financial Aid Overview
9/27—Marching Band Clinic
9/29—Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown
10/4—Sukkot begins at Sundown
10/5—10/6—Sukkot
10/7—7:30 am—SAT at EMHS
10/7—3 pm—Football vs Farmingdale—Home
10/8—Long Island Columbus Day Parade
10/9—Columbus Day—Schools Closed
10/9—NYC Columbus Day Parade
10/11—6 pm—EMPC Meeting
10/11—7 pm—PTSA Meeting
10/12—Shmini Atzeret
10/13—Simchat Torah
10/14—7:30 am—PSAT at EMHS
10/14—2 pm—Football vs. Syosset—Away

UPCOMING GUIDANCE DATES

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The safety and security of our students and staff has been and will continue to be a priority. With that in mind, please be reminded of our enhanced safety measures and procedures for handling visitors. While we do not wish to inconvenience anyone, these procedures will help to reduce the number of unannounced visitors to the building.

Visitors to the school will be required to enter and exit via the main entrance. You may park in the designated visitors parking spaces in the front of the school alongside the Carman Avenue circle or alongside the spaces facing the Band Pavilion. All visitors will be required to show identification, sign the visitors’ registry, and obtain a visitor’s pass upon entering the building. Subsequently, visitors to the school with an appointment will proceed to the appropriate office. Unannounced visitors may be temporarily detained, as the building personnel must verify the purpose for the visit.

Four years ago we expanded our outreach and emergency notification system. Therefore, when completing your child’s Student Information and Health/Emergency Card, please note the following:

- All outreach calls as well as attendance calls will go to the number which has been designated as your home telephone number.
- If you wish to have attendance calls go to a different number, please contact the main office and indicate which number you would prefer.

To further our communication efforts, we are now able to text and email messages. All mobile telephone numbers and email addresses provided on the Student Information and Health/Emergency Card will receive messages as well.

- If you do not wish to receive communications via text messaging, be sure to OPT out of the service when prompted by your cellular carrier. When we send a text message out for the first time, you will receive a one-time message from your carrier asking you to accept or to OPT out of receiving future messages.
- If you do not wish to receive communications via email messages you can block those messages from your email carrier.

Please note that all Emergency Notifications will be delivered to all points of contact which you provided on your child’s Student Information and Health/Emergency Card.
**Attendance Notification at EMHS**

It is important that the school knows when a student is to be absent from school. As per District policy, please call the Attendance Office at EMHS if your child is going to be absent.

Between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and any time on the weekend, a message machine will record your information.

**The telephone number at EMHS is 228-5347.**

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**Important District Telephone Numbers**

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**Parking Reminders For Parents and Students**

In order to ensure the safety of everybody in the school, please abide by the following existing rules:

1. Park in the designated Visitors parking spaces in the front of the school alongside the Carman Ave circle or alongside the spaces facing the Band Pavilion.

2. Do not park in the circle on the right (east) side in front of the school. This space must remain clear for fire/emergency vehicles.

3. Do not park in Staff or Student parking spaces.

4. Visitors are reminded that they may enter the school only through the Main Lobby. Visitors may not enter the school through the Bus Alcove during the regular school day.

5. The Parking Lot in front of the “H Wing” on Carman Ave is for Faculty use only. Please do not drop off or pick up your children in this lot.

6. **Please drop your children off at the Bus Alcove in the morning.** Do not stop in the visitors area near the Band room. Parents stopping here and making u-turns are creating a dangerous situation for other parents, students and staff members. Please go directly to the Bus Alcove and drive around the parking area.

7. If you have any suggestions that would improve traffic flow around the school, please contact Mr. Brennan (Dean of Students at EMHS).

Let’s keep everybody safe.

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**Homecoming**

- **Saturday, October 28th**
  - The parade begins at 12:00 p.m.
  - The football game EMHS vs Long Beach begins at 2:00 p.m.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

- Wednesday, September 13th & Wednesday, October 11th 7:00 p.m.
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has signed legislation banning the use of electronic cigarettes on all public and private school grounds in New York State.

"Nicotine use in any form has shown to be damaging to teens, and this measure will close a dangerous loophole that allows e-cigarettes to be used in New York schools,"

According to the recent Surgeon General’s report, tobacco use among youth and young adults in any form, including e-cigarettes, is not safe: nicotine exposure during adolescence can cause addiction and can harm the developing adolescent brain. An objective of the New York State (NYS) Prevention Agenda is to reduce the prevalence of any tobacco product use by high school age youth to 15% by 2018. After years of downward trends in the use of tobacco products among high school youth in NYS, there has been a significant increase in the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS), which includes e-cigarettes. According to data from the NYS Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS): Cigarette smoking among high school age youth use declined by 84% between 2000 and 2016 achieving an all time low of 4.3% that report current smoking. In contrast, use of ENDS among high school age youth doubled between 2014 and 2016 from 10.5% to 20.6% making ENDS the most commonly used tobacco product surpassing cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and hookah.