



THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Ewing High School

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Dear Freshmen Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I hope this letter finds you safe, healthy, and enjoying your summer break. As the 2019-2020 school year approaches, it is my pleasure to officially welcome you to Ewing High School. High school is an exciting time full of many opportunities. We look forward to four successful years and graduation in June of 2023.

An orientation will be held on **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm for all freshman and new students. Bus transportation will be provided. Students should be at their scheduled bus stops one hour after their regularly assigned time for morning pick up. Bus schedules can be found under the summary tab in Genesis. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided. Upon arrival to school students should report to the gym where they will receive a welcome folder which will detail the events of the day. Students will be greeted by our Senior Peer Leaders and participate in various activities such as: a welcome assembly, building tours, ice breakers and pep rally. They will also have an opportunity to meet their teachers by following their class schedules on an abbreviated "Back to School" bell schedule.

The first day of school for all students will be on **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. School will begin promptly at 7:45 am with Block One classes. Students may enter the building at 7:15 am. Dismissal is at 2:30 pm. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$3.20. The menu for the first day of school is choice of: chicken nuggets with dip and seasoned noodles, grilled cheese sandwich or pepperoni pizza with seasoned green beans, fresh carrots and choice of fruit. Breakfast is also available from 7:15 to 7:35 for \$1.85.

All students at Ewing High School will be expected to wear lanyards containing their IDs during the school day for the 2019-20 school year. This approach was recommended to our team as a best practice during our school security training as the lanyard allows our staff to immediately identify our pupils. Furthermore, the district is moving increasingly towards "turnstile technology" which allows students to check-in at school locations like the main office, nurse or media center upon arrival by swiping their IDs, so we want our students to get in the practice of always having their cards. Fisher Middle School students will be given red lanyards with the FMS school logo, while EHS students will be presented and wear blue lanyards (*Ewing School District staff is moving to green lanyards*). Please partner with us to emphasize the importance of students always wearing their lanyards, and reinforce this throughout the school year. As a final note, please remember to consistently check your child's bags, to make sure nothing is coming to school that should not be present in our educational environment.

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We have been hard at work this summer with some major construction initiatives. Our parking lot is being expanded and repaved, our turf athletic field is being resurfaced, and as part of our security program we have installed a new signage and public address system in all our classrooms and hallways.

On the first day of school, each student will be given an agenda which details important policies and procedures. The agenda should also be used to record homework, test dates, projects, etc. Students will attend class meetings within the first couple of days of school to be introduced to an overview of our academic programs, learn about the many extracurricular activities, meet their class advisors, and review discipline and attendance policies. Student IDs and lanyards will also be distributed during this time.

Finally, we invite our parents and guardians to attend to our Freshman/Sophomore Parent Night at 5 pm and our Back to School Night on **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm. Go Blue Devils!

Sincerely,

Edward Chmiel  
Principal