2014-15 TALENDAR AND DISTRICT INFORMATION



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

On be half of the Board of Education, administrators, teachers and support staff, we knome to a new school year! We are pleased to send you the 2014-15 District Calendar and District information. Following our annual tradition, this calendar features many fine examples of student artwork, and throughout each month's activities, you will note an equally strong focus on academics, sports and citizenship education. We take justifiable pride in all facets of our educational program, as our commitment to excellence is reflected in the achievements of our students.

The last pages of this calendarare designed to familiarize you with the programs, policies and services of ourschools, and provide you with a quick reference for events and meetings throughout this school year. We also encourage you to make www.eastauroraschools.org your family's intermet home page for news and information throughout the year. There you will find many informative links, like the EA Portal, the main gate way for students, parents and staff.

With your help, we will continue to work to gether in our mission to support the development of each student as a contributing, self-fulfilling and caring citizen.

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Brian D. Russ, Superintendent of Schools

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The East Aurora School District will provide environments, experiences, materials and professional talents to help each student prepare to live in society as a contributing, self-fulfilling and caring citizen.

The school will endeavor to develop, in each student, a lifelong desire for knowledge and the skills to acquire it. The school will promote learning in the context of common sense, hope for a better future and a deep respect for humanity.

About This Calendar

All calendar artwork was created by art or technology students in the East Aurora School District. The color artwork on the front and back covers was accepted into the 2014 Superintendent's Art Collection.

The public is cordially invited to attend all events listed in this calendar as well as those programs that could not be scheduled in time for this publication. Also, events are subject to changes due to weather and other emergency situations. This information and current athletic schedules can be obtained from school offices and at the District we besite, www.e a stauror as chools.org.

On the June calendar, please note that the last regular day of school for grades K-8 and local exam dates for grades 9-12 are contingent on the number of emergency days used during the school year and are subject to change.



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Middle School, Grades 5-8 430 Main Street



High School, Grades 9-12 1003 Center Street

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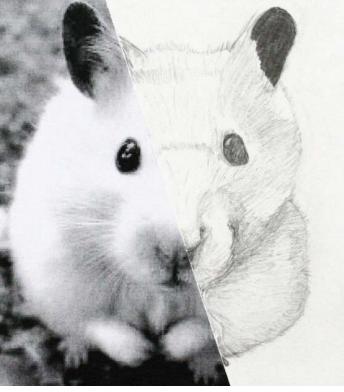
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Superintendent's Conference Day

PE Kindergarten Orientation, by invitation only

Fall modified sports begin, 3 PM

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Early release K-12

Homecoming Parade, 1:30 PM

Homecoming Football game, HS, 7:30 PM

5	HS/PTO meeting, 7 PM	7	MS school pictures Board of Education meeting, MS library, 7 PM	PE Fall Festival, 6 - 8 PM	Superintendent's Conference Day No School	SAT, HS, 8 AM
12	Columbus Day - No School	14	DPC meeting, Superintendent's Office, 12 noon Selection classification application deadline for wintersports	I	17	I8 PSAT, HS, 8 AM
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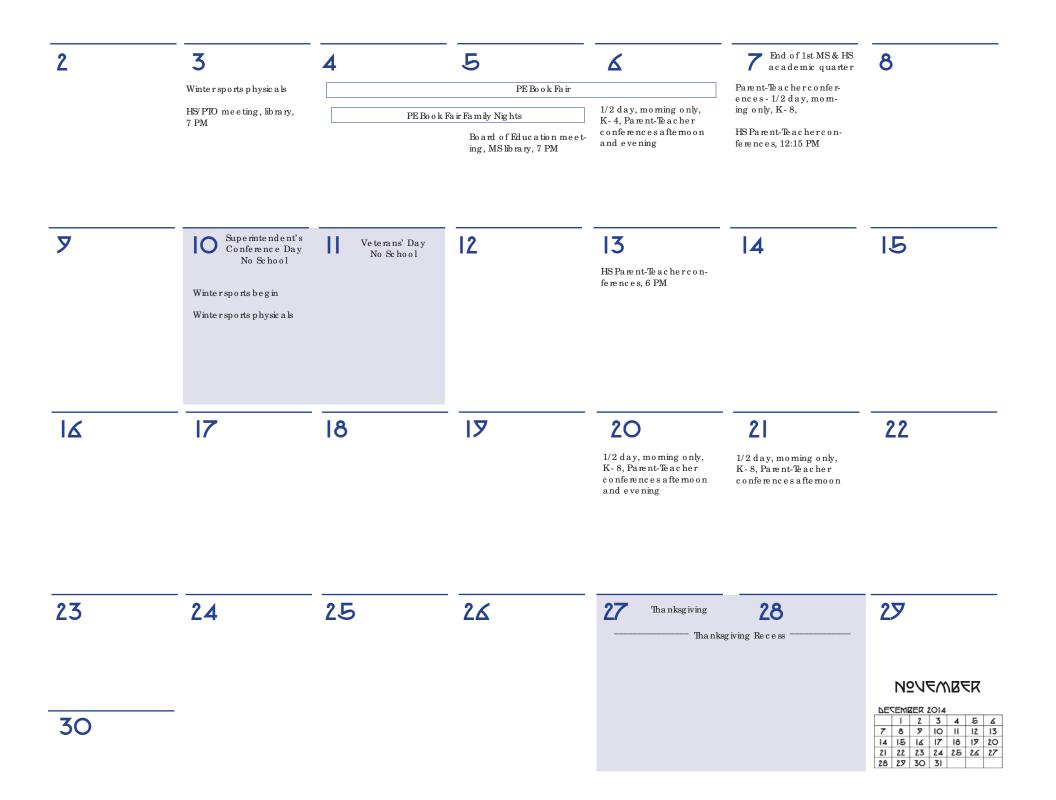
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HS/PTO meeting, library, 7 PM

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College Financial Aid Planning Night, HS, 6:30 PM

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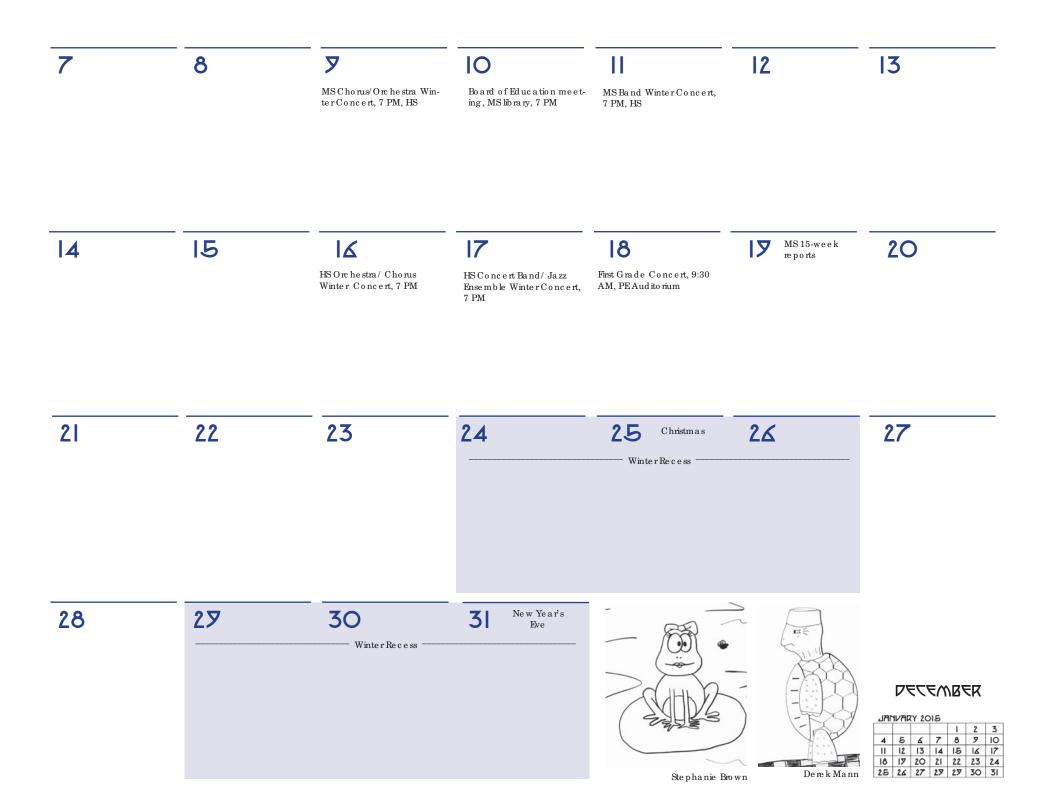
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18	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School	PTO/EL meeting, PEcafeteria, 9:15 AM	DPC meeting, Superintendent's Office, 12 noon Open House at EAHS for 8th grade parents and students	22	End of HS 2nd academic quarter	EC MEA SH Instrume ntal, choral Quartet and Vocal Jazz auditions, location
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Second semester begins

HS/PTO meeting, 7 PM

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PE Valentine Fundraiser

Bo ard of Education meeting, MS library, 7 PM

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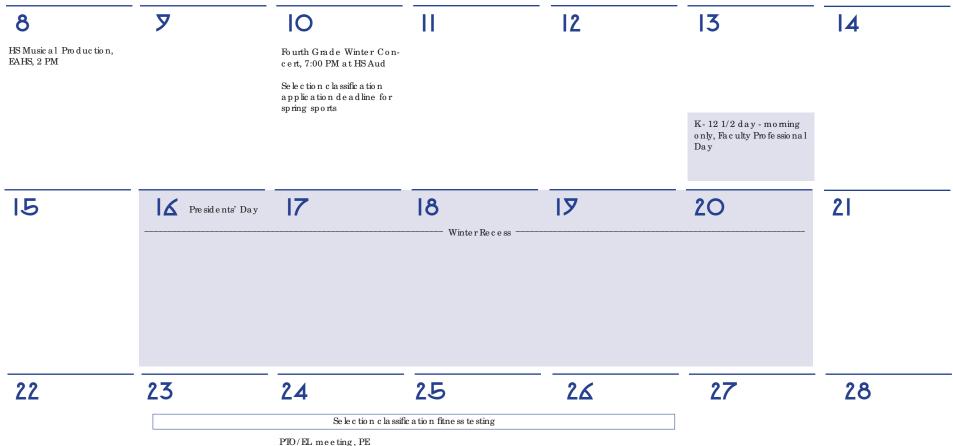
Third Grade Concert, 9:30 AM, PE Auditorium

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HS Music al Production, EAHS, 7 PM



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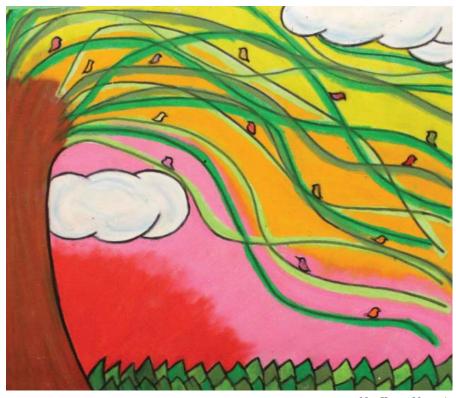
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HS/PTO meeting, 7 PM

Spring sport physicals

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ECMEA Elementary Rehearsals, locations TBD

Board of Education meeting, MS library, 7 PM

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PEK-4 Family Science Night, 6-8 PM FRI

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EC MEA Jazz Rehearsals, concert at Amherst HS **SAT**

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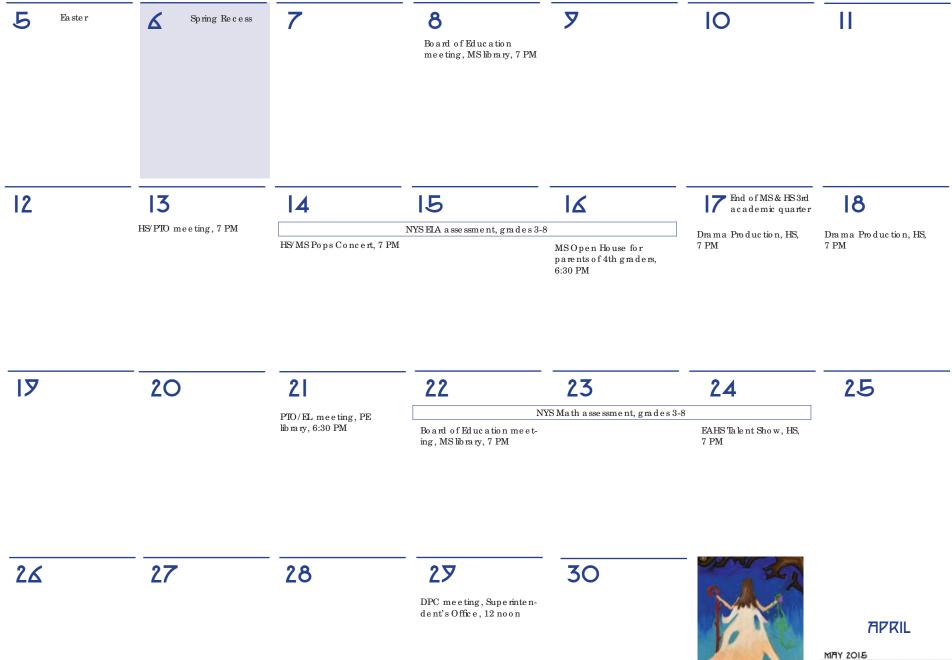
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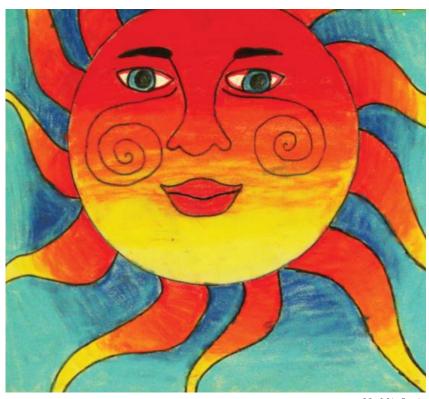
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PE Staff Appreciation Luncheon **SAT**

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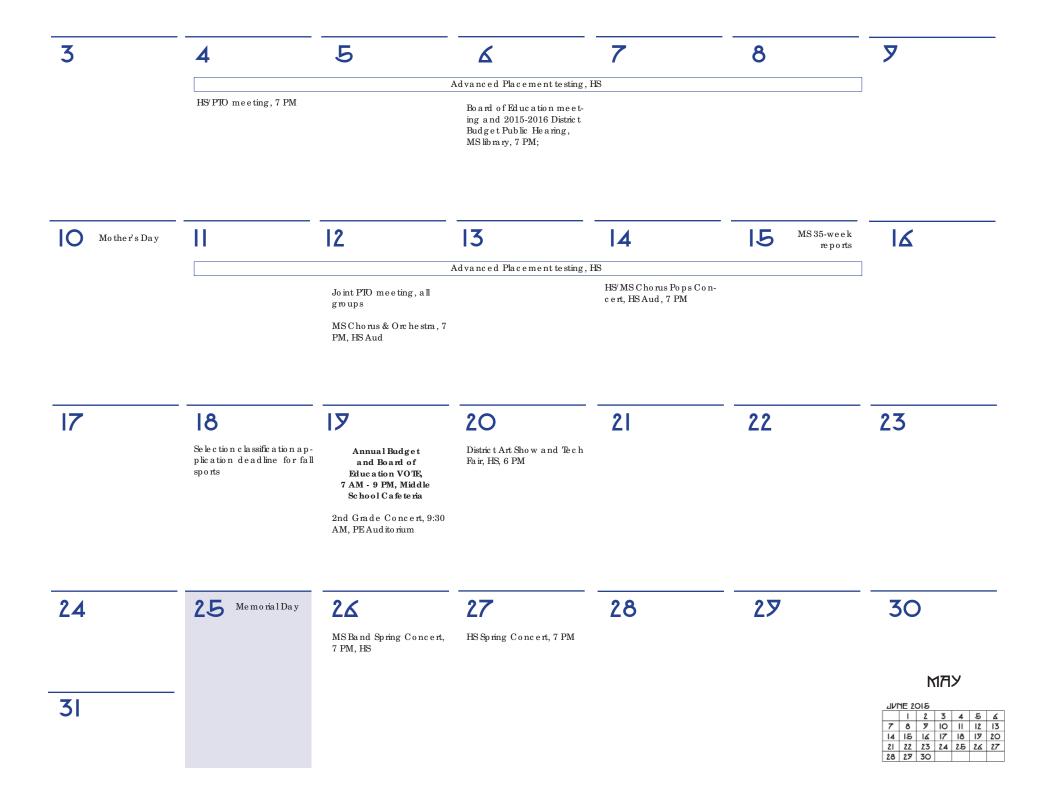




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Grades 4 & 8 NYS Science exams

HS/PTO meeting, 7 PM

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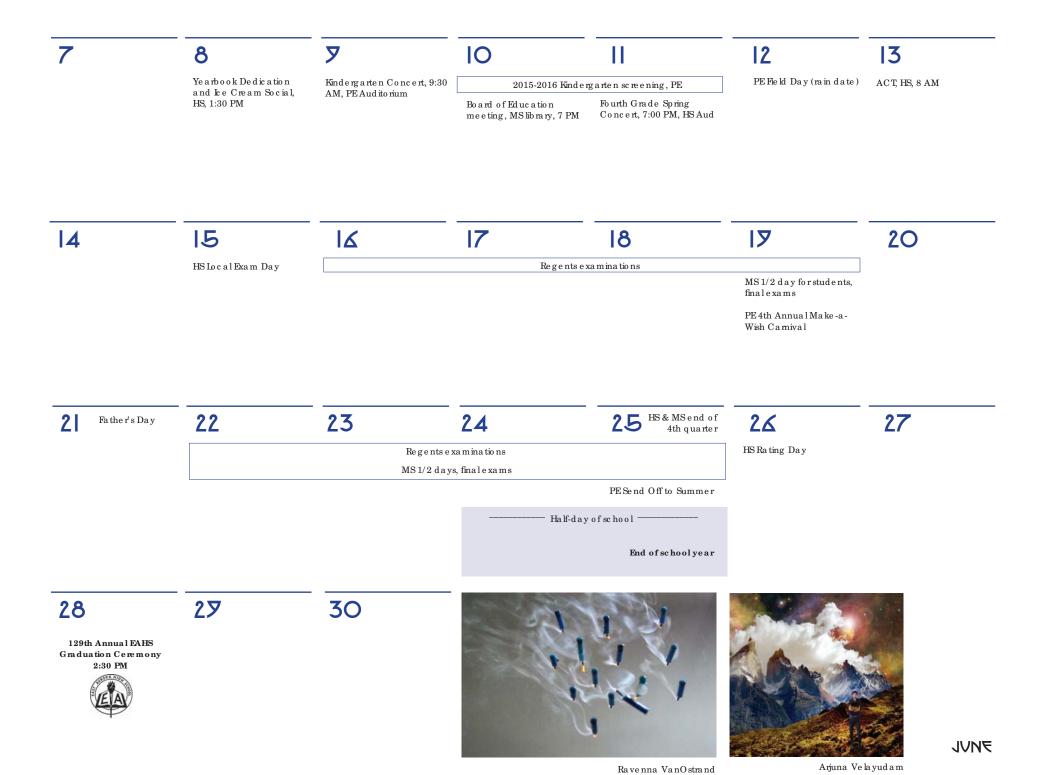
PE/PTO meeting, library, 6:30 PM

NHS Induction and Awards Ceremony, HS, 7 PM

Taste of International Studies, 6:30 PM, HS

PE Field Day

8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony



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Board of Education

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All regular Board of Education meetings generally are scheduled for Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary and appropriate. Confirm schedule at the District website, www.eastauroraschools.org.

School election for board candidates and budget will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM at the Middle Street School cafeteria.

Voter Qualifications

To vote in a school election for board candidates, the budget, or special referenda, a person must be a qualified voter. Voters should be prepared to prove that they meet these qualifications in the event that any question arises regarding eligibility. To be qualified, a voter must be:

- · a citizen of the United States.
- · eighteen years of age or older,
- a resident of the East Aurora Union Free School District for at least 30 days preceding the election.

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Communication

Parents are urged to contact their child's teacher(s) as the primary source of communication with the school.

The District website, www.eastauroraschools.org, the East Aurora Advertiser, The East Aurora Bee, The Buffalo News, and The Challenger (District newsletter) are used to keep the parents and taxpayers informed on school matters. The Advertiser and The East Aurora Bee are the official District newspapers.

If You Have a Question

If you have a question or concern, try to obtain satisfactory resolution by contacting District personnel in this order: teacher, building administrator, related supervisor (transportation, cafeteria, buildings and grounds, pupil personnel, community/continuing education), business administrator (for business, cafeteria, buildings and

grounds), superintendent.

If you have followed the above procedures and have not obtained satisfactory resolution, you are encouraged to contact the President of the Board of Education either in writing or personally. Should you need to communicate further, a time has been set aside for visitor comments at each Board meeting.

The Board has established the following procedure for visitor comments at a Board meeting:

- persons addressing the Board shall first be recognized by the Board President.
- the speaker shall then provide his/her name and address both orally and in writing (a sign-in sheet is located near the entrance for this purpose).
- speakers who read from a prepared text are encouraged to present copies of that text to Board members prior to speaking, or to the District Clerk within 24 hours after the meeting.
- the President may impose time limits for each speaker.
- members of the Board will listen to the remarks of the speakers, but action will not be taken until such time as the Board is properly prepared to address issues raised by the speaker.
- the Board will respond to all communications by whatever means seem most appropriate.

Policies and Procedures

Discipline

Effective discipline in the schools requires concerted support and participation from parents, students, teachers and administrators. Each building principal in the District, therefore, establishes an advisory group of parents, teachers, administrators and students to review and recommend changes in existing codes of conduct and disciplinary procedures and to suggest activities leading to a disciplined atmosphere for learning. The advisory group is responsible to the building principal. Refer to the handbook for each school for further information on discipline policies.

Student Dress Code

Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student attire and appearance. All students are expected to dress in a safe and modest manner that is not distracting or disruptive to the learning environment. Distracting items may not be limited to the items listed below:

These rules are to ensure appropriate attire throughout the course of daily activities:

- A student's dress, grooming and appearance, including hair style/color/jewelry, make-up and nails, shall be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Students must wear appropriate footwear at all times. Specific buildings may prohibit certain footwear for safety reasons. Please refer to their handbook.
- · Skirts, dresses and shorts must be at an appropriate length.
- · Cleavage should not be showing.
- Bare torsos, including midriffs are not allowed. No 'sagging' of pants.
- All underwear must be completely covered.
- Extremely brief garments, such as tube tops, net tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front or back) and see-through garments are not appropriate.
- Hats, hoods, visors, and sunglasses are not to be worn inside the building, except for religious or medical purposes, or with the building principal's permission.
- A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol; tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
- Each building principal shall notify students who violate the student dress code and students shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary, replace it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to further discipline, up to and including out of school suspension.

These guidelines have been reviewed by faculty, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all students.

Fire Drills

Any actual or suspected fire must be reported immediately. The signal for a fire or fire drill will be a series of loud buzzes separate and distinguishable from the regular change bell, along with flashing lights. The students are expected to follow directions according to the room or area of the building they are in. Exit procedures are posted in all rooms. Students are to move quietly and quickly. Failure to use appropriate self-discipline in a time of emergency may result in danger to self and others; offenders may be suspended from school

Health Services

The District employs registered professional nurses in each school building. In addition to providing first aid and emergency care, the nurses maintain a complete health history for each student. This involves screening all students new to the District, collecting immunization records, arranging physical exams, completing vision and hearing screening, and arranging annual scoliosis screening for students between the ages of 8 and 16. The nurse will administer medications to students following the guidelines presented below (Medications). Immunization against polio, measles, diphtheria, rubella and mumps is required by New York State law prior to entering school. All students must have a second measles immunization and a Hepatitis B immunization.

Parents are notified of serious illness or injury. If a parent cannot be reached at home, a telephone number should be provided to the school to enable the parent to be contacted. Parents should also provide the school with the name and telephone number of the family physician and at least two other emergency phone numbers for persons who will assume responsibility for their child.

Physical Examinations

Physical examinations are required and provided for students new to the District, for students participating in interscholastic sports, for students referred to the Committee on Special Education and for students in grades K, 1, 3, 7 and 10.

Parents may secure physical examinations at their own expense through their family health care provider. In this event, a physical examination form must be obtained from the school nurse and completed by the private physician.

Unless the school nurse is notified by the first Monday of October of the private physician's examination, students requiring physicals will be scheduled for examination by the school physician.

Medications

No medications (including non-prescription drugs, but inhalers are allowed) can be administered to students in school without written permission from both the parent and the prescribing physician. Medications must be brought to the health office by the parent in the original container. Under no circumstances should medications be sent to school with children.

Attendance Policy

The East Aurora Board of Education has established the minimum number of days a student is required to attend class in order to receive credit for that course.

The purpose of the policy is to emphasize the importance of regular attendance as an important commitment to a complete education. The importance of regular attendance transfers readily to the world of work and higher education.

The New York State Commissioner of Education has ruled that when a Board of Education adopts such a policy, school officials may not distinguish between excused and unexcused absences. This means that all absences from class will be counted. It is a student's responsibility to decide if he or she can afford to miss class for college visits, family vacation days, etc.

This policy applies to all students taking high school level classes, including resident students of high school age placed by the District into special education or alternative High School programs.

Copies of this policy and its procedures for enforcement are available from the High School office.

Admittance After Absence

On the day the student returns to school after any absence, he/she must present a written note explaining the absence. The excuse should contain: dates of absence, reason for absence, signature of parent or guardian.

Reasons for Absence

The school law of the State of New York requires that all children between the ages 6 and 17 attend school.

Absence for the following reasons is excused by the law: sickness or death in the family, religious observances, quarantine, required court appearances or attendance at organized clinics.

Examples of unexcused absences may include family trips or

vacation, job hunting, employment (including paper routes and babysitting), shopping and hunting.

Truancy

A child whose parents expect him/her to be in school is truant if he/ she does not attend for other than lawful reasons.

Whenever possible, medical and dental appointments should be scheduled outside of school time. It is recommended that students who have such appointments on a regular basis should, if possible, avoid missing the same class each time.

Children learn best through consistent attendance at school.

Home Teaching

Home Teaching is available for students who are ill and are expected to be confined to their homes or a hospital for a minimum of ten consecutive school days following the date the request for Home Teaching is received.

Home Teaching requests must be made by the parents of the child, in writing, to the Director of Pupil Services. The parent request must be accompanied by a written statement from the attending physician requesting Home Teaching. The attending physician's statement must include: 1) the nature of the illness 2) whether the illness presents any health risks to a visiting teacher 3) the approximate date of the student's expected return to school. Note that the child must be expected to be absent for ten days AFTER the request is received.

All information furnished the school will be held in strict confidence.

Students receiving Home Teaching will be given as complete a program as is practicable. Emphasis will be placed on basic academic subjects and Home Teaching will not be offered in subjects requiring specialized equipment or space. Students in grades K-6 receive instruction five (5) hours per week. Students in grades 7-12 receive instruction ten (10) hours per week.

School Closings

When school must be closed due to inclement weather or some other emergency situation, the announcement will be made at our website at www.eastauroraschools.org, by email or text notification. In addition to our existing self-registering text and email e-alert system at www.eastauroraschools.org/register, we are introducing Power Announcement in the 2014-15 school year. Power Announcement allows schools to send messages to district families using email and voice messaging to a preferred address or telephone number. Eventually, text messaging will also be an available option through Power Announcement, as it is integrated with the existing PowerSchool Parent Portal. During the fall semester, parents will be able to view and modify their contact information and select their preferred contact methods. The Power Announcement system can be used for many types of notifications, including emergency closings, attendance, reminders, cancellations, etc.

For broadcast media notices, it is the policy of Buffalo radio and TV stations to announce ONLY THOSE SCHOOLS THAT ARE CLOSED before 7:00 AM of the day school will be closed. District staff notifies radio stations as soon as the decision to close school is made, but the District does not control broadcasting of the closing notice, and you should not rely solely on this method of notification. Because of the early start of many of the buses, the decision to close school must be made before 6:30 AM. Please understand the primary factor in reaching this decision is the safety of the students. Weather and road conditions vary widely in different parts of the District with the result that favorable conditions in your locale may not be duplicated throughout the District.

Parents and students should not call the school or school personnel to inquire about the decisions concerning school closings. The Superintendent makes the final decision. Many telephone calls must be made and received by school personnel before and after the decision to close. Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Student Record Files

A student's permanent record begins in Kindergarten. This information may be reviewed at any time with either the student's principal or school counselor. All student records are held in strict confidence. They are not released to anyone outside the school without written consent.

Each parent or guardian will receive annual notice of their right to confidentiality of records.

Visitors

Parents are encouraged to visit the school to meet the teacher(s), principal and school counselor. Appointments for conferences may be requested through the principal's office or with the person directly involved.

All visitors must report to the offices, sign in, and obtain a visitor's pass before going elsewhere in the buildings. For the protection of the students, it is necessary that we know who is in the buildings at all times.

Students are discouraged from bringing guests to school with them. Should unusual circumstances arise that necessitate bringing a guest to school, arrangements must be made in advance with the principal. In the elementary school, children not enrolled in the school may not visit classes unless accompanied by an adult

Student Accident Insurance

The East Aurora Union Free School District does not provide student accident insurance coverage. Parents are advised to familiarize themselves with the benefits provided through their existing insurance. Please note the District has not carried this insurance since 1992.

School Book Store

The High School Book Store affords students the opportunity to purchase school supplies. Please refer to the school handbook for further information.

Lockers

Lockers are provided for student use in the Middle School and High School. Please refer to the individual school handbook for locker information. Students are encouraged to purchase locks for High and Middle School gym lockers.

Elevators

Parkdale and the Main Street building have passenger elevators for use by those who have difficulty climbing stairs. Contact the office in each school for information about using the elevator.

Telephones

Public telephones are provided in the schools for the students' use. Students shall follow school guidelines for the use of the phone during the school day. Telephone messages, except those from adults in the student's immediate family, will not be taken for the student. They will not be called from any classroom to the telephone except for emergency calls from an adult in the family.

Transportation

Bus Discipline

Rules of conduct for bus riders have been established by the Superintendent of Schools and are distributed to all students before or during the first week of school each year.

Students who violate rules of conduct for bus riders may be suspended from bus riding privileges for a maximum of five days for any one offense. Repeated or flagrant violators may be suspended for periods of time longer than five days. Riding the bus is a privilege and may be withdrawn if the student does not comply with the District's rules and regulations.

Students riding school buses are expected to conform to the rules of conduct in order to permit the bus driver to transport his/her passengers safely.

Suspension from bus riding privileges up to five days may be given by building principals. Suspension for periods of time greater than five days may be given only by the Superintendent of Schools. Such long-term suspensions will be given only after a conference with the parent/guardian of the student.

Students suspended from bus riding privileges are required to continue to be in attendance in school.

The Superintendent of Schools has developed guidelines for school bus drivers for disciplining students and procedures for reporting incidents to the appropriate school officials.

Parking Permits

A limited number of parking permits for high school students will be issued by the administration. Preference will be given to senior students with special circumstances.

Special Requests

Special transportation requests for each school year must have been received by building principals, in writing, prior to April 1 of the preceding school year. This includes requests for special education transportation, transportation to private schools in or outside of the District and transportation to and from school in those instances when the child will not be picked up or dropped off at his or her residence.

Once a child has been assigned to a bus route from home or childcare location to school in the morning and a bus route to home or a child care location at the end of the school day, requests for changes in bus routes will not be approved.

In order that the District may be accountable for the location and safety of children using the school transportation system, all bus route assignments must be consistent. That is, students may not ride one bus route one day, a second bus route the next day.

The purpose of the school transportation system is to bring children to school in the morning and return them in the afternoon. The District will not approve requests to change bus routes for the purpose of individuals or groups visiting other students or attending events such as birthday parties.

In the event of an emergency, building principals have the authority to arrange for variances in pickup points and destinations as long as those changes are within the student's originally assigned bus route.

Registration

New Residents

Families moving into the District are asked to call the Central Office at 687-2309 for information regarding the proper school at which to register. All registrations of new students are handled in the school of attendance. Parents should have all necessary transfer information supplied by the student's previous school.

Kindergarten

Any child who will be five years of age on or before December 1 is eligible to register.

A pre-school registration and screening of kindergarten children is held each spring at the Parkdale Elementary School. Students not registered at this time will be screened in September.

Records Needed for Registration

Parents are asked to bring proof of a child's age when they register him/her. A birth certificate is required. Also required is proof of immunization against rubella (German measles), rubeola (measles), diphtheria, polio, mumps and Hepatitis B.

Co-Curricular and Interscholastic Activities

High School

Interscholastic Athletic Activities

Girls

Clubs

Adventure Club	Buys	Giris
	Baseball	Basketball
A.F.S. Club	Basketball	Lacrosse
National Honor Society	Soccer	Soccer
Auroran Yearbook	Lacrosse	Cheerleading
Orchestra	Swimming	Softball
Band	Cross Country	Cross Country
Musical	Tennis	Swimming
Drama Production	Football	Field Hockey
Chorus	Track	Tennis
Key Club	Golf	Golf
Science Club	Wrestling	Track
Literary Magazine	Volleyball	Volleyball

Boys

Access the up-to-the-minute interscholastic sports schedule by clicking on the "Sport Calendar" link on www.eastauroraschools.org/athletics. Middle School Intramural schedules are sent home in student packets after the start of school.

The athletic schedule for the upcoming week can also be found on the athletic hotline by dialing 687-2517 and following the voice prompt. The athletic schedule is also posted monthly on Public Cable Access Television Channel 97 and weekly in the East Aurora Advertiser.

Middle School

Spirit Club

S.A.D.D.

D.E.C.A.

Model U.N. Club

Future Educators

Student Council SADD

Yearbook/Publications

Student Government

Academic Challenge Club

Clubs

Intramurals Modified Sports (Grades 7 & 8) **Builders Club Badminton** Arts and Crafts Basketball Fall DECA Girls and Boys Drama Club Swimming Cross Country **Explorers Club** Floor Hockey International Club Girls and Boys Flag Football Latin Club Soccer Marching Band Pickleball Math Club Winter KanJam Jazz Ensemble Girls and Boys National Junior Honor Society Basketball Science Club Spirit Club Wrestling Strings Club

High School and Middle School parents and students, please note standards for participation on the next page, including co-curricular interscholastic eligibility, substance prohibition, academic progress and attendance.

Co-Curricular Interscholastic Eligibility Standards

Your son or daughter may be a candidate for the privilege of participating in an extracurricular activity or on an interscholastic sport team. These activities are important components of our total educational program and we urge parents and students to seriously discuss the impact of the very strict eligibility standards a student must follow to remain qualified for these activities. Please refer to East Aurora High School Student Handbook for specific eligibility standards. Sample information includes:

Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Standards

In order to participate in any high school extracurricular or interscholastic athletic activity a student shall not at any time during the activity or sport season:

- use tobacco (which includes chewing tobacco and smoking tobacco);
- · use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol, or
- use, possess, consume, be under the influence of, buy, sell, or give away any alcohol, marijuana or controlled substance, nor any substance represented as a controlled substance (a look-alike).

Academic Progress Standards

Students failing two or more subjects may be declared ineligible for participation in any high school extracurricular and interscholastic athletic activities

Attendance Standards

A student must have attended classes and participated (if scheduled) in physical education class to be eligible to participate in high school extracurricular or interscholastic athletic activities on any given day. The only exception allowed would be due to unusual circumstances and with prior approval from the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics or the Principal.

Report Cards

Elementary School (K-4)

Parents are scheduled for a conference during late fall and receive the report card from their child's teacher at that time. Report cards are issued three times per year (trimesters).

Middle School (5-8)

Report cards are issued every 10 weeks. A progress report may also be sent out to parents at the end of the fifth week between report cards. Parents who wish to discuss their child's progress should contact the classroom teacher at any time for an appointment.

High School (9-12)

Report cards are issued in November, February, April and June. Parents who wish to discuss their child's progress should contact the classroom teacher at any time for an appointment.

Testing

New York State requires pupil evaluation in the elementary and middle school grades. Students will take the following New York State assessments in 2014-15:

- · Grades 3-8, ELA and mathematics
- Grades 4 and 8. Written Science and Performance Science

Your student's building principal will release testing schedules as soon as they are available from the NYSED testing office.

More information about NYS testing can be found at the NYS Education Department's Standards, Assessment and Reporting homepage at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/apda/

Parents should avoid scheduling appointments or vacations during these dates. Make-up dates also will be noted at the website above.

Various Regents examinations are required to be taken by students at the High School. Students should see the high school counselors for details.

Homework

The District supports the role of homework as a pivotal factor in the development of self-discipline, good work habits and the educational process. Homework should have different purposes at different grades. For younger students, it should foster positive attitudes, habits and character traits. For older students, it should facilitate knowledge acquisition in specific topics. To the extent possible, homework will not be assigned over District recess.

School Effectiveness Councils

The East Aurora Schools support an expanded decision making role for school staff and members of the community. This is based on the belief that expertise from each segment of the school community can result in more effective and efficient recommendations and decisions for the operation of the schools. Better decision making means better District programming for all learners.

Each school has identified a group of staff and community members to serve as decision-makers for that school. Each group is known as the School Effectiveness Council (SEC) and may include representatives of the parents, students, teachers, administrators, support staff and community.

School Effectiveness Councils may participate in the decision making that determines the school's direction in areas such as curriculum, staffing, assessment, fiscal planning, building schedules, staff development and public relations. They may also identify indicators of general school effectiveness and determine criteria to be used to evaluate improvement in student achievement.

Pupil Services

School Counseling

The goals of the school counseling program are to provide social, emotional and career assistance and direction.

These services are provided by certified school counselors in each school. At all levels, counseling services are supplemented by the services of a school psychologist. At the Middle School, the counselors provide individual and group counseling services, as well as consultation services to parents and Middle School staff.

The counselor visits classrooms to discuss various topics such as bully prevention, safe schools, violence prevention and healthy decision making. In preparation for high school, the counselor meets with the eighth grade students to review interests and academic skills. At this time, plans are made for future course selections and career decisions.

Ninth graders are then seen in small groups during the first month of school to aid in the transition to the high school and to address any questions or concerns. Tenth graders are seen in December to become acquainted with the BOCES Occupational Programs and are given the opportunity to visit any program that might be of interest. Eleventh grade is a year of extensive post-graduation planning.

A typical East Aurora graduating class finds 55% of its students enrolled in four-year colleges, 20% enrolled in two-year colleges, 15-20% graduating from occupational programs and about 3% entering the Armed Forces. Twelfth grade is a time for making specific decisions. The counseling staff relies heavily on computer services which list information on over 1,750 colleges, 1,000 careers, financial aid, scholarships and the Armed Forces.

If secondary school students or their parents have any questions about academic programs, scheduling, graduation requirements or postgraduate plans, they should contact their school counselor.

Family Support Center

The Family Support Center is located at Middle School. A joint effort between the East Aurora School District and a number of community agencies, the Center is designed to address family concerns that affect academic performance. Parents may contact Mrs. Carrie Cole at 687-2445 for more information.

Project D.A.R.E.

(Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

This is a cooperative effort between the East Aurora Schools and the East Aurora Police Department. The program now operates in the second, fourth and sixth grades with a police officer teaching students the following: building self-esteem, managing stress, resisting peer pressure and resisting pro-drug media messages.

Students also learn how to "Say No To Drugs" and why to say "No." Now known as D.AR.E. America, the program continues each year to build a D.A.R.E. community.

Psychological Services

The District employs three certified school psychologists who are available to students for diagnostic testing, group counseling and/ or crisis counseling for school-related problems and concerns. Diagnostic testing may include intelligence testing, achievement testing, and developmental or personality testing. Referrals must be made through the classroom teacher and building principal.

Committee on Special Education (CSE)

The CSE is an interdisciplinary team, appointed by the Board of Education. The Committee has the responsibility of identifying and recommending appropriate programs for all students needing special education services. The Committee includes a psychologist, physician, special education teacher, regular education teacher, school administrator and a parent of a special education child.

The philosophy of the Committee is to:

- · identify students in need of services as early as possible.
- place them in the least restrictive (most normal) environment in which they can experience success.
- return students to a regular education program as soon as possible.

Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)

The District also provides services to students ages 3 to 5 who require special education services. Children in need of special services are evaluated by approved preschool agencies and then reviewed by the District CPSE.

Each child identified as needing special education services receives an Individual Education Plan (IEP) which outlines the child's needs and specifies the services needed. Each child's program is reviewed at least annually. Parents are encouraged to participate in each step of the process.

Parents of school age children who feel their child may require special education should contact their building principal. Parents of children ages 3 to 5 should contact the Special Education Office at 687-2313.

Full Access to Programs for All Students

Equal Employment and Educational Opportunity (Title IX)

The East Aurora School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, handicap or national origin in access to its programs and activities.

No person shall be denied employment solely because of any physical, mental, or medical impairment that is unrelated to the person's ability to engage in activities involved in the job for which application has been made.

Inquiries concerning this policy may be referred to the School Business Manager, 430 Main St., East Aurora at 687-2304.

Section 504

It is the policy of the District not to discriminate on the basis of disability in both its educational programs and employment practices. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 requires the District to evaluate and determine if individuals suspected of having disabilities require accommodations necessary to provide access to educational facilities and programs. Parents or guardians who feel their child may require accommodations in school due to a disability may contact the Pupil Personnel Director, Section 504 Coordinator, at 687-2313.

Access to Records

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) entitles parents, guardians, and students over the age of 18 the right to review relevant educational records. For more information, contact your building principal or program administrator.

Academic Intervention Services

AIS programs are offered throughout the District. Specific criteria and program information can be obtained through the office of the Pupil Personnel Director at 687-2313.

Speech, Hearing and Language Services

Children suspected of having communication problems may be referred to this program by teachers, parents or health service personnel. The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) are responsible for determining whether a child possesses a disability in speech, language or hearing.

Community Education

www.eastauroraschools.org/adulteducation The brightest minds are still learning

Community Education recognizes that learning is a continuous process throughout life, that people learn in many different ways, that opportunities for learning need to be available to all ages in diverse settings and at a variety of times, and that learners require support and encouragement to participate.

The Community Education Office is located in the Middle School at 430 Main Street in East Aurora. Phone 687-2311 for information or to be added to an email list of department news.

The following are current Community Education activities:

Classes for Adults and Children

A wide variety of quality self-improvement classes is offered throughout the calendar year. Fitness programs, crafts, foreign languages, the arts, skills and various academic topics are included. A detailed listing of classes is published on the website at www.eastauroraschools.org/adulteducation, and in each issue of the District newsletter, *The Challenger*. New ideas for classes are always welcome.

Online classes are available in East Aurora's Continuing/Community Education program at www.ed2go.com/eastaurora.

Jointly Planned Programs

Jointly sponsored classes are offered each semester. Our office has contacts for study programs leading to a high school equivalency diploma (GED), as well as "English as a second language" and literacy programs. Watch *The Challenger* for other jointly planned programs.

The Gold Card Club

Senior citizens (District residents age 62 and older) are "welcomed back to school" with discounts and free admission to a variety of school sponsored activities. Applications are available at the Community Education Office.

Driver Education

The Continuing/Community Education Program offers the Driver Education Completion Card MV-285 (formerly known as the blue card program) three times a year, or as needed, on a self-supporting basis. Class size is limited.

Also, the NYS 5-hour Prelicensing and NYS Defensive Driving courses for driver safety are offered several times during the school

year. Students should call the Continuing Education office at 687-2311 to receive information about either program.

School District Buildings and Grounds

Community Use of School Facilities

After school use of school buildings is coordinated by the Buildings and Grounds office at 687-2305. Recreation programs, fundraising events, scouts, fairs, shows, meetings and tournaments are examples of the hundreds of activities which provide the community with access to the excellent facilities of the District.

Forms to request building use are available in each school office, or online at www.eastauroraschools.org/buildings.

Integrated Pest Management Pesticide Use Notification

New York State Education Law requires school districts to inform staff and persons in parental relations of pesticide use in district buildings and on district grounds. The pesticide notification process consists of three parts:

- 1. Initial Annual Notification At the beginning of each school year all staff and persons in parental relations will be informed that there is potential pesticide use at school facilities (buildings and grounds); that the school district will maintain a list of individuals wishing to receive notification 48 hours prior to actual pesticide use. The list will be valid for the current academic school year, only one submission is required for the period July 1 June 30; and contact information for the district Integrated Pest Management. Some pest management methods use traps rather than sprayed pesticides. The lower toxicity of traps allows containment of pesticides and the use of traps DO NOT require 48-hour notice.
- 2. 48-Hour Prior Notification Staff and persons in parental relations may ask to be notified 48 hours in advance of pesticide use in facilities where they regularly work or have children regularly attending classes. The District must keep a list of these individuals and provide them with written notification at least 48 hours before certain pesticide usage; giving date, location and name of pesticide used.
- 3. Interim (Summary) Notifications Within two days of the

end of winter and spring recess, and within 10 days of the end of the school year, all staff and persons in parental relations must be notified of pesticide use since the last notification.

During the current school year it may be necessary to use pesticides at the East Aurora Union Free School District facilities to meet pest management goals. If you have any questions about the Integrated Pest Management Program or pesticide use at the East Aurora Union Free School District, contact the Buildings and Grounds Department at 687-2305.

School districts are required to keep a list of individuals wishing to be notified at least 48 hours before pesticide use at the facilities in which they work or have a child attending classes. If you wish to have your name placed on the 48-hour pesticide notification list, please complete the form found at http://www.eastauroraschools.org/Pesticide and return it to the address listed. The list will be valid for the current academic school year. Only one (1) submission is required for the period July 1 – June 30.

Asbestos Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires school districts to inform school employees, building occupants, or their legal guardians about asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response action activities, including triennial re-inspections and visual surveillance activities annually. Notifications and warnings are to inform employees, building occupants or others with the potential to come in contact with building Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM). The notification and warning program is mandatory.

At least once every 6 months each local education agency shall conduct periodic surveillance in each building that it leases, owns, or otherwise uses as a school building that contains ACBM or is assumed to contain ACBM. At least once every 3 years each local education agency shall conduct a re-inspection of all friable and non-friable known or assumed ACBM in each school building that they lease, own or otherwise use as a school building.

The first initial inspection at the East Aurora Union Free School District was performed on October 12, 1988. Since that time, the East Aurora Union Free School District has been in compliance and has had 6 month inspections and triennial inspections performed as per OSHA standards by Stohl Environmental, LLC.

The District has undergone the 2013 Triennial AHERA Re-Inspection which was performed March 6 & 7, 2013. At that time NO bulk samples were collected at any of the buildings.

The Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the Buildings and Grounds Office. To set up an appointment call 687-2305.

School District Website, News and Publications

www.eastauroraschools.org

Parents will want to make the site above their family home page, with its links to every District school and department, as well as registration for emergency school news and closing alerts by email or cell phone text. Visit www.



eastauroraschools.org/news to register.

News is added to the website as it occurs, and the latest "News and Events" items are found on the opening page of our website. Additionally, each school has a similar "News and Events" section on its homepage for headlines and announcements that pertain to that school.

Other website features include:

- · Calendars; district, schools, athletic
- Teacher pages
- Food service program information and daily menus
- EA Portal, the main gateway for students, faculty/staff and parents with access to technology news, email, online applications and common sites used throughout the district
- Registration for text and e-mail alerts for emergency information from the District or any school

Printed and online publications of the District include:

- The Board of Education Digest, published on the website following a regular meeting, with news from Superintendent Brian Russ and actions of the Board.
- The Challenger is an online and printed (mailed by request to 687-2311) District newsletter, published September, January and May. It contains the adult education course listings, the latest educational program news and serves as a record of student accomplishments. The May issue automatically is mailed to all residents, and includes important information about the annual budget.
- District News Review, published online monthly in between Challenger issues (end of September, October, November, January, February, March and May)

District residents without intenet access may call the Community Relations office at 687-2311 for printed copies of publications by mail.

Breakfast and Lunch Program

The school breakfast and lunch program offers nutritious meals that meet Federal guidelines. The program is self-supporting and receives government-donated commodities to help defray food cost.

Information and applications regarding free and reduced price meals are distributed to students. Contact the school nurse at any time during the school year to apply. Students who qualify may receive either a free or a reduced price meal. Reduced price meals cost .25 cents.

We encourage our students to purchase our meals and look forward to being of service in 2014-15.

Breakfast - \$ 1.00 Elementary lunch - \$1.70 Middle School lunch - \$1.70 High School lunch - \$1.80

Prices subject to change. You can view, download or print the monthly menu by going to www.eastauroraschools.org/lunch.

Our homepage also includes additional free/reduced price food program information.

Questions, comments, or concerns?
Call the Food Service office at 687-2333

PARENT GROUPS for 2014-15 (see calendar for meeting dates)

The East Aurora School District is known for the support and enthusiasm provided by the parent groups at each level. Not just fundraising entities, the groups provide staff support and contribute to building morale, and their programming benefits every child. Each group forms in September with a membership drive. Family memberships are \$5.00 at each school.

A sample of activities provided by the PTOs: Mini- and Maxigrants, Literacy and Writers' fairs, field days, school pictures, Halloween Parade, book fairs, special programming, staff appreciation activities, new student orientation, Sixth Grade Bingo, Seventh Grade Family Fun Activity, the Eighth Grade Banquet, Academic Awards and EAHS Students-of-the-Month.

District Parent Council (DPC)

The District Parent Council meets with the School Superintendent several times each year in the Superintendent's office. The Council consists of at least one representative from each parent group (right), an administrator, a Board of Education member and representatives from other schools within the District. See District Calendar for dates and times

Parent Teacher Org./Elementary (PTO/EL)

Co-Presidents	Nicole Girardi	706-9409
	Andra Halpin	432-0333
Co-Vice Presidents	Lynn Kitson	655-3784
	Renee Kazukiewicz	574-7721
Treasurer	Tammy De Fries	655-5554
Co-Secretaries	Stacey Cosmano	652-9408

Parent Teacher Org./Middle School (PTO/MS)

President	Jennifer Fee	983-3665
Vice president	Amy Baase	652-3027
Secretary	Dawn Lewis	667-2969
Treasurer	TBD	

Parent Teacher Org./High School (PTO/HS)

President	Marcee Stelley	652-9468
Vice-President	Mary Anstett	687-1450
Secretary	Sheri Voss	777-1025
Treasurer	Dawn Busch	652-2698

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SCHOOLHOURS

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High School, Grades 9-12

7:35 AM

7:45 AM

2:40 PM

Middle School, Grades 5 - 8

7:50 AM

8:00 AM

2:30 PM

Parkdale Elementary, Grades K-4

8:45 AM

8:50 AM

3:15 PM

District Phone System Voice Mail

All staff members have voice mail. This system functions like a home answering machine. To leave a message for any member of the staff from a touch tone phone, dial 687-2491, then the voice mailbox number, followed by the pound sign (#).

If you do not know the staff member's voice mail box number, dial 687-2491 and press 19 after the voice prompt. The nenter the letters of the staff member's name, last name first, by using the numberpad keys. When the voice prompt indicates that the name is found, you will automatically be connected with the mailbox.

If you do not have a touch tone phone, simply call the District office at 687-2300 or the school's office (directory below) and ask to be connected to the voice mailbox of the person whom you wish to reach.

Except in emergencies, no calls will be put through to any c la ssro o m.

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MS	Mid d le Sc ho o l
HS	High School
PTO/EL	Parent Teachers Organization/ Elementary (K-4); meets at Parkdale Elementary
PTO/MS	Pare nt Teachers Organization/ Middle School (5 - 8); meets at Middle School
PIO/HS	Parent Teachers Organization/High School (9 - 12); meets at High School
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Superintendent of Schools - Brian Russ	687-2302			Se c re ta ry - Pa tric ia Fio re lla	687-2392	
Se c re ta ry - Pa ula Schmid t	687-2302			Attendance	687-2353	
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Personnel/CIO - Christine Cutler	687-2306	HIGHSCHOOL(9-12)		School Nurse - Sandra Todaro	687-2355	
Personnel Secretary - Jane Roesser	687-2329	Principal-James L Hoagland	687-2504	School Counse lor-Deanna Barto lotti-Brown	687-2361	
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Direc to rof Pupil Services - Jerome Polakiewicz	687-2312	Assista nt Princ ip a l - Willia m Roberts	687-2502	School Resource Officer-Joseph Ferrara	687-2519	
Se c re ta ry - Lyne tte Mc Do no ug h	687-2328	Secretary - Sue Kramer	687-2503			
Busine ss Manager - Paul Blowers	687-2304	Counse ling Center	687-2509	Buildings & Grounds Department/		
Secretary - Joette Cappello	687-2304	Sc ho o l Nurse - Ka ri Ma lo ne y	687-2550	Distric t He a d Custo dia n Douglas Wicks	687-2314	
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Athle tic s - Fre de ric k Tho mle y	687-2559					
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Community Relations and Continuing		Princ ip a l - Mark Mambretti	687-2452			
Education Services - Kristine Ward	687-2311	Se c re tary - Donna Alme te r	687 - 2452	Transportation - Joan Cluckey	687-2364	
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Te c hno logy Coordina tor/ Ne twork		Camie Cole	687-2445	BO C ES Special Education	687-2557	
Administra to r - Ric hard Clements	687-2325	Attendance - Amy Hassett	687-2453	Omsby Vo-Tech Center	652-8250	
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At the May 20, 2014 meeting of the Board of Education, exceptional pieces of art by students (left to right) Zachary Felder, Mikayla Clayback, Haley Olszewski, Celia Phillips and Emma Veros were inducted into the "Superintendent's Art Collection" for permanent display within the District. Family members and teachers also joined in a reception to honor these outstanding young artists.

(Back row) Board of Education President Daniel Brunson, art teachers
Thomas Kegler, David Walleshauser and
Michelle White, and Superintendent of
Schools Brian Russ.