

“EDDIES SHINE IN CHALLENGING TIMES”



EDWARDSBURG
PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-2022

A NOTE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. The future is bright at Edwardsburg Public Schools despite the challenges we faced this past year. With Pride, Passion, and Purpose, our Eddies have persevered through this pandemic. The resiliency and determination of our students, families, and community will continue to guide the district forward to even greater accomplishments.

Our mission statement, **Edwardsburg Public Schools will maximize all EDDIES' potential to be successful in life**, will continue to be our focus.

At Edwardsburg Public Schools, we remain committed to providing educational excellence to all of our students. Our district continues to expand instructional offerings for students. Instructional programs offered by the district at the elementary level include Gender Specific, Multi-Age, Looping, Traditional Classroom settings, as well as the Great Start Readiness Program offered through Heritage Southwest ISD. At the secondary level, the district provides Dual-Enrollment through Southwestern Michigan College and Indiana University of South Bend, Berrien Math and Science Center at Andrews University, Middle College options with the potential to earn an Associate's degree, Early College Online classes, Advanced Placement classes, and the Elkhart Area Career Center. Students have access to dedicated, and highly qualified, instructional staff; all of which makes Edwardsburg Public Schools the district of choice in Southwestern Michigan.

Edwardsburg Public Schools has earned International Accreditation through the AdvancED Accreditation Commission and School Improvement. The Intermediate School has been recognized as a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education while Eagle Lake Elementary is a 2018 recipient. All of our buildings have also earned Blue Ribbon recognition by the Michigan Department of Education. Edwardsburg High School is a Bronze Award recipient for Best High Schools by US News and World Report for the seventh year.

Edwardsburg Public Schools is fortunate to have a strong base of support from the community, parents, businesses, faith based groups, and civic organizations, who devote time, talent, and resources to ensure that our students have an excellent educational experience.

At Edwardsburg Public Schools, we are committed to the success of every child, every day. As Thomas Payne stated, "The harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph." Though these past months have been difficult, we are confident that the 2021-2022 school year will be glorious! Together, we are #EddieStrong!

James A. Knoll, Superintendent

Administrative Center

Kimberly Slack
Administrative Assistant/Receptionist
663-3055

James Knoll
Superintendent

Cheryl Steele
Executive Assistant
663-1053

Stacey Tighe
Administrative Assistant/HR
663-1086

Carrie McGuire
Director of Instructional Services and Accountability

Sally Ballard-Taylor
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Instructional Services and Accountability
663-1048

David Benfield
Director of Business & Operations

Tina Funkhouser
Business Services Assistant
663-1045

Amy Higley
Business Services Assistant
663-1046

Larry Hanks
Director of Information Technology
663-1081

Angie Williams
Computer Technician
663-1082

Jared Chodzinski
Computer Technician
663-1083

Katie Braaksma
Director of Special Education
663-1092

Food Service

Matthew Jay
Director of Dining Services
663-1057

Transportation

Jennifer Templeton
Director of Transportation
663-1079 or 663-2900

Maintenance

Christine Neff
Director of Maintenance
663-1043

Athletics

Kevin Dean
Athletic Director & Dean of Students
663-1026

School Hours

Senior High Grades 9-12
Office hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School day hours: 7:30 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Ryan Markel, Principal 663-1044

Middle School Grades 6-8
Office hours: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School day hours: 7:30 a.m. – 2:21 p.m.
Joshua Bourne, Principal 663-1031

Intermediate Grades 4-5
Office hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
School day hours: 8:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Andrew Jordan, Principal 663-1063

Eagle Lake Grades 2-3
Office hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
School day hours: 8:22 a.m. – 3:27 p.m.
Deborah Becraft, Principal 663-1040

Primary Grades K-1
Office hours: 7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
School day hours: 8:25 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Tracy Spaulding, Principal 663-1037

Alternative Learning Center
7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Brian Clements, ALC Instructional Leader
663-1068

Weather Delays

2-Hour Delay Procedures
Bus routes run two hours late.

School Start Times:

High/Middle – 9:30 a.m.

Eagle Lake – 10:22 a.m.

Primary – 10:25 a.m.

Intermediate – 10:30 a.m.

- Walkers should not arrive at school more than 10 minutes before classes start.
- No breakfast will be served.
- Lunch is as usual.
- No High School AM shared-time programs.
- Local radio and television stations will be contacted.
- If the reason for the delay does not improve, school may be cancelled. Parents may be contacted via School Messenger, but should monitor the local stations carefully for any change in the delay status.

School Violence Hotline

1-800-815-TIPS
1-8-555-OK2SAY

Food Service

There will be a food service program at all Edwardsburg Public Schools. This program will start on the first full day of school.

Student Prices

High School/Middle School
Breakfast \$1.50 (Reduced Price \$.30)
Lunch \$2.75 (Reduced Price \$.40)
Milk \$.50

Elementary
Breakfast \$1.25 (Reduced Price \$.30)
Lunch \$2.35 (Reduced Price \$.40)
Milk \$.50

* The USDA will continue free meals through the 2021/2022 school year.

Please call in EVERY DAY at the start of the day when your child/children cannot attend school.

Senior High • 663-1044
Middle School • 663-1031
Intermediate • 663-1063
Eagle Lake • 663-1040
Primary • 663-1037
ALC • 663-1068

A Note About This Calendar

All entries in this calendar are as accurate as we have been able to make them at the time of printing. However, it is possible that the dates and/or times of some activities and school events may be changed in the future. Please check with your school if you are in doubt about the date of a specific activity.

Sports Schedules

Up-to-date sports schedules can be found on our website under Departments/Services/Athletics.

Edwardsburg Public Schools
69410 Section Street
Edwardsburg, MI 49112

Pictured on Front Cover, from left: Anthony Gaipa, Ellyana Anderson, retired Intermediate Principal Dan Nommay, and Brianna Sanchez Garcia.

Birdella Holdread President (1983-Present)



Birdella Holdread has served on the Board of Education for 38 years. She is a recipient of the Michigan Association of School Boards Merit Award and Award of Distinction

and has been recognized as a Master Board Member and Certified Board Member. Mrs. Holdread is a founder and current Chairperson of the Edwardsburg Public Schools Foundation, Corresponding Secretary for the Edwardsburg Area Historical Museum, and Chairperson of the annual All-School Alumni Reunion. An Edwardsburg Public Schools graduate, Mrs. Holdread completed vocational training and is retired from the State Farm Insurance Agency. Her family has lived in the Edwardsburg community since 1828.

Tammy Niemier Vice President (2019-Present)



Tammy Niemier is serving in her third year on the Board of Education. She is a graduate of Edwardsburg Public Schools and attended Indiana University of South Bend. Ms. Niemier

has dedicated her career to the international supply chain and logistics industry for 22 years, and currently serves as Director of International Sales, for Radial. She is a member of WILDS – Women in Logistics and Delivery Services, and the American Legion. Ms. Niemier is also a board member of the Eagle Lake Improvement Association and volunteers her time with the Edwardsburg Little League. She has resided in Edwardsburg for over 20 years and is the mother of a current student.

Becky Anson Secretary (2015-Present)



Becky Anson enters her seventh year on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education. She is a graduate of Edwardsburg Public Schools, and attended Western Michigan

University earning her Bachelor of Business Administration. Mrs. Anson served as the Director of Human Resources for Martin's Super Markets for over 20 years. She is currently a Human Resources consultant for various organizations and serves on the board of the Michiana Family Center which provides support to children and families in foster care in the Michiana area. A life-long resident of Edwardsburg, Mrs. Anson is the mother of two EPS graduates.

Kevin Goggins Treasurer (2017-Present)



Kevin Goggins is serving in his fifth year on the Board of Education. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/ Finance. Mr. Goggins

and his wife, Cher, own and operate Merry Me Events, Inc., a local Edwardsburg business. He has served on Parent Advisory Boards at Edwardsburg Public Schools as well as the Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Goggins has volunteered his time with the Edwardsburg Little League, Rocket Football, EYSA Soccer, and Granger Community Church. He is a 17 year resident of Edwardsburg and a father of three.

Natalie Frentz, M.D. Trustee (2020-Present)



Natalie Frentz, M.D., is serving in her first year on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education. She attended Butler University for undergraduate

studies and Indiana University School of Medicine where she completed her medical degree. Dr. Frentz has served the Michiana community as a Family Medicine physician for 14 years. She has volunteered with Children's Hope Chest, an international organization supporting children. An 11 year resident of Edwardsburg, she and her husband have two children who attend Edwardsburg Public Schools.

Justin Kimbrell Trustee (2020-Present)



Justin Kimbrell is serving in his first year as a trustee on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Board of Education. He and his wife, Tara, are graduates of Edwardsburg

Public Schools. Mr. Kimbrell attended Grand Valley State University obtaining a Bachelor of Business Administration. He is the Chief Executive Officer at Grace Village Retirement Community. Mr. Kimbrell has served on the Edwardsburg Public Schools Foundation Board and Samaritan Alliance Healthcare Board. He has volunteered his time coaching youth basketball. A 26 year resident of Edwardsburg, he is the father of two current students.

Anthony Overmyer Trustee (2019-Present)



Anthony Overmyer is serving in his third year as a Trustee on the Board of Education. A 1988 graduate from Edwardsburg High School, he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Political

Science and Philosophy from Western Michigan University. Mr. Overmyer is currently the North American Sales Director for Down Under Enterprises, a grower and supplier of essential oils from Australia. He has volunteered his time coaching youth baseball, basketball, soccer, and football. Mr. Overmyer is the father of two children who currently attend Edwardsburg Public Schools and a 2021 graduate.

James Knoll Superintendent (2018-Present)



James Knoll is serving in his fourth year as Superintendent of Edwardsburg Public Schools. Mr. Knoll was named Assistant Superintendent of Schools at Edwardsburg Public Schools in 2017-2018

and served as the Middle School Principal from 2015-2017. Mr. Knoll was employed as a High School Principal at Niles Community Schools for seven years and as a High School Assistant Principal at Edwardsburg Schools from 2002-2004. Mr. Knoll earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from Alma College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Indiana University. He received his Master of Science Degree in Education and Educational Leadership from Indiana University. He and his wife, Kim, have three sons and reside in Edwardsburg, Michigan.



AUGUST 2021

EPS, under the direction of the Board of Education, provided families with the choice of face-to-face or virtual instruction. Key assistance came from Administrators and Administrative Assistants throughout the school year.



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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Eagle Lake Open House 4:30 p.m. HS/MS Open House 5:00 p.m. 6th Grade Orientation 5:00 p.m. Freshmen Orientation 5:30 p.m. Teacher Work Day	31 Intermediate Open House 4:30 p.m. Professional Development Day	1	2	3	4

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Edwardsburg Public Schools' nurse, health aides, Title 1 and building aides, played an essential role in keeping our students healthy and safe during the pandemic.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 Primary Open House 4:30 p.m. ALC Open House 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Professional Development Day	2 Professional Development Day	3 	4
5	6  Labor Day	7 First Day for Students - Full Day Kindergarten Orientation	8 First Day for Kindergarten Students	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 School Picture Day	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Rockford Band Inv.
26	27 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30 Title I Information Meeting 9:00 a.m.	1	2

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OCTOBER 2021

Students at Edwardsburg Public Schools were excited to return to the tradition of performing live concerts in our state of the art Performing Arts Center.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 Apple Festival Parade
3	4	5 PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m. Title I Information Meeting 6:00 p.m.	6 Fall Count Day	7	8 Middle School Dance	9
10	11 Indigenous Peoples' Day	12	13	14	15 Homecoming	16 Portage Northern Band Inv.
17	18 Mobile Dentist week	19 MS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Jazz Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	22	23
24	25	26	27 HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF (a.m.)	28 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon/Evening Professional Development Day (a.m.)	29 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Professional Development Day (a.m.) Last Day for Shorts	30
31 Halloween	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	HS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.			

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NOVEMBER 2021

The Food Service Department went above and beyond serving over 422,000 meals during both in-person and virtual instruction as well as required school closures.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 Election Day	3 4th Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.	4	5 End of Grading Period Full Day Students and Staff	6
7 Daylight Saving Time ends	8 Eagle Lake and Intermediate Family Night 6:00 pm @ Intermediate School Safe School Week	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Report Cards Sent Home	13
14	15 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Fall Play 7:00 p.m.	20 Fall Play 7:00 p.m.
21 Fall Play 2:00 p.m.	22 District Staff School Improvement Meeting 4:15 p.m.	23	24 HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF (a.m.)	25 Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27
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DECEMBER 2021

The concert bands practiced diligently throughout the school year and performed in a virtual format for MSBOA's Band & Orchestra Festival resulting in Division I ratings from all judges.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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SATURDAY

28

29

30

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2/3 Multiage Music Program
7:00 p.m.

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4
MS Solo and Ensemble

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PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m.
MS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

8
2nd Grade Music Program
7:00 p.m.

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HS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

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Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m.

14
MS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.

15
4/5 Multiage Music Program
7:00 p.m.

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HS Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.

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NO SCHOOL
Winter Break Begins

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL
Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

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New Year's Eve



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JANUARY 2022

Edwardsburg teachers shined as they adapted their instructional teaching methods to meet the needs of our students and families during this challenging year.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day
2	3 School Resumes	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 District Staff School Improvement Meeting 4:15 p.m.	11 Primary Family Reading Night	12	13 Primary Family Reading Night	14 Middle School Dance	15
16	17  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18	19	20	21 Coming Home	22
23	24 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28 	29
30	31	3rd Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.			End of Grading Period Full Day Staff - Work Day (p.m.)	

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FEBRUARY 2022

Media Specialists and the IT Department were invaluable in assisting families and students with Chromebook needs virtually and in the classroom.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3 ALC 1st Semester Awards Night 6:00 p.m. @ PAC	4 Elementary Report Cards Sent Home	5
6	7 Family Reading Night Eagle Lake 6:00 pm	8 PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m. K/1 Grade Looping Music Program 7:00 p.m.	9 Spring Count Day	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 5th Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Middle School 7th Grade Career Day	19
20	21  Presidents' Day Professional Development Day	22	23	24 Hoops for Heart Intermediate Fine Arts Festival	25 Middle School Dance	26
27	28 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	1	2	3	4	5

JANUARY

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MARCH 2022

The Fine Arts Department presented the spring musical, *Into The Woods*. This production was livestreamed and one of the few performed in front of a limited live audience in Southwest Michigan.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	1	2	3 Band Festival Concert 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Jump-A-Thon 9:00 a.m.
6	7	8	9	10 Band Tentative Festival Concert	11	12 HS State Solo and Ensemble - Grandville
13 Daylight Saving Time starts	14 District Staff School Improvement Meeting 4:15 p.m.	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.	26 Spring Musical 7:00 p.m.
27 Spring Musical 2:00 p.m.	28 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29 K/1 Multiage Music Program 7:00 p.m.	30	31	1	2

FEBRUARY

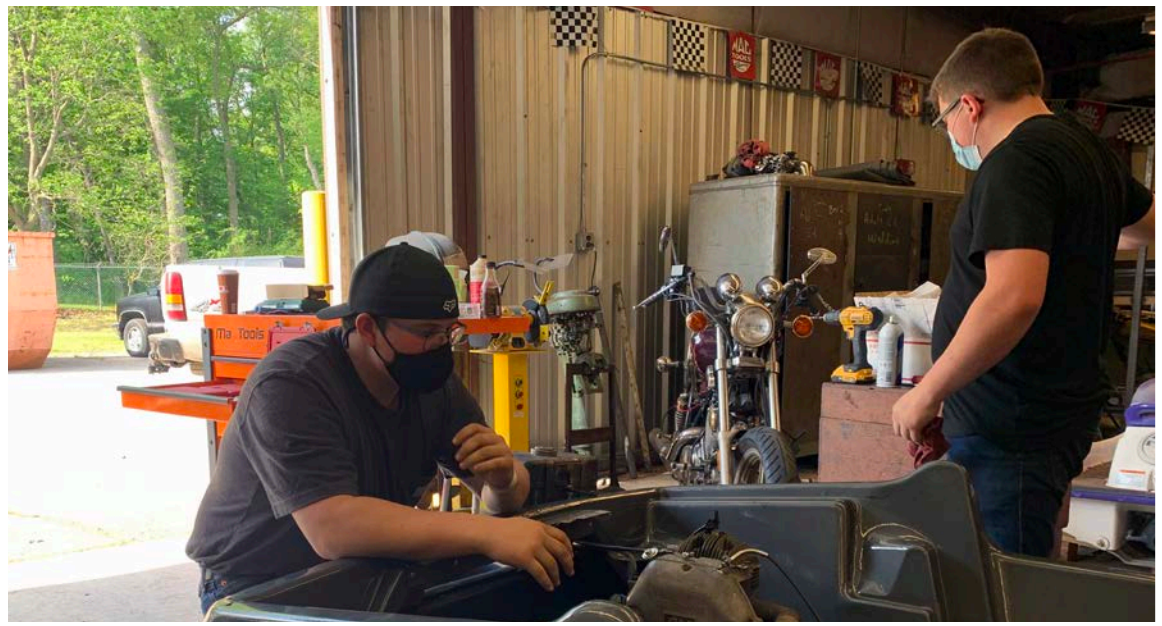
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APRIL 2022

EHS students continued to participate and excel in their shared-time classes at Berrien Math & Science Center, Southwestern Michigan College, IUSB, and the Elkhart Area Career Center.



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27	28	29	30	31	1 End of Grading Period Full Day Students and Staff	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL Spring Break Begins	5 NO SCHOOL	6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL	8 NO SCHOOL	9
10	11 School Resumes	12 PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m. Kindergarten Registration @ Intermediate 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15 HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS and STAFF Good Friday	16 MS Band Solo & Ensemble
17 Easter Sunday	18 Tax Day	19 Kindergarten Music Program 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26	27 Jazz Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	28 5th and 6th Grade Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	29	30

MARCH

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MAY 2022

EHS student athletes persevered and were successful in striving for academic and athletic excellence. These students were recognized by MHSAA as State Academic Scholar Athletes in their respective sports.



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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First Day for Shorts

PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m.
1st Grade Music Program
7:00 p.m.

National Honor Society
Induction 7:00 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo

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Mother's Day

District Staff School
Improvement Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Collage Concert 7:00 p.m.

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MS Spring Choir Concert
7:00 p.m.

ALC 2nd Semester Awards
Night

HS Spring Choir Concert
7:00 p.m.

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Board of Education Meeting
7:00 p.m.

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Memorial Day

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JUNE 2022

The Alternative Learning Center (ALC) celebrated their first graduation ceremony and the EHS Top 10 graduates were all smiles on commencement day.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3 Alternative Education Graduation 7:00 p.m.	4
5 HS Graduation 2:00 p.m.	6	7 PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Full Day Staff-Work Day (p.m.)	15 End of Grading Period Full Day Staff-Work Day (p.m.) Tentative Last Day of School	16 Snow Make Up Day, If Needed	17 Snow Make Up Day, If Needed	18
19 Father's Day Juneteenth	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	1	2

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JULY 2022

The Edwardsburg Maintenance Department's attention to detail in maintaining our buildings and grounds was essential to ensuring a healthy environment for our students and staff.





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AUGUST 2022

The Edwardsburg Transportation Department drove over 300,000 miles this past year while safely transporting our students to and from school each day.



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Edwardsburg Public Schools is required by state and federal laws to provide notice annually regarding the following:

Equal Educational Opportunity

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or transgender identity), disability, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, military status, ancestry, genetic information, or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities. If any person believes that the Edwardsburg Public School District or any of the district's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of Title II, Title VI, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Age Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator at Edwardsburg Public Schools, 69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, Michigan 49112, (269-663-1048).

Compliance Officer

Any person who believes that s/he has been discriminated against on the basis of the aforementioned at school or a school activity should contact the School District's Compliance Officer at 69410 Section Street, Edwardsburg, MI 49112, (269-663-1048).

Grievance Procedures

If any person believes that the Edwardsburg Public Schools or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title II, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) The Age Act, and (5) The Americans with Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to the District's Civil Rights Coordinator. The person who believes s/he has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the local Civil Rights Coordinator, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant. S/He may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

Step 1

A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the local Civil Rights Coordinator within five business days of receipt of answer to the informal complaint. The coordinator shall further investigate the matters of grievance and a decision regarding the allegations will be made in writing to the complainant.

Step 2

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the local Civil Rights Coordinator, s/he may submit a signed statement or appeal to the Superintendent of Schools within five business days after receipt of the Coordinator's response. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the complainant.

Step 3

If the complainant remains unsatisfied, s/he may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board of Education within five business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's response in step two. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within forty days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten business days of this meeting.

Step 4

If at this point the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the U.S.

Use of Pesticides

Pesticides are periodically applied to school property. Pesticides are usually applied during non-school hours. Parents/Guardians may request an Advisory Form from Christine Neff by calling 269-663-1043. The Advisory Form will provide prior information on any application of an insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students. Advisory Form participants will be notified following any such application.

MSDS

(Material Safety Data Sheets) Under Section 313 Community Right-to-Know Act, Material Safety Data Sheets are available for your viewing in all school offices.

Student Records

In order to provide appropriate educational services and programming, the Board of Education must collect, retain, and use information about individual students. Simultaneously, the Board recognizes the need to safeguard student's privacy and restrict access to student's personally identifiable information. The Board is responsible for maintaining records of all students attending schools in this District. Only records mandated by the State or Federal government and/or necessary and relevant to the function of the School District or specifically permitted by this Board will be compiled by Board employees. The Board hereby authorizes collection of the following student records, in addition to the membership record required by law: observations and ratings of individual students by professional staff members acting within their sphere of competency; samples of student work; information obtained from professionally acceptable standard instruments of measurement such as: inventories and aptitude tests, vocational preference inventories, achievement tests, standardized intelligence tests; and authenticated information provided by a parent or eligible student concerning achievements and other school activities which the parent or student wants to make a part of the record; verified reports of serious or recurrent behavior patterns; rank in class and academic honors earned; psychological tests; attendance records; health records, and custodial arrangements.

Student records shall be available only to students and their parents, eligible students, and designated school officials, who have a legitimate educational interest in the information, or to other individuals or organizations as permitted by law. In situations in which a student has both a custodial and a non-custodial parent, both shall have access to the student's educational records unless stipulated otherwise by court order. In the case of eligible students, parents will be allowed access to the records without the student's consent, provided the student is considered a dependent under section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board authorizes the administration to: forward student records, including any suspension and expulsion action against the student, on request to a school or school district in which a student of this District seeks or intends to enroll upon condition that the student's parents be notified of the transfer, receive a copy of the record if desired, and have an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of the record; forward student records, including disciplinary records with respect to suspensions and expulsions, upon request to a public school or school district in which a student in foster care is enrolled. Such records shall be transferred within one (1) school day of the enrolling school's request; provide "personally-identifiable" information to appropriate parties, including parents of an eligible student, whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals if there is an articulable and significant threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals, considering the totality of the circumstances; report a crime committed by a child with or without a disability to appropriate authorities and, with respect to reporting a crime committed by a student with a disability, to transmit copies of the student's special education records and disciplinary records including any suspension and expulsion action against the student to the authorities and school officials for their consideration; and request each person or party requesting access to a student's record to abide by the Federal regulations concerning the disclosure of information. The Board will comply with a legitimate request for access to a student's records within a reasonable period of time but not more than forty-five days after receiving the request or within a shorter period as may be applicable to students with disabilities. Upon the request of the viewer, a record shall be reproduced, unless said record is copyrighted, and the viewer may be charged a fee equivalent to the cost of handling and reproduction.

Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, Plaza Nine Building, Room 300, 55 Erievue Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Inquiries concerning the non-discriminatory policy may be directed to Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201. The local Coordinator, on request, will provide a copy of the District's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure. A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations, on which this notice is based, may be found in the Civil Rights Coordinator's office.

Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the principal, counselor, or social worker whenever such help is needed. Please contact the building principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Bloodborne Pathogens

Guidelines have been established so that the District can comply with Federal regulations for protecting individuals against exposure to blood pathogens and other infectious materials which can cause Hepatitis B and/or HIV viruses. A plan has been designed to identify likely situations where staff members could be exposed, to describe how such situations can be minimized, and the ways in which exposure will be managed. Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request permission from the parents of the student who was bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV and HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

Free/Reduced Priced Meals

Edwardsburg Public Schools participates in the Federal School Meals program. Certain persons are eligible for free or reduced priced meals. The schools notify all families of the availability, eligibility requirements and application procedures for free and reduced meals by distributing an application to the family of each student enrolled in the school district. Additional applications may be obtained in any of the building offices.

Asbestos Information

In compliance with the 1989 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we have performed inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos containing materials. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans are on file in each school administrative office and in the office at Central Maintenance. The EPA requires us to perform re-inspections of the asbestos materials every three years. The three-year re-inspections were performed by an accredited asbestos inspector in July 2021. We performed the six-month periodic surveillance as required by AHERA regulations in July 2021. Asbestos materials in the District are in good condition and we will continue to manage them in place or remove as recommend and approved.

You may contact Christine Neff at 269-663-1043 to answer any questions you may have about school asbestos in our buildings.

Directory Information

Each year the Superintendent shall provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information": a student's name; address; telephone number; date and place of birth; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; date of graduation; awards received; honor rolls; scholarships. Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all such "directory information" upon written notification to the District within ten (10) days after receipt of the District's public notice.

Annual notices are subject to revision and generally updated after each school year. In light of the unique challenges posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and the measures necessary to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 at school, as well as the expansive, recently-issued federal Title IX regulations, the rules and information provided in this calendar may be supplemented or amended by the District's administration at any time, consistent with applicable law, state or federal guidance, and board policy.

Only "directory information" regarding a student shall be released to any person or party, other than the student or his/her parent, without the written consent of the parent; or, if the student is an eligible student, the written consent of the student, except those persons or parties stipulated by the Board's policy and administrative guidelines and/or those specified in the law. The Board shall exempt from disclosure directory information, as requested for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation, unless the Board determines that the use is consistent with the educational mission of the Board and beneficial to the affected students. The Board may take steps to ensure that directory information disclosed shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitations. Before disclosing the directory information, the Board may require the requester to execute an affidavit stating that directory information provided shall not be used, rented, or sold for the purpose of surveys, marketing, or solicitation.

Notice of Career and Technical Educational Programs

Each year, the Edwardsburg Public School District offers Career and Technical Education programs at Edwardsburg High School. These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and training services and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers, counselors and cooperative education coordinators. The following is a sample of programs being offered this year and criteria for admission.

Program

Elkhart Career Center
SMC Academics
Clinical Health
Business
SMC Middle College

Criteria for Admission

Prerequisite - Junior/Senior Standing, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490
Prerequisite - Junior/Senior Standing, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490
Prerequisite - Junior/Senior Standing, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490
Career Academy - Junior/Senior Standing, Prerequisite - BTM I, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490
Prerequisite - 3.25 GPA, ACCUPLACER or SAT Reading Score 490

All career and technical education programs follow the district's policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, gender, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in all programs, activities, and employment. In addition, arrangements can be made to ensure that the lack of English language skills is not a barrier to admission or participation.

For general information about these programs, contact: Guidance Office, Edwardsburg High School, Edwardsburg Public School District, 69410 Section St., Edwardsburg, MI 49112, 269-663-1025. Inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies should be directed to: Superintendent's designee, Edwardsburg Public School District, 69410 Section St., Edwardsburg, MI 49112, 269-663-1048.

USDA Non-Discrimination Clause

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

KEY DATES FOR 2021-2022

August 30	Teacher Work Day
August 31	Professional Development Day
September 1	Professional Development Day
September 2	Professional Development Day
September 3	No School
September 6	Labor Day – No School
September 7	First Day For Students – Full Day/Kdg. Orientation
September 8	First Day For Kindergarten Students
October 27	Half Day Students And Staff (a.m.) Parent Teacher Conferences - Evening
October 28	No School For Students Professional Development Day (a.m.) Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon/Evening
October 29	No School For Students Professional Development Day (a.m.)
November 5	End Of Grading Period/Full Day Students and Staff
November 24	Half-Day For Students and Staff (a.m.)
November 25-26	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 20	Winter Break Begins
January 3	School Resumes
January 17	No School For Students And Staff
January 28	End Of Grading Period/Half-Day For Students (a.m.) Full Day Staff – Work Day (p.m.)
February 21	No School For Students Professional Development Day
April 1	End Of Grading Period Full Day Students and Staff
April 4	Spring Break Begins
April 11	School Resumes
April 15	Good Friday Half-Day For Students and Staff (a.m.)
May 30	Memorial Day – No School
June 14	Half Day Students (a.m.) Full Day Staff – Work Day (p.m.)
June 15	Tentative Last Day Of School End Of Grading Period/Half-Day Students (a.m.) Full Day Staff – Work Day (p.m.)
June 16-17	Snow Make Up Days, If Needed

MISSION STATEMENT:

Edwardsburg Public Schools will maximize all students' potential to be successful in life.

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