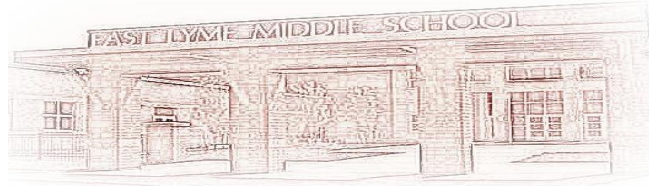


East Lyme Middle School

Jason Bitgood
Principal



Jennifer L. Frost
Assistant Principal

Claudine Kelly
Assistant Principal

August 2019

Dear East Lyme Middle School Parents & Guardians,

I hope you are enjoying your summer months, finding time for both fun and relaxation. We are planning an exciting year and are eagerly awaiting your child's arrival.

Preparations for the 2019-2020 school year have kept East Lyme Middle School (ELMS) very busy this summer. Additionally, we continue to host a variety of district programs making our building a hub of activity for the East Lyme community. Our custodial and administrative assistant staff are working hard and doing a wonderful job getting the building ready for the start of school on August 28th.

ELMS is pleased to announce our new teachers and team changes:

New Teachers:

Ms. Caitlin Oliver, Life Skills
Mrs. Kathryn Zaccarelli, Art
Ms. Laura Beth Wendelin, Orchestra

Team Changes:

Mrs. Stacy Jorgensen, Language Arts (Sea Hawks)
Mrs. Kathleen Kovalanka, Social Studies (Sea Hawks)
Mrs. Alison Signorelli, Science (Sea Hawks)

School hours are 8:30 AM - 2:45 PM. Morning drop-off is between 8:15 AM - 8:30 AM, and afternoon pick-up is between 2:50 PM - 3:15 PM. All children are encouraged to ride the bus. Fewer cars help reduce traffic congestion, creating a safer environment for your child. Please check the East Lyme Schools District website for the 2019-2020 bus schedules.

If your child will be absent, be sure to notify the school by calling 860.691.5413 before 8:30 AM. For more information on the State of Connecticut absence policy, please refer to the *East Lyme Middle School Student Handbook 2019-2020*. Students must be in their home-base class at 8:30 AM, or they will be considered tardy and must report to the main office to obtain a late pass.

The East Lyme Public Schools website www.eastlymeschools.org provides valuable information about the district and all our schools, including the school calendars, upcoming events, and announcements. In an effort for you to have access to the most current and accurate information, we suggest that you review the following two sites weekly.

- **Infinite Campus (IC)** <https://www.eastlymeschools.org/middle-school/student-parent-portal-clone> is our web-based Student Information System. The IC Parent Portal allows authorized users to access and monitor their student's educational experience. This link allows you to view details of your student's attendance, recent grades and report cards, schedule, transportation and emergency contact information and more. There is also a phone app available.

- **Digital Backpack** – <https://www.eastlymeschools.org/middle-school/general-info/elms-backpack> is our digital newsletter. It contains valuable information about what is happening in the district and community.

East Lyme Middle School strives to create a positive learning environment for all our students using Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS). Having a positive and safe school climate is critical for student success, and we welcome families and community members to join us in this mission. Many programs and procedures have been implemented to facilitate acceptance and kindness for all. For more information about PBIS visit: <https://www.eastlymeschools.org/middle-school/student-life/pbis>

Together we make East Lyme Middle School a great place for your child to learn and grow. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Jason Bitgood

Jason Bitgood, Principal

Copy: ELMS Faculty and Staff
Mr. Jeffrey Newton, Superintendent

Encl: East Lyme School Board of Education Approved School District Calendar 2019-2020
Health Letter
East Lyme Middle School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures
Team Letter
World Language Letter
Life Arts Letter

EAST LYME SCHOOL DISTRICT
EAST LYME, CT
2019 – 2020
SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2019 03/03

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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September 2019 19/22

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October 2019 21/43

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November 2019 17/60

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December 2019 15/75

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January 2020 21/96

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February 2020 18/114

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March 2020 21/135

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April 2020 16/151

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May 2020 19/170

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June 2020 12/182

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
⊖ Aug 28

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

- ⊖ Sep 2: Labor Day
- ⊖ Oct 14: Columbus Day
- ⊖ Nov 27-29: Thanksgiving
- ⊖ Dec 23-31: Holiday Recess
- ⊖ Jan 1: New Years Day
- ⊖ Jan 20: Martin Luther King Day
- ⊖ Feb 17: President's Day
- ⊖ Feb 18: Winter Recess
- ⊖ April 10: Good Friday
- ⊖ Apr 13-17: Spring Recess
- ⊖ May 25: Memorial Day

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- ⊖ Aug 22 (New Staff Orientation Day)
- ⊖ Aug 26-27 (Staff Opening Ceremony and ½ PD Day)
- ⊖ Sep 16 (PD – No school for students)
- ⊖ Oct 4 (PD – No school for students)
- ⊖ Nov 3 (Election Day/Regional/District PD Day and Elem/MS parent conferences – No school for students)
- ⊖ Nov 6 (Elem/MS parent conferences – Half day for Elem and MS students and full day for HS students)
- ⊖ Dec 20 (Half day for all students)
- ⊖ Assessment Window TBD
- ⊖ Mar 13 (Regional District PD Day – No school for students)
- ⊖ Mar 30 (Elem/MS Parent conferences and half day PD HS – 1/2 day for all students)
- ⊖ Mar 31 (Elem/MS/HS Parent conferences – ½ day for all students)
- ⊖ May 22 (PD – No school for students)

***LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

⊖ Jun 16, 2020: Half day (This is the last school day if no snow/emergency days are needed.) Additional snow/emergency days will be made up at the end of the school year.

CALENDAR BREAKDOWN (189 Days)

Student Days 182
Staff PD/Non-Contact Days 7

Regular School Hours *Half-day Sessions

HS 7:30 – 2:10 7:30 – 11:00
MS 8:30 – 2:45 8:30 – 11:45
Elem 9:05 – 3:35 9:05 – 12:35

* Nov 6 is a full day for HS students

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August 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We need your help to ensure a safe classroom and team environment for students who have a **severe** allergy to nuts and need to **avoid all products that contain nuts**. Only snacks that **do not** contain nut products will be allowed in the kiva. Please be aware that many food labels also state a warning for potential cross contamination during production. Please encourage your children to wash their hands after eating lunch.

All Kivas will be a nut free environment.

Nut products are allowed in the cafeteria with the exception of the designated nut free tables.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation. **Avoidance of nut products is the only way for these children to avert a life-threatening reaction from occurring.**

Sincerely,

Jason Bitgood

Jason Bitgood, Principal

Copy: J. Murray, RN, ELMS Nurse
J. McDermott, RN, ELMS Nurse
J. Frost, Assistant Principal
C. Kelly, Assistant Principal
J. Newton, Superintendent

Dear ELMS Families,

In an effort to enhance safety during student drop-off and pick-up, please follow these procedures.

**BETWEEN THE HOURS OF:
8:15-8:30 A.M. AND 2:30-3:15 P.M.**

The drop-off/pick-up zone for students is limited.

Parents should enter the service road behind East Lyme Middle School for drop-off and pick-up.

Parents should continue to pull their vehicle forward as space becomes available.

Students must remain on the sidewalk and not walk in between cars.

Please follow the directions of the supervising teachers.

Bus drop off and pick up will be in the front of the building.

No parents/guardians will be permitted in the staff parking lot or the bus loop during these hours.

**After 3:15pm,
parent pick-up will be in front
of building.**

**Late bus pick-up is
in the back of building**

**Thank you for
partnering with us to
ensure safety for all !**

Jason Bitgood, Principal
and the ELMS Community



EAST LYME MIDDLE SCHOOL

31 Society Road
Niantic, CT 06357
860.739.4491

DROP OFF AND PICK UP SAFETY PROCEDURES



Let's keep our children safe.

Arrival: 8:15 - 8:30a.m.

Dismissal: 2:30 - 3:15p.m.

- ★ **Back of East Lyme Middle School:**
Student Entrance: Main Staircase
 - *Students may not enter through Kiva doors
 - *Parents may not leave cars unattended on the Access Road

- ★ **Front of East Lyme Middle School:**
Bus Entrances: Cafeteria, Main, Nurses/Wellness Center





East Lyme Middle School
www.eastlymeschools.org
Main Office: 860-739-4491 / House Office: 860-691-5506
Absences: 860-691-5413

Sound House Office

Assistant Principal - Mrs. Frost
 Counselor - Mrs. Tukey
 Admin. Assistant - Mrs. Beaudette

Greetings from your team at East Lyme Middle School! We have high expectations for your success and are eager to build a community based on enthusiasm, respect, and the spirit of cooperation. Our mission on the Big Blue team is to help you reach your potential by challenging you to know your responsibilities, develop problem solving skills, build positive relationships, set and achieve goals, and have an “I can” attitude!

We hope you had a great summer, and we are looking forward to meeting you on Wednesday August 28th!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anusewicz, Language Arts
Shannon.Anusewicz@elpsk12.org

Mr. Anderson, Math
Shayne.Anderson@elpsk12.org

Mr. Dewell, Science
Glenn.Dewell@elpsk12.org

Mrs. Haling, Social Studies
Anne.Haling@elpsk12.org

Ms. Niemann, Special Education
Naomi.Niemann@elpsk12.org

Mr. Tapley, Teaching Assistant

Suggested Supplies

- TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator
- One composition notebook
- One plastic pocket folder
- One BLACK 1 ½ in. binder
- One 1 in. binder (any other color)
- One set of binder dividers (with pockets)
- One Spiral notebook
- Loose-leaf paper
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils (Optional)
- Atlas (Optional)
- Headphones or earbuds in plastic bag labeled with student’s name
- A student planner/agenda will be supplied to each student on the first day of school

Give 5% back to your teachers with Staples Classroom Rewards:
<https://www.staples.com/classroomrewards>



We are a “nut free” kiva
No nut products may be eaten in the kiva.



Summer Reading

<http://elms.eastlymeschools.libguides.com/c.php?g=801968&p=6780650>

Summer Math Challenge:

https://www.eastlymeschools.org/uploaded/documents/Middle_School/Admin_Pages/Summer_Math_Challenge_Letter.pdf

Mark Your Calendar!

August 28, Wednesday	First Day of School
September 2, Monday	Labor Day (No School)
September 4, Wednesday	Magazine Drive Assembly
September 16, Monday	Professional Development (No School for Students)
September 18, Wednesday	Back to School Night (Grades 7 & 8) – 6:00 PM
September 23, Monday	Picture Day
September 24, Tuesday	Picture Day
October 4, Friday	Professional Development (No School for Students)
October 14, Monday	Columbus Day (No School)
October 23, Wednesday	Taste of the Arts – 6:00 PM
October 29, Tuesday	Picture Make up / Re-take Day

WORLD LANGUAGE

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2019-2020



¡Bienvenidos! Bienvenue! and Welcome Students!

Here in the World Language Kiva, we are very excited to begin our new school year and to share our knowledge and love of language and culture with you. This summer we've spent some time with our families and some time traveling, but we've also been working together to create a fun and interesting language learning experience for our students.

We look forward to getting to know you this fall and to working with you throughout the school year. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Woods – Spanish/French
Leslie.Woods@elpsk12.org

Ms. Emch – Spanish
Sally.Emch@elpsk12.org

Mrs. Letellier – Spanish/French
Katherine.Letellier@elpsk12.org

Ms. Holsapple – Spanish
Danielle.Holsapple@elpsk12.org



Summer Practice – Suggested Websites for language learning

- Duolingo
- Quizlet
- Quia
- Conjuguemos.com

Suggested Supplies

- 1 – 1 ½ inch binder
- Pencils
- Composition Notebook

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Wednesday October 23rd, 6:00 pm - Taste of the Arts

Parents and students will have a chance to experience the outstanding Life Arts programs here at East Lyme Middle School. Visit the Music Department, where you will see students in action in the areas of orchestra, choir, band and general music. Step into the Art studio and witness students creating beautiful pieces of artwork. Come to the gymnasium and watch our students lead dancing demonstrations in Physical Education. Check out our Life Skills program where students will demonstrate baking and hand sewing. Meet the teachers in Technology Education and World Language as well as your child's teachers in Music, Art, Life Skills and Physical Education. The Life Arts teachers look forward to meeting you!

Physical Education

Recommended supplies: PE shirt, PE shorts (\$13 per set); sold through Physical Education office and at new student orientation on August 21, 2019. PE locks - given to 5th graders and all new students. All returning students should bring in their PE lock from the previous school year or \$5 to purchase a new school lock.

Students will start the year off preparing for the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment.

Ms. Ascioffa, Carolyn.Ascioffa@elpsk12.org
Mr. Cunningham, James.Cunningham@elpsk12.org
Ms. Fabry, Amy.Fabry@elpsk12.org
Mr. Sheppard, Josh.Sheppard@elpsk12.org



Technology Education

Students in Tech Ed will explore many topics including: engineering, communications, wood working, and drafting and design. In each unit, students will complete a series of hands on projects to develop a deeper understanding of the subject.

Mr. Grant, Peter.Grant@elpsk12.org
Mr. Spranklin, Thomas.Spranklin@elpsk12.org



Students create a variety of artistic expressions including observational drawings, painting activities, working with scissors and cutting paper, and creating 3D projects.

Mr. Bohman, Daniel.Bohman@elpsk12.org
Mrs. Zacarelli, Kathryn.Zacarelli@elpsk12.org



Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. Oliver are looking forward to seeing each of our students during one of our three trimesters this year. All Life Skills students will participate in a hands-on experience: grade 5 and 6 spend time in the foods lab, grade 7 will create a hand sewn pillow and grade 8 will create a machine sewn, tie dyed pencil pouch. Drug prevention education and human growth and development are also covered during our 30 days of classes. We ask students to bring a writing utensil to each class.

Mrs. McArthur, Laurel.Mcarthur@elpsk12.org
Mrs. Oliver, Caitlin.Oliver@elpsk12.org

Band, Orchestra, and Choir perform as ensembles, while General Music is a non-performance class that focuses on keyboard, guitar and the study of music.



Mrs. Ciccone, Karen.Ciccone@elpsk12.org
Mr. McCune, Colin.Mccune@elpsk12.org
Mrs. Rigdon, Nancy.Rigdon@elpsk12.org
Ms. Wendelin, LauraBeth.Wendelin@elpsk12.org