

# EDDYVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL

August 4, 2022

Dear ECS Families,

We are excited to begin our 2022-23 school year in just a few weeks, with our first day of school on August 29, 2022! Doors open at 8:00am for breakfast in the MP room and classes begin at 8:20am. School is dismissed at 3:28pm. I hope each of you have been able to enjoy this beautiful summer season and are gearing up for a year full of learning, growth, friendships and excellence in the classroom and on the courts/fields.

## **Communication and Resources:**

1. Please visit our website to find all resources needed throughout the year. Registration, payments, calendars, bell schedules, fee schedules, supply lists, staff directory and staff pages are all located on our website and updated often.

[www.eddyvillecharterschool.org](http://www.eddyvillecharterschool.org)

2. **Remind** is the app we use at ECS to send out communications, reminders and any updates that occur throughout the year. Please make sure you sign up for this app and register your contact information accurately within the registration system. If there are changes to your information, please contact Brandy in the office to make sure you don't miss out on any details.
3. **Social media** push out information as well as celebrate successes throughout the year.

**Facebook:** EDDYVILLE EAGLES

**Instagram** is separated into three departments:

EDDYVILLE.endless.grind is our student business coffee shop page

EDDYVILLE\_eagles is our Eagle athletics page

EDDYVILLECharterSchool is our school page

## **Staff Updates (NEW TO ECS AND NEW ROLES):**

Mr. [Patrick McKnight](#) - Eagle Learning Center (secondary level instructional supports)

Mrs. Yvonne Castillo - Medical Assistant, Health and Mixed Media Art teacher

Mr. [Logan LaVaque](#) - Middle ELA, Computers/Careers, Journalism and Marketing teacher

Mrs. Tikola Miller - Instructional Assistant

Ms. Ishah Roads - Tele-health 2days/week and 504 Case Management

Ms. Betsy Brooks - Licensed nurse (contracted service off-site)

Mrs. Karla Pearson - Dean of Students, Athletic Director and Cooking teacher

Mrs. Dani Ulstad - Academic Advisor/Scheduling, Photography + Business teacher, Reading Specialist  
Mr. Matt Bilder - 4th grade classroom teacher, 4th/5th math teacher, ELD and K-12 testing coordinator  
\*A complete staff directory will be available on our website under **STAFF**.

### **Important Dates:**

Aug 15, 2022 First day of high school athletics (K-8 sports information coming soon...)

Aug 29, 2022 First day of school K-12

Aug 31, 2022 Open House/Ice Cream Social 5:00pm-7:00pm

Sep 5, 2022 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

Sep 8, 2022 School Picture Day (*retake day TBD*)

Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. August's is 8/10/22 6:00pm

### **Facilities Upgrades:**

ECS is busy upgrading the interior and exterior of the school. Over the past two years, ECS has upgraded bathrooms, locker rooms, flooring, heating and cooling systems in each classroom, air purification in all classrooms, playground equipment (thanks to our Boosters and community), office design, culinary classroom kitchen, CTE manufacturing, CTE Photo Design lab, commercial kitchen appliances, track and field presentation and two large-scale projects.

The first large-scale project is the driveway/parking reconstruction to enhance transportation flow and safety, create a student parking lot by the football field and bring our sidewalks/entry up to code.

The second project is Phase 1 of 3: siding and window upgrade to the lobby, gymnasium and high school section. Phase 2 includes siding from the business office around the elementary section. Phase three is building B. RFP documents are posted on our website's facility page.

We recognize that change is hard and uncomfortable and we can appreciate this. These improvements are a big change, but they are a necessary change in the name of health and safety, efficiency and we will work hard to maintain the special feeling and welcoming climate of our rural K-12 school, which makes Eddyville the destination school we are so extremely proud of.

### **Transportation:**

Eddyville is required to contract with First Student as a sponsored charter school of Lincoln County School District. As is the case across the nation, transportation continues to be a challenge with regards to staffing. All of LCSD, including ECS, is facing consolidated routes like we did last year. First Student staff are working hard to coordinate routes as efficiently as possible.

Regardless of bus route, athletic trip or field trip, please reinforce the positive behavior expectations necessary for safe and healthy transportation. Thank you in advance.

All transportation arrangements, drop off and pick up protocols will be communicated prior to the start of school. Please look for these details the week of August 22-26.

**What to expect on Day 1:**

ALL students may arrive between 8:00am-8:15am and eat breakfast in the cafeteria (MP room). At 8:20, elementary teachers will escort their students to the classroom and grades 6-12 will report to the gym for a welcome back assembly, hosted by our ASB and student leaders. During this assembly, new students will be given locker assignment/combos (returning secondary students will have the same locker #/combo assignment as 2021-22) and class schedules in an organized fashion. Students will report to 1st period once the assembly is finished and ECS will run on a normal bell schedule this day. School is dismissed at 3:28pm and buses will depart roughly 10 minutes later.

NOTICE on speed limit: Though we will have a safer physical setup, PLEASE keep your Max Speed to 10-mph in the parking lot and driveway.

We are all extremely proud of our ECS families and staff for the dedication to excellence during the good times and the rough times. This year is going to be an exceptional year and as much as I love summer time, I am so excited to get these halls/rooms/gym and field filled with our Eagles and everyone who loves them. Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you all soon!

Sincerely,

Ms. Knudson and ECS Team