



# EAST JORDAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"A Quality Center of Teaching & Learning"  
www.ejps.org

Back to School  
Edition  
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## Welcome New Families

New students may enroll at the Elementary, Middle and High School offices any weekday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Registration information is also available by calling the following numbers:

**Elementary School 536-7564**

**Middle School 536-2823**

**High School 536-2259**

New students and families are encouraged to stop by the schools and a staff member will be happy to provide a tour of the respective school, and will also be available to answer any questions you may have concerning the enrollment process.



## Back-to-School Open Houses

All parents and students are invited to attend



**Middle School Open House**  
**Tuesday, September 6**  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Matt Stevenson, Principal



**High School Open House**  
**Tuesday, September 6**  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Tammy Jackson, Principal



**Elementary School Open House**  
**Tuesday, September 6**  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Carla Winteringham, Principal



**School Begins**  
**Wednesday,**  
**September 7**

**Full Day of School**

Middle School starts at 8:00 a.m.  
High School starts at 8:05 a.m.  
Elementary School starts at 8:15 a.m.

## Community Pool Offers \$1.00 Nights

Monday & Thursday  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
for Family Swimming



We also offer water walking, adult swim,  
lap swim and senior exercise programs.

For a complete pool schedule  
call 536-2250  
or visit [www.ejps.org/ourcommunity](http://www.ejps.org/ourcommunity)

**E**xcellence . . . in all that we do for East Jordan's students. Superb academics, community support, technology upgrades, extracurricular opportunities, and parental involvement cause East Jordan Public Schools to progress while continuing its efforts to achieve its mission, vision, and goals of excellence.

## Breakfast & Lunch Prices

### Elementary School

Breakfast	\$1.20
Lunch	\$1.85
Milk	\$0.50

### Middle School

Breakfast	\$1.20
Lunch	\$2.10
Milk	\$0.50

### High School

Breakfast	\$1.20
Lunch	\$2.10
Milk	\$0.50

Daily breakfast and lunch menus are available at [www.ejps.org/calendars](http://www.ejps.org/calendars). Free & reduced lunch application forms will be sent to all families and are also available at each building office.



## 2011-2012 "Cut & Post" School Calendar

Wednesday, September 7	Full Day of School	
Friday, October 7	No School	Full Day Staff Inservice
November 1 & 3	Middle School	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 2	No School	Full Day Staff Training
November 8 & 10	Elementary School	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 9	High School	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, November 23	No School	Thanksgiving Break Begins
Thursday, November 24	No School	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, November 25	No School	Thanksgiving Break
Friday, December 9	No School	Full Day Staff Training
Wednesday, December 21	Full Day of School	Christmas Break Begins After School
Tuesday, January 3	School Resumes	
Friday, January 20	1/2 Day of School	
<i>Middle School Dismissed @ 11:20 am, High School Dismissed @ 11:30 am, Elementary School Dismissed at 11:40 am</i>		
February 14 & 16	Middle School	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, February 15	High School	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, February 17	No School	Full Day Staff Training
Monday, February 20	No School	Mid-Winter Break
March 6 & 8	Elementary School	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, March 9	No School	End of 2nd Trimester @ ES & MS
Thursday, March 29	Full Day of School	Spring Break Begins After School
Tuesday, April 10	School Resumes	
Friday, May 25	No School	
Monday, May 28	No School	Memorial Day
Sunday, June 3	Commencement	Boswell Stadium @ 2 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6	Last Day of School	1/2 Day for Students
<i>Middle School Dismissed @ 11:20 am, High School Dismissed @ 11:30 am, Elementary School Dismissed at 11:40 am</i>		

## Technology & Bus Bond Update

Due to the generosity of the East Jordan community, the recently-approved \$1.5 million Bus & Technology Bond is in full swing of implementation! The bond will upgrade and replace the District's technical infrastructure and replace aging buses. This bond is another example of the District's commitment to maximize financial resources while minimizing the burden of local taxpayers. Timing is such that it is possible to present a comprehensive bond without increasing taxes.

In order for the District to continue to thrive, it is important to systematically address our technology and transportation needs; however, the District's operating funds are insufficient to make these investments. Now... the positive financial impact of this bond to the East Jordan area will be beneficial in developing and building a stronger economy and community.

This six-year bond replaces an expiring bond, which was used to build the middle school in 1995. Additionally, there was no tax rate increase for East Jordan patrons along with a 10% tax rate reduction.

East Jordan Public School District says, "Thank You" to the community for placing kids first. You have enhanced our technological infrastructure along with raising the bar for new, innovative methods of instructional delivery for all students. You also placed kids first by replacing four of the most aged and high-cost buses with fuel-efficient buses over the course of the next six years.

Above all, the community's support of the schools is exemplary. You're welcome to stop in, any time, to see your investment at work preparing students for the 21st Century.



**E**xcellence ... in caring. The EJPS District Family is committed to caring for every child by providing them with a safe, secure learning environment. Every bus driver, custodian, cafeteria worker, classroom aide, secretary, teacher, administrator, and Board member values the opportunity to serve your child!



## *Excellence . . . A District Expectation*

The 2011-2012 school year promises to be another, in a series of great years in our schools, with the District's curricular and co-curricular programs taking center stage.

East Jordan Public School District continues to be a sparkling, gem nestled among the beautiful rolling hills of Northern Michigan.

This year, you will continue to see the implementation of a vision for change and growth...as the District strengthens its capacity to handle increased academic accountability and fiscal responsibility.

The 2010-2011 school year launched a variety of initiatives, which will enhance student success, staff success, community partnerships, and local pride. The District began its journey toward raising the bar by responding to the call of former School Board President, Kevin Keane who challenged staff to strive for excellence. Staff, and students alike, responded to that calling by implementing changes that propelled them out of their comfort zone...and caused all of us to kick-it-up a notch!

- A new District Improvement Plan was established with the Strategic Planning Committee, which outlines five measurable strands mandated by Michigan Department of Education's School Improvement Framework. The components of the plan include: Teaching for Learning, Leadership, Personnel & Professional Learning, School & Community Relations, and Data & Information Management.
- The Board of Education adopted new policies, which is aligned with new legislation and Michigan case law.
- The elementary school addressed its two-year challenge with achieving reading proficiency by participating in Michigan's Statewide System of Support (SSOS) and received over \$90,000 toward staff development and instructional materials for students.
- The District responded to the community's concern about adolescent substance abuse and peer-to-peer verbal/physical aggression by initiating a deliberate campaign to combat drugs and violence in the East Jordan community and schools.
- A District-wide, Aggression Prevention Workshop in February 2011 taught staff what they can do to reduce student cruelty and equipped them with skills to prevent cruel behavior between student-to-student, student-to-adult, and adult-to-student.
- A Blue Ribbon Commission was established in February 2011 to provide a forum for over eighty East Jordan community members, city officials, law enforcement officials, school officials, parents, and students to create healthy environments and to promote learning and lifetime success. A blueprint for the 2011-2012 school year was drafted.
- In April 2011, a licensed psychologist, funded by a gracious donor via the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, presented a Community Meeting on Aggression Prevention followed-up with specific trainings for District staff and students.
- Elementary school staff concluded the year with a three-day, Capturing Kids' Hearts training and participated in the District's first Curriculum Camp.
- Middle and high school staff concluded the year by re-writing student handbooks to comply with new Board policy, creating an Aggression Prevention Rubric that will be consistent within all three school buildings, and attending Curriculum Camp.

Along with your very capable Board of Education, I am committed to providing your children with EXCELLENCE...excellence in all that we do to serve their needs. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude. To that end, our staff and students will continue to make excellence the standard by which we frame our work, the people around us, and even ourselves.

Respectfully,

*Susan Wooden*, Superintendent

### *Building Principal & District Contact Information*

Susan Wooden, Superintendent  
 Tammy Jackson, High School Principal  
 Matt Stevenson, Middle School Principal  
 Carla Winteringham, Elementary School Principal  
 Brian Olszewski, Business Manager  
 Tim Drenth, Transportation Director  
 Debbie Derenzy, Food Service Director

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***E***xcellence . . . in academic achievement. Our on-time graduation rate continues to be above state and national averages. Our comprehensive academic program offers students a wide range of experiences including fine arts, concert and marching band, choir, career and technical education courses, along with advanced placement and dual enrollment opportunities. New wireless infrastructure and technology will enhance students' learning this school year.

# 2011 Fall Athletic Schedules

## Girls JV Volleyball

Aug. 27	Boyne City	Away	8:30 a.m
Aug. 30	Mancelona	Away	6:00 p.m
Sept. 13	Elk Rapids	Away	6:00 p.m
Sept. 15	Boyne City	Home	6:00 p.m
Sept. 17	Inland Lakes	Away	TBA
Sept. 20	Charlevoix	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 22	TC St. Francis	Home	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	Kalkaska	Home	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	Grayling	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 4	Harbor Springs	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 6	Elk Rapids	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	Boyne City	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 13	Charlevoix	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	TC St. Francis	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 20	Kalkaska	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 25	Grayling	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 27	Harbor Springs	Away	6:00 pm

## Girls Volleyball

Aug. 20	Pellston	Away	8:30 am
Aug. 27	Inland Lakes	Away	TBA
Aug. 30	Mancelona	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 13	Elk Rapids	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 15	Boyne City	Home	6:00 pm
Sept. 17	Charlevoix	Away	8:30 am
Sept. 20	Charlevoix	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 22	T.C. St. Francis	Home	6:00 pm
Sept. 27	Kalkaska	Home	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	Grayling	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 4	Harbor Springs	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 6	Elk Rapids	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	Boyne City	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 13	Charlevoix	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	T.C. St. Francis	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 20	Kalkaska	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 25	Grayling	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 27	Harbor Springs	Away	6:00 pm

## Cross Country

Aug. 27	Central Lake	Away	11:00 am
Aug. 31	East Jordan	Home	4:00 pm
Sept. 14	Boyne City	Away	4:30 pm
Sept. 17	Ellsworth	Away	10:30 am
Sept. 24	Petoskey	Away	9:00 am
Oct. 6	Mancelona	Away	4:00 pm
Oct. 18	Conference	Away	TBA
Oct. 22	Elk Rapids	Away	9:00 am
Oct. 28/29	Regionals	TBD	TBA

## Fun for the Whole Family All Sports Pass

*Family Pass - \$150  
Individual Adult Pass - \$70  
Individual Student Pass - \$30*

To purchase an All-Sports pass, call ahead to the High School Office at 536-2259 or the Middle School Office at 536-2823.

*Good at all MS & HS home games during the 2011-2012 season, excluding MHSAA Tournaments*

We will continue to provide Resident Seniors with a "Lifetime All-Sports Pass", if you would like this pass, please call ahead to the District Office at 536-3131 or the High School Office at 536-2259.

## JV Football

Aug. 25	Glen Lake	Home	6:00 pm
Aug. 31	St. Ignace	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 8	Kalkaska	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 15	T.C. St. Francis	Home	6:00 pm
Sept. 22	Grayling	Away	6:00 pm
Sept. 29	Charlevoix	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 6	Elk Rapids	Home	6:00 pm
Oct. 13	Boyne City	Away	6:00 pm
Oct. 20	Harbor Springs	Home	6:00 pm

## Varsity Football

August 26	Glen Lake	Away	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 1	St. Ignace	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Kalkaska	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	T.C. St. Francis	Away	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Grayling	Home	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Charlevoix Homecoming		7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Elk Rapids	Away	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Boyne City	Home	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Harbor Springs	Away	7:00 p.m.

## Meet Your Board of Education

The East Jordan Board of Education deserves recognition and thanks for their countless hours of service to public education and the children of our community. They continue to work diligently to assure that your children are educated and prepared for the future in the workplace and as citizens. The Board of Education of the East Jordan Public School District meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center. The following community members have been elected to the Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Scott Nachazel, President**  
**Nancy Tyree, Vice President**  
**Korinna Holt, Secretary**  
**Jay Peck, Treasurer**  
**Mike Spence, Trustee**  
**Darren Graham, Trustee**  
**Ted C. Sherman, Trustee**

## Herbicide Treatment Notice

East Jordan Public Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management approach for pest control, employing non-chemical methods that include sanitation and exclusion to control pests. However, from time to time, a herbicide application may be necessary to control weeds. If you would like to be notified in advance of such applications, please contact Brian Olszewski, Director of Business at 536-0053 ext. 5402.