



August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

Erie Middle School Students and Parents,

The 2015-2016 school year is just around the corner. I hope that everyone had a fun and enjoyable summer vacation.

We are very excited about entering year two with the 1:1 iPad initiative. This initiative was very successful last year and we are looking forward to taking this initiative to the next level this year. We have selected the following dates and times for iPad distribution by grade level;

**Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** iPad Distribution 9-11 am, 1-3 pm, 6-8 pm  
**Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** iPad Distribution 9-11 am, 1-3 pm, 6-8 pm  
**Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** iPad Distribution 9-11 am, 1-3 pm, 6-8 pm

It is imperative that parents accompany their student to a distribution time. The iPad is not only the student's but the parent's also. If you have multiple students at EMS, please plan to attend a distribution time for your oldest student where you will be able to check out an iPad for each child. If you have questions or concerns please contact us.

An excellent way to become involved at Erie Middle School is to join the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) or the School Accountability Committee (SAC). Both groups are very involved in school and the discussions at the meetings revolve around how to make Erie Middle School better for all students. PTO meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm beginning in September in the Library. SAC will meet the second Monday every other month at 6:00 pm starting the month of October in the Library. Reminders for the meetings will be sent out in advance.

To get bus information please feel free to call us one week before the start of school. We will receive bus route information from the district by this time. If you are bringing your child to school the drop off and pick-up area is the north loop along Cheeseman and the bus loop is on the east loop along main.

Finalized student schedules and locker assignments will be given to the students the first day of school. We are expecting to have schedules posted on Infinite Campus a few days before school starts. We will send another email when this happens. As a reminder, our elective schedule did change. Students will have electives every day instead of every other day.

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**Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>**-New Family Orientation 5:30-7:00  
**Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>**-1<sup>st</sup> day for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup>**-1<sup>st</sup> day for all returning 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**Tuesday August 25<sup>th</sup>**-**Back to School Night**-7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 6:30-8:00  
**Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>**-**Back to School Night**-6<sup>th</sup> grade and electives 6:30-8:00  
**Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>**-Picture Day-Retake Day Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I am looking forward to an outstanding school year. I am also looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Sincerely,  
Todd L. Bissell  
Erie Middle School Principal