

East Buchanan C-1 School District

Back to School Newsletter

Fall 2026

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! The East Buchanan School District is excited to welcome students, parents, and community members back for the upcoming school year. We look forward to a year of excellent opportunities for our students! Included in this newsletter is information about the upcoming year and how to stay up-to-date with what is happening. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership as we work together to keep East Buchanan the very best place to live and learn.



Electronic Enrollment

East Buchanan is transitioning away from paper enrollment forms to electronic enrollment. The goal is to simplify the enrollment process for parents and students, while also increasing the record keeping efficiency for the district. For returning students, most information should already be included in the enrollment forms, lessening the time for parents to complete. Information has been sent out about how to access and complete electronic enrollment. If you experience any difficulty accessing or completing the enrollment forms, please contact your building office or Eric Wright at eric@ebs.k12.mo.us

Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers is focused on children ages birth to 5 years old and includes:

- Personal Visits
- Group Connections
- Resource Network
- Child and Caregiver Screening

Together, they form a comprehensive set of services with seven goals/outcomes:

- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and positive parenting practices
- Provide early detection of developmental delays and connection to services
- Improve parent, child and family health and well-being
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase children's school readiness and success
- Improve family economic well-being
- Strengthen community capacity and connectedness

To learn more about how to get involved with East Buchanan's Parents As Teacher program visit

<https://www.ebs.k12.mo.us/parents-as-teachers>

Or contact Hope Georges at georges@ebs.k12.mo.us or (816) 424-6466

Stay Alert for Children as School Year Resumes

With the new year set to resume, there will be more children walking in the morning and afternoon. Please stay alert around schools and around town. There are likely to be children walking where you may not have previously expected to see them. Please take extra care in school zones and help us keep everyone safe. The City of Gower is hoping to be able to construct a sidewalk to the new middle school in the future. Until then, we will be discouraging walking to the new school. In-town bus stops make it easier for students to get to school without walking. For those students who do walk or ride their bike, we will be encouraging them to travel down 3rd street to the baseball parking lot. From the parking lot, there will be a crossing guard to help them safely cross to the school. Although we will do everything possible to discourage walking on 4th street past the City Park, we cannot guarantee there will not be students there. Please be vigilant and GO SLOW around schools. We appreciate your partnership in making the journey to and from school a safe one.



Stay Up-To-Date with EB Student Media

In the 24-25 school year, EBHS started a new class named EBHS Student Media. In addition to producing the yearbook, this class maintains a social media presence and posts information and pictures throughout the year. To get the latest happenings at EBHS, follow EBHS Student Media on Facebook (search EBHS Student Media), Instagram (@ebhs.media), X (@EastBuch Media), or YouTube (@EB.MediaCreation).

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

We are proud of all of the sports and activities that our students participate in throughout the year. From a Friday football game, to the play, to scholar bowl, softball—the list goes on and on. We hope you are able to come out and see our students engage in the wide variety of activities we offer. The link to the school calendar is here: <https://www.ebs.k12.mo.us/calendar>



The district's foodservice provider, OPAA, is always keeping an eye out for new staff members. This year, starting pay for all kitchen staff is \$16 per hour. If interested in being a full-time or substitute staff member in the kitchen, contact Jessica Shaw at 424-6466.



When the district sells surplus property, the sale will be advertised through district communication channels. Items will be sold through GovDeals@ <https://www.govdeals.com/EBSurplus>

Substitute Teachers!

The district is always on the lookout for substitute teachers. The daily rate for the 26/27 school year is \$125 per day. Also, retired teachers no longer have a cap on the number of hours they can substitute teach. If interested in joining our team of awesome substitutes, contact Ronetta Walkup at 424-6466.

Bus Drivers

You CAN drive a bus! Please consider joining our team of drivers for this important and rewarding opportunity. Starting pay is \$20 per hour. If interested in becoming a bus driver for the district, please contact People's Transportation at (816) 424-6110 or (660) 535-2008.



The district maintains several communications channels to keep parents, students, and community members in the know. The district utilizes Finalsite's ParentLink Mass Notification System (formerly Blackboard Connect), which gives parents and community members the option to select communication preferences, including email, text, phone, and district app. Often, but not always, information is also shared on Facebook and X. In addition, the district periodically sends out an electronic newsletter called SMORE, which gives information about upcoming events, celebrates student and staff accomplishments, and has other important district information. The SMORE is shared through the district communication channels. It should be noted that some messages, because of their size or type, cannot be sent through text or phone. If you are signed up for phone only, you may miss some messages. Also, messages in text and on X may be shortened to fit size requirements. The district app and email are the best sources to be sure you are receiving the full message. Emergency notifications, including school closures for weather, will be sent through this system. To receive school cancellation calls, you must have your phone number in the Finalsite system.

Information about how to sign-up for the Finalsite mass notification system and how to make your communication preference selections can be found on the district's website at www.ebs.k12.mo.us/notifications

If you have questions or experience difficulty signing up for or receiving communications, contact Eric Wright at Eric@ebs.k12.mo.us, or call the central office at 424-6466.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Aug 10	First HS Football Practice, 8 a.m.
Monday, Aug 10	First HS Volleyball Practice, 8 a.m.
Monday, Aug 10	First HS Softball Practice, 8 a.m.
Monday, Aug 10	First HS Cross Country Practice, 7 a.m.
Monday, Aug 10	First HS Girls Golf Practice, 1 p.m.
Mon, Tues, Wed, Aug 10, 11 & 12	Registration of NEW High School Students 8:30-12 & 12:30-3:00
Monday, Aug 10	Registration of all <u>NEW</u> Elementary And Middle School students to the district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug 11	Freshman Orientation, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Aug 12	6 th Grade Principal Mtg starts at 6:00 pm & Registration/Laptop Pickup following 7 th & 8 th Grade Open House 7-8:30pm & Laptop Pickup
Thursday, Aug 13	Junior/Senior Registration Check out lockers 11th & 12th Grade Returning students ONLY HS 1:1 Laptop Pickup in HS Room 314 from 8:30-12 & 12:30-3:00 7-12 Computer PAPERWORK ONLY (new students) 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug 14	Freshman/Sophomore Registration Check out lockers 9th & 10th Grade Returning students ONLY HS 1:1 Laptop Pickup in HS Room 314 from 8:30-12 & 12:30-3:00 7-12 Computer PAPERWORK ONLY (new students) 3:00-3:30 p.m.
Monday, Aug 17	First Day of MS Volleyball 3:30 p.m. First Day of MS Football 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug 20	6-12 Computer PAPERWORK ONLY (new students) Elem. Cafeteria 3:30-4:00p.m.
Thursday, August 20	Elem Open House 6:00-7:30p.m.
Tues, Wed, and Thurs. Aug 18, 19, & 20	Teacher Orientation
Monday, Aug 24	SCHOOL STARTS, Full Day
Wednesday, Aug 26	Elem, MS, HS, Staff School Pictures
Thursday, Aug 27	Senior Pictures 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Sept 7	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Monday, Sept 21	NO SCHOOL – PD Day
Friday, Sept 25	Homecoming- Early Dismissal 12:30pm
Friday, Oct 16	Early Dismissal 12:00pm Teacher work day
Thursday, Oct 22	Elem/MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-8pm Early Dismissal 12:00 pm
Friday, Oct 23	NO SCHOOL
Friday, Nov 13	NO SCHOOL – PD Day
Tuesday, Nov 24	All Picture Makeup day
Wed/Thurs/Fri, Nov 25, 26, & 27	Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
Friday, Dec 18	Early Dismissal 12:30pm
Mon., Dec. 21 to Fri., Jan 1	Christmas Vacation–NO SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 4	NO SCHOOL-Teacher work day
Tuesday, Jan 5	Classes Resume – Full Day
Monday, Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
Friday, Feb 5	NO SCHOOL - PD Day
Fri/Mon, Feb 12 & 15	President Day Weekend – NO SCHOOL
Monday, March 15	NO SCHOOL – PD Day
Mon/Tues./Wed., Mar 22, 23, 24	Kindergarten Roundup
Wednesday, March 24	Elem Group Pictures
Thurs/Fri/Mon, March 25, 26, 29	Easter Break – NO SCHOOL
Sunday, May 16	High School Graduation, 2 p.m.
Friday, May 21	Last Day of School, Dismiss 12:30 p.m.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Monday, August 24

SCHEDULED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: Friday, May 21

Start Times/Dismissal Times

Elementary Start Time: 8:20
Middle School Start Time: 8:10
High School Start Time: 8:20

Elementary Dismissal Time: 3:15
Middle School Dismissal Time: 3:05
High School Dismissal Time: 3:15

Building Contact Numbers

High School: 424-6460
Middle School: 473-2451
Elementary School: 424-3111
Central Office: 424-6466
Bus Barn: 424-6110

Please contact the bus barn to inform them when your child will not be riding. The bus barn number can also be used for all transportation-related questions.

Lunch Prices

Student Breakfast: \$2.60
Adult Breakfast: \$3.67

Student Lunch: \$3.70
Adult Lunch: \$4.99

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jesse Fisher, President
Beth Gregory, Vice President
Beth Carr, Secretary
Ronetta Walkup, Treasurer
Ryan Harper, Director
Jeremy Henry, Director
Kyle McCoy, Director
Michael Oswald, Director
Andrea Wilson, Director

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. John Newell, Superintendent
Heidi Shoemaker, Asst Superintendent of Curriculum, & Special Services
Doug Miller, High School Principal, Athletic Director
Chris Anderson, Middle School Principal
Rachael Parkey, Elementary Principal
Susan Henry, District Social Worker

TECHNOLOGY

Eric Wright, Director
Zachary Lee
Christian Velez-Morales

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Beth Carr, Bookkeeper, Superintendent's Office
Ronetta Walkup, Secretary, Superintendent's Office
Kim Thompson, Secretary to High School Principal
Ashley Lyons, Secretary in High School Principal's Office
Heidi McCoy, Secretary to Middle School Principal
Yvonne Andrews, Secretary to Elementary Principal
Ashley Frei, Secretary in Elementary Principal's Office

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Johna Beattie
Emelia Boatwright
Megan Brushwood
Sam Hall
Beth Hesson
Danell Hensley
Shantell Hill
Alesia Klein
Whitney Maus
Trista Nauman
Angie Thompson

MAINTENANCE

Bryson Burns
Dillon Pasley

HEALTH SERVICES

Mrs. Jessica Friess

ELEMENTARY

Miss Emily Kimsey, Kindergarten
Mrs. Natalie Miller, Kindergarten
Mrs. Lyndsey Ray, Kindergarten
Miss. McKenzie Brockhoff, 1st Grade
Mrs. Lynette Conard, 1st Grade
Miss Natalyn Killoren 1st Grade
Mrs. Hannah Daugherty, 2nd Grade
Ms. Emily Davidson, 2nd Grade
Mrs. Sheila McMillen, 2nd Grade
Mrs. Shelby Brazzell, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Lindsay Edwards, 3rd Grade
Ms. Lauren Mead, 3rd Grade
Mrs. Nicole Boyken, 4th Grade
Miss Avery McVicker, 4th Grade
Mrs. Andrea Walkup, 4th Grade/yearbook
Mrs. Christin Musser, 5th Grade
Mrs. April Updike, 5th Grade
Mr. Michael Carpenter, P.E.
Mrs. Sharon Sharp, Librarian
Mrs. Kristin Meyer, Art
Mrs. Kelsey Cook, Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Kristin Giffin, Computer Lab, Elem Technology
Mrs. Dawn Smith, Vocal Music

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mrs. Sandy Adams, Guidance Counselor
Mr. Corbin Allen, Head Wrestling
Mrs. Morgan Archdekin, Head Volleyball
Mrs. Johna Beattie, Asst. MS Play
Mrs. Tabatha Craft, Math, Math Counts
Mrs. Jami Dodge, Keyboarding
Mr. Christian Estella, Instrumental Music
Mr. Jeff Harlin, Academic Team
Mrs. Madison Helton, Head Softball
Mrs. Danell Hensley, Cross Country
Mrs. Lindee Horn, P.E. Girls Basketball
Mr. Ryan Horn, Science & Social Studies
Miss Natalyn Killoren, Asst Volleyball
Mr. Nick Klein Asst. Football
Miss Joan Krumme, Social Studies, History Day
Mr. Zac Johnson, Head Football
Mr. Cody Lee, 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Track
Mr. Zachary Lee, Track
Ms. Kailey Lupfer, Art, MS Technology
Miss Lauren Miles, Vocal Music, MS Drama
Mrs. Natalie Mummert, Language Arts, Yrbk, STUCO
Mrs. Mary Newell, Language Arts
Mr. Phillip Norris, Science, Science Fair
Mrs. Amber Rust, FACS
Mrs. Natalie Schaeffer, Asst Softball
Mrs. Jane Scott, Math, Math Investigation, Music Appreciation
Mrs. Sharon Sharp, Librarian
Mr. Michael Willhite, 7th grade Boys Basketball
Mrs. Amy Kelsey, Voc Agriculture

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Scott Antle, Part-time Math teacher
Mrs. Johna Beattie, Asst. HS Play
Miss. McKenzie Brockhoff, Asst. Volleyball
Mr. Michael Carpenter, Girls Golf Coach, Head Boys Basketball
Mr. Jered Curl, PE/Health, Student Services, Head Girls Basketball
Mrs. Jami Dodge, Head Softball Coach
Mr. Christian Estella, Instrumental Music
Mr. Jeffrey Harlin, English, Head Girls Track Coach, Yearbook
Mrs. Beth Hesson, Cheerleading Sponsor, Junior Class Sponsor, STUCO
Mr. Blake Holloway, Math
Mr. Ryan Horn, Head Volleyball
Mr. Zac Johnson, Social Studies
Mr. Kyle Knox, Social Studies, Asst. Football Coach, Asst Track
Mr. Cody Lee, Social Studies, History Day
Mr. Adam Lewis, Voc. Business, FBLA, Asst. Football, Head Wrestling
Mrs. Jade Lewis, Guidance Counselor, Sr Class Sponsor, Dance
Mrs. Heidi McCoy, Asst Softball
Miss. Avery McVicker, Asst. Volleyball Coach
Mrs. Kristin Meyer, Art
Miss Lauren Miles, Vocal Music, HS Drama
Miss Jenna Musser, Asst Cheer Coach
Mr. Chris Painter, Science, Science Fair, Academic Team
Mrs. Lindsey Parks, English, NHS
Mr. Colby Rapp, Science, Asst Football
Mr. Daniel Ritter, Physical Education, Head Football Coach, Head Boys Track
Mrs. Amber Rust, FACS, FCCLA
Mrs. Leigh Anne Sharp, Spanish
Mrs. Sharon Sharp, Librarian
Mrs. Ronetta Walkup, Voc Agriculture/FFA
Mr. Luke Webb, Asst Boys Basketball
Mr. Michael Willhite, Math, Boys Golf Coach
Mrs. Amy Kelsey, Voc Agriculture, FFA

SPECIAL SERVICES TEACHERS

Mrs. Amy Adams, 2-12 Gifted, 1-5 Title I Math
Mrs. Amanda Connett, Speech Language Pathologist
Mrs. Steffanie Eldredge, High School Special Edu
Mrs. Hope Georges, PAT
Mrs. Madison Helton, ECSE
Mrs. Susan Mongeau, Middle School Special Edu
Mrs. Brenda Moreels, Elem Special Edu
Mrs. Andrea Veatch, K-5 Title I Reading
Mrs. Amanda Vulgamott, Process Coordinator
Mrs. Elizebeth Vasut, Elem Special Services Edu

Mission of the East Buchanan C-1 School District

Family, Community and School Working Together for the Success of All

Board Meeting Dates for 26/27

- August 17 (Also Tax Rate Hearing)
- September 21
- October 19
- November 16
- December 14
- January 25
- February 22
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21

All Board Meetings occur at 7PM in the high school library. Any changes to dates, times, or location will be sent out through District Communication Channels. Board policies and Board Meeting Agendas are available under the “District” tab of the district

Current Board Members

Jesse Fisher: Board President

Beth Gregory: Vice President

Kyle McCoy

Mike Oswald

Andrea Wilson

Jeremy Henry

Ryan Harper



Vision of the East Buchanan C-1 School District

Foundation—Cultivation—Ignition—Innovation

***Foundation:** Laying the groundwork for success*

***Cultivation:** Guiding and Encouraging*

***Ignition:** Providing Inspiration*

***Innovation:** Sparking critical thinking and creativity*