



*Quick Guide
To
East Middle School 23-24*



Facts: East Middle School is a two year middle school that currently has 809 students.

Support Structure:

Our middle school is set up to make “**SMALLNESS OUT OF LARGE**”.

- The total student body is divided by **GRADE**. Students in each grade will have different classes, lunches as well as rooms in different parts of the building.
- Each grade is divided into **3 TEAMS WITH 4 CORE TEACHERS**. Those teachers will all know the students on that team, and the team will work together for their students
- The students will all be assigned to a **CONNECTIONS** class, which will be their smallest class. The Connection Teacher will focus on relationships and support for those students.

Transition:

The staff at East Middle School continually plans for transitions for our students as they begin at East and as they transition to the high school. Parent communication is important during this time in order to meet the student’s needs.

*****School starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. every day except Wednesday when the students are dismissed at 2:15.**

Lunch:

Students will eat lunch with their grade level peers. Lunch is \$2.90 with reduced prices available with application. A breakfast is also available for \$1.75. Reduced lunch prices are \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast. Applications are available for reduced fees both on the web site and at school.

Sports: See our website for more information www.gfps.k12.mt.us/EMS

Tentatively we have scheduled the following sports.Changes in scheduling may be made as needed.

Fall: Football (boys) 08/30/2023
Basketball (girls) 09/05/2023
Cross-Country (both) 09/05/2023
Basketball (boys) 10/23/2023

Winter: Volleyball (girls) 01/02/2024
Wrestling (boys) 01/16/2024
Swimming (girls) 02/12/2024

Spring: Track (both) 04/03/2024

Requirements: All students may participate and no one is cut. A physical is required prior to the first practice. Fees are: \$25.00 for one sport, \$45.00 for more than one. (Free and reduced lunch fees are \$12.50 and \$22.50) If these fees are not possible the student should talk to their counselor.

Questions you may have:

- **What is a “team”?** A group of 4 teachers (one English, math, science and social studies teacher) who all have the same students.
- **What are the names of the teams?** This year’s 7th grade teams are Thrive, Trailblazers, and BigHorn. The 8th grade teams are Dynamos, Impact and Excel.
- **How are students assigned to teams?** The students are assigned by the computer random generation.
- **Which is the best team?** The teams will each say they are the best! Each team is a great team.
- **What classes will the students have besides the core classes?** Students will have 3 Related Art classes; Foreign Language, Music, and PE. We also have a 7th grade elective Intro to Woods.
- **What related arts classes do the students take each year?** Grade 7 – Art, Family Consumer Science, and Computer Applications. Grade 8 – Financial Literacy, Industrial Technology, and Art.
*****All students will have Health Enhancement (P.E.), and a Music class.**
- **Music** includes Band, Orchestra, General Music or choir (8th grade). 8th Grade students wishing to take Choir as a second music need to contact their grade level counselor.
- Some students may also have classes for **additional support classes in Reading and/or Math.**
- **Foreign Language** – We offer French all year.
- **How do we access PowerSchool?** You and your student will use the same login as in elementary school. If you don’t have that information, contact our records clerk at 268-7509.
- **What do I need to know about gym?**
Student required dress for P.E. is shorts and/or sweats, and t-shirts. They need tennis shoes, but they do not need to be just for gym. Students do not have to shower unless they wish to.
- **What immunizations are required for 7th graders?** In addition to what they have had before, most will need a TDAP (TD booster).

Attendance Office 268-6501

**For questions or more information please contact:
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