



August 2026

Dear Evergreen Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2026/2027 school year at Evergreen Middle School!

Over the past three school years, the staff at Evergreen Middle School have reestablished a foundation for excellence with teaching and learning that I am excited to build upon during the upcoming school year. Evergreen Middle School is well on its way to ensuring that all students achieve at the highest of levels and are fully prepared for high school and beyond.

Building upon this foundation of excellence to achieve the highest levels of teaching and learning is not possible without a strong foundation partnership between school staff and families. One of the first things needed from you all to build (or further develop) a strong partnership is to have you attend our annual **Back to School Night**. Back to School Night will occur at Evergreen Middle School on **Wednesday, August 26th from 5:30-7:30**. At Evergreen, Back to School Night serves two primary purposes:

- 1) Students receive their class schedule
- 2) Students (and parents/guardians/caregivers) can walk the class schedule to see classrooms and meet their teachers (this is where the partnership building occurs!)

There are certainly other benefits to attending Back to School Night, but these are the two primary reasons to attend. More details regarding Back to School Night will be shared in the near future via our electronic newsletter, *News from the Nest* (this newsletter is distributed via ParentSquare each Wednesday throughout the school year). We look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night!

Now, let's talk about the first days of school for students (please note that school starts for students prior to Labor Day this school year).

7th Graders (GHS Class of 2032): Your first day of school will be Tuesday, September 1st. A select group of 8th grade student leaders, *Eagle Leaders*, are excited to meet you all and take you through a series of activities to help you learn what being a part of the Evergreen Middle School community is all about. You'll learn about the school, attend your classes, and, hopefully, have some fun! We look forward to meeting you on September 1st!

8th Graders (GHS Class of 2031): Your first day of school is Wednesday, September 2nd (please note that we will follow the late start schedule on this day). We are excited to welcome you back for a fantastic 8th grade year where you continue to thrive and accomplish great things. We will see you on September 2nd!

Again, please be on the lookout for our weekly newsletter, *News from the Nest*, for the most up-to-date information on what's going on at Evergreen Middle School. Our excitement for the 2026/2027 school



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year grows every day as we prepare for what will, without a doubt, be another great year at Evergreen Middle School.

Go Eagles!

Kevin Hertel
Principal

Important Dates:

- August 18 - Evergreen Middle School Office re-opens, 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- August 26 - Family Connections Day (Welcome Outreach - we contact you!)
- August 26 - Back to School Night from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- September 1 - First day of school for 7th graders (as well as grades 1-6 and 9)
- September 2 - First day of school for 8th graders (as well as kindergarteners and grades 10-12)
- September 7 - Labor Day Holiday

School Hours:

Our school hours are 8:45 AM - 3:15 PM M/Tu/Th/F and 9:16 AM - 3:15 PM on Wednesdays.

- All students may enter the building at 8:15 AM M/Tu/Th/F and at 8:45 AM on Wednesdays.
- All students will gather in the Commons (cafeteria) each morning before being released to their classes.
- Breakfast is available for all students each morning.

School Meals:

We are pleased to announce that Hillsboro School District is approved to offer meals at no cost for all students through June 2028 under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). **All** students attending any of HSD's 36 school sites are eligible to receive a healthy complete breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. No further action is required of you. Your children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay for meals or submit a meal application. You can view menus at <https://lingconnect.com/public/menu/ERRCAH> or [Hillsboro School District Menus](#).

Family Involvement Opportunities:

We hope that all of our community members can volunteer in our building during the 2026/2027 school year. All volunteers need to be approved in advance through our school district. Fill out the volunteer application or update/renew/check the status of your current application by visiting <https://www.hsd.k12.or.us/volunteering>.

Attendance Line:

If your child is absent please call **(503) 844-1400** to access the attendance line, as soon as possible. If you do not call the attendance line, you will receive an automated call from our office by 10:45 AM. When contacting the attendance line, please leave your child's name and reason for their absence, including symptoms if they are ill.

Bus Routes:



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Schedules and walk zone information are developed by the school district's Transportation department. They will send you directions on how to access this information online at the end of August. Please let us know of any childcare or address changes right away. You may call Transportation at 503-844-1123 if you have specific questions.

ParentVUE:

The email addresses and phone numbers in our student information system are what we use to send families important news and updates, information about your child's attendance, and safety and emergency communications. Please verify your information by logging into [ParentVUE](#).