

Thomas A. Edison Middle School

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Dear Edison Knights Parents/Guardians:

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended our summer orientations this week. We are incredibly excited to begin this school year as we embark on a new middle school configuration. Our dedicated staff has been working diligently to create an environment that fosters academic growth, personal development, and a strong sense of community for every student. We are committed to providing a vibrant, inclusive environment that encourages and inspires each student to reach their full potential. Our dedicated teachers are prepared to deliver high-quality instruction, focusing on meeting the academic and social-emotional needs of all students. Our overall goal is to cultivate and nurture your child, enabling them to grow and develop into a dynamic and successful student.

As your child transitions into middle school, we are dedicated to supporting each student throughout their journey. At Edison Middle School, the educational process is a strong partnership between the school, parents, and students. We strive to create open lines of communication, which are critical for our students' success. Please visit our Edison Middle School Website often. We post daily announcements and provide answers to many common questions there. As a reminder, you can find important information under the Parent Information tab on our website. Our district's Parent Portal for PowerSchool is also an excellent resource for staying informed about your child's academic progress. If you need assistance connecting to the Parent Portal, please contact the school counseling office or any of our Administrative Assistants; they will be happy to guide you through the sign-up process.

We eagerly anticipate meeting our new students on **Wednesday, September 3, 2025, the first day of school**. Students may begin arriving around 7:45 AM. The school day officially starts at 8:10 AM and concludes at 2:53 PM. **On the first day, we kindly request that you print a copy of your child's schedule from the Parent Portal and have them bring it to school. Sixth-grade students will assemble in the auditorium upon arrival, while seventh and eighth-grade students will report directly to their first-period classes.**

During the first few weeks of school, teachers will engage students in transitional activities designed to help them adjust to middle school. These activities enable students to become familiar with their new learning environment by interacting with staff and peers. Our school counselors also play a significant role in a student's transition, getting to know each student through assemblies, classroom visits, and individual and group meetings. For bus students, please have your child write down their bus route number in a safe place so they know which bus to ride daily. This information will be available in the My Ride K-12 App under the transportation tab.

Our **Back-to-School Night** has been rescheduled. It will now be held on **September 17th at 6:00 PM for 6th-grade parents and 6:30 PM for 7th and 8th-grade parents.**

We are confident that the 2025-2026 school year will be a great year for our Edison Knight community. Please do not hesitate to contact the main office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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