



Edwardsburg Middle School ~ Middle School Matters



Friday, January 06, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EDWARDSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL...NWEA testing is taking place over the next several weeks. Be sure your chromebook is charged each night!

DANCE...



Middle School Dance, tonight!! This is the semi-formal dance, so students may dress up if they choose. Girls may wear dresses that do not cover the shoulder for this dance **only**. The dresses **MUST** have straps (spaghetti straps, halter, etc...)

6th Grade: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

BAND BOOSTER FUNDRAISER...Please see the flyer below for information on the upcoming Euchre Tournament Fundraiser for our band program!



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION...

Thank you to all who participated in the first semester Box Tops collection!

The Middle School raised = \$143.80

Our next deadline for box tops will be 3/1/2017. We appreciate the student council's help with the box tops. It has saved the PTO from many hours of hand cramping! We hope to collect even more for the next submission and will be sending home collection sheets and more reminders with the students. The PTO will collect them from the building sometime in February and get together and finish them up. Please see the list below from the box top website to help with your submissions.

SUBMISSION DOS & DON'TS

- DO make sure each of your Box Tops has a visible, valid expiration date and product code.
- DON'T submit Box Tops without valid expiration dates and codes. Your school cannot receive credit for these.
- DON'T attach your bonus certificates to collection sheets.
- DO separate Box Tops into three piles: Regular Box Tops, bonus certificates and collection sheets. –
- DON'T bundle bonus certificates with your regular Box Tops.
- DO mark the number of Box Tops on the outside of each of your Box Tops bundles, even if your bundle has fewer than 50 Box Tops.
- DON'T send in loose, unbundled Box Tops or bundles without a number labeled on the outside.



KEEP
CALM
AND
COLLECT
BOX TOPS



EMS Athletic Schedule...

Thursday, January 12, 2017

4:00 p.m.

*MS Wrestling@ Dowagiac MS/Niles Ring Lardner
(At Dowagiac MS)*

Important Reminders from the Office of the Assistant Principal, Mr. Brian Clements...



Being Responsible Digital Citizens

Our middle school students are very savvy in navigating through the web and using different types of social media (Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, etc.). Students have the opportunity to connect and collaborate with a global audience. We have policies in place at Edwardsburg Public Schools that ensure appropriate student usage of the Internet and technology equipment. We need your help at home to promote positive communication/appropriate technology use at home.

Students in our generation are writing about anything on social media platforms, which can be forwarded to multiple individuals with just a few clicks. This can cause more issues if the information is sensitive or hurtful to another child. When cyberbullying occurs, it can cause a child to have emotional stress and withdrawal from school. Please have a discussion with your child about cyberbullying and the effect it can have on another child. First, go online and find the definition of cyberbullying, so you can explain to your child what this term specifically means. Second, provide examples of cyberbullying to help your child understand the importance of addressing this growing concern in our society. Our students need to know about the serious repercussions for intentionally harming someone online. Repeated threats, mean comments, and/or obscene language can have an adverse effect on another child and could involve the authorities, as it is deemed “stalking” by law.

Self-image is also important online as well. We want our children to promote a positive and professional image of themselves. Students will share pictures of themselves online and/or share information about themselves, which can become global. As stated previously, once a child shares something online, it will be sent to multiple individuals, which can have an adverse effect on a child’s reputation/self-image. Keep in mind, “Freedom of speech does not equate to freedom of consequences”. It is imperative that our students understand that once they put information online that is inappropriate about themselves or other students, it is out there “forever!!” Reinforce these questions with your children when they are posting information online:

- Would you want your parents to see or read what’s online about you?
- Will the information you post online affect your future career?
- Would the information you post online hurt anyone’s feelings?
- How do you want to be seen by others?

Please assist in monitoring your child’s online communication. We do not want our children to make a choice online through social media that will affect their future, hurt themselves or others, and/or damage their own reputation. If we are not monitoring our children’s social media communication, a choice could be made that could be damaging and have serious repercussions for our children. Let’s work together to make sure our children are being digitally responsible within social media. Take care of yourselves, thank you for reading my article and have a great weekend.

FOR A BETTER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY...

From “Middle School Years,” January, 2017.



To tell you the truth... Being honest will help your middle grader earn trust from family, friends, teachers, and coaches. Foster truthfulness with these ideas: ■ Explain that he’s better off telling the truth. If he admits taking money from your wallet without asking, you might have him do odd jobs to pay it back. But if he denies it and you find out he did, he will have lost your trust—and he should know it will take time for him to regain it. ■ When you’re aware he’s done something he’s not being truthful about, state the facts. For example, tell him you saw him at one place when he was supposed to be at another. Allow him to tell you what happened, then enforce appropriate consequences (say, being grounded for a weekend).

Shift the responsibility...

■**Q** My daughter says I’m always “on her case,” reminding her to practice her clarinet, take a shower, or pick up her shoes. I don’t want her to feel like all I ever do is correct her. Help!

■**A** It may feel natural to give your daughter reminders. But try making her responsible for reminding herself. Suggest she create a daily checklist that includes big jobs (practicing her instrument) and smaller ones (putting shoes away). Or she could list her to-do tasks in a daily planner to keep herself organized. Giving her positive—and specific—feedback will also help. Rather than saying, “You’re so talented!” if she practices without a reminder, you might say, “I heard you practicing that tough part in your new clarinet solo. I know your hard work will pay off at your spring band concert.”

The Edwardsburg Band Boosters presents

EUCHIRE NIGHT

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Beginning at 6 pm

Beef O'Brady's

12479 State Rd 23 Granger, IN 46530

\$20 per person



Pre-Registration is required to enter. Please return the form below and payment by Monday, January 16

c/o Edwardsburg Bands
Edwardsburg High School
69410 Section Street
Edwardsburg, MI 49112

Euclre Tournament Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Number of Players _____ x \$20= _____ Cash _____ Check # _____