
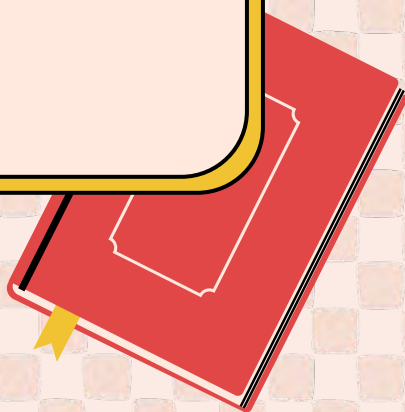






Go Cougars!

# Elm Middle School Open House

— 2021-2022 —





# Welcome!

Meet the members of your  
Administrative Team!

# INTRODUCTIONS

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# PowerSchool

- It is essential for all parents to utilize the PowerSchool App
- Information about PowerSchool can be found on our school website at [Elm PowerSchool Page](#)
- Download the mobile app from the App Store or on Google Play!
  - **Use District Code TKLG and your login information to sign in.**
- Access the web browser at: [Access Page](#)
- **Questions? Contact Ms. Groeneveld, Ms. Spiewak, or Mr. Goodman.**

# LINQ

- For registration for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond we're utilizing LINQ, which is an online platform.
- Even if your residency was approved, all families must have an account and complete all necessary documents for your student to begin school on 8/18/2021.
- These include:
  - Updating Demographics
  - Signing off on all parental agreements
    - AUP, Handbook, Chromebook etc..
- **Questions? Contact Ms. Yager, she can also give you your students five digit invite code.**



# District Calendar



\* To view the District Calendar for the 2021-2022 calendar, visit: [School Calendar](#)

\* Trimester Dates:

- **Trimester 1: August 18 - November 11**
- **Trimester 2: November 12 - February 24**
- **Trimester 3: February 25 - May 26**

\* *EPHS Courses offered at EMS will be on Semesters.*



\* **Emergency Days: May 27 - June 3**

\* Parents will receive student report cards at the end of each trimester electronically via PowerSchool.



# Bell Schedules

## Elm Middle School Bell Schedule

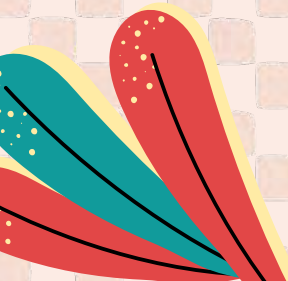
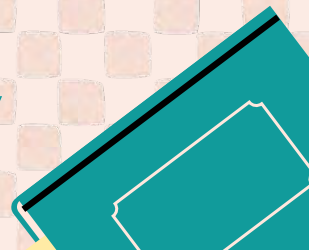
Period	Start	End
1	8:08 AM	8:58 AM
2	9:01 AM	9:51 AM
3	9:54 AM	10:44 AM
4	10:47 AM	11:37 AM
<i>5A (6th Lunch)</i>	<i>11:40 AM</i>	<i>12:10 PM</i>
<i>5B (7th Lunch)</i>	<i>12:13 PM</i>	<i>12:43 PM</i>
<i>5C (8th Lunch)</i>	<i>12:46 PM</i>	<i>1:16 PM</i>
6	1:19 PM	2:09 PM
7	2:12 PM	3:02 PM

## GRADES 6-8 Early Release

Period	Start	End
SST	7:45AM	8:25AM
1	8:30 AM	9:00 AM
2	9:05 AM	9:35 AM
3	9:40 AM	10:10 AM
4	10:15 AM	10:45 AM
<i>5A</i>	<i>10:45 AM</i>	<i>11:15 AM</i>
<i>5B</i>	<i>11:16 AM</i>	<i>11:36 AM</i>
<i>5C</i>	<i>11:40 AM</i>	<i>12:00 PM</i>
6	12:05 PM	12:35 PM
7	12:40 PM	1:10 PM
Dismissal	1:10 PM	1:15PM



## Student Schedules

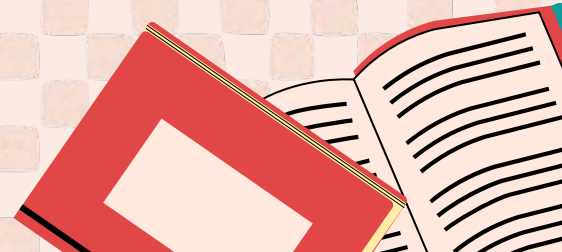
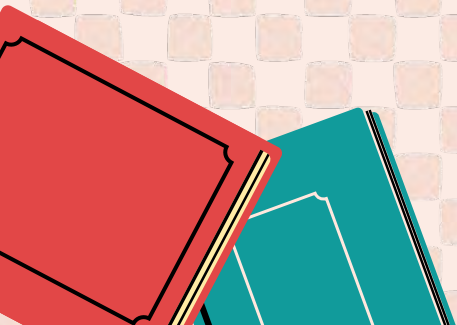
- Student schedules have been released!
  - Requests for schedule changes will be considered. Some changes will not be able to be accommodated due to limited space.
    - Email Ms. Garay with any necessary schedule change requests.
  - All students will be enrolled in Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science courses
    - Students will also participate in **Career Studies/Interventions & Elective** classes daily
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## Attendance

- Student attendance will be taken daily during each class period
  - The first day of school is: Wednesday, August 18!
- If a student is unable to attend class for any reason, their parent or guardian must call or email to notify the school of their absence
  - Contact our attendance clerk, Ms. Maria Vargas, at: 708-583-6600 **OR** email at: [elmattendance@epcusd401.org](mailto:elmattendance@epcusd401.org)





## Career Studies

- Career Studies serves as an opportunity to expose students to various fields of work and interests in our College & Career Pathway Program
- These courses are taken as a **pass** or **fail** grade.
- Courses change each trimester
- Students are placed into three of the following courses:
  - Psychology
  - Business
  - Creative Writing
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Game Design
  - Hospitality & Tourism
  - Sociology



## Cougar Learning Lab

- Cougar Learning Labs have been created this year to extend an opportunity to further support our students
- Students can be exited from a Cougar Learning Lab at the Trimester break or be recommended to remain in for another trimester
- Cougar Learning Lab Courses Include:
  - Cougar Learning Lab: Mathematics
  - Cougar Learning Lab: English Language Learners
  - Cougar Learning Lab: English Language Arts



## Social Emotional Learning

- Addressing the social-emotional needs of our middle school students is essential to their health and education
- During advisory time, students will participate in social-emotional learning activities for 25 minutes each day
  - *Advisory teachers serve as the "go-to" staff member for students and their families*



# From The Dean of Students

## Culture and Climate

- Students and Staff Safety
- Respect towards one another
- Students welcomed in and out of the classroom

## My Responsibilities

- Discipline and Behavior
- Attendance support
- Serving and supporting you!

## What to Expect

- Repairing the Harm
  - Restorative Practices
  - Collaborative decision making
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# Online & Chromebook Student Expectations

- Chromebooks can only be used with district-issued Google email accounts.
- Student accounts are monitored by the district and building administration.
  - Any student not practicing expected digital citizenship will be addressed immediately by building administration.
- A copy of the Digital Citizenship Contract can be found at: [bit.ly/2uHLLt9](https://bit.ly/2uHLLt9)
- A copy of the Chromebook Policy can be found at: [bit.ly/2zLKL9e](https://bit.ly/2zLKL9e)
- Please note that no stickers should be placed on the Chromebook or case.



# Extra Curricular Activities

The following activities are currently available  
for the 2021-2022 school year!

- Art Club
  - Crypto Club
  - Scholastic Bowl
  - National Junior Honor Society
  - Band
  - Softball
  - Basketball
  - Poms
  - Cheerleading
  - Cougar Leadership Council
  - Robotics
  - Camera Club
  - Yearbook
  - Math Club
  - Choir
  - Volleyball
  - Soccer
  - Cross Country
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# Elm Athletics

- A sports specific physical is required for any student to participate in athletics at Elm Middle School
- This physical must be completed before the athlete can tryout
- Grades are checked weekly
- Any student with an F on their report card is considered ineligible
  - Students who are ineligible will report to homework lab after school
- Once a student has completed homework lab, if the team is practicing they may report to practice
- If the team has a home game, they will be allowed to go as a spectator; they are unable to dress or participate
- If the team has an away game, they will go home after homework lab
- If a student has an F for two weeks, they will be removed from the team




# Elm Athletics

- Tryouts
  - Athletes perform a battery of skills
  - Coaches assess the athletes from those skills
  - Coaches choose team based on those tryouts
- It is possible for a student to not make the team
- If a student is cut from the team
  - Talk with that coach to see what skills they can work on to potentially make the team in the future
- Leyden Norwood Athletic Conference
- Athletic Conference
  - Schedules
  - School Locations
  - Code of Conduct
  - Concussion Form
  - Physical Form



# How can YOU help?

## Support your child by...

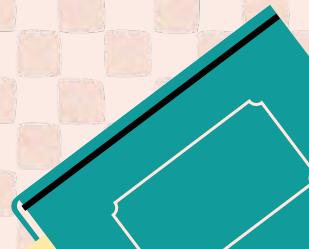
- Establishing routines and expectations for bed times and daily schedules
  - Setting up a physical location that's dedicated to school activities
  - Staying in touch with school staff and teachers continuously
    - **Read all communication from PowerSchool**
    - **Reminder: Teacher work days begin at 7:45 am and end at 3:15 pm**
  - Help students own their learning by modeling good work habits
  - Begin and end the day by checking in with your child
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# Questions??

What questions can we help  
answer?



# Resources



## - EPCUSD Websites/Information

- Elm Middle School
- Student Handbook
- PowerSchool
- Breakfast and Lunch are free for all students for the 2021-2022 school year.

## - Technology

- Chromebook Support
- Google Classroom Login
- Accessing Curriculum
- Comcast Assistance

## - External Organizations

- Illinois State Board of Education
- Illinois Department of Health
- Cook County Public Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### **Questions?**

Contact Ms. Groeneveld,  
Ms. Spiewak, or Mr. Goodman!

The image features a central white rounded rectangle with a black border and a teal shadow, containing the text "THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!" in bold red capital letters. The background is a light beige and white checkered pattern. Surrounding the central box are several stylized elements: books in teal and red, some open and some closed, and colorful, teardrop-shaped leaves in teal and red with yellow outlines and small white dots. The overall style is bright and celebratory.

**THANK YOU  
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