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Dear High School East Students,

I hope that you are enjoying the remaining days of summer and that you are making plans for a successful 2019-2020 school year. On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, I wrote to welcome you back to school and to share my excitement concerning your return. This letter, while sharing that same purpose, is intending to provide you with information that will support a successful start to your new school year.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. It will be a full day of school and you will get to meet every one of your teachers.

Returning students will notice subtle, yet significant, changes at East this year.

- Construction
  - Work has begun to address the auditorium roof/wall issues. Scaffolding has been placed around the exterior of the auditorium and over the main entrance to the school. The scaffolding should not interfere with your ability to enter the school through the main entrance. The student entrance is not impacted by the construction. You will notice a barrier built in A-wing that covers the front of the auditorium for safety purposes. Additionally, students with classes in D-wing may have their classes/practice rooms displaced at times during the year.
- Lunch
  - Our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be assigned to either Lunch Break 1 (LB1) or Lunch Break 2 (LB2) for their lunch. Students assigned to LB1 for lunch will be assigned to Homeroom for LB2. Students assigned to LB2 for lunch will be assigned to LB1 for Homeroom. The Homeroom time will be used for both a Developmental Guidance program as well as programs to support your transition to high school. Students in grade 9 will only attend homeroom for the first marking period. At the conclusion of Marking Period 1, students in grade 9 will follow the same LB1 and LB2 patterns as will students in grades 10-12.
  - Our 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will continue to choose each day whether they would like to attend lunch during LB1 or LB2. Students will also select

where they will attend the other lunch break. Students will be able to make a selection each day from in a variety of offerings in Genesis including: Academic help in every subject, Silent study, Social time with friends, Gaming, Gymnasium for activity, a number of club meetings and the Annex to work on group projects, access computers/printers and/or engage in a group activity at a table. It is imperative that students sign in upon arriving at their chosen destination.

- An important change for this year concerning lunch time is that students will be expected to eat their lunches in designated areas. In previous years, it would be common for students to hangout in the hallways with their friends and eat. For a variety of reasons, including safety and pest control, we are asking that students no longer eat in the hallways and that we maintain a flow of traffic in the hallways. Please do not congregate in groups in the hallways.
- Study Hall
  - Students will continue to be assigned to the Library Annex for Study Hall. As part of our safety plan, it will be important for each student to check in with their assigned teacher before attending one of the three study hall options. Students will be able to select from the following settings: Quiet Study in the Library, Group study/social in the Annex, or a Traditional classroom study hall in a classroom. Students selecting the traditional classroom study hall will be assigned to that location for the marking period. Students who elect to attend the Library or the Annex will be able to select either location every day.
- Cell Phones
  - A growing body of research obligates us to better educate our students about the impact of cell phones on student attentiveness in class and the corresponding cognitive costs. Even a cell phone that is silenced or in one's pocket, draws the attention of its owner should it light up or vibrate. At East, we will be encouraging students to place their cell phone away and not attached to their person. Placing your cell phone in your backpack, and putting the backpack under your desk, would be an ideal practice. An increasing number of East teachers will offer students various alternatives to support this "out of sight, out of mind" strategy.
- Google Calendar

- All of the academic classes at East will have a Google Classroom through which the teacher can communicate to the class about current and upcoming assignments. The Google Classrooms will populate student Google Calendars so that you will have only one place to look, your Google Calendar, to view all of your assignments in one place.
- Bathrooms – I am very eager to tell you that we are committed to keeping all of the bathrooms open. In order to be able to keep all of the bathrooms open we need the help and cooperation of everyone to report any concerning behavior. We will have our security personnel monitor the cameras to identify potential concerns. We ask that all students record in Turnstile (by typing in your student ID#) when leaving and returning to class to use the lavatory.

The grade-level assignments and the respective areas of supervision are:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Dr. Matthew Covington (Science, World Language, Physical Education)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mr. Theodore Beatty (English, Social Studies)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Rebecca Metzger (Guidance, Special Education, ESL)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mr. Aaron Edwards (Mathematics, Business, Fine, Performing and Related Arts)
- Discipline and Facilities – Mr. Lou Papa

I am so excited for the school year to begin. I can't wait to see everyone on September 3<sup>rd</sup>!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Perry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dennis Perry, Ed.D.  
Principal