



PANTHER TRACKS



Edison Junior High School Newsletter

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Important Calendar Dates

Thursday, August 27

Baseball @ Tremont—4:00 (DH)

Saturday, August 29

Baseball @ Olympia—10:00 (DH)

Cheerleading & Pom Pon Tryouts

Tuesday, September 1

Baseball @ Illini Bluffs—4:15 (DH)

Thursday, September 3

Baseball @ Shade Park vs Dunlap Valley 4:00 (DH)

Girls Basketball Tryouts—2:00-3:30

Friday, September 4

Baseball @ Rankin—4:00 (DH)

Girls Basketball Tryouts—2:00-3:30

Saturday, September 5

Baseball @ Shade Park vs Dunlap Middle—10:00 (DH)

Monday, September 7

NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

Baseball @ Shade Park vs Canton—4:00 (DH)

Thursday, September 10

Baseball @ Shade Park vs Broadmoor—4:00 (DH)

(8th grade Parents honored)

Friday, September 11

Baseball @ Georgetown—4:30

Monday, September 14

Baseball @ Chillicothe—4:00 (DH)

Tuesday, September 15

Baseball Regional begins

Two-Week Grade Reports go home

Thursday, September 10

Panther Partners—Are You Smarter than a Jr. High Student—6:30

Friday, September 18

SWIP Day— Early Dismissal 11:00

Tuesday, September 22

Parent Advisory Council—6:30

Tuesday, September 29

Two-Week Grade Reports go home



PANTHERS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Edison school community! I want to start out this month's message with a thank you for attending parent orientation. I hope that you had a positive experience during the orientation sessions. It is every staff member's desire to provide you with the information you need to help with your child's educational success at Edison.

This year we are celebrating the success of our students on the Illinois State Achievement Test, (ISAT). Edison once again performed higher than the state average in Math, Reading, Writing, and Science. I am incredibly proud of the job that the staff and students have done to make this accomplishment possible.

I would like to invite you to be a part of our Parent Advisory Council, (PAC). The PAC is a new organization this year. The PAC group will be meeting on a regular basis to provide feedback and suggestions to me about how we can better serve you. If you are interested in serving on this group please contact me. The dates for meetings will be posted in upcoming newsletters.

Panther Partners parents' nights are another great way to learn more about Edison and the opportunities we offer to you and your child. The first Panther Partners night is on September 17th at 6:30. The first Panther Partners night will be our third annual *Are You Smarter than a Junior High Student* competition. There is no cost to participate in the activities.

You should have received a pamphlet at orientation regarding Edison's anti bullying program. Student safety is our top priority at Edison. Please take a moment to take a look at the pamphlet with your child. If you ever have any concerns please let us know immediately and they will be addressed.

Your child will be able to take part in a number of opportunities at Edison that are not offered by many junior highs. All students that attend Edison are trained in CPR, first aid, and AED. In addition students get a vote regarding electives that are offered and a choice in the ones they wish to be enrolled in. I will highlight this program in future newsletters and at our first Panther Partners night on September 17th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, or concerns about your child.

Sincerely

Bill Heisel

Edison Principal



WELCOME to the New E.J.H. Teachers!!!

Edison would like to welcome the following new staff members and student teachers:



NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Katie Coskun	Team 3 Language Arts
Carrie Hoffman	Counselor

Panther Partners Parents Club



We want to invite you to be part of the parents group at Edison called Panther Partners. The idea behind Panther Partners is to provide parents a greater opportunity to influence the success of the students of Edison. You can help the kids of Edison by giving of your time, your talents, or monetarily. We will also be forming parent committees for a variety of issues related to student success.

The first Panther Partners meeting of the year will be September 17th @ 6:30 p.m.

Hope to see you then!

For more information contact Yvonne Thompson at 477-4732 or e-mail yvonne.thompson@pekin.net

Reporting Student Absences

When reporting student absences to the office, please call 477-4732 press 1 at the prompt and leave the following information on our answering machine.



- Student's name
- Student's homeroom teacher
- Reason for absence
- Name of person calling

Please remember it is necessary to call the school in case of an absence. Each day your child is absent we need a telephone call.

We NEED to know your child is safe and with his or her parents. We also NEED to account for each child's absence. Please send a written note with your child when he/she returns from being absent from school. If the absence is more than three days a note from your Doctor is required.

*****Cheerleading and Pom Pon Tryouts*****

Clinic Date: Saturday, August 29th 9:00–12:00

Tryout Date: Saturday, August 29th 2:00–????

The school will be CLOSED from noon until 2:00! Try outs begin @ 2:00. After tryouts are over, please have a phone to call for a ride. *You will not be allowed back in the gyms...*

All girls will need a CURRENT PHYSICAL TO TRY OUT!!!!



*****Girls Basketball Tryouts*****

Tryout Dates: Thursday and Friday, September 3rd and 4th 2:00–3:30

Please see Coach Flannigan in Room 23 for a permission slip!

All girls will need a CURRENT PHYSICAL TO TRY OUT!!!!

*****Boys Basketball Tryouts*****

Be listening for Coach Norman's times for open gym!

Information on Tryouts to follow!!!!