



EMMS WEEK AT A GLANCE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022

The East Marshall Community School District instills a passion for learning to INSPIRE and to PREPARE students to ACHIEVE.

Student Shout Outs- The staff would like to send a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to the following students: **ALL STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS** for their efforts to get some positive things going in our school for our students, like the Dodgeball Tournament fundraiser that they will be putting on.

Parent/Guardian/Community Member Shout Outs- The school would like to send a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to:

7th/8th Grade Science Long Term Sub: Jolie Welch will be joining our staff as a long term sub for Science. We are currently getting her email and JMC set up, if you need to reach her for now, please contact Kim in the middle school office.

4-8 Dodgeball Tournament Fundraiser Thursday, March 17 put on by the Student Council. More information to come.

Classroom News to Brag About-
[Ms. Gerard's 6th-grade Book Speed Dating](#)

Mad About Money- Then National Theater for Children will be coming to the middle school April 5 to put on a Financial Literacy Program for students in 5-8th grade. Two actors play a wide variety of colorful characters in four different educational sketches. The scenes combine high energy sketch comedy with improvisation to teach students about financial literacy through a fun experience. (Check out the link to learn more)

Please Pass the Love - Mr. Connelly is working with Gabby Guerra Ceron to bring two workshops to our students 4-8. The programs are called Youth Mental Health Workshop and Self-Care Workshop. In the first workshop students will learn about mental health and what it is, youth stress, warning signs for a friend, myth vs. facts, and what a mental illness might look like.

In the Self-Care program, students will cover mental statistics, suicide, focusing on themselves and coping skills, what they can control and cannot control, resources, survey, and they will receive information on mental health clubs.

More information will be available as we get these workshops scheduled.

Building Tours for Facilities: The district is opening the doors to the public to walk through the buildings, observe the conditions of the schools, and speak with the consultants. Please check out this link to see the dates and times to take advantage of this opportunity.

Middle School Garden: We are looking for parents or community volunteers to help with maintenance of our school garden. This would primarily be during summer months. If interested please contact Monica Blanchard (mblanchard@e-marshall.k12.ia.us).

Opportunity for 8th-grade girls to improve their volleyball skills: If you have an 8th-grade girl that is interested in improving her volleyball skills check out this link.

Central Iowa Straight Shooters is ready for spring trapshooting registration. If you have a student who wants to participate send their name, grade, and school name to cisstrapteam@gmail.com. The student has to be in grade 6th and up. After we have an idea on numbers a meeting will be scheduled to answer questions and give more information. If your student registered for trap this fall they are already signed up for the spring season. So no action needed. If you have any questions or concerns contact Amy Searle at amys108@yahoo.com.



New Information

The Booster Club Auction is now open for "window shopping!" Please click on the link below to plan your bidding strategy. ;)

<https://embc.formdash.org/live-auctions/>

The auction will go live for bidding at 8am on Friday, March 4th. Anyone with the link can bid on-line, no tickets required. Don't miss out on some fantastic items donated by generous local businesses and sponsors. All proceeds raised go to purchase equipment and supplies for our schools! Go Mustangs!

Progress Reports: Our teachers send out progress reports to the students that are failing a class each week. If you are wanting to see your students progress more regularly, please remember you can access this any time through [JMC](#). If you need help with your username or password, please reach out to kwolf@e-marshall.k12.ia.us.

Also, this [link](#) will walk you through how to set up various notifications that you wish to get from JMC.

Student Cell Phone Usage: Parents we request your help with addressing proper use of cell phones during school. We have been having an uptick of students using their cell phones during inappropriate times of the day. Per the student handbook students are not allowed to have their cell phones out during school hours



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unless given specific permission by staff. Cell phones and electronics should be silenced or turned off from 8:10 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. This policy is in place to help us provide an environment conducive to learning. Avoiding distractions is hard enough without cell phones!

Moving forward we will be enforcing this policy and consequences will ensue if the following happens:
The handbook states:

- 1) Students who have their cell phones out during school hours will have their cell phones held in the office until the end of the day. Students may then pick up their cell phones at the end of the day.
 - a) If the above happens they will get four chances to make a better choice.
 - i) If they don't make a better choice after 4 times or they refuse to take their phones to the office then they will have their cell phone privileges suspended as follows:
 - (1) First time, cell phones will be restricted to the office for 5 days (drop off before school, pick up at the end of school)
 - (2) After that, If this happens again, cell phones will be restricted to the office for three weeks (drop off before school, pick up at the end of school)
 - (3) If this happens yet again, cell phones will be restricted to the office for six weeks (drop off before school, pick up at the end of school)

Thank you for your support in helping us provide a more productive learning environment for our students.

Softball Players: Softball pitchers and catchers will start Sunday, January 9 in the old gym at the high school. 4th-12th grades will be from 3:00-4:00pm. 8th-12th grade hitting will follow at 4:00pm.

Water Bottle Policy- Some students have had their water bottles restricted to their lockers. We have had many questions on when students can resume bringing their water bottles. If they had their water bottle restricted to their lockers, it would be restricted to their locker for a month. Moving forward teachers will email you the date they were restricted and the date they can bring a water bottle into class. We highly encourage students not to bring the squirting water bottles if they can not be responsible with them.

[County Baseball and Softball Sign-up](#) Click on the link to see when and where sign-ups will be.

[East Marshall Hurdle Clinic:](#) Adam Bauder and Martha Bauder will be hosting a free hurdle clinic for any female or male athletes in 7th and 8th grade. Please click the link to find out more about it.

Masks- Parents we are asking for your help with the mask mandate on the buses. We are going through an extraordinary amount of disposable masks. If you have any reusable masks your children can wear, please have them wear them on the buses. Thank you for your help

Lunch and breakfast menus may change as supply shortages are becoming an issue

(I will attach these when they are updated on the website)

[February Breakfast Menu](#)

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[March Breakfast Menu](#)

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COVID Mitigations: If you have questions about our current COVID Mitigations, please see the [Return to Learn Plan](#).

Weekly Information:

- Monday, February 28 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD/HS Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, March 1 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD/HS & ELEM Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, March 3 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD/ELEM Parent Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, March 3 High School Facilities Tour and opportunity to talk to consultants 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, March 9 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD
- Friday, March 10 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 15, 16, 17, & 22 ISASP Assessments
- Friday, March 18 No School, PTC Compensation Day
- Wednesday, March 23 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD
- Wednesday, March 30 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD
- Tuesday, April 5 5-8 Mad About Money Sessions
- Wednesday, April 6 2:20 Dismissal, Teacher PD