



EDWIN O. SMITH
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Members of the E.O. Smith Class of 2021:

Welcome to E.O. Smith High School! Freshman year will be exciting and transformative. We are looking forward to your arrival. To ensure the best possible start to your high school career, we encourage you to make the commitment to do your best, establish positive relationships, and get involved - we have something here for everyone. We also encourage you to set goals and revisit them regularly. In our experience, goals help people stay focused on the things that are important and can help keep you motivated.

As your new administrators, we are committed to your development while at E.O. Smith. Our overall goal is for all of our students to be equipped with academic and social skills that will prepare them to be successful in whatever it is they choose to do after high school. Our five core values and beliefs - respect, responsibility, integrity, achievement and community - drive everything we do. Your administrators, teachers, counselors, advisors, and coaches will all play a role in helping you stay on the path to achieving success. We want you to feel comfortable asking anyone on staff for guidance and support. Please let us know how we can help!

E.O. Smith offers a wide range of co-curricular activities and clubs that will appeal to one or more of your interests. You may also wish to try something completely new! The interests you develop over the next four years will be very important when it comes to making decisions for life after graduation and may uncover a new passion.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Freshmen Orientation program, which is scheduled for Thursday, August 24th from 9:00-12:00. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, have your school I.D. picture taken, tour the building, and get information about our co-curricular clubs. We will also be providing lunch! Bus routes for orientation can be accessed using this [link](#). It is located on the Grade 9 page on the Parent/Guardian/Student resources page.

At orientation, all students will be given the following:

- **Your class schedule that includes your locker and combination**
- **A 2017-18 calendar/handbook**
- **A photo ID card for your student picture**

Communication between E.O. and home is important to us. We primarily communicate directly with parents through email. If there is time sensitive information, we occasionally use our SMS text messaging system (emergency situations or school closings/late arrivals/early dismissals). On our website you will find a [parents/students](#) tab that lists general topics. This tab leads to a [Parent/Guardian /Student Resources](#) page. This page has *important links* and information on Infosnap (see more information on Infosnap below).

We use social media to promote our student activities and accomplishments. You can follow us on Twitter: [@EOSmithHS](#) and Facebook: [EOSmithHighSchool](#).

There is a great deal of information in the [calendar/handbook](#) and we encourage you to sit as a family and go through it together. Some specific topics we wish to bring to your attention are as follows:

- Academic assistance (page 19)
- PowerSchool, PLearning, Viewing grades on-line (pg. 17)
- Attendance notification, reporting absences (pg. 25)
- Cafeteria (pg. 15)
- Contact information (pg. 5), Email directions to contact staff (pg. 6)
- Daily schedule, Early release schedule/days (pg. 42)
- Electronic device use (pg. 11)
- Health and first aid (page 13), Medication policy (pg. 13)
- Infosnap (pg. 11)
- Computer use/Internet use policy (pg. 11)
- School closing, late opening, early dismissal-text messages (pg. 9)
- Student email accounts (pg. 11)
- Student messages (pg. 13)
- Guidance information (pg. 23)
- Parking (pg. 33)

In order to ensure you will have access to academic and attendance information and receive notifications from E.O. Smith, there are things you can do to make sure we are able to communicate effectively with you before school starts.

- On the [Parent/Guardian/Student resources page](#), sign up for the School Messenger notification system located in the Important Links section (less than 2 minutes)
- Using the [parent portal](#) login credentials (instructions were mailed home on Tuesday, August 1st) complete Infosnap Annual Update (15-30 minutes) from the PowerSchool parent portal (the link is on left side once you have logged into the parent portal). PLEASE NOTE: The Infosnap link will be active in mid-August.
 - Parent demographic and contact information
 - Acceptable use policy and agreement form for Internet access
 - Athletics participation forms
 - Health office forms
 - Free and reduced lunch application
- On the [Parent/Guardian/Student resources page](#), sign up to receive PowerSchool email notifications (less than 5 minutes)

If you have any questions about the freshman orientation or how we can ease your transition to high school, please contact us in the Main Office at (860) 487-0877 or email us.

We look forward to seeing you on the 24th!!!

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