



EASTLAND

October 2026

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

To report attendance, please call your child's school:

Elementary: 815-864-2300

Jr/Sr High: 815-493-6341

For any bus related needs, please call the bus garage:

Bus Garage: 815-493-6410

IMPORTANT DATES

October 12 - No School for Columbus & Indigenous People's Day

October 29 - Early Dismissal for P/T Conferences 12-4pm (No PK all day)

October 30 - No School for P/T Conferences 7:40am-3:30pm (No PK all day)

EES (K-6th) parents: If you have not signed up for a conference and would like to, please call the elementary school office at 815-864-2300 to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

GUIDANCE ZONE

Career Day is October 8th! Seniors will be job shadowing, Juniors going on College Visits, and Sophomores attend Manufacturing Day & Freshman learning about careers through a variety of tours and guest speakers.

A special thanks to all the local businesses who volunteered their time to help on Career Day! Career Day is a wonderful opportunity for all high school students to spend the day planning for their futures.

I will be taking interested 11th & 12th graders to the NW IL College Fair at Highland on **Friday, October 30th from 9:00-11:00 am**. There will be more than 40 colleges in attendance so if you'd like your child to attend, ask them if they have signed up. Note – students are not in attendance that day due to parent/teacher conferences, but they are still invited (and encouraged) to attend this event. Students should check their emails for more information.

There is also a Career Fair at Highland on **Wednesday, November 18th** that students can sign up to attend as well. Information will be coming out closer to that date.

8th graders will begin exploring careers at the Pathways Playground at SVCC on **Friday, October 16th**. Permission slips regarding this event will be sent home soon.

Seniors heading off to college should begin working on those college applications. My website is full of college and career resources as well as any scholarships I know about. You can find a link on the bottom of the district website or go to: <https://www.eastland308.com/page/counselor>

The FAFSA form will open on **October 1st**. Parents of seniors should fill out the 2027-2028 form. Both the student and one parent will need an FSA ID. Filling out this form is how colleges determine scholarships, grants, and loans so everyone going to any sort of post-secondary schooling should plan to fill out the FAFSA. I am happy to help parents and/or students with this process!

As always, if you have questions or need help please don't hesitate to reach out.

Enjoy the changing seasons!

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School Nursing Notes

October 15th is the deadline for the State of Illinois School Health Requirements for ALL students. If the required paperwork is not turned in by the deadline, your child's school can withhold them from attending until it's completed. If your child cannot be seen by his/her provider until after October 15th, an appointment must be scheduled to be counted as compliant. Please call Brittany Becker, District Nurse, with any questions. 815-864-2300.

Grade	Requirement	Due Date
PreSchool	Physical Up to Date Immunization Records or Waiver Lead Screening (Blood Test) Copy of Original Birth Certificate	First day child attends school
Kindergarten	Physical (State of IL Examination form) Up to Date Immunization Records or Waiver Lead Screening (Blood Test) Copy of Original Birth Certificate	First day child attends school
	Eye Examination by an Optometrist	October 15th
	State dental examination (must be within the past 18 months)	May 15th
Second Grade	State dental examination (must be within the past 18 months)	May 15th
Sixth Grade	Physical (must be on the State of IL Examination Form; This will also count for a sports physical) Up to Date Immunization Records or Waiver	First day child attends school
	State dental examination (must be within the past 18 months)	May 15th
Ninth Grade	Physical (must be on the State of IL Examination Form; This will also count for a sports physical) Up to Date Immunization Records or Waiver	First day child attends school
	State dental examination (must be within the past 18 months)	May 15th
Twelfth Grade	Proof of Meningococcal Vaccination(s)	First day child attends school
Out of State Transfer Student- FIRST TIME ENTERING AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL (IE: foreign exchange student)	Physical (must be on the State of IL Examination Form), Eye Exam, Dental Exam and immunization records/waiver	Within 30 days of starting school
Out of State Transfer Student- PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED IN AN ILLINOIS SCHOOL (Or new from another IL school)	Physical (must be on the State of IL Examination Form), up-to-date immunizations/waiver, school records, ALONG WITH the student's particular grade requirements (for example: dental is needed also if they are in K, 2, 6 or 9 & eye is needed if they are in K)	Within 30 days of starting school

The Smile Mobile – the mobile dentist – will be here Tuesday, October 14th. Forms have been sent home for PK-6th. Additional forms are available in either school office. Please turn in forms as soon as possible.



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VETERANS ... PLEASE LET US HONOR YOU!

Eastland Schools will be honoring local veterans by hosting a parade.

Date: Wed, Nov 11th (weather permitting)

Place: Elementary School, 601 S Chestnut St, Shannon

Time: line-up 1:45pm, Parade starts at 2:00pm

THANK YOU
VETERANS



We will have you, the Veterans, be the parade in your vehicle. We suggest you have someone drive you so you can see the students honoring you while we make a trip around the school perimeter. The parade will be led by our School Resource Officer, Staff Veterans, and local Fire Departments. Please feel free to make a poster or decorate your vehicle. Please RSVP by Nov 6th, to Michele at the school's district office, 815-493-6301, if you plan to attend. We look forward to honoring you!



EPC DRAMA PRESENTS:

TIMES: FRIDAY, NOV. 6 @7:00 PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 8@2:00 PM

LOCATION: TIMBERLAKE PLAYHOUSE

TICKETS: WATCH FOR TICKET INFORMATION

Twenty-five years after her happy ending, the magic has gone out of Belle's relationship with Beast. On a stormy night, an Enchantress shows up at the castle door. But this time Belle is the one who is cursed to take the form of a monstrous beast. She must find true love, and it's not going to be with Beast. Turns out Beast never learned to look past appearances the first time around and he leaves her.

Gathering a squad of middle-aged princesses – divorced Cinderella, kickboxing Aurora (Sleeping Beauty), terminally cheerful Snow White and a disenchanted Ariel – Belle begins an epic quest to hunt down the witch and break the curse. Or find true love. Whichever comes first.

If you were a fan of our production of The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon by Don Zolidis, he has written another must-see with this production!



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OCTOBER 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

For up-to-date information please check www.eastland308.com

10/1	HS VB @ Amboy, 5:00pm
10/2	HS EPC V FB @ Galena, 7:00pm
10/3	HS V VB @ Sterling Invite, TBA
10/3	JH VB Conference @ Le-Win, TBA
10/3	FFA Scales Mound Trap Shoot
10/3	HS CC @ Freeport, 9:00am
10/3	HS JV VB @ Byron, 9:00am
10/3	JH CC @ Freeport, 9:00am
10/5	Section 1 FFA Ag Sales Contest, 4:00pm
10/5	HS EPC JV FB @ Galenda, 5:30pm
10/6	HS CC @ Winnebago, 4:30pm
10/6	HS VB vs Fulton, 5:00pm
10/6	JH EPC FB vs Blackhawk-Warren (@ Lanark), 5:30pm
10/7	HS Band & HS Choir Fall Conert, 6:30pm
10/8	EJSHS Career Day
10/8	IASA NW Region Dinner/Meeting, 4:00pm
10/8	HOCO Parade-Marching Band/Color Guard, 5:30pm
10/8	HOCO Pep Assembly @ Pearl City, 6:30pm
10/9	Marching Band/Color FB Game, 6:15pm
10/9	HS EPC V FB vs Le-Win (Homecoming) @ Lanark, 7:00pm
10/10	HS JV VB @ Pecatonica Tourney
10/10	FFA Trap Shoot
10/10	HS CC @ Sterling, 9:00am
10/10	EJSHS Homecoming Dance, 7:30pm
10/11	FFA Fall Fest @ Lanark Park, 11:00am
10/12	Columbus Day - No School
10/12	NO WACC Today
10/12	FFA Feed the Farmers Event, 10:00am
10/12	HS CC @ Amboy, 10:00am
10/12	HS EPC JV FB vs Le-Win (@ Lanark), 5:30pm
10/13	6th Grade Field Trip - SVCC
10/13	HS VB vs Polo, 5:00pm
10/14	FFA Food Science & Agronomy
10/14	FFA Stockton Discovery Conference
10/14	Last Day Donut Fundraiser - Music Department
10/15	HS Art I - Art Museum & Madison Public Zoo Trip
10/15	HS VB @ AFC, 5:00pm
10/16	1st Quarter Ends
10/16	Elementary Ag Day
10/16	EPC V FB @ Morrison, 7:00pm
10/17	HS VB @ Linda Ludwig Tourney
10/17	FFA Coleta Trap Shoot

10/19	EPC JV FB @ Lena, 5:30pm
10/19	Butterbraid Sales - EJSHS Girls Basketball
10/20	National FFA Convention
10/20	JH BBB @ Winnebago, 4:00pm
10/20	HS VB @ Morrison, 5:00pm
10/21	JH BBB @ JH BBB Cheer Photos
10/21	HS GBB, BBB Cheer & BBB Parent Meeting, 6:30pm
10/21	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm
10/22	HS VB @ Milledgeville, 5:00pm
10/22	JH BBB vs Le-Win, 5:30pm
10/23	No Early Step PreK
10/23	6th Grade Field Trip - HCC STEM Day
10/24	JH BBB @ Byron Tourney
10/24	JH BBB vs Fulton, 5:30pm
10/29	No Early Step PreK
10/29	Early Dismissal - Afternoon P/T Conferences
10/29	JH BBB vs Stockton, 5:30pm
10/30	P/T Conferences - No School
10/31	Galena Parade HS Band & Choir, 6:30pm

Jr/Sr High Breakfast Menu

All Options include Juice, Fruit, and Milk to make a complete breakfast.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u> ❖ Sausage Pancake Bites ❖ Yogurt Parfait & WG Mini Loaf or Granola ❖ WG Banana Bread & String Cheese ❖ WG Donuts & String Cheese	<u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u> ❖ Breakfast Sandwich ❖ Yogurt Parfait & WG Mini Loaf or Granola ❖ WG Banana Bread & String Cheese ❖ WG Donuts & String Cheese	<u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u> ❖ Breakfast Pizza ❖ Yogurt Parfait & WG Mini Loaf or Granola ❖ WG Banana Bread & String Cheese ❖ WG Donuts & String Cheese	<u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u> ❖ WG Donut & Scrambled Eggs ❖ Yogurt Parfait & WG Mini Loaf Or Granola ❖ WG Banana Bread & String Cheese ❖ WG Donuts & String Cheese	<u>CHOOSE 1 OPTION</u> ❖ Sausage Gravy & WG Biscuit ❖ Yogurt Parfait & WG Mini Loaf or Granola ❖ WG Banana Bread & String Cheese ❖ WG Donuts & String Cheese

Choose 3 items to make a complete breakfast. 1 ***MUST*** be a fruit or juice.

Milk Choices: Fat Free White Milk, FF Chocolate Milk, 1% White Milk.

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Eastland Jr./Sr. High School Lunch Menu October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28. Orange Chicken WG Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Veggie Juice Fortune Cookie	29. Burrito Bowl w/Cilantro lime Rice Chicken Fajita or Pork Carnitas WG Tortilla Chips or Wrap Chipotle Beans Guacamole , Tomatoes, Salsa, Corn Salsa WG Treat	30. Pulled Pork WG Bun Tater Tots Pickle Spears Coleslaw	1. Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Broccoli Salad Green Beans	2. Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Tossed Salad Fresh Carrots
5. Texas Straw Hats Corn Salsa Churro	6. Chicken Patty WG Bun Lettuce/Tomato/Onion Sweet Potato Fries	7. French Toast Hashbrown Eggs Sausage Veggie Juice	8. BBQ Riblet WG Bun Tater Tots Green Beans	9. Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Italian Slider Tater Tots Veggie Juice
12. No School	13. Cheeseburger WG Bun Baked Beans L, T , O Baked French Fries	14. Pizza Caesar Salad Green Beans	15. Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/bacon on a WG Bun Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Chips Corn Strawberry Spinach Salad	16. Baked Ham Garlic Mashed Potatoes Steamed Carrots WG Dinner Roll WG Treat
19. Meatball Sub Roasted Veggies Tossed Salad	20. Taco in a bag Romaine Lettuce Tomatoes, Salsa Refried Beans Corn Salsa WG Treat	21. Hot Dog or Brat WG Bun Baked Beans Pasta Salad Chips	22. Quesadilla Spanish Rice Romaine Salad Tomatoes, Cucumbers Veggie Juice	23. Chili Cornbread poppers w/ hot honey filling Tossed Salad Fritos or Tostitos WG Cinnamon Roll
26. Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Broccoli Salad Green Beans	27. Burrito Bowl w/Cilantro lime Rice Chicken Fajita or Pork Carnitas WG Tortilla Chips or Wrap Chipotle Beans Guacamole , Tomatoes, Salsa, Corn Salsa WG Treat	28. Vampire Nuggets Monster Mac & Cheese Graveyard Greens Goblin Fingers Screamsicle	29. <u>SIP Day</u> Sub Sandwich Chips Carrots & Ranch Veggie Juice Apple Slices & Caramel WG Treat	30. No School Parent Teacher Conferences

NOTES

Milk served with every meal.

- FF White
- FF Chocolate
- 1% White

Fresh and Canned Fruit are offered every day.

Daily alternate meal choices:

Chef Salad

Vegetarian Salad

Caesar Salad

Ala Carte snacks available daily:

PB & J Uncrustable

Assorted Chips

Whole Grain Bars

Bottled Water

Gatorade

Izze & Switch

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Eastland Elementary School Cycle Breakfast Menu for SY 2025 - 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WGR Donuts String Cheese Fruit Juice Milk	Pancake Sausage Bites Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	WG Pancakes Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	Sausage, Egg WG Biscuit Sandwich Fruit Juice Milk

- **Daily Alternate Breakfast Entree: WG Cereal or WG Muffins**

Eastland Elementary School Lunch Menu October 2026

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY & STRING CHEESE is now offered DAILY as an alternative to the daily entree.

Students will be able to order the PB&J in the morning when lunch count is taken.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28. Orange Chicken WG Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	29. Cheeseburger WG bun Baked French Fries Baked Beans Applesauce cup	30. Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Carrots Veggie Juice Fresh Strawberries	1. Quesadilla Spanish Rice Romaine Lettuce Tomatoes & Cukes Fresh Carrots Peaches	2. Pizza Corn Fresh Watermelon or Kiwi
5. Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Veggie Juice Fresh Orange	6. Burrito Bowl w/Cilantro lime Rice WG Tortilla Chips or Wrap Refried Beans Tomatoes, Salsa, Corn & BB Salsa WG Treat	7. BBQ Riblet WG Bun Coleslaw Tater Tots Pears	8. French Toast Scrambled Eggs Hash browns Veggie Juice Banana	9. Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Fresh Broccoli Fruit Slushy WG Dinner Roll
12. No School	13. Pizza Corn Fresh Watermelon or kiwi	14. Taco in a Bag Taco Meat Shredded Ched. Cheese Refried Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Applesauce cup Apple Churro	15. All Beef Hot Dog Or Brat WG Bun Baked Beans Fresh Carrots Fresh Grapes	16. Hot Ham & Cheese on WG bun, Smile Potatoes Strawberry Spinach Salad, Banana
19. Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup WG Crackers Fresh Carrots & Celery Applesauce cup Jonny Pop	20. Calzone Caesar Salad Green Beans Fresh Grapes	21. Chicken Patty WG Bun L,T,O Baked Beans Peaches	22. Pasta Bar Choice between Alfredo Sauce & Red Sauce Chicken or Meatballs Garlic Toast Veggie Juice Mandarin Oranges	23. Loaded Tater Tots Taco Meat <u>OR</u> Bacon Bits Cheese Sauce Fresh Carrots Fresh Orange WG Grahams
26. Orange Chicken WG Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Pineapple Fortune Cookie	27. Cheeseburger WG bun Baked French Fries Baked Beans Applesauce cup	28. Creepy Crawlers (chicken nuggets) Mac & Cheese Veggie Juice Screamsicle (Orange & Cream Slushie) Halloween Cookie	29. P/T Conferences Sub Sandwich Chips Carrots & Ranch Veggie Juice Apples & Caramel Dip WG Treat	30. No School Parent Teacher Conferences

Milk served everyday includes 1% White, Whole White, 1% Chocolate

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A.M & P.M. Early Step Snack Menu October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28. WGR Cheez-its 100% Apple Juice	29. WGR Pretzels String Cheese	30. WGR Muffin 1% Unflavored White Milk	1. WGR Bug Bites 100% Fruit Punch Juice	2. WGR Cheddar Goldfish Banana
5. WGR Muffin Applesauce Cup	6. Yogurt WGR Goldfish Graham Crackers	7. WGR Banana Bread Apple Slices	8. WGR Chocolate Chip Loaf 1% Unflavored White Milk	9. WGR Mini Pancakes Fresh Grapes
12. No School	13. WGR Pretzels String Cheese	14. WGR Muffin 1% Unflavored White Milk	15. WGR Bug Bites 100% Fruit Punch Juice	16. WGR Cheddar Goldfish Banana
19. WGR Muffin Applesauce Cup	20. Yogurt WGR Goldfish Graham Crackers	21. WGR Banana Bread Apple Slices	22. WGR Chocolate Chip Loaf 1% Unflavored White Milk	23. No School Staff Meeting
26. WGR Cheez-its 100% Apple Juice	27. WGR Pretzels String Cheese	28. WGR Muffin 1% Unflavored White Milk	29. No School	30. No School