



August 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

WACC First Day - Monday, August 17th

First Day of Student Attendance - Wednesday, August 19th

Dear Eastland Families and Community,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

I hope you and your family had the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing summer! We have been busy preparing classrooms, getting buses ready, and getting our buildings ready for our first students attendance day on August 19th!

This school year is especially exciting because we are celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Eastland CUSD #308. Forty years ago, the communities of Lanark and Shannon came together with a shared vision of creating one school district that could provide additional educational opportunities for students. Since opening our doors in 1986, generations of students, staff, parents, and community members have helped shape what Eastland has become today. While our facilities, programs, and technology have changed over the years, the values that brought our district together such as strong schools, caring people, and community support, remain just as important today.

There's a good chance your family or someone you know has been part of Eastland's story for many years. Some of today's parents are Eastland graduates. Some community members remember when the district was first formed in 1986. Others are new to our communities and are just beginning their Eastland journey. No matter how long you've been here, you are an important part of what makes Eastland special, and we're grateful you're part of our school family.

As we celebrate this anniversary throughout the year, we'll take time to recognize the people, traditions, and accomplishments that have shaped Eastland over the past four decades. At the same time, we'll continue building on that legacy by preparing today's students for tomorrow's opportunities. This is one of the things that makes Eastland special and why our enrollment is one of the few rural districts in Illinois that has not seen an enrollment decline in the past ten years.

Staffing and Building Updates

Hirings:

Ella Doyle: 1st Grade

Alex Nelms: 1st Grade

Jenna Green: EJSJS Social Studies/LA

Heather Martz-Espinosa: Instructional Aide EES

EES:

Health Life Safety Work

Padding in Big Gym

Painting and tuckpointing

EJSJS:

Media Center Roof

Health Life Safety Work

Padding in Upstairs Gym

Painting and tuckpointing

Internal Transfers:

Josh Ehlers: EJSJS Soc Studies/LA to Art



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We are excited to highlight the RISE Grant we received, providing funding to enhance educational opportunities through new virtual classroom technology. At both buildings we have a designated classroom space with state-of-the-art interactive classroom equipment that expands access to instruction beyond the traditional classroom setting as needed. The district looks forward to implementing the new technology during the upcoming school year and exploring the many ways it can enhance teaching, learning, and collaboration throughout Eastland CUSD #308.

You may have heard of recently signed legislation requiring Illinois school districts to adopt policies limiting student use of personal wireless devices during the school day. The purpose of the law is to minimize distractions, increase student engagement, and support a positive learning environment. At Eastland, this new law does not have a big impact due to our district already having expectations in place regarding student cell phone use. Please review our parent/student handbook for complete details on our K-12 cell phone policy.

Whether your child is walking into school for the very first time or beginning their final year as a Cougar, our goal remains the same: to provide a safe, welcoming environment where every student is challenged, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential.

We know that a successful school district is built on strong partnerships between our schools, our families, and our communities. Thank you for the trust you place in us each day. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Eastland Board of Education, our faculty, and our staff, thank you for being part of the Eastland family. We look forward to celebrating our 40th anniversary with you and making the 2026-2027 school year one to remember.

Sincerely,
Dr. Alex Kashner
Superintendent



SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have not already completed the online registration for your student(s), please do so ASAP. If you registered but need to pay your fees, please do so...they can be dropped off at the EJSHS office or EES office.

School Office Hours

August 3rd – 7th:

EES Office – 9am – 1pm

EJSHS Office – 9am – 1pm

District Office – closed

August 10th – 14th:

All offices – 8am -3pm

Other times available by appointment.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH

Menus will be posted on the website under menus or by visiting:
www.eastland308.com/dining



EARLY STEP PRESCHOOL, EASTLAND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND EASTLAND
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS...

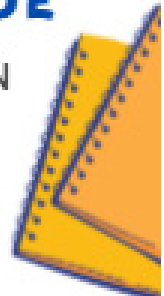


BACK TO SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE FOR PREK - 12TH GRADE



MEET THE TEACHERS • BRING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES • LEARN
ABOUT EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AT EJSHS •
TOUR THE BUILDINGS • APP ACTIVATION HELP



MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
4:00 - 6:30 P.M.



GRAB AND GO MEALS WILL BE
PROVIDED FOR ANYONE IN
ATTENDANCE!

7TH GR. ORIENTATION
6:00-6:30
AT
EJSHS BIG GYM



GIVEAWAY

All families in attendance
will have a chance to win
a gift basket at each
building that includes a 1-
year family athletic pass
good for all home athletic
events.





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AUGUST 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR For up-to-date information please check www.eastland308.com

8/3-8/7	HS Drumline Camp, Band Room and Football Field, 8:00am
8/3-8/7	HS Band Camp, Band Room and Football Field, 9:00am
8/12	EPC HS / JH & FB Cheer Photo Day @ PC, 3:00pm
8/12	Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:30pm
8/13	HS VB Photo Day, 8:00am
8/13	HS CC Photo Day, 3:00pm
8/15	HS B/G Golf Eastland Invite @ Lake Carroll, 1:00pm
8/17	WACC 1st Student Attendance Day
8/17	Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance), 8:00am
8/17	HS B/G Golf vs DuPec, 4:00pm
8/17	PreK - 12th Grade Back to School Night/Open House, 4:00pm
8/18	JH 7th VB @ Milledgeville Round Robin Tourney
8/18	Teacher Institute (No Student Attendance), 8:00am
8/18	HS B/G Golf vs Dakota, 4:00pm
8/19	PreK - 12th Grade First Day of Student Attendance
8/19	HS B/G Golf vs Galena, 4:00pm
8/20	HS G Golf @ Le-Win, 4:00pm
8/20	JH 7th VB vs Oregon (2 games), 4:00pm
8/20	JH 8th VB @ Oregon (2 games), 4:00pm
8/20	Manny's Fundraiser - Volleyball, 4:00pm
8/21	HS Band Photo Day, 2:40pm
8/21	Golf Photo Day @ Lake Carroll, 3:30pm
8/21	HS EPC V FB vs Sandwich (@ PC), 7:00pm
8/24	HS B Golf @ Stockton, 4:00pm
8/24	JH 7th VB @ Fulton (2 games), 4:00pm
8/24	JH 8th VB vs Fulton (2 games), 4:00pm
8/24	HS EPC JV FB @ Sandwich, 5:30pm
8/25	HS CC @ Rock Falls, 4:30pm
8/25	HS VB @ Oregon, 4:30pm
8/26	HS B/G Golf @ Amboy, 4:00pm
8/26	Taco Dinner - HS Volleyball, 4:00pm
8/26	HS VB vs Sterling, 5:00pm
8/26	JH VB @ Stockton, 5:30pm
8/27	HS B/G Golf @ Polo, 4:00pm
8/27	JH VB @ Le-Win, 5:30pm
8/28	JH VB Photo Day @ Shannon, 3:30pm
8/29	HS CC @ Forrester, 9:30am
8/29	JH CC @ Forrester, 9:30am
8/29	HS EPC V FB @ Lawrenceville, 1:00pm