

**CLAY COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE
POLICY**

A STUDENT ENROLLED IN CLAY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL EACH DAY. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY UNDER INDIANA LAW IC 20-33-2. CLAY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INTENDS TO UPHOLD VIGOROUSLY THE INDIANA STATUTES RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

After any illness, parents or guardians are required to send a brief note or phone the school stating the reason for the absence. A phone call on the day of the absence is preferable. If a student's absence will exceed two days, parents should contact the school office and request assignments. If the absence exceeds 3 days, a physician's statement will be required.

Please see the student handbook for further attendance information.

School Phone:

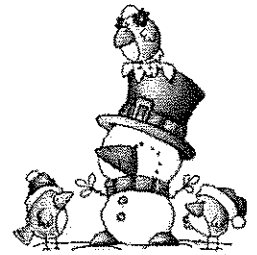
812-448-8755

Information regarding absences may be emailed to the following email:
johnsonb@clay.k12.in.us

Tardies

Parents are strongly encouraged to make sure that students arrive between 7:30-7:55. If a student is late, they must be signed into the office by an adult.

**East Side
Elementary**



January, 2019

Welcome to 2019! It's a new year and we have a long stretch of school before our next school break in late March. This will allow us a great time of learning here at East Side. We will begin winter NWEA testing for all students next week. As always, eating a healthy breakfast and getting plenty of sleep is important for keeping our bodies healthy and brains functioning at their best. If your child does not eat breakfast at home, they can receive a nutritious breakfast here at school. Attendance is always important, but especially during testing seasons. Students are considered tardy after 7:55 a.m. and an adult **MUST** accompany students into the office and sign them in after 7:55. We're looking forward to a great 2019 full of rich learning opportunities!



The School Day

7:55-2:30

Doors Open at

7:30 a.m.

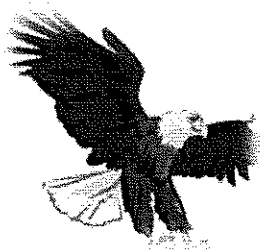
Breakfast Begins at

7:30 a.m.

(If students arrive before 7:50 a.m. they will be served a hot breakfast. If they arrive after 7:50 a.m. they will be given a breakfast bar, yogurt, fruit, etc. to be eaten in the classroom)

EAST SIDE MORNING ASSEMBLY

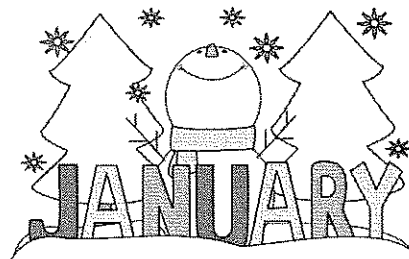
Beginning at 8:00 a.m. each morning, East Side students participate in our morning assembly. Assembly is one of the most popular times of the day!!! Students say pledges, celebrate birthdays, applaud academic success, learn about good character traits and learn about a variety of careers. It is a great time, so don't be late! Prizes are drawn each morning for students who are present and on time!!!



BEAT THE JANUARY BLAHS!

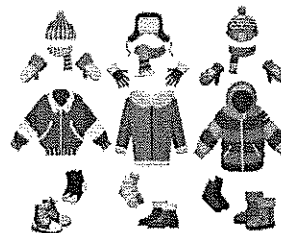
January is a long month and can be cold and dreary. In order to liven things up a bit, we will have special dress up days on Fridays during the month of January. Join the fun and beat those winter blahs!

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| Friday, Jan. 11 | Monochromatic Day (dress all in ONE color) |
| Friday, Jan. 18 | 100 Days of School (our 100th day is actually Jan. 22, but we'll celebrate on the 18th. Use your imagination in celebrating this milestone day) |
| Friday, Jan. 25 | Backwards Day (what fun to wear everything backwards) |



DRESS WARMLY!

The cold weather has arrived and we wanted to remind you that we make every attempt to get children outside for their recess time. If weather is above 32 degrees, we take children outside. We encourage you to send your child dressed appropriately. At this time, shorts and sandals should not be worn to school. Socks should be worn with shoes. We recommend sending a warm jacket/coat, hat, scarf and gloves/mittens with your child.





It's the time of year when school closings or delays are possible. Decisions regarding school closings or delays will be made by 6:30 a.m. and announced to the following media: :

WTHI TV, Terre Haute, IN:
Channel 10
(www.wthitv.com)

WTWO TV, Terre Haute,
IN: Channel 2
(www.mywabashvalley.com)

You may wish to sign up for the SchoolMessenger to receive text messages straight to your mobile device when important information about events, school closings, or safety alerts are warranted:

Text Y or Yes to 67587

In cases of severe weather, announcements may be made the evening prior to a closing or delay.

Smoking is not allowed on school grounds or in the car line. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Transportation Information

Safety is our number one priority at East Side. Several procedures are in place to make sure that your child stays safe in the car line and bus lot. It is of great importance that parents know the expectations and follow them completely for the sake of all students. We thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Car Line Procedures

- The car line assembles along Davis Ave.
- Parents pull along the sidewalk in single file to pick up and drop off students and **put car in "park"** to prevent accidental rolling of car. A few students are loaded at a time and then the line is permitted to move on.
- At no time are students allowed to be on the sidewalk when cars are moving.
- A stop-go sign at the beginning of the car line will let you know when you may safely proceed.
- Davis Avenue is a one way street so no U-turns are permitted out of the car line and neither is a turn into the Brazil Nazarene Church parking lot allowed.
- At no time are you able to pass cars in line in front of you.
- A right turn onto HWY 40 is the only permissible turn after exiting the car line as we need to keep the line moving.
- At no time are cars permitted in the bus lot in front of the school during drop off or pick-up.
- Busses are loaded in the afternoon first and as soon as they have safely departed, the car line begins.
- Walkers are released last after all busses and cars have left the area. There is a designated area along Davis Ave. where parents may wait for their students who are walkers.
- Smoking is not permitted on school grounds and this would include the car line.
- Unless there are special circumstances in which parents need to come into the office to conduct business, parents should not park and walk students to the door. This presents a safety concern and the car line is always the correct means of dropping children off in the mornings and picking them up in the afternoon.
- A little patience will go a long way in assisting our staff and keeping every child safe!



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Jan. 4** **Report Cards Come Home**
- Jan. 9** **All Pro Dad's (7:15 a.m. in cafeteria)**
Big Brother/Big Sister
Honor Roll & Perfect Attendance Recognition
- Jan. 11** **Monochromatic Dress Day**
- Jan. 18** **100 Days of School Dress Day**
- Jan. 23** **Big Brother/Big Sister**
- Jan. 25** **Backwards Dress Day**
- Feb. 6** **5th Graders Visit North Clay**
- Feb. 18** **Snow Make-Up Day**
- March 25-29** **Spring Break-No School**
- April 1** **School Resumes**
- April 19** **Good Friday-No School**
- May 21** **Last Student Day (pending no additional snow days)**