



# BETHLEHEM

## AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### EAST HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

2005 Chester Road  
Bethlehem, PA 18017-2797  
610-867-0541

August 12, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope that you and your child are looking forward to the first day of school on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Bus passes and transportation information will be mailed separately to eligible students during the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive the information by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, please contact the Transportation Office at 610-861-0360.

Our normal school day begins at 8:05 a.m. and concludes at 3:05 p.m.; however, the first day of school will have a different structure/schedule. On the first day, all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will report at the normal start time of 8:05 a.m., but all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will report three hours later at 11:05 a.m. This three-hour delayed start will provide 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and teachers with the opportunity to focus attention on many transitional items that sometimes cause 6<sup>th</sup> graders to be nervous and uneasy. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers and teams, read schedules, visit classrooms, tour the building, engage in getting acquainted activities with peers and staff, open lockers, and attend orientation meetings. We will run a modified schedule on this day, and busing will be provided to all students on a modified schedule for the delayed start for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Your child ( ) has been assigned to homeroom number ( ) – ( ). Students should report to this location upon arrival on the first day.

On the back of this letter is a copy of the procedure for student drop-offs and pick-ups. **For safety reasons, our parking lot is off-limits on all school days. Parking lot related congestion requires that all student drop-offs and pick-ups be restricted to Chester Road to ensure student safety.**

Our parent association is very active, and we encourage you to become involved. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parent Center. Also, please encourage your child to get involved in the extra-curricular activities offered throughout the year.

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. Please note this date. Be sure to check our school calendar and other information that is continually available on the web at <https://basdwpweb.beth.k12.pa.us/easthills/>. Also, staff email addresses are available here for your use.

I sincerely hope your children have a wonderful experience at East Hills Middle School. I look forward to welcoming all returning and new students on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Until then, have an enjoyable end to your summer!

Sincerely yours,

David M. Horvath, Principal

