

School Bell

East Cleveland City Schools



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2007-2008 school year officially begins on August 29, 2007. This edition of the School Bell focuses on information relative to the opening of schools, CAMPUS WEAR and other pertinent information.

The academic performance of our students continues to be the District's first priority. Accordingly, I appeal to each of you to remain involved and committed to your child(ren)'s education. The East Cleveland City School District provides a myriad of academic interventions for our students. Before and after school tutoring, Saturday School Academy, Credit Recovery, Study Island, Compass Learning and the Summer Enrichment Academy, are a few of the interventions that the district has implemented to support student learning. It is imperative that we have the support of parents in ensuring that our child(ren) participate in academic initiatives. Students who participate in these activities evidence greater academic achievement than their counterparts who do not participate in such activities.

The implementation of single gender classes, the continuation of the Small Schools Initiative and the America's Choice Design, to name a few, serve as examples of the District's commitment to providing our students with the best possible education. Also, we are implementing additional advanced placement and honors courses at Shaw High School. It is essential that we provide students with academic rigor, and continue to have high expectations for ALL students.

I am looking forward to another fantastic athletic season for Coach Rodney Brown, Coach of the Year

for the State of Ohio, and the Shaw High School Cardinal Football Team, the Lake Erie League Division Champions and State Playoff Qualifier. Lastly, the Mighty Cardinal Marching Band have been invited to perform at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China.

The District's dress code, CAMPUS WEAR, will be in effect for the 2007-2008 school year. A copy of CAMPUS WEAR is included in this communiqué for your review. Please note that young men in grades 7-12 are required to wear neckties. CAMPUS WEAR neckties will be availed at a cost of \$3.50. Neckties may be purchased at Shaw High School and Heritage Middle School when students pick up their class schedules on the following dates and times:

AUG 22 9th Graders 1:30 – 3:00 PM
AUG 23 10th-12th Graders 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Further, neckties may be purchased at Heritage Middle School on the following dates and times:

AUG 27 7th – 8th Graders 8:20 AM – 3:00 PM
AUG 28 7th – 8th Graders 1:30 – 3:30 PM

We are drawing close to the end of the building project. I am extremely excited about the opening of the newly constructed Shaw High School and Mayfair Elementary School. Accordingly, students will be housed for the 2007-2008 school year as indicated in the column to the right of this message.

I am confident that with your support, the 2007-2008 school year will prove to be an academically enriched year for students. Together, we can and will, evidence outstanding results for our children.

As always, feel free to contact me at (216) 268-6580 should you have questions, concerns or comments.

Very truly yours,

Myrna Loy Corley
Superintendent of Schools

CURRICULUM NIGHTS FOR THE 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

Chambers Elementary School	Wednesday, September 5	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Caledonia Elementary School	Thursday, September 6	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Prospect Elementary School	Tuesday, September 11	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Superior Elementary School	Wednesday, September 12	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Mayfair Elementary School	Thursday, September 13	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Heritage Middle School	Tuesday, September 18	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Shaw High School	Wednesday, September 19	6:00 – 8:00 PM

First Day of School Fall 2007 is Wednesday, August 29

CALEDONIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROSPECT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1843 Stanwood Road
East Cleveland, OH 44112
8:30 AM – 2:40 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:00 PM

CHAMBERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

14305 Shaw Avenue
East Cleveland, OH 44112
8:50 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:20 PM

SUPERIOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1856 Garfield Road
East Cleveland, OH 44112
8:50 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:20 PM

MAYFAIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

13916 Mayfair Avenue
East Cleveland, OH
8:50 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:20 PM

HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

14410 Terrace Road
East Cleveland, OH 44112
8:20 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:30 PM

SHAW HIGH SCHOOL

15320 Euclid Avenue
East Cleveland, OH 44112
8:25 AM – 3:35 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:35 PM

SHAW ACADEMY AT SHAW HIGH SCHOOL

15320 Euclid Avenue
East Cleveland, OH 44112
8:05 AM – 3:05 PM
Wednesday Dismissal — 2:05 PM

EAST CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL CLASSES WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007.

Three and four year olds who are residents of East Cleveland are eligible to attend. Classes will be held at Superior Elementary School which is located at 1856 Garfield Avenue.

Should you wish to enroll your child in pre-school, please contact Mrs. Prince, Director of Federal Programs, at 216-268-7975, or the Registrar, Mr. Ramsey, at 216-268-6606. Registration is being facilitated at the East Cleveland Board of Education, 14305 Shaw Avenue (directly behind Chambers Elementary School). Enrollment is limited.

MISSION

We will provide the children of East Cleveland with the academic and life skills needed for each and every one to be a success in the 21st Century.

VISION

The East Cleveland City School District will emerge as a District of Excellence.

GOALS

1. Improve student performance in reading as measured by state assessments relative to the standards defined by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).
2. Improve student performance in mathematics as measured by state assessments relative to the standards defined by the ODE.
3. Ensure that students are educated in learning environments that are safe, drug-free and conducive to learning in an effort to improve the attendance and graduation rates.
4. Implement and adhere to the Economy and Efficiency Plan.
5. Continued development, implementation and monitoring of the capital improvement plan.

IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

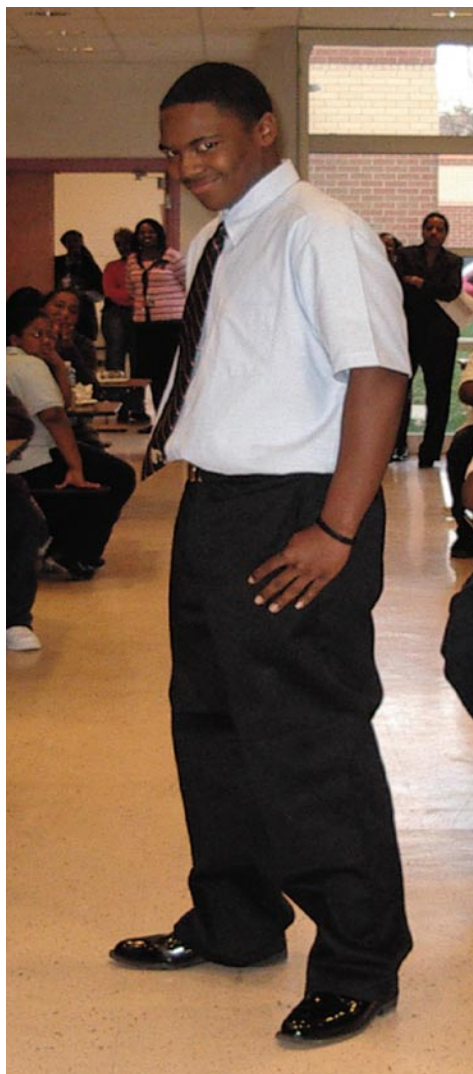
The East Cleveland City School District is attempting to identify all unserved handicapped children from birth through 21 years of age.

It is the goal of the East Cleveland City School District to assure that appropriate educational programs and services are provided for all eligible handicapped children in our school district (within the limits of local, state, and federal funding).

If you have a child with a suspected handicap, please contact the Administrator of Special Education, Mr. Dennis Burkley, 14305 Shaw Avenue, East Cleveland, OH 44112, Phone 216-268-6474.

The East Cleveland City School District recognizes the need to maintain an orderly, appropriate and safe learning environment. The goal of the Campus Wear (Dress Code) Policy is to place the focus on excellence in education. Studies indicate that requiring students to adhere to a dress code results in increased attendance and graduation rates and fewer student suspensions. Additionally, the Campus Wear (Dress Code) allows the school to more readily identify unauthorized persons on school property.

The following Campus Wear (Dress Code) will be in full effect when school begins.



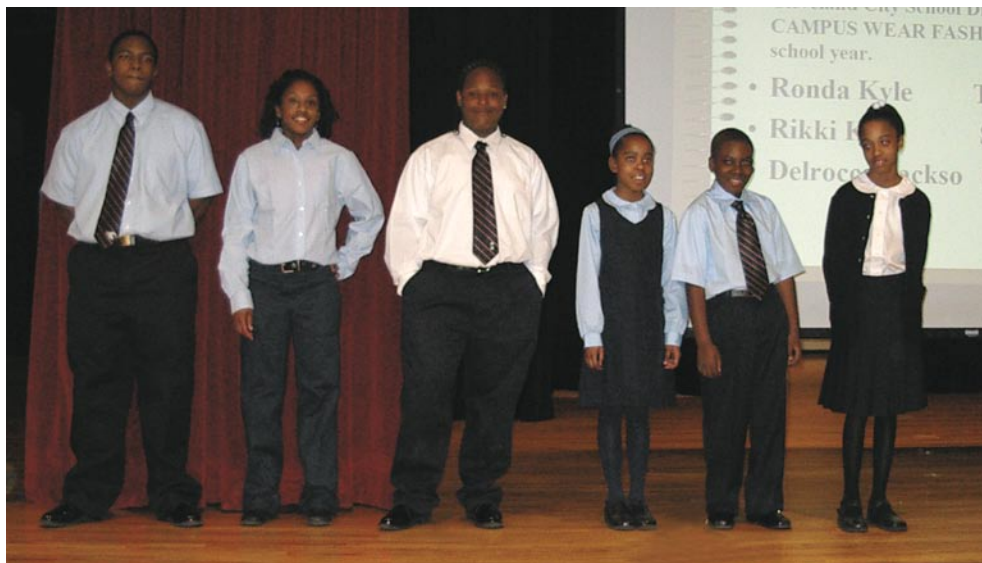
**YOUNG ADULT MEN
GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE**

- ★ Solid white or blue shirts with collars (shirts must be tucked in at all times)
- ★ Solid blue or black pants with belt loops
- ★ Red and black striped ties (required)
- ★ Solid blue, black or white socks
- ★ Solid blue, black or white sweaters
- ★ Solid black shoes
- ★ Solid blue or black belts must be worn on pants
- ★ Solid blue or black blazers, suits or vests (optional)



**BOYS
GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIX**

- ★ Solid white or blue shirts with collars (shirts must be tucked in at all times)
- ★ Solid blue or black pants with belt loops
- ★ Solid blue, black or white socks
- ★ Solid blue, black or white sweaters
- ★ Solid black shoes
- ★ Solid blue or black belts must be worn on pants
- ★ Solid blue or black blazers, vests or ties (optional)



GIRLS

GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH SIX

- ★ Solid white or blue blouses/shirts with collars (tucked in at all times)
- ★ Solid blue or black skirts, skorts, jumpers (at or below the knee when standing)
- ★ Solid blue or black pants with belt loops
- ★ Solid blue, black or white sweaters
- ★ Solid blue or black shoes (two inch heel maximum)
- ★ Solid blue, black or white socks, stockings or tights
- ★ Solid blue or black belts must be worn on pants
- ★ Solid blue or black blazers, vests or ties (optional)

YOUNG ADULT WOMEN

GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE

- ★ Solid white or blue blouses/shirts with collars (tucked in at all times)
- ★ Solid blue or black skirts (at or below the knee when standing)
- ★ Solid blue or black dress pants with belt loops
- ★ Solid blue, black or white sweaters
- ★ Solid blue or black shoes (two inch heel maximum)
- ★ Solid blue, black or white socks, stockings or tights
- ★ Solid blue or black belts must be worn on pants
- ★ Solid blue or black blazers, vests, or red and black striped ties (optional)

PERMITTED ACCESSORIES

- ★ Solid blue, black or white scarves only worn for cultural, religious or documented medical reasons
- ★ Solid blue, black or white hats only worn for documented medical reasons
- ★ Clothes worn for religious reasons must be in Campus Wear (Dress Code) colors (blue, black or white)
- ★ The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to designate spirit/dress down days when deemed appropriate

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO WEAR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- ★ Baggies or sagging pants/slacks
- ★ Short pants or three quarter pants/slacks
- ★ Denim or leather garments
- ★ Sandals, open toe, backless shoes, stiletto heels and flip-flops
- ★ Athletic (tennis shoes) in classrooms
- ★ Ostentatious (intended to attract notice) display of jewelry (chains, earrings)
- ★ Sleeveless shirts, blouses, halters, midriff tops, T-shirts and stretch pants
- ★ After five attire
- ★ Leggings
- ★ Excessive splits in skirts
- ★ Sweat bands, hair rollers, bandannas, hats, caps, etc.
- ★ Headphones, CD players, cellular phones, or pagers
- ★ No insignias that imply membership in an unauthorized organization, club or group
- ★ Boots in the classrooms
- ★ Hoodies

Opening News for Kindergarten Only

Wednesday, August 29, 2007 - PARENT MEETING

1. NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN.
2. Parents are required to attend a meeting scheduled in the library of your child's home school with the kindergarten teacher.
3. If child's last name begins with the letters A through L, you will meet from 10:00— 11:00 AM.
4. If child's last name begins with the letters M through Z, you will meet from 11:30 AM— 12:30 PM.
5. If the parent/guardian is working, a responsible adult, (grandparent, aunt, etc.) may attend this meeting.

Thursday, August 30, 2007 - 2 HOUR KINDERGARTEN SESSION DAY

1. THIS DAY IS **NOT** A FULL SESSION OF SCHOOL. Students will attend ONLY A TWO-HOUR SESSION that is assigned as follows:
 - If child's last name begins with the letters A through L, you will meet from 9:30 — 11:30 AM.
 - If child's last name begins with the letters M through Z, you will meet from 12:00 AM — 2 :00 PM.

Friday, August 31, 2007 - FULL DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

1. THIS DAY **IS** A FULL SESSION OF SCHOOL.
2. Please check for beginning and ending times with the teacher.



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The East Cleveland City School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, handicap, or sex. The policy of equal opportunity governs every aspect of the district's operations and activities, including educational programs and employment.

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“No Child Left Behind” Act Gives Parents Right to Know

Parents, you have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child’s classroom teacher. The federal law, **No Child Left Behind**, requires that local school districts receiving federal Title I dollars notify parents that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child’s classroom teacher, including the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives State licensing requirements.
3. The college degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification held (such as National Board Certification).
4. Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals (sometimes called educational assistants) and their qualifications.

You may request this information by contacting Frank Sowell, Human Resource Director at (216) 268-6581.

East Cleveland City Schools' Calendar 2007-2008 School Year

Wed., AUG 29, 2007	First day of school for students
Mon., SEPT 3, 2007	LABOR DAY – District closed
Fri., OCT 12, 2007	NEOEA DAY – District closed
Wed., NOV 14, 2007	1:30 PM Student dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences (2– 5:00 PM, 6 -8:00 PM)
Wed., Thur., Fri., NOV 21, 22, 23, 2007	THANKSGIVING-District closed
Mon., DEC 24, 2007	Winter break begins
Mon., JAN 1, 2008.....	NEW YEARS HOLIDAY – District closed
Mon., JAN 7, 2008.....	Schools Reopen
Fri., JAN 18, 2008.....	Optional Teacher Work Day – No students
Fri., JAN 18, 2008.....	OAPSE Staff Development Day
Mon., JAN 21, 2008.....	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – District closed
Mon., FEB 18, 2008	PRESIDENTS’ DAY – District closed
Thur., MAR 6, 2008	Parent Teacher Conference (5-8:00 PM)
Fri., MAR 21, 2008	GOOD FRIDAY – District closed
Mon., MAR 24, 2008	No teachers/No students
Thur., APR 3, 2008	Parent Teacher Conference (5-8:00 PM)
Mon., APR 14, 2008	Spring break begins
Mon., APR 21, 2008	Schools reopen
Fri., MAY 23, 2008	Schools Closed – No school for ECEA and students
Mon., MAY 26, 2008	MEMORIAL DAY – District closed
Tue., JUN 10, 2008	Last day for students