

Welcome Back Edison Families,

The beginning of the school year always marks a time of promise and possibility, and 2020-2021 is no exception! With a talented staff and a supportive community, our students are poised to have another great year at Edison High School.

As we move towards a digital learning experience we will strive to infuse positive learning experiences and outcomes for our students every single day. Our goal is to provide a learning environment in which all Edison students can achieve academic excellence, become mentally stronger and grow their talents.

Our school's mission and vision guide our work:

Edison Vision

Edison High School envisions students and parents actively engaged in learning while feeling valued as citizens of our local and global community.

Edison Mission Statement

At Edison/Fareira High School, we will maximize the potential of all students by providing them with the academic and social skills necessary for every student to succeed. We will continue to set high expectations for students, deliver quality classroom instruction by teachers, and give parents tools to help them become active participants in the education of their children. Through our emphasis on technology, inquiry-based learning, and industry skills, we are preparing students for both further education and entry into the employment market. We strive to grow the community leaders of tomorrow, today.

Last school year was filled with lots of great learning experiences and student successes. Here are a few of our favorite memories:

- *Memorial Day Program for Veterans of the Vietnam War*
- *Health Partners Foundation; Perfect Attendance Program*
- *Student Government*
- *Peer Group Connections*
- *76's Basketball Camp*
- *Student Organized Memorial Garden*
- *Young Artist City-wide Art Exhibition*
- *Annual Special Olympics Spring Competition; PA Special Olympics*
- *Unified Soccer Championship Game*
- *19-20 EHS Cheer Team Champions*
- *EHS Black History Month Showcase*
- *CRED Philly Publication Exhibit "Top Pick"*
- *"Kids Can!" presented by The Philadelphia 76 Sixers and PECO*
- *National DECA Competition*
- *CTSO competitions across Career and Technical Education courses*
- *Skills USA*
- *Virtual Learning*

We're also delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff. This year we welcome new teachers, A STEP Coordinator and a Behavioral Counselor to the team. Investing in a safer, healthier and more inviting learning environment for students and staff has been a top priority this summer.

I am looking forward to this year with excitement. Our theme for the year is: **Making the Shift ...Staying in the Game! Together we will experience the magic of being part of the Edison Family! We are all in this together!**

Below we have included some information that will help us have a phenomenal First Day and Year!

Student Chromebook & Employee Laptop Distribution

Starting August 17th for Students & Secretaries Starting August 19th for All other Employees	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
440 N. Broad Street, 1st Floor Lobby (Distribution and Break/Fix) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretaries can only pick up devices (laptops & cell phones) at this location 	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm
Fitzpatrick Annex Building, Rear of Fitzpatrick Elementary School (Distribution and Break/Fix)	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm
Martin Luther King High School	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm	9-2pm

What **Guardians** Need to Bring: Guardian ID and Student ID Number

What **Employees** Need to Bring: SDP ID or know your ID number. Name or Job Title has to match our list.

K-12 Teachers must bring broken device if they want a replacement Chromebook.

**The first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is
September 2, 2020 for grades 9-12**

School hours:

Our school day starts at 7:41am and ends at 2:45pm. It is expected that our students are in their google classrooms at this time.

Bell Schedule:

THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE 2020-2021

M/T/W/Th BELL SCHEDULE

Class Schedule	Period 1-2		ADV	Period 3-4		Period 5-6		(P7) Lunch	Period 8-9		
	7:41- 8:23	8:26-9:09		9:39-10:22	10:25-11:08	11:11-11:54	11:57-12:40		1:16-1:59	2:02-2:45	
				Period 3-5							
				9:39-10:22	(P4) Lunch	10:58-11:41					
							Period 5-7				
			11:11-11:54		(P6) Lunch	12:30-1:13					
			(P3) Lunch	Period 4-5		Period 6-7					
			10:12-10:55	10:58-11:41	11:44-12:27	12:30-1:13					
Lunch Schedule			(P3)	(P4)	(P5)	(P6)	(P7)				
			9:39-10:09	10:25-10:55	11:11-11:41	11:57-12:27	12:43-1:13				

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FRIDAY / Half Day BELL SCHEDULE

Class Schedule	Period 1-2		Period 3-4		Period 5-6		(P7) Lunch	Period 8-9		
	7:41-8:05	8:08-8:32	8:35-9:00	9:03-9:28	9:31-9:56	9:59-10:23		10:54-11:18	11:21-11:45	
			Period 3-5							
			8:35-9:00	(P4) Lunch	9:31-9:56					
						Period 5-7				
			9:31-9:56		(P6) Lunch	10:26-10:51				
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Google Classroom Information and Etiquette

- To see your schedule, go to the school district website, log in and view your schedule.
- To attend the classes that appear on your schedule, go to classroom.google.com and log in with your school district login information.
- Enter email/username: IDnumber@philasd.org Password: use your normal password
- Once you are logged in, you will see a full menu of all the classes on your schedule. Follow the directions posted in your classroom to attend the live Google Meet session with your teacher. Attendance will be taken daily.
- Arrive to your Google Meet class on time. While in your classroom, conduct yourself in a professional manner. Use appropriate language, when on screen ensure you are fully clothed in appropriate attire. Follow the instructions of your teacher and avoid disruptive behavior.

Expected Routine What is the routine?	What? What observable behaviors do you want students to display?	When? When will students need to follow this routine?	How? What steps do students need to take?	Where? Where can the materials be found or submitted?
Logging into a Google Meet/ Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be Present / Minimize distractions ● Log in with first and last names ● Participate & Ask Questions ● The chat is open - please stay on topic ● Type your questions in the chat as they arise. There are designated times for answering questions. ● Use the raise the hand and reactions tools (if available and necessary). ● Mute your mic when not speaking ● Video on (when possible) ● Computers charged ● Materials ready 	Monday-Friday All classes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log in to philasd student portal 2. Go to google classroom page 3. Click on the link in the post 4. Click “join meeting” promptly at the start time 	Google Classroom

Freshman Academy

Welcome Class of 2024! A BIG Welcome to our newest Owls!

Welcome to the wonderful world of High School. Your Freshman year will be like no other, as we prepare for an all digital learning environment, this is an exciting time! We welcome you to the Edison Family Nest where you will find caring teachers and counselors that take an interest in YOU! Your learning experience will take place virtually for now and your Edison family will be there to help you get and stay tuned in to our new digital community! No Worries!!! Your Google Classrooms are being set up in preparation for engaging and enriching learning experiences. Your teachers are excited to meet and get to know “Who you are”.

We have high expectations that you are prepared to engage with your classmates and teachers to get the most out of your high school experience. So, make sure you pay attention and ask plenty of questions during your face to face Google Meet or Zoom instruction sessions. Also, make sure to get to know your classmates as you interact in your new digital world.

There are wonderful resources available to you such as Peer Group Connect (PGC), which will help you get acclimated and stay connected to the school community and learn leadership skills. We have our own 9th Grade Counselor Mrs. Santiago (asantiago2@philasd.org) and a wonderful STEP support team that you can reach out to if you need to talk or are feeling anxiety during this time. There is a lot to learn and time for growth as you navigate through your high school experience. Rest assured that you are not alone! Please reach out to your teachers, counselors and administration when you have questions, we are only an email or phone call away.

Attendance Matters!

Attendance matters! Families, absences can add up before you know it! If you are facing any challenges, please seek out support from the school and community. We are here to help our families. Your children can suffer academically if they miss more than 10 school days. At Edison HS we want every student to attend school 95% of the time which means a student cannot be absent more than 9 times in the school year. When students are in school we can ensure they are learning. Even though we will be 100% digital, students are expected to participate in a full day of school five days a week. No doubt about it, digital learning will look and feel different than last spring.

Read more about what to expect and how you can help with this [Attendance and Grading Quick Guide](#).

Getting Ready: To help you and your child get organized and prepared for a successful new school year, we're sharing this

[Family Back-to School Checklist](#) which contains important information about Chromebooks, internet access and much more.

Student Code of Conduct Information

The code of student conduct governs how we interact with one another and behave during all classes and school activities. Click here to view the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

I also want to invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night on September 24th from 5:00pm-7:00pm virtually**. This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about the new school year. I also encourage our families to join our School Advisory Council (SAC), to ensure that your voice is heard in the school level decision making process.

We understand that you have entrusted your child's education to us and we promise to work extremely hard to educate every student in a caring and safe environment. We want to ensure a calm and smooth school opening so please feel free to reach out with any questions.

See you virtually on September 2nd!

Respectfully,

Principal Ortiz

If you are experiencing technical difficulties with access, we have developed a zoom meeting to service your needs. To join go to zoom.us, click join meeting and input:

Meeting ID: 224 731 5256

Passcode: 7ks8Eb

Zoom meeting hours: 7:41am-1:00pm.

Parent and Family Portal

Knowledge is Power

The School District of Philadelphia is proud to offer a tool that parents and family members may use to stay connected



Parent & Family Portal Overview

Use The Portal To:

- **View Academic History**
- **View Test Scores**
- **View Student Attendance**
- **Set Communication Preferences**
- **And Much Much More!**



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UPCOMING

EVENTS

Also, mark these important dates on your calendar:

September 2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● First day of school. School starts promptly at 7:41am and ends at 2:45pm. Most student and family questions can be addressed by following the steps outlined in this Contact Us/Who to Contact Sheet or The Office of Communications.
September 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Edison will host a Virtual Staff and Family Meet and Greet from 11:45am - 2:45pm.
September 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Virtual Back-to-School Night - this is a great time to virtually meet your child's teachers and learn more about the new school year. 9/24/2020 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Flyer will be posted to our school's webpage https://edison.philasd.org/

Thomas Edison High School/John C. Fareira Skills Center offers multiple pathways to achievement through Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in a variety of professional areas, allowing our students to acquire both technical (hands-on) and academic skills leading to an industry-recognized credential or certificate in addition to the student's high school diploma. We currently educate over 1,000 students, providing equity and excellence. Edison embraces a philosophy of greatness with no excuses in a school where all students learn and reach academic proficiency. See a bit of it in action here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=onu55h3A06E.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Options

- ***Logistics, Materials and Supply Chain Management***. An instructional program that prepares individuals in the fields of sales, distribution, and marketing operations, and focuses on the process and techniques of direct wholesale and retail buying and selling operations.
- ***Plumbing Technology***. An instructional program that prepares students to apply technical knowledge and skills in layout, assembly, installation and repair of pipes, fitting and fixtures for steam, hot water, heating, cooling, drainage, lubricating, sprinkling and industrial processing systems to specifications and plumbing codes.
- ***Welding Technology***. An instructional program that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills in gas, arc, shielded and non-shielded metal arc, brazing, flame cutting and plastic welding.

- *Automotive Mechanics Technology*. An instructional program that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to engage in the servicing and maintenance of all types of automobiles.
- *Auto Collision & Repair Technology*. A specialized instructional program that provides learning experiences concerned with all phases of the repair of damaged vehicle bodies and frames.
- *Cinematography and Film/Video Production*. An instructional program that prepares individuals to communicate dramatic information, ideas, moods and feelings through the making and producing of films and videos.
- *Graphic Design*. An instructional program in the applied visual arts that prepares individuals to use artistic techniques to effectively communicate ideas and information to business and consumer audiences via illustrations and other forms of printed media.
- *Cosmetology*. An instructional program that prepares individuals to care for and beautify hair, skin, and nails.
- *Culinary Arts*. An instructional program that prepares students for employment related to institutional, commercial or self-owned food establishments or other food industry occupations.
- *Electrical and Power Transmission*. An instructional program that prepares individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills necessary to install, operate, maintain and repair electrically energized residential, commercial and industrial systems, and DC and AC motors, controls and electrical distribution panels.
- *Health Related Technologies*. An instructional program designed for individuals whose career objective is one within the technical allied health field.