



Key Deadlines

Complete the online registration process by Sunday, July 26.
Complete the transportation RSVP form by Friday, July 24 (if needed).

Key Dates

Tues, July 21: Mandatory Athletics Meeting
Mon, July 27: 6th and 9th Grade Launch
Tues, July 28: Senior Class Retreat
Mon, August 3: Regular Schedule Begins

Letter from the Executive Director

Welcome to another incredible year at East Mountain!

Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we're excited to partner with your family!

This is one of the most exciting years in East Mountain's history. We are welcoming our inaugural middle school students, constructing a new building, and continuing to invest in opportunities that prepare students for success in college, careers, and life.

While much is changing, the things that matter most are not.

Our commitment to academic excellence remains strong. We will continue to challenge students to think deeply and build meaningful relationships. We will foster a culture where every student belongs, and prepare graduates who are ready to make a positive difference in the world.

The values that have made East Mountain one of New Mexico's highest-performing schools continue to guide every decision we make.

In this message, you will find a lot of important information to prepare for the school year. You will also be introduced to key leaders and staff who you will want to know should you need to reach out with questions.

Thank you for being part of our school community!

Sincerely,
Dr. Trey Smith, Executive Director

PowerSchool Online Registration

All families must complete online registration through the PowerSchool Parent Portal beginning July 20. Registration includes updating student information, completing emergency and medical forms, agreeing

to school policies, and paying the School Support Fee. The PowerSchool Parent Portal can be accessed [here](#).

Complete all forms by July 26 to ensure your student's schedule is available on July 27. High school schedules will be available in PowerSchool and middle school schedules will be available during the 6th Grade Launch.

Getting Started

- Returning families: Log in using your existing PowerSchool Parent Portal username and password.
- New families: Your username is the parent/guardian email address used on your lottery application. Your temporary password is Timberwolf. You will be prompted to create a new password.
- The PowerSchool Parent Portal is available on the web or through the PowerSchool Mobile App (School Code: HSNS).
- On a [web](#) browser: Log into your account [here](#). Click on [Forms](#) in the left-hand toolbar and fill out all three forms.
- In the [mobile](#) app: Log into the PowerSchool Parent app on your phone. Click on [More](#) in the bottom toolbar. Click on Forms and fill out all three forms.

Important Notes

- Forms must be completed in one sitting—there is no save-and-return feature.
- All families must complete the School Support Fee, Registration, and Health History & Medical Profile forms.
- Have emergency contact and medical information available before you begin.

Need Help?

If you have trouble accessing your PowerSchool Parent Portal account, please contact Krysta Cano at 505-281-7400 or by [email](#). To ensure assistance before the registration weekend deadline, please test your account access before 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

School Support Fee

All families are required to pay the annual School Support Fee through the PowerSchool Parent Portal or in person at East Mountain.

Fee Schedule

- \$85 for one student
- \$65 for each additional student
- \$35 Senior Fee (required for all Grade 12 students)
- Incoming 6th-grade families who completed registration by the deadline have their School Support Fee waived.

Payment Options

- Online: Pay by debit or credit card through the PowerSchool Parent Portal.
- In Person: Pay by cash, check, or debit/credit card at the East Mountain Front Office (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). If paying in person, select "Pay in Person" during online registration. If paying with cash, please bring the exact amount whenever possible.

Need a Payment Plan?

If you are unable to pay the full amount, select "Pay in Person" during registration and contact Krysta Cano in the Front Office before July 30 to arrange a payment plan.

What Do These Fees Support?

School Support Fees help cover costs such as student ID cards, parking permits, registration materials, mailings, technology, printing, and processing fees. The Senior Fee supports senior workshops, senior shirts, and Senior Week activities. Both fees may be applied toward your family's volunteer hour requirement.

Transportation

School Bus

We are excited to offer bus transportation for both middle and high school students this year! Please complete [this form](#) by **Friday, July 24** to indicate which bus stop your student will use if you plan on using the bus.

Carpool

If families are interested in exploring carpool options, join the [East Mountain Carpool GroupMe](#).



Vista Grande Community Center

We are proud of our partnership with Vista Grande Community Center on a wide variety of opportunities.

6th grade students can register for before and after school programming by visiting the Bernalillo County [website here](#).

High school students can register for a free membership to use the fitness center and participate in other activities. It's important that our students do not loiter in the community center parking lot or on playground equipment. All normal school rules still apply while our students are at the community center or in the parking lot.

Parking

As we continue to manage the large construction project, there are some new protocols for parking on campus.

To start school, the new parking lot is reserved for visitors and seniors only. Seniors will only be allowed to park in the new lot if they have an updated permit. Other grade level drivers should park at the soccer field at Vista for the time being. By mid-August, we will evaluate if additional spots can be opened up in the new parking lot. Throughout the year, more spots in the new parking lot will open up as construction progresses.

High school drivers, please fill out the parking permit application [at this link](#) (noting you will need to upload several documents).

Drop Off and Pick Up Protocols

On July 27, we will send out protocols for traffic flow with pick up and drop off. We are still working closely with the County and our construction team to make sure we have the best designed traffic flow possible.

July 27: New Student Jump Start Day

We are looking forward to welcoming 6th graders, 9th graders, and new transfer students on campus for an orientation/launch day on Monday, July 27.

- The 6th Grade Jump Start Day will be held from 8:30a.m. to 11:30a.m..
- The Freshman and New Student Jump Start Day will be held from 12:30p.m. to 3:00p.m..

We will check out Chromebooks for freshmen and new students. Any freshmen or new students who cannot attend the Jump Start Day can pick up their Chromebooks on August 3. 6th grade students will have access to Chromebooks that will stay in their classrooms.

[6th grade rsvp link](#) [9th grade RSVP link](#)

July 28: Senior Retreat

Seniors should plan to attend the back-to-school Senior Leadership Retreat from 9:00AM to 12:30PM at East Mountain. There is also an optional College Workshop after lunch at 1PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Seniors, please RSVP [here](#) by noon on Friday, July 24.

Meals

East Mountain will again offer free breakfast and free lunch to every student every day. Students must scan their school ID card to receive a meal. Breakfast may be picked up from the Sunflower Cafe BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS between 7:45a.m.-8:00a.m. Links to the monthly menus will be updated on our website. There are always multiple lunch options available, including a salad bar.

Nurse/Health Office

Nurse Santana Torrez will be available after July 23 to clear nursing holds and meet with parent(s)/guardian(s) regarding the health of their student, if needed. Please contact [Nurse Santana Torrez](#) to make an appointment. She will contact families if their student has any nursing/immunization holds.

Athletics

Athletic Director Kasi Giovenco will hold the Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting for both mid and high school students AND parents/guardians on **Tuesday, July 21** at the Fisher & Smith Memorial Gym at Vista Grande Community Center. The meeting is for parents/guardians AND high school students who plan on competing in cross country, fall golf, soccer or girls volleyball and middle school students who plan on competing in co-ed soccer, girls volleyball, cross country or fall golf.

- **All students and parents/guardians must arrive at 6p.m. for the administrative informational meeting. Even if you're a returning athlete, you must attend both parts of the meeting.**
- Immediately following, families will break off into individual sports meetings with respective coaches.

If you are **UNABLE** to attend the Mandatory Fall Sports meeting, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/AmR1UJCjv2sFFVit6> to fill out the form. Athletic Director Giovenco will follow up with all families with a required powerpoint and form that will need to be completed prior to the season starting.

All athletes must have a current physical and concussion course on file/uploaded in FinalForms. You can find the directions to create a parent/guardian FinalForms account [here](#). Contact [Athletic Director Kasi Giovenco](#) if you are unable to attend this mandatory meeting or if you have any questions.

Athletic payments for all sports will be collected through [EM Go Fan](#) by selecting Sports Fee. **Full or half payment and/or a payment plan must be in place before the first game of each sports season.** The sports fee for the 2026-2027 school year will stay at \$200 per student, per sport for the high school level. Middle school will be \$75 per student per sport. Payment plans can be arranged with [Athletic Director Kasi Giovenco](#) & [Mrs. Cano](#) in the Front Office.

Supplies & Donations

Students will receive a supplies list for each of their classes by August 7. Students can get general supplies (binder, notebooks, dividers, paper, pencils, pens, highlighters, composition books, etc.) and then fill in with teacher-specific supplies after the first day of school.

We appreciate donating as many of these supply items to front office by August 7 as you are able.

dry-erase markers
tissue boxes
copy paper 500 sheets
disinfectant wipes
hand sanitizer
#2 pencils for testing
mechanical pencils

Items from our teachers' Amazon classroom wishlists are also a great way to donate items that teachers are hoping to receive this year. [Find East Mountain classroom wishlists here.](#)

blue/black pens
highlighters
colored pencils
paper towels

2026-2027 Calendar

The 2026-2027 Calendar can be found [here](#).

Additionally, families may also subscribe to the school's [Daily Event's Google Calendar](#) and [Extra-curricular Google Calendar](#).

Middle School Specific Information

Middle School Schedules: Sixth grade students will receive their class schedules during Jump Start on Monday July 27 and during Advisory on the first day of school.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Bell Schedule Details:

- Students may pick up breakfast in the Sunflower Cafe between 7:50AM-8:05AM each day.
- The first bell rings at **8:00AM** and class begins promptly at **8:05AM**. Please arrive on time each day.
- The dismissal time on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays is at **3:00PM**. Classes are 48 minutes, passing periods are 2 minutes, Advisory is 30 minutes and lunch is 30 minutes.
- The Early Release Wednesday schedule has a dismissal time of **12:27PM**. Wednesday classes are 40 minutes. Advisory does not meet on Wednesdays. Wednesday afternoon will include Enrichment opportunities for all middle school students to attend. More information about these programs will come out in the first week of school.

High School Specific Information

Holds: Holds will be placed on a returning student's registration for:

- unpaid fines;
- outstanding uniforms/fees; and/or
- Next Step Plans from the previous school year.

A hold on a student's account will prevent families from filling out the online registration forms and from students from receiving their class schedule until they are cleared with the appropriate department(s). The school will contact families who have holds.

Bell Schedules:

High school bell schedules are available [here](#).

Student Schedules: Students will receive their class schedule on July 27 in their student PowerSchool account, but only AFTER their family completes the online registration forms.

- Returning students will use their existing PowerSchool student login.
- New students will receive their East Mountain login information by email on July 26. If you don't see it, please check your spam or junk folder.

Schedule Change Requests: Students inquiring about a possible schedule change must submit a [Schedule Change Request Form](#). Students may check their PowerSchool account on or before the evening of Sunday, August 2 to see whether their schedule change request has been processed. Students on a Special Education IEP must contact [Ms. Flake](#) before submitting a request.

- No schedule change requests will be accepted by email or phone.
- Schedule changes must be made during the first three (3) days of the term, so students have until **Wednesday, August 5 at 4p.m.** to attempt to drop or add a course. No schedule changes will be made on or after August 6.
- **Not all schedule change requests will be granted because they depend on space availability and the balancing of classes.**

Lockers: Students may submit a locker request will filling out this [form](#) using their East Mountain email. Students must have a combination lock. There are only 90 lockers available, so students may share lockers. Only one student should fill out the form for shared lockers.

Dual Credit at CNM, ENMU or UNM: Students in Grades 10-12 may earn college credit and high school elective credit through college courses taken as dual credit at CNM, UNM or ENMU. All classes are FREE and East Mountain pays for the cost of the textbook. Families must pay for any additional course fees, like an art fee or a culinary fee. Please contact [College & Career Counselor Tamara Marcelain](#) for more information. Registration is currently underway.

More information next week!

The Timberwolf Times newsletter will resume next Monday. We will include even more information about pick up and drop off traffic flow, enrichment activities, family volunteer opportunities, and more!

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