

January, 2019

Dear EMS Families,

Season's greetings and happy holidays. I hope this letter finds you warm and well, proud of the year that was and poised to take on the year that is to come. Here at EMS, we have renewed our commitment to providing a safe and empowering learning environment for our students to thrive within. Towards that end, our goal remains to provide every child with engaging academic and extracurricular experiences paired with the unwavering support of family, friends and our team of caring educators. To help us kick 2019 off on the right foot, please take a moment to review the information below:

News and announcements:

- **All yearbook orders are due January 1.** To place an order, see the attached flyer or visit YearbookOrderCenter.com (reference Order #: 13444).
- As a friendly reminder, **routine morning drop-off** for non-bused students takes place at the [side gym door](#) from 7:40-7:58 am. Front door drop-off is intended for students who have early-morning school activities or advanced arrangements with our administrative or medical staff.
- **EMS Winter Sports** - Please [click here](#) to view our schedule of upcoming Boys & Girls Basketball games and Wrestling matches. Students who wish to stay after school to watch a home game can join the EMS Student Fan Club. Fan Club members will be supervised by an EMS staff member from dismissal through the end of the game. Students who leave the premises and wish to come back for a game must do so under the supervision of a parent or guardian. Go Eagles!
- **Not a PTO member yet?** It's not too late! Forms can be downloaded from the EMS home page under the PTO tab, or you can send \$7 for membership in an envelope marked with your child's name and grade, addressed to "PTO DUES". Don't forget our easiest ever fundraiser - round up your dues to \$20, and we'll avoid any further fundraising efforts for the year! Cash or checks payable to "EMS PTO" are accepted.
- **Looking for more ways to connect?** Please visit the [EMS webpage](#) often. While browsing the site, be sure to check out the [EMS Parent Teacher Organization \(PTO\) webpage](#) (under "Parents") for even more information of what's happening at EMS and around town. For up-to-the-minute news and information you can follow EMS on Twitter ([@EisenhowerMS](#)) and Facebook ([@RoxburyEMS](#)).

From the EMS Medical Office:

- It's that time of year again, when sniffles and sneezes can turn into something far worse...and at the most inopportune of times. Please [click here](#) for helpful tips on keeping you and your family healthy and well during the winter holiday season. For further consideration, we have also attached a [flyer](#) from the CDC on vaccinations and flu shots.
- **Spring Sports Forms are due 2/8.** Physicals are good for 365 days. If you have any questions or concerns including whether your child needs a full physical vs. form update, please contact our School Nurse, Ms. Desiree Hornung (dhornung@roxbury.org / 973-584-2973 x2005).

Did you know...

- Thanks to the efforts of the EMS Boys Basketball team and their fans, \$100 in Shop Rite gift cards was donated to Roxbury Social Services just in time for the holidays.
- Proceeds from this year's PTO-sponsored Book Fair yielded more than \$800 worth of new literature for our Media Center. Be sure to encourage your child to come by the ELC and check out some of our new titles!

Coming Up:

- January 2: Schools reopen
- January 10: EMS PTO Meeting (7:00pm in the LOI)
- January 11:
 - Pajama Day
 - Harlem Wizards vs. Roxbury All Stars basketball game (7:00pm at RHS, flyer attached)
- January 16: Tech Free Day #2
- January 21: Martin Luther King Day - Schools closed
- January 23: RHS Counselors to speak with current 8th graders
- January 24: RHS parent night for current 8th graders (6:30pm at RHS)
- January 25: Student of the Month pizza lunch (November & December/January winners)

On behalf of all of us at EMS, thank you for your time and continued partnership. We wish you and yours a healthy holiday season and a happy new year.

Warm regards,
Mr. Gallagher

