



Jaguar Parents and Students,

Welcome back! We are excited about the 17-18 school year and have several new opportunities planned! Our Cambridge International program is beginning with 75 students and 9 teachers, all eager to bring rigor with an international college prep curriculum to East. Our International Center will be opening with over 100 students and 4 teachers working to enhance their ability to be successful in an American high school.

We will be 2200 students strong this year, and have added new staff to support the learning of all of our students. We are happy to start the year with highly qualified and well trained staff, ready and eager to make this the best year ever!

East Lee County high School is trending upward, making a gain of 50 points on state testing overall. We have enhanced and added to our successes in the classroom, training over 25 teachers this summer in AVID strategies to support collaborative teaching and learning. Our entire staff of over 125 teachers participated in a major training initiative to bring new and innovative teaching techniques to our classrooms, supporting all of the differences students bring to their learning.

Open house is on Saturday, August 5, 2017, the class of 2021 will start off the day at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium. We will be holding a very brief Freshman class meeting, and then introduce our newest class to their high school.

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Schedules, Jag gear, photo ID stations and staff will be available, and everyone is welcome to explore the campus, locate classes and talk with teachers.

Parents are the most critical part of student success, and I invite all parents to stay in regular communication with teachers and staff. Please make sure that phone numbers and email contact information is up to date at school and that you have logged into and registered for accounts on the communication systems for student grades and attendance (Parentlink and Focus). Follow our Twitter feed (@EastLeeCountyHS) and check out the web for documents, current info and student life video clips. A lot of great things are happening with our students and at East Lee! Join us and be a part of the excitement!

See you on at Open House!

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