

EJHS Team 8A

EJHS Mission: Working together to inspire life-long learning

Welcome to 8th grade!

Welcome to the beginning of another successful school year at Evans Junior High School! We are looking forward to meeting our new team of students and watching them grow throughout the year.

Our goals as teachers are to encourage higher-level thinking, assist your student with organization, time management and academic achievement to ensure success, and to help guide them during the transition to high school. This is a critical year in your child's development, and we truly enjoy watching the progress that students make between August and May!

Team Cell Phone Policy

Unit 5 policy states students are not allowed to have phones during the school day. 8A teachers expect students to have their cell phones off and not visible while in the classroom and hallways. Teachers will notify students if there is an occasion where they will need to use their phones during class.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the main office and they will relay the message.

Team Communication

Email is the most effective and timely way to contact teachers. Please allow 24 hours for a reply.

Mrs. Shanks – behrenk@unit5.org

Mr. Bostic – bosticnr@unit5.org

Mrs. Gallier – galliern@unit5.org

Mrs. Dickinson – dickinlm@unit5.org

Ms. Babbs – babbsd@unit5.org

Supplies

These items are on the supply list for 8th grade at EJHS.

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| 1 pkg loose leaf paper | TI-30 Calculator |
| 1 composition notebook | Quart sized ziplocks |
| 5 single subject notebooks | Lysol Wipes |
| 5 folders | 1 pkg Crayola markers |
| 24 presharpended #2 pencils | 1 pkg Crayola colored pencils |
| 1 pkg pens | 1 pkg 3x5 notecards |
| 1 pkg highlighters | Hand sanitizer |
| Pencil pouch | 2 rolls masking tape |
| 1 pkg Elmer's glue sticks | 4 dry erase chisel tip |
| 3 pack post-it notes | Laptop sleeve (13-inch) |
| 2 boxes Kleenex | Earbuds/headphones |

Wish List

Team 8A hosts events throughout the year, including team awards, team fun days, and more.

- * Snacks for team awards – full sizes candy bars and/or candy (e.g. Skittles, Snickers, etc)
- * Soda and bottled water
- * Monetary donations

Meet the teachers

Mr. Bostic Science

I graduated from ISU with my Bachelor's degree in Middle Level Education, and this will be my 16th year teaching 8th grade. In May of 2021, I completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Eastern Illinois University. My wife and I have 3 boys, 14-year-old twins, Carter and Collin, and a 13-year-old, Cayden. I am a member of the Illinois Air National Guard. I spend my spare time enjoying the outdoors, playing and watching sports, and traveling.

Mrs. Gallier Social Studies

This will be my 23rd year of teaching, all in Unit 5 middle schools. I received my Bachelor's in Social Science Education and my Master's in Communication from ISU. I earned National Board Certification in 2010. My husband, Rob, and I are kept busy by our 3 kids – Mitchell, 20, Jack, 18, and Reese, 16. I love coaching and watching sports, working in my yard, scrapbooking and spending time with my family!

Mrs. Shanks Literature and Composition

This is my 19th year as a teacher in Unit 5 and my sixth year teaching 8th grade. My previous teaching years were in 7th grade at Chiddix and Evans. I received my Bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education and my Master's in Reading. Additionally, I am the speech club sponsor at EJHS. I have a 10-year-old Bichon Poo dog named Camo (short for Camouflage). In my free time I like to play the violin & piano, listen to old-time radio shows, and watch movies. Some of my other favorites include; Fall Out Boy, the Evil Queen from "Snow White", and shopping at JC Penney! I love reading and I'm anxious to introduce a multitude of engaging authors this year.

Mrs. Dickinson Math 8 and Algebra

I'm excited to start another school year! This will be my 15th year working in Unit 5. I earned a Bachelor's degree in Middle Level Education and a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction both from Illinois State University. My husband and I are kept busy with our twins, Josie and Hendrix, that attend Pepper Ridge Elementary. I enjoy coffee, gardening, traveling, antiques, playing with our dogs Winnie and Cooper, and baking.

Ms. Babbs LBS1 - Resource

This will be my 19th year in Unit 5, and my second year at Evans. Prior to becoming an Eagle, I spent 12 years at Cedar Ridge, and 5 at Pepper Ridge. I recently completed my Master's degree in Behavior and Learning, and love being a student as much as I love being a teacher. I have 4 grown children, who grew up in unit 5 schools, and 1 grandson. My favorite hobbies are playing Scrabble, crocheting, and camping...and of course coffee!