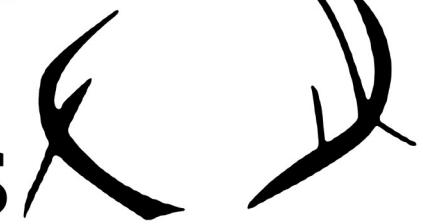


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April Newsletter
2017

From the Principal..... Dan Radicia

EHS TESTING DAY is Wednesday, APRIL 19, 2017

9th and 10th grade: 8:10-12:00 No Lunch provided

11th grade: 8:10-1:00 No Lunch provided

12th grade: NO SCHOOL

Breakfast is provided for 11th graders. EHS will serve an egg or breakfast to go wrap for juniors. The junior test will be one hour longer, therefore, I thought that serving the juniors breakfast would help them sustain focus better on a test when they normally eat lunch between 11:00-12:30.

No breakfast for 9th and 10th graders because their testing time is shorter.

Morning or AM bus transportation is the same. Busses will pick up at EHS around 12:00pm for 9th and 10th graders who normally ride the Chief Buses. 11th graders who normally ride the bus home will be transported by the administration after 1:00pm. If your 11th grade student rides a bus and needs a ride home at 1:00 pm., please call Ms. Vanessa Pruse at EHS in the main office and leave a message to confirm that your 11th grade student needs a ride home.

Nebraska State Assessment Information: ACT for Juniors

The Nebraska Department of Education has authorized the college entrance assessment the ACT as the official state-wide assessment for all Nebraska 11th graders. NESA Testing is continued for 3rd grade— 8th grade, while the state decided to pay for each 11th graders ACT test and use the results as the benchmark for achievement data.

11th grade students on an IEP for special services will get extended time for the ACT test. EHS will be serving lunch to 11th graders who receive IEP accommodations for test extensions.

Please bring ID— Driver's License, calculator, pencils.

Please leave in car— Cell phone.

If student is on/using cell phone during the test or any time between the testing period of 8:10-1:00, we will have to disqualify his/her test and report to the ACT. They will receive a score of a zero.

Pre-ACT for 9th and 10th Graders

EHS 9th and 10th graders will be participating in the Pre-ACT test on April 19 as well. The Pre-ACT test is composed of four subtests that are similar to the ACT but the time per test is different. The same test booklet will be given to 9th and 10th graders. The 9th graders predicted score may be lower because they are being normed against 10th graders across the country with the predicted ACT score. The 10th grade predicted ACT score is normed by comparing 10th graders across the country so the 10th grade predicted score is more reliable data. The 9th grade score is essentially practice for the students and baseline data for the school.

Helpful Thoughts Regarding Test Taking

The counseling staff and the administration created the schedule in order to comply with assessment best practices. I would encourage every parent to help reduce as many distractions during this testing cycle. Please encourage your student to get plenty of rest, eat breakfast, and to have a positive attitude about doing his/her best for the ACT and Pre-ACT tests.. Successful test-takers tend to be students with good attendance, homework, and study habits; therefore, your daily assistance with homework and attitude toward school has an impact on your student's performance.

Students who struggle the most on testing days are the ones who didn't have enough sleep or a good breakfast the day of the test. Also, students who are mentally unprepared often encounter problems of engagement and persistence to push through the difficult passages. Furthermore, good reading skills factor heavily in a timed test, so encourage reading as much as possible. Testing also measures critical-thinking ability, so ask him/her to discuss ideas or voice his/her opinion often to stimulate these thought processes.

**Please Note: Calling out for Appointments on April 19.**

Please make every effort to keep your student in school during the testing day.

EHS can not stop the 11th grade test once it begins without forfeiting a score. Doctor appointments need to be rescheduled away from April 19 or after 1:30 in the afternoon. Please do not call your student out of state testing unless it is an emergency and you have called the high school and discussed the emergency with the principal.

Post Prom Committee - Thank you Post Prom parents for all of the planning, fundraising, food, prizes, and construction of a night our students will remember. I know that many of our parents put forth an incredible amount of time for this event. The students appreciated all of the wonderful work that went into creating an amazing opportunity for our students. For one night, EHS' commons area was transformed into Europe, painted, played with inflatable, dodge ball tourney and played cards.

Nuisance Items - The distractions that classroom teachers must deal with today include cell phones, text messaging and I-pods. These electronic devices are clearly nuisance items that offer no educational value but offer a social value. They offer another possibility for distractions in our classroom and school learning environment. Please understand that this is not a note of crisis, but simply to ask for parental assistance in helping us communicate a point of emphasis to our students. Encourage your student to keep cell phones and I-pods off and secured away to minimize distractions. Furthermore, please emphasize with your student to keep anything of value secured and/or locked up to minimize the temptations of others. Thanks for your on-going support.

The following policy is stated in the Elkhorn High School Handbook: *Students are encouraged to bring only necessary materials to school in order to maintain a school environment where all students may reach their potential. Unnecessary items can*

be a distraction to the learning environment and create unnecessary opportunities for theft in which the school cannot be held responsible. If a cellular telephone, beeper, pager, head phones, electronic games, laser pointers and/or other nuisance items causes any distraction to the learning environment, the administration or staff may select an appropriate consequence depending on the continuing severity of the distraction to the learning environment (page 6).

Dress Code- As a friendly reminder and point of emphasis, please be aware and help develop the social conscientious of appropriate school dress in our students. As the spring weather becomes more seasonal , we may see fewer layers of clothing and shorts in lieu of pants. Tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, bandeaus, tube tops should not be to bare. The staff may ask students to put a shirt on, cover up bare shoulders, wear a jacket, and/or the administration may ask a student to go home and change his/her clothes.

The high school dress code reads as follows:

The high school dress code has been one of common sense, parental approval, and personal pride. The impressions you make are important to yourself and your school. Therefore, appropriate clothing shall be worn by students at Elkhorn High School. Clothing is not to be too tight, too short, too ragged, too bare, or so extreme to be immodest. If a student's appearance is such to cause a spectacle, interrupts classroom activities, or embarrasses others, he/she will not be permitted to remain in school. Clothing with tobacco, alcohol or drugs advertisements or any objectionable printing that suggest tobacco, drug, or alcohol use are not to be worn at school. (Student Handbook).

If you have any questions, please call me at (402) 289-4239 or email me at dradicia@epsne.org

Dan Radicia





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Senior News/Senior Exit Information:***URGENT***

Each senior was mailed a copy of a Senior Future Plan Sheet with their quarter 3 report card. Seniors are asked to indicate their post-secondary plans, which is used for state reporting. On the back of the sheet, students are asked to report every scholarship that they have been offered. Scholarship information will be placed in the Omaha World Herald and the graduation program. It is very important that you put ALL scholarships you have BEEN OFFERED, not just the ones you are going to accept. Please also bring in a PHOTOCOPY of any scholarship award letters you have received and staple to the senior exit sheet. To be included in the Omaha World Herald or the graduation bulletin, we must have official verification. No individual monetary values are published. See Mrs. Dowd in the Counseling Center if you have questions.

The Senior Future Plan Sheet is due to the counseling center by Friday April 14th. Scholarships received after the deadline might not be able to be published in the Omaha World Herald or the graduation bulletin, but please turn them in anyway. Note: No individual values of scholarships will be posted.

College Credits Earned: If a senior has earned college credits either through dual credit opportunities or AP test scores, the student is responsible for contacting the institution to have their transcript sent to the college they plan to attend. The college will not recognize it on the high school transcript.

- When completing the AP test registration, students will be able to indicate which college scores should be sent. Scores will be sent to colleges in late July. Contact www.collegeboard.com if college choice changes.
- Students dual enrolled will need to contact the respective school to request their college transcript be sent to the college they will be attending. The high school transcript does not reflect if the class is taken for dual enrollment.



Junior News

How to send ACT/SAT scores to colleges:

- EHS students are responsible for sending ACT or SAT scores directly to colleges from the testing agencies. The counseling center will only send transcripts to complete a college application. Students are still strongly encouraged to send their score reports to the high school as there are various awards and recognition opportunities for students during senior year that require these scores.
- Students can select to send ACT or SAT scores to four colleges for free when registering for the exams. Please check with the testing agency on fees associated with sending additional scores.
 - ACT: www.actstudent.org
 - SAT: www.collegeboard.org

Mid-term Graduation, December 2017:

Students eligible for mid-term graduation for the 2017-18 school year must have the appropriate forms completed and returned to the Counseling Center by May 1, 2017. This option was discussed during junior audits. Please send your student to the Counseling Center if he/she has any questions.

Spring Testing

On Wednesday, April 19th, all 9-11th grade students will be testing at EHS. All 11th graders will take the ACT and all 9th and 10th graders will take the Pre-ACT. Seniors will not attend school on April 19th.

Important Websites:

<http://www.elkhornweb.org/schools/ehs> This site contains information for all students.

<http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne> Naviance is our college and career planning tool, complete with personality inventories, career information, college search tools, and more. All Elkhorn 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders have access to the program provided free to them by the school district. Student logins are the same as their old school computer logins (all lowercase letters). See your counselor with any questions.

www.educationquest.org EducationQuest is a free college planning service provided to all students in Nebraska. Sign up for monthly emails for tips and advice.

2017 Spring National College Fair

Sapp Fieldhouse, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Sunday, April 9, 1-3 p.m.

Visit www.nationalcollegefairs.org for more information and a list of participating colleges.

To register: www.gotomyncf.com



FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR- Mark King

Spring Sports are Underway! Are Games On or Off?

We all are aware of what late March and April can be when it comes to Mother Nature!

A quick way to check the most current up-to-date information/status of games is to go to:

www.easternmidconference.org. You can then navigate your way to whichever sport and level of play you are interested in!

SUMMER CAMPS AND CLINICS!

EHS coaches are putting together their camp and clinic information. As soon as dates and times are finalized they will be posted on the Elkhorn Public Schools Website – Navigate through the Elkhorn High School side and you will find a listing under “Activities” – Summer Camps.

School Physicals for 2017-2018 Sports

(Grades 8-12)

**MUST BE AFTER MAY 1st TO QUALIFY FOR
NEXT YEAR!**

Congratulations to the following 2016-17 Winter Sports and Activities Awards Winners

Play Production

Academic All Conference: Brooklyn Koppold, Logan Evert, Eleanor Georgi, Dom Giandinoto, Andrew Harahill, Zach Gilbert, Maria Smal, Brady Deprez

NSAA Academic All State: Dom Giandinoto, Zach Gilbert

Girls Swimming

NSAA Academic All State: Catherine Sobus, MacKenna Wilkie

Girls Basketball

Academic All Conference: Seniors--Cera Craven, Paige Eicher, Kaylee Schutte & Reese Simons, Juniors--Carly Cameron & Brooke Carlson

NSAA Academic All State: Paige Eicher, Reese Simons

All Conference: Brooke Carlson, Payton Jakopovic

All State: 1st Team Class B Brooke Carlson

Boys Basketball

Academic All Conference: Seniors--Weston Behlen & Sean Witecy, Junior--Ram Gastali

NSAA Academic All State: Weston Behlen, Sean Witecy

All Conference: Sean Witecy, Reid Gates

Speech

Academic All Conference: Zachary Cheek

NSAA Academic All State: Zachary Cheek

Debate

NSAA Academic All State: Andrew Harrahill

*** All EMC Teams are listed on
the www.easternmidconference.org

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

Each summer Elkhorn coaches and sponsors offer a variety of sports/activity camps for students of all ages.

Available camps will be posted online at elkhornweb.org/antlers and elkhornweb.org/storm by **April 1, 2017**. Parents can go online to browse camps and download registration flyers.

Please note: Elkhorn Public Schools only posts summer camp information for camps hosted by an EPS coach or sponsor as related to his or her duties within the school district.



HALE HAPPENINGS

HALE is Elkhorn Public Schools' High Ability Learner Education. Visit the HALE Activity link from the Elkhorn High School website to learn more about services and to keep track of upcoming opportunities via the online HALE calendar.

Quiz Bowl

The Elkhorn High Advanced team competed and took 1st place honors among 32 teams at Bellevue University. Congratulations to Jacob Carmichael, Koushik Sanjeevi, Trevor Bowman, Rebekah Sterken and Mia Giandinoto. They also competed with 15 other teams at the Eastern Midland Conference (EMC) and won 3rd place. Congratulations to Jacob Carmichael, Koushik Sanjeevi, Trevor Bowman, and Rebekah Sterken. We are coming to the end of our quiz bowl season with our last competition at Grace University.

TEAM+S Competition (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science)

Students competed in the TEAM+S "Engineering the Environment" contest that was held at UNL on March 7. This year 24 students worked collaboratively in groups of eight as they applied their math and science knowledge in practical, creative ways to solve realistic engineering problems. The EHS teams did very well with the multiple-choice section of the competition. The Varsity team of Jacob Carmichael, Koushik Sanjeevi, Carly Cameron, Claire Wichman, Zach Headley, Dominic Giandinoto, Drew Harrahill, and Josh Thiele took 1st place in the 11/12 division. The JV team of Braydon Dreher, Anna McCaslin, Tabish Shaik, Mia Giandinoto, Andy Zhang, Megan Raszler, Trinity Thompson, and Siobhan Helms took 2nd place in 9/10 division. "Best in State" will be announced after the essay and task results are determined.

Robotics

Antler Powered and *Guardians of the Elk* are competing at the US Open, April 6-8 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs. Spectators are welcome.

Olympus Club

The annual Olympus Club Lock-In will be held at Common Ground on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. This is an opportunity for students from both high schools to form new friendships as they play dodge ball, basketball, volleyball, air hockey, board games, and go swimming. The Iron Mind Competition tradition will continue as students from both schools try to win the traveling trophy. Sign up with Ms. Bang.

AMC and USABO Results

In February, 47 students took national math and biology tests--the American Mathematics Competition and the USA Biology Olympiad. The EHS top scorers for AMC 12 are Anthony Benes, Jacob Carmichael, and Josh Thiele. AMC 10 top

scorers are Braydon Dreher, Trinity Thompson, and Andy Zhang. The USA Biology Olympiad top scorer was Koushik Sanjeevi. Since he scored in the top 10 percentile nationally, he is invited to take the semifinal exam. Koushik is one of three semifinalists from Nebraska.

Summer Opportunities

All Girls Math - Summer Mathematics Camp for high school girls. <http://www.math.unl.edu/programs/agam>

<http://architecture.unl.edu/high-school-camps-2017->

The College offers four summer high school camps: the Career Explorations in Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture Workshop; the Discover Landscape Architecture Workshop; the Western Nebraska High School Workshop; and the Adventures on the Niobrara River - Discover Landscape Architecture camp.

Kaneko Open Space for Your Mind -

www.thekaneko.org

Creative Writers - <http://finelines.org/>

Duke Tip - Duke TIP Summer Studies Programs
www.tip.duke.edu/summer

UNL Summer Academic Summer Camp -
<http://4h.unl.edu/4hcamps/bigredcamps>

Most Universities and Colleges offer summer opportunities for high school students, for example:

KU - Engineering Camp, Project Discovery - <https://engr.ku.edu/camps#Summer>

Northwestern University-
sps.northwestern.edu/program-areas/summer/high-school-programs/

Washington University

<http://summerexperiences.wustl.edu/scholars>

University of Chicago-

<https://summer.uchicago.edu/high-school>

Cornell University-

<https://www.sce.cornell.edu/sc/>

NYU-

<http://www.nyu.edu/admissions/high-school-programs.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6-8 - Robotics US Open

April 8 - Grace University Quiz Bowl

April 22 - Olympus Club Lock In at Common Ground

April 23 - Lincoln Northeast Freshmen Brain Brawl



ATTENTION SENIORS:

Senior Picture in Newspaper:

The final deadline to send in your senior's photo for the *Douglas County Post-Gazette's* Graduation section is **Friday, April 10.**

The Post-Gazette has not received dozens of senior photos and will not be able to include those students in the Graduation section in May.

Please email a photo to [editor@dcpostgazette ASAP](mailto:editor@dcpostgazette.com) and no later than April 10. You can also bring a photo to their office (or mail it) at 2929 N. 204th St., Ste 117, Elkhorn, NE 68022. For any questions, please call 402-289-2329 or email editor@dcpostgazette.com

Band News

EHS would like to invite you to Big Band Jazz Night. Saturday, April 29th, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. The following bands will be playing their sets at the times shown:

5:30-5:50 - Jantlers
5:55-6:20- EMS
6:25-6:55- Jazz Dos
7:00-7:30- Grandview
7:35-8:05- BluesED group
8:10- Combined Number
8:15-8:45- Jantlers

Tickets available at the door. \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, \$1.00 for senior citizens.

Make-up Days for Missed School Days:

As a reminder, EPS students will have **regular classes on Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25.**

These two days were built into the school calendar to account for the first two missed school days due to inclement weather. There are no other make-up days scheduled at this time.

FCS

Textiles students, under the instruction of Family & Consumer Sciences teacher Linda Milliken, work on individual projects over the course of the semester. In the photo below, the student presses the top of her pieced quilt before going onto the next step in construction. Other students this year have chosen crocheting, clothing construction, t-shirt quilts, and knitting projects.



TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS

Phishing Scams:

Phishing is a form of social engineering that attempts to steal sensitive information. An attacker's goal is to compromise systems to obtain usernames, passwords, and other account and/or financial data. They most frequently accomplish phishing attacks via email. The attacker sends crafted emails to people within an organization. The email usually pretends to be from someone trustworthy, like your bank, UPS/FedEx, a credit card company or an airline, or some other site for which you may have login credentials. The email includes a link to an "official" website that is actually a fake site operated by the attacker. Once the user visits the fake site, they may be asked overtly to enter account information such as usernames, passwords, credit card details, social security or bank account numbers. If done correctly, the attack can capture sensitive information without the victim even knowing that they have been compromised. More information can be found at <https://www.commoncraft.com/video/phishing-scams>



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- **High School Seniors: ACHIEVE Scholarship applications are due April 12th at 3:30PM!** Please see our website at www.elkhornfoundation.org/2017-achieve-scholarship-program/ for ACHIEVE requirements.
- **We are now accepting nominations for our 2017 Hall of Fame event!**
Please join the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation in honoring educators, alumni, community members, groups and/or businesses that have made significant and positive contributions to Elkhorn students, schools or the Elkhorn community at our Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony and Reception. Nominations are due May 31st, 2017. To submit a nomination, or to view all past honorees, please visit our website
<http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/hall-of-fame-rsvp/>

Elkhorn Public Schools

Career Awareness Program

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April 2017

01 CAREEROCKIT!

The nation's first Career Experiences Week brought to you by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce April 1-8th. CAREEROCKIT gives students the chance to get hands on career experience in a fun and exciting way. Our goal is to offer 10,000 experiences with 5,000 of those experiences in tech! We have many phenomenal companies committed to hosting experiences including Google, Yahoo!, HDR, the Startup Collaborative, UNMC, CHI Health, Novozymes, STRATCOM and many others. See first-hand all that Omaha has to offer!

Opportunities available for Elementary through Post-Secondary (Approximate Ages 8-22)

Open Houses/Tours, Field Trips, Podcasts, After-School Workshops
Demonstration/Hands-on Activities, Job Shadowing, Internships

See this [postcard](#) for more information and sign-up today!

02 Career Exploring



Below you will see a list of some of our upcoming programs. The dates you see indicate the first meeting. Most programs will meet weekly, once a week for about 6-8 weeks in the evenings.
For most programs, the fee to join is \$30, with a few programs that may have extra costs.
Click on the links below to learn more!

[Creighton Pharmacy Program \(April 22, 2017\)](#)

[NEW! Easter Seals Program \(Spring/Summer 2017\)](#)

[School of Rock Program \(Spring Session-Dates TBD\)](#)

03 Additional Opportunities



Click on buttons to see more!

Contact Dana Buurman for more information!

Email: dbuurman@epsne.org

Phone: ESHS ~ 402.289.0616 ~ Mornings
EHS ~ 402.289.4239 ~ Afternoons

Be the First to Know...Text @capbuurman to 81010 to receive text messages
when new career awareness opportunities become available!



Senior Notes

As the school year winds down for the Senior Class of 2017, Sodexo would like to congratulate all of you and wish you the best.

All seniors must have their accounts **cleared and signed-off** May 17, 2017 in order to receive their cap/gown. You can bring your sheets to a cashier in the cafeteria or the Food Service Office after your lunch. **If your account is negative it must be paid off before being signed out.** If you have remaining money in your account and have a sibling in the district, you may transfer the money into their account by having a parent call the Food Service Department at 402-289-0443 *after May 17th*. Money will not transfer automatically.

If an automatic payment is set up for any graduating senior, it will need to be deleted/removed online (<https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com>) to prevent future deposits being made to the account. A refund can be requested by calling the Food Service Department after May 19th. Lunch accounts will not be allowed to go negative at any point during the last week of school, starting May 15th, 2017.

Congratulations and Best Wishes.

Sodexo Food Service