

Elkhorn High School 1401 Veterans Drive Elkhorn, NE 68022 402.289.4239

August Newsletter 2017

First Day's Schedule

A special welcome for all ninth graders is planned on the first day of school, Thursday, August 17, 2017. Ninth graders need to report to school at **8:10 a.m.** The students will meet with their teacher advisor for 25 minutes and then will proceed through a shortened day schedule with each of their seven periods lasting approximately 20 minutes. The ninth grade students will end their day with a program in the auditorium. The program is presented by the student council members and other student leaders. The purpose of the program is to familiarize the students with the opportunities and traditions that exist at the high school. Staff will be available to answer questions regarding lunch accounts and depositing money into their accounts before school from 8:00 - 8:10 and after school from 11:45 - 12:00. Students will be dismissed before 11:50 and the buses will depart around 12:00 p.m.

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The schedule for the students in grades 10 -12 requires them to report to their teacher advisor's room at 12:05 p.m. Students will go through a shortened day schedule with each of their seven periods lasting approximately 22 minutes. The 10 -12 graders will be dismissed at 3:20. Staff will be available to answer questions and students can deposit monies into their lunch accounts after school.

Buses will run on regular schedule timed routes for the first day of school. Please refer to the letter sent by the central office regarding bus routes and times. Buses will transport ninth graders to and from school on the first day. <u>The buses will not</u> transport 10-12th graders to the high school for the 12:05 start time. Therefore, the high school will be using district vehicles to transport students who needs a ride to school. We need your help identifying those students who need a ride to school on the first day. Please call the school at 402-289-4239, to let us know who needs a ride and the address. The Elkhorn High School staff eagerly awaits serving the educational needs of all of our students -

Welcome back. Príncípal Dan Radícía

Schedule for Thursday, August 17th

<u>9th Grade</u>	10th-12th Grades			
8:00-8:10 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.	11:45-12:00 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.			
8:10-8:35 Teacher Advisor	12:05-12:20 Teacher Advisor			
8:39-8:59 1st Period	12:24-12:46 1st Period			
9:03-9:23 2nd Period	12:50-1:12 2nd Period			
9:27-9:47 3rd Period	1:16-1:38 3rd Period			
9:51-10:11 4th Period	1:42-2:04 4th Period			
10:15-10:34 5th Period	2:08-2:30 5th Period			
10:38-10:57 6th Period	2:34-2:55 6th Period			
11:01-11:20 7th Period	2:59-3:20 7th Period			
11:25-11:45 Presentation	3:20-3:30 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.			
(in Auditorium)				

11:45-12:00 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.

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EHS ATTENDANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Office Hours Monday ~ Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

402.289.4239

Counseling Center, option 2

Activities Office, option 3

EPS DISTRICT OFFICE

402.289.2579

TEACHER & STAFF E-MAIL

First letter of the first name followed by entire last name @epsne.org

Example: Jo Smith ~ jsmith@epsne.org

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Business Teacher Mr. Meyer's is: bmeyer1@epsne.org

Asst. Principal / A.D. Mark King's is: mking1@epsne.org

Science Teacher Ms. Brown's is: tbrown1@epsne.org

Administrator Ms. Christensen's is: echristensen1@epsne.org

Important Dates & Times

Aug. 7 & 8, Mon. & Tues. ~ Drop / Add 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aug. 17, Thursday ~ First Day of School (1/2 day** see above)

Aug. 18, Friday ~ First Full Day of School

Sept. 11, Monday ~ Senior / Parent Planning Night 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 13, Wednesday ~ Picture retake day



Student Handbook Highlights

The student handbooks are part of the student planner. Parents and students are reminded to carefully read these and acknowledge that you have done so by signing off on the release form.

1. Please note the attendance policy which puts a student at 1/2 credit status once he/she exceeds eight excused absences or two unexcused absences per semester.

2. A reporting procedure for absences has been developed. Only phone calls will be accepted. The parent or guardian may call during school hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to report student absences by speaking to the attendance secretary. Parents may also call after hours by leaving a message on the answering machine. Failure to call by 9:00 a.m. on the day following the absence will result in an unexcused/truant absence.

3. A student will be considered absent whenever he has missed the first fifteen minutes or more of first period class. For example, a student arriving after 8:25 a.m. is counted absent, not tardy.

4. Appropriate clothing shall be worn by the students at Elkhorn High School. Clothing is not to be too tight, too short, too ragged, too bare, or so extreme as to be immodest.

5. Please note the policy regarding harassment, bullying, and threats. All reports of harassment, bullying and threats will be taken seriously, investigated by the administration, and are subject to disciplinary action.

6. A policy is in place regarding student fees. The District's general policy is to provide for the free instruction in school in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution. The District will provide free instruction for courses which are required by state law or regulation and will provide the staff, facility, equipment and materials necessary for such instruction, without charge or fee to the students.

However, the District does provide activities, programs, and services to students which extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. A complete list of student fees and the policy can be found in the Student Handbook. The District will provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, 2) admission fees and trans-

portation charges for student spectators attending extracurricular activities, (3) materials for course projects, and (4) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Participation in a free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the fee waiver. An application form for the fee waiver is available upon request.

7. 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 nuisance items causes any distraction to the learning environment, an administrator or staff member may select an appropriate consequence depending on the continuing severity of the distraction to the learning environment. Any prohibited items or devices brought to school or used in school during instructional time or at school events may be confiscated by district staff. Prohibited items will be turned over to the student's parents or guardian on request unless the object seized is dangerous, contrary to law, or has been turned over to legal authorities. Students violating this policy shall be subject to the district's disciplinary rules.

8. Elkhorn High School students need to be responsible users of technology. The school firmly believes in protecting instructional time in classrooms; therefore, cell phones should not be seen, heard or used during the time allotted for each of the seven periods throughout the day. This applies to anywhere on campus, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, main office, media center, etc. during any scheduled instructional period (including TA). Students may have a need to use their phones throughout the day, thus students are permitted to use phones before and after school, during their scheduled lunch and during passing periods.

To maintain the expected learning environment in the classroom, students who violate the cell phone policy will be subject to disciplinary actions.

The administration supports our teachers' discretion as to when the problem has reached a level warranting administrative intervention. Once a referral has been sent to the office, the following consequences can be utilized to solve the problem: parent contact- checking in cell phone at start of day, confiscation of cell phone until parent/guardian picks-up; detention; after hours.



From the High School Principal...... Dan Radicia

As part of being a responsible user of technology, students should not use their phones to bully, intimidate, or harass. Violators will be subject to disciplinary actions according to EHS policies on bullying and harassment.

9. Homework is a very important part of a student's learning process at Elkhorn High School. Students are expected to complete homework in order to reinforce, practice and enrich class content. As an on-going effort to improve student achievement, teachers, and administrators may use intervention strategies (such as the after-school academy, guided study, etc.) as necessary to encourage homework completion.

10. Possession or use of tobacco, nicotine or vapor products such as e-cigarettes or look-alike tobacco products, in any form by students is prohibited on school property or premises or at school activities.

c. First violation - two after-hours sessions.

Second violation – two day out-of-school suspension.

Third violation – five day out-of-school suspension with possible recommendation of expulsion.

New Staff Introductions

Elkhorn High School is excited to introduce our new staff members who will join us in our journey to provide high quality instruction to our students this year. The new staff members are eager to get started and collaborate with our professional educators that the Elkhorn community has come to value. These new staff members will join the ranks of caring adults who provide the guidance during the transition from adolescents to adulthood.

Belarmino Chavez- Spanish Teacher (EHS, EGMS): Belar graduated from Blair High School and earned a Bachelor's in Education and Human Sciences in Secondary Spanish and ELL certification. Belar earned 9 credits while studying abroad at the University of Valpara Pontifical Catholic in Chile. After graduating from UNL, Belar moved to Houston, Texas and taught at Alief Independent School District where he taught six periods of Spanish I. When asked to set up time for an interview, Belar decided that skype was not going to capture his personality, so he drove to Omaha within the next couple of days to interview. Belar will be teaching at EHS and Elkhorn Grandview Middle School in the afternoon.

Theresa Crnkovich- Academic Counselor: Theresa served Westside High School as an academic counselor for the past nine years and was a math teacher two years prior at Shawnee Heights High School in Tecumseh, Kansas. Theresa served as the counseling center department head for the past three years and was a member of various leadership teams for the district. Theresa graduated from Washburn Rural High School in Topeka and received her Bachelor's in Math Education at Kansas State University and was a member of the KSU Cheer squad. She earned her Master's in K-12 Counseling from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Theresa was recognized by her peers and the state in 2012 as the Counselor of the Year. She will work with students last name L- ROM.

Jessica Ethridge– Media Specialist/Library: Jessica taught fifth grade for the past five years at Spring Ridge Elementary in Elkhorn Public Schools. During that time, she earned a Graduate Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and began working toward a second Graduate Degree in Library Science with an endorsement in Instructional Technology Leadership. Additionally, Jessica served on the Science Committee for the district, coached the EHS Dance Team for two years, and was also awarded the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year Award in 2016.

Rebekka Hammer- English Teacher (ESHS, EHS): Rebekka teaches English at ESHS and will be traveling to EHS in the afternoon to teach two sections of English 10. Rebekka is a Midland University graduate and a Weeping Water High School alumnus. Prior to teaching at ESHS, Rebekka taught for two years at West Point Public Schools where she was a FAME instructor, English 9 and American Literature. Rebekka has coached softball and track and student taught at Arlington High School.

Sarah Houston- Math Teacher (ESHS, EHS): Sarah graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with her Bachelor's in Math Education and was a member of the Cornhusker Marching Band. Sarah student taught at Lincoln East High School and taught pre college math, algebra and support math for students who struggled in algebra and geometry. Sarah was a UCARE undergraduate researcher with 4th-6th graders. Sarah knows the EHS Fight Song because she is a 2013 EHS graduate and a member of the Pride of the Antlers Marching Band where she played the trumpet.

Kayli King- Math Teacher: Kayli is a 2013 EHS graduate and returns to EHS as a first year math teacher. Kayli student taught at Norris High School in the Fall of 2016 where she taught Differential Algebra 2 and Calculus. After student teaching at Norris, Kayli stayed on as a long term substitute for the spring semester. Kayli coached soccer at Norris and played soccer at Doane University and was selected team captain her senior year. Kayli graduated from Doane University with a Bachelor's in Math Education and is currently working on her Masters from Doane University.

Olivia Myers- Science Teacher (EHS, ESHS): Olivia taught four preps last school year: anatomy, biology, zoology and physics at Wahoo High School and was an assistant volleyball coach and sponsor of the spirit club. Olivia will teach physical science and advanced earth science at EHS and ESHS this year. Prior to teaching, Olivia worked as a DNA Extraction Lab Technician and was a phlebotomist at a Lincoln Medical Center. Olivia is a Wahoo Bishop Neumann graduate, student taught at Omaha Burke and earned her Bachelor's in Biology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Olivia went back to school to earn her Master's in Education Curriculum and Instruction from Doane University.



Masey Ringlein- French Teacher: For the past three years, Masey taught all levels of French at Omaha Public Schools' Lewis and Clark Middle School. Prior to her middle school experience, Masey substitute taught at Omaha Benson High School for two years and was a vocational coach at Angel Guardians. Masey is a Westside High School graduate and earned her Bachelor's in French from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Masey continued her education at University of Nebraska-Kearney to earn her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction and transitional teacher certification.

Lindsay Scott- Science Teacher: Lindsay graduated from St Albert High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and crossed the Missouri River to graduate from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln with a Bachelor's in Natural Science and worked one year at Bryan High School as a chemistry and physics teacher with a volleyball coaching position. Lindsay continued her academic studies at Doane College where she earned a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction. Lindsay was a teacher at Westside High School for 11 years where she taught Biology and was the Biology team leader, coached volleyball for nine years and was a member of various leadership teams that helped Westside High School.

Rachel Simmons- Vocal Music: Rachel's prior teaching assignment was at Augusta High School in Augusta, Kansas for ten years. Rachel has taught seven ensembles, show choir, a cappella choir and barbershop quartets, music theory and directed over ten high school music theater productions. Rachel was a member of the school's accreditation team, and school improvement leadership committee. After graduating from Ottawa High School in Ottawa, Kansas, Rachel received her Bachelor's in Music Education from Wichita State and a master's in Music from Southwestern College in Kansas.

Lise Wagner- English Teacher: Lise (pronounced Le-suh) is a nationally certified teacher of Language Arts and a former English Language Arts teacher at Omaha Burke High School for the past 12 years. Lise taught grades 9-11 with honors and support classes and facilitated the Transition to Success program for at-risk students. Lise graduated from North High School in Sioux City, Iowa and paddled across the river to graduate from University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor's in English and Education. She earned her Master's in Secondary English Education from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.



Returning EHS teachers– We are excited to have them back in the classroom with our students.

Tom Baumert- Industrial Technology: Tom is teaching three periods of Woodworking in the morning. Tom retired from EPS after leaving EHS to start Elkhorn South's IT program when it opened in the fall of 2010.

Laura Feller- Family Consumer and Sciences: Laura returns to EHS after a middle school assignment where she received a full time contract. Laura is back at EHS as a full time member of the FCS team and worked this summer with our students who were working towards their CNA certification.

<u>Liz Jones- English Language Arts:</u> Liz is returning to EHS as a member of the English team after a one year retirement. Due to a summer resignation, Liz was asked to come back and teach Hon.Eng. 9, ESLA 11 and English 11.

Drop and Add

Students will receive their course schedule beginning on August 4, at 12:00 after all of the Back to School folder paperwork is signed and returned to the counselors by grade level. Students may wish to speak to a counselor regarding schedule changes on Monday, Aug. 7 and Tuesday, August 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please note that class changes are limited to the availability of sections and number of students enrolled in sections. I have asked the counselors to refer all student request to change a teacher to me so that I can meet with students and parents to discuss the request. We do not have a practice of changing teachers without multiple attempts to intervene to find solutions and work out a plan that allows for personal growth for both students and teachers.

Students placed in support classes who wish to drop will need to set up an appointment time with me to discuss the achievement data results so that parents and students are fully aware of why their student was placed in the class and their current level of performance.

Any student seeking to drop a higher level class to take an easier course will be requested to meet (phone conference as well) with their counselor, principal and parent about the rationale for their request.

To conclude, placing students in appropriate and rigorous coursework is one of my highest priorities as a principal. I value the conversations with students, teachers, counselors and parents to make the right decision for the long term academic success of our students.

The ECLIPSE

EHS would like to participate in the historic eclipse that will take place on August 21. We will watch a short safety video in homeroom and provide a pair of eclipse glasses for every staff and student to view the eclipse around 1:00pm. We need all parent permission forms to watch eclipse returned so that your student can participate. The form is in the back to school folder.

If you have any questions, please email me at dradicia@epsne.org or call EHS at 402-289-4239. Dan Radicia, EHS Principal.



COUNSELING CENTER STAFF (402) 289-4239, Ext. 2

Desiree MerrihewA - EMartha DowdF - KTheresa CrnkovichL - RomMakalla FritzRon - ZTracy Frevert, Secretary

*Please note that the alphabet split for counselors has changed from last year.

WEBSITE:

www.elkhornweb.org—>EHS—>Counseling Center

EPS District Website (<u>www.elkhornweb.org</u>) has the following helpful links: Elkhorn High School/Counseling Center

Naviance Accounts: All juniors and seniors have access to a college planning service provided by EHS. It is called Naviance. The website is http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne. Students use the same user name and password as their school computer logins. Parents are encouraged to view the site with their student. Sophomores will receive access to this account towards the end of first semester.

Senior Seminar week of August 28th

The Counseling Center will be hosting sessions on the college planning process to help seniors understand applications, scholarships, financial aid, and such. Sessions will be held during senior English classes. Seniors will also have a chance to log on to their Naviance account to make sure they remember their passwords and how to navigate around the site.

<u>Senior/Parent Planning Night</u> Monday, September 11th at 6 p.m.

Both parents and seniors are invited to attend a planning night. This night will begin with information presented by the counselors about what seniors should be doing this year to prepare for their future. Then seniors and their parents can attend break out sessions with college representatives.

Colleges invited this year include:

- University of NE at Lincoln
- University of NE at Omaha
- University of South Dakota
- Northwest Missouri State
- Midland University
- Creighton University
- Wayne State College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Iowa Western Community College

FORGET!

Scholarships: Each senior will have direct access to the scholarship listings from their individual Naviance account.

College Credit Opportunities

<u>Dual Credit Offerings</u>: The following classes are offered for college credit. Students are responsible for registration and tuition. Students will receive information during the first week of school if they are in a class that qualifies for dual credit. Students must meet academic criteria and deadlines in order to apply. <u>Students need to check with their future college to see if credits</u> <u>transfer as each college has their own policy</u>. If you have any questions, contact the teacher or counselor.

Peru State College: Students must be a junior or senior, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher or a 20 ACT composite and be recommended by a high school counselor or principal.

PreCalculus Honors PreCalculus Math Analysis Accounting II

University of NE at Omaha: Student must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and prerequisite courses.

AP Biology AP American History AP Statistics AP Spanish

Nebraska Wesleyan University: Students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA and prerequisite courses.

AP Calculus AB & BC AP English Language Japanese II Japanese III

AP Classes & College Credits: Students taking any AP class at EHS can elect to take the related AP test at the end of the school year. Information will be given to the student at the beginning of the year about the test. If a student earns a qualifying score, they can submit it to the college they will be attending for college credit. Visit www.collegeboard.com for information about AP college credit transferability. (Note: If a student is taking an AP class offered for dual credit, a decision must be made about the dual credit earlier than the AP test. This can be confusing in that a student can choose either way; it just depends on what is best for the individual. Also, there are times when a student taking the class for dual credit will want to take the test too. Depending the dual credit agreement, the college may pay for part or the entire test.)

Upcoming College Fairs: Please see the daily bulletin on EHS website for specific information on college fairs and college rep visits. Students register on Naviance prior to visits.



Upcoming testing information:

•Next ACT is September 9th. Registration deadline is August 4th. http://www.actstudent.org/

•Next SAT is October 7th. Registration deadline is Sept. 8th. http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html

Sending ACT/SAT scores to colleges:

EHS does not send test scores with transcripts to colleges. This change resulted because many colleges will no longer accept ACT/SAT scores from the high school. <u>EHS students will be</u> responsible for sending test scores to all the colleges to which they are making application. Students have the opportunity to send their ACT/SAT scores to up to four colleges when they register for the ACT/SAT. To avoid paying to send your scores at a later date, please ensure that you have selected four colleges of your choice with ACT/SAT at the time of registration. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

Requesting Transcripts:

Upon completing an application to a college, seniors are asked to come into the Counseling Center to complete a transcript request form. Mrs. Frevert, the Counseling Center secretary, has them on her desk. If a student is completing the Common Application, please schedule an appointment with a counselor. All Common Application components will be completed online.

College Athletics:

Division I or II Prospective Student Athletes: Juniors and seniors interested in playing a Division I or II college sport need to register for the NCAA Clearinghouse. This can be done online at <u>www.ncaaclearninghouse.net</u>. ACT scores need to be sent directly from ACT. Once registered, the student must go to the Counseling Center and request to have a transcript sent to the NCAA.

NAIA Prospective Student Athletes:

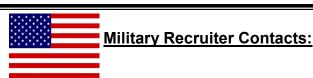
Sophomores through seniors interested in playing at a NAIA school should register at PlayNAIA.org.

Updating Transcripts:

Students who complete summer school courses should see their counselor to be sure that summer grades have been received and recorded on transcripts.

Need a Birth Certificate?

Certified copies of birth certificates can be requested through the VitalChek Network. In Nebraska, you can call (402) 471-6440 or Omaha (402) 444-7205 or go to www.vitalchek.com. The cost is approximately \$30.



Parents of Juniors and Seniors:

In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, Elkhorn Public Schools is required to release contact information of all Juniors and Seniors to military recruiters. All students' contact information will be released upon request unless an "opt-out" form is on file at the high school. If you would like to have your student removed from this report, please contact the high school administration.



What is Exploring?

Exploring is a career education program, sponsored by area businesses that help young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Exploring is about gaining practical experience in a career field. There is a flyer in your "Back to School" folder detailing the upcoming programs. You can also visit the website for more details of future opportunities: www.omahaexploring.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of parent volunteers to assist with a variety of events throughout the school year. Your help is vital for these events to run smoothly. The two main events are the annual health screening and Parent/ Teacher conferences meals for the staff.

We are looking for a lead parent to organize the staff meals during conferences. Additionally, we will need at least 20 volunteers for the Health Screening. This year the screening will be Wednesday, November 1st from 8:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please call Vanessa in the main office (402.289.4239) to have your name added for either event.

Thank You in advance for your assistance.

PowerSchool Parent Access Information

The Elkhorn Public School District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system that provides for real-time management of student data within a user-friendly environment. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access. This feature allows for the viewing of student data through any computer that has a connection to the internet.

The District will provide parent access for grades 6th-12th beginning the last week of August, so that parents may periodically review their student's progress including grades, assignments and attendance.

DAILY BULLETIN ON THE WEB

http://www.elkhornweb.org/ehs/daily-bulletin/

Updated daily by 8:45 a.m.



EHS Building Hours

7:00 a.m. - Building is open to students. During inclement weather, students will be admitted as soon as they arrive.
7:30 a.m. - Principals and Admin Assistants on duty
8:10 a.m. - Start of 1st Period
11:02-11:31 a.m. - 1st Lunch
11:31-12:00 p.m. - 2nd Lunch
12:00-12:29 p.m. - 3rd Lunch
3:20 p.m. - Student dismissal
3:40 p.m. - Teachers off duty
4:00 p.m. - Offices close

Is Your Address Up-To-Date?

" Did your address or phone number change over the summer? If so, please contact the EHS Counseling Center at 402.289.4239, option 2.

Please note, you <u>must</u> provide proof of residency for change of address.

Student Planners

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To help promote organization, time management and study skills, we have

purchased daily planners for every student. These planners will be given to students (free of charge) on the first day of school. Students will be required to use their

planners for various purposes. One function of the planner will be to serve as a "pass" system. Therefore, students will need to keep the planners with them at all times. Lost planners will be replaced at the student's expense (\$5.00). We hope that the planner can serve as a tool for communication between parents and the school, as well as

a tool for helping to develop organizational skills. The Parent/Student Handbook is in the front of the planner.



High Ability Learner Education (HALE) HAPPENINGS

HALE is Elkhorn Public Schools' High Ability Learner Education. Kim Johnson is the HALE teacher servicing both high schools. Generally, she is at Elkhorn High (D107) in the mornings and Elkhorn South in the afternoons. Visit the HALE webpage from the Elkhorn High School Activities website to learn more about services and to keep track of upcoming opportunities via the online HALE calendar.

Academic Decathlon

Academic Decathlon is cross-curricular competition for grades 9-12 and all GPAs. This year's topic of study is African art, music, literature, economics and history. Math will include geometry and introduction to differential calculus. Science will focus on the biology of infectious diseases, with an emphasis on diseases that have had a significant impact on Africa. The literature novel is *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. If you are interested in AcDec please see or email the sponsor, Mrs. Wagoner, at jwagoner@epsne.org.

Robotics

The VEX challenge this year is *In the Zone* (see <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Yo_mIR1VJU</u>. New members interested in designing, building or programming robots are welcome. For more information, contact the sponsor, Mr. Benes, at csgbenes@epsne.org.

Olympus Club

Olympus Club is a social and service organization for high ability learners. Ms. Bang and Mr. LaFleur are the cosponsors. It's a great way to meet people and make new friends.

Quiz Bowl

Since teams from both EHS and ESHS qualified for nationals, Mrs. Johnson took 9 students to New Orleans this summer. Both teams did very well, qualifying for the playoffs on the last day of competition. Quiz bowl practice is held daily during lunch. Anyone interested in checking it out should bring their lunch to the HALE room (D107) – new members are welcome!

News from Sodexo ~

A slight increase for student meals will be in effective for the 2017-2018 school year. The rate of increase is five cents. Rates listed below.

Breakfast: \$1.90

Lunch: \$3.50

EHS

Homecoming 2017

Elkhorn High School will continue their Homecoming traditions as in past years. The Elkhorn High School Homecoming football game, against Waverly, will be on Friday, September 29th. Alumni are encouraged to come cheer on the Antlers at their home field! Finally, the Elkhorn High School Homecoming dance will be held at the high school on Saturday, September 30th from 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.



The kids are heading back to school, how about you?

The Elkhorn Public School District is currently seeking teacher assistant/paraprofessionals in our early education, elementary, and secondary settings. EPS is seeking caring and collaborative individuals with a desire to help students achieve.

- Family friendly hours follows the school day and calendar
- Competitive pay (\$13.75 / \$14.25)
- Rewarding working environment

Apply at <u>www.elkhornweb.org</u> Employment:

Support Staff Non-Certified: Teacher Assistant



FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR- Mark King

** Check out the Activities Department Website - www.easternmidconference.org

Important Dates to Remember

Aug. 4th - Open House -

Please turn in RED CONSENT FORMS and BLUE PHYSICAL FORMS and \$35.00 student participation fee

Or you can print these forms off of our website & fill out prior to Open House www.elkhornweb.org/antlers

Wednesday, Aug. 2nd – Fall Sports All Parent Meeting @ EHS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

Information will be provided from Athletic Trainer Whitney Vessar and Activities Director Mark King for the sport your son/daughter is interested in – Also a great night to meet the coaches. Many coaches will have breakout sessions following this meeting.

Season passes will be sold and available to purchase -Students - \$35.00 Parents - \$55.00

Aug. 7th - 1st day of practices

Aug. 17th – 1st day of fall competitions

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Please check the Elkhorn High School Activity/Athletic Web Page for forms, schedules and pertinent information. www.elkhornweb.org/antlers

EHS Activity Schedules and Conference Scheduling Information - For the most current and up-to-date schedules, please check our information at: www.easternmidconference.org. You can then navigate your

way to whichever sport and level of play you are interested in.

**** Remember all athletes must have a blue physical form (DATED AFTER MAY 1ST, 2017), red activity contract and \$35.00 fee paid and filed in the AD Office before they can practice in any sport! <u>No exceptions!</u>

Sports Locker Check-Outs at the Start of School Year

Students are reminded that in order to receive an athletic locker, a \$5 deposit is required. Mr. King will check the locker out from the AD office. Check-out for lockers for **this fall** will be assigned by each sport's head coach, and available through the AD office. Students MUST have all forms completed and turned into the AD office in order to check out a locker for Fall Sports.

> Please help us promote a positive atmosphere by showing GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP while you are in attendance.

Thank You



From the Nurse... Joni Buzzell, RN

Welcome back, I hope you had a great summer! We want to keep your student(s) happy, healthy, and safe while at school, so please read the following information carefully.

~ Sick Child Policy ~

Please remember if your student is running a fever of >100.0 or has vomiting/diarrhea, <u>please keep them home from school until fever or</u> <u>vomiting free for 24 hours, without the aid of medication</u> (Motrin, Tylenol, Advil, acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

~ Physical and Immunization Requirements ~

Nebraska law requires that all school children have a **physical examination** upon entry into school, at seventh grade, and when transferring from an out-of-state school. Students must provide proof of a **visual evaluation** to include testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health and visual acuity upon entry into school and when transferring from an out-of-state school. The law also requires your child be immunized and provide **proof of immunization** before attending classes. Please visit the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (link below) which outlines specific vaccine requirements.

Link to DHHS vaccine summary for 2017-2018:

http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/Immunization/Documents/2017-2018%20School%20RR%20English.pdf

~ Medication for the 2017-2018 School Year ~

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, <u>each</u> medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container.

For prescription medication, please only provide a maximum of 30 day supply at a time.

All medication must be dropped off in the office by a parent or guardian. Please do not send any medications with your student.

Link to print blank medication authorization form: http://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/student-medication-form/

~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. Plans must be updated annually.

Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, or your physician's office can use whichever form they prefer.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION – EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Elkhorn Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, national origin, marital status, age, disability or any other basis prohibited by state and federal law in admission or access to, or treatment of, or employment in, its programs and activities.

It is the intent of the Elkhorn Public Schools to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exit in its policies, regulations, operations or employment practices. Grievance procedures have been established for anyone who feels discrimination has been shown by Elkhorn Public Schools. These procedures can be obtained by the Assistant Superintendent.

Inquiries concerning the application of the Elkhorn Public Schools' policy of nondiscrimination should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent, 20650 Glenn Street, Elkhorn NE 68022, (402) 289-2579.

Elkhorn Public Schools

Career Awareness Program



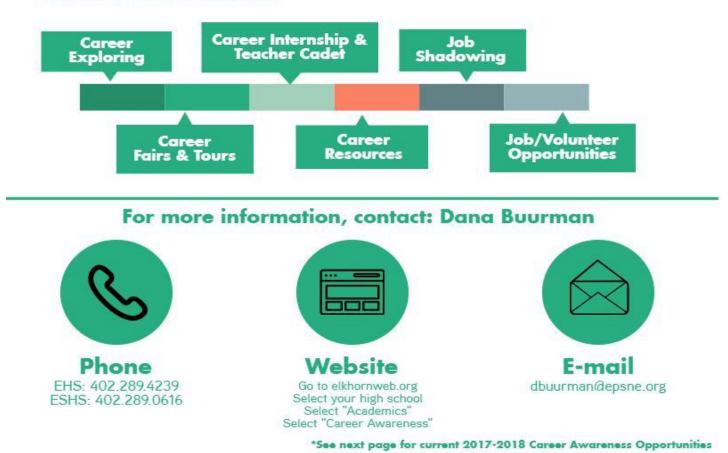
Through partnerships with area businesses, students can link their core curriculum with the world of work and develop skills, habits, and attitudes that will prepare them for future employment success.

Students engaging in Career Awareness Program activities with these business partners can enhance their personal growth and gain assistance with making wise career choices.

What Is It?

The Career Awareness Program is a natural partnership between the classroom and the workplace.

What Does It Include



Elkhorn Public Schools

2017-2018 Career Awareness Programs

Below you will see a list of some of our upcoming programs for this school year. 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. Please see our website for all information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tara Lopez at 402-514-3065, Sarah Wisecup at 402-614-3022, or Dana Buurman at 402-289-0616/402-289-4239.

(Register at www.omahaexploring.org)

FALL 2017-Dates TBD

UNO Aviation Program—Fall 2017 Fremont Engineering Program—Fall 2017 Metro Community College Media Production Program—Fall 2017 Creighton Pharmacy Day Program—Fall 2017 Ralston Fire Dept. Program—Fall 2017

SEPTEMBER 2017

Culinary Arts Program--September 5, 2017 Creighton Exercise Science Program--September 5, 2017 Cass County Sheriff's Dept. Program--September 5, 2017 HDR Engineering Program--September 6, 2017 UNO Computer Science Program--September 2017 DLR Architecture & Engineering Program--September 7, 2017 Erickson-Sederstrom Law Program--September 7, 2017 Omaha Police Dept. Program--September 13 or 14, 2017 Douglas County Sheriff Dept. Program--September 14, 2017 Kaplan Dental Assisting Program--September 14, 2017 Creighton University Dental Program--September 14, 2017 Creative Communications & Art Program--September 18, 2017 Leo A. Daly Architecture & Engineering Program--September 21, 2017 Trauma Thursday & CHI Health Medical Program--September 21, 2017

OCTOBER 2017

NE Medical Center Program—October 3, 2017 Clarkson College Medical Program—October 5, 2017 Omaha Fire Dept. Program—October 10, 2017 Veterinary Science Program—October 19, 2017

SPRING 2018

UNL Durham Architecture & Engineering Program—January 10, 2018 Children's Hospital Medical Program—January 23, 2018 Omaha World Herald Journalism Program—February 20, 2018 Metro Community College Career Training Program—Spring 2018 UNO Event Planning Program—Spring 2018 Metro Community College Fire Science Program—Spring 2018 Easter Seals Camp Program—Summer 2018

For Career Internship and Job Shadowing positions, please contact Dana Buurman at dbuurman@epsne.org.



ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL

"Home of the Antlers" Antler Publications

1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022 402-289-4239 FAX: 402-289-4383

Submit your SENIOR PHOTO for YEARBOOK!

Dear Senior Parent/Guardian:

All senior photos for the yearbook MUST be turned in BEFORE

Friday, October 27, 2017

Photos must be:

- 300 dpi (PLEASE)
- Digital JPEG, TIFF, or PNG
- Vertical
- Color photo
- Head and shoulders ONLY

- No hands/legs
- No props/pets/others in photos
- No logos on clothing
- No revealing clothing
- No distracting background

Submit ONE photo digitally, either on a CD or via e-mail: dschieffer@epsne.org. We are all digital. Photos we scan will not have the same quality as photos submitted digitally.

Any photos turned in AFTER October 27, may not be included in the yearbook, but we will use the Lifetouch photo the school takes or we will take a photo ourselves. If you have any questions, please email me at <u>dschieffer@epsne.org</u>.

Even though you are submitting a professional photo, you MUST still take a Lifetouch photo in July when underclassmen get them taken. These are important for PowerSchool and Student ID's.

We know how expensive it is getting photos taken. Please contact me if this fact hinders you from submitting a good quality photo, and I can offer assistance with this. We have yearbook staff members who can take professional quality photos, if you need that as an option.

PLEASE NOTE BELOW:

YEARBOOK PHOTOS SUBMITTED ARE ONLY FOR YEARBOOK. We cannot give your photo out to other publications. If you wish to submit a photo for publication in the senior edition of the *Douglas County Post Gazette* for their graduation issue, you will need to do that separately. However, when I confirm that I got your yearbook photo this fall, I will reply that you please send the photo to the paper, too. Please email the photo to <u>editor@dcpostgazette.com</u> or drop off a hard copy by the deadline above.

Sincerely,

Yearbook adviser

with Elkhorn High School Cheerleaders Clíníc: August 14-17, 3:45-5:00 p.m.

EHS Junior Cheer 2017

at Elkhorn Míddle School (3200 207th St. Elkhorn NE 68022) Performance: August 18, Half-time of the Sports Drink Scrimmage beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Elkhorn High School

Learn chants, games, dances, and cheers taught by the Elkhorn High School Cheerleaders. The girls are asked to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle. Each child will receive a t-shirt and bow which will be worn at the Sports Drink Scrimmage performance. This will be an exhibition performance and all parents are welcome to attend.

More details about the performance will be given out during the clinic. 🤧 🌿

40 includes clinic, t-shirt, and bow for the performance.

Please make checks to Elkhorn High School. Forms and payment are due by August 8 to guarantee a t-shirt and bow.

Please include bottom portion with payment and return to an Elkhorn High School Cheerleader or mail to: Elkhorn High School (attention Barb Schmidt) 1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022.

Student Name			Current Grade			
T-Shirt Size (please circle):	YS	УМ	YL	AS	AM	AL

Parent/Guardian Name & Phone Number

As with any athletic activity, there is risk of injury. The EHS Cheerleaders, Elkhorn High School, and Elkhorn Middle School will not be held responsible for any injuries. There will be no pyramids or stunts taught at this clinic. The cheerleaders have attended a UCA cheer camp, have learned, and will practice safe cheerleading procedures and techniques.

Parent/Guardian Signature _

Please call Barb Schmidt at (402) 289-4239 with any questions. Thanks!

Elkhorn Public Schools FOUNDATION



We hope you will join us for our 23rd Annual Hall of Fame Reception on Sunday, October 22nd at Elkhorn South High School. Hors d'oeuvres and assorted desserts will be served from 2:00-2:45pm with the awards ceremony from 2:45-4pm. The event is **free** to attend, but we request that you rsvp using the button below. Seating is limited. Please make your reservation by October 6th on our website at http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/2017halloffame/



Elkhorn Kids Campus is hiring! Are you bright, energetic and creative? Do you like working with children? Then EKC is for you! Stop in to the foundation office for an application, or download it online at http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/ekc/ekcapplication/. Email your completed application to awhorlow@epsne.org