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April Newsletter 2019

From the Principal..... Dan Radicia

EHS TESTING DAY is Tuesday, APRIL 2, 2019

9th and 10th grade: 8:10-11:30-11:45 No Lunch provided but snacks during break

11th grade: 8:10-1:00 Breakfast Burrito provided and snacks during break

12th grade: NO SCHOOL

Breakfast Burritos will be 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 burrito 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. Buses will pick up at EHS around 12:00 p.m., for 9th and 10th graders who normally ride the Chief Buses. 11th graders who normally ride the bus home will be transported by bus at 1:30 p.m.

Nebraska State Assessment Information: ACT for Juniors

The Nebraska Department of Education has authorized the college entrance assessment the ACT as the official statewide 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 2 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

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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 2.

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 <u>without forfeiting a score</u>. Doctor appointments need to be rescheduled away from April 2, 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.

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: <u>Students are encouraged to bring only neces</u>sary materials to school in order to maintain a school environment where all students may reach their potential. <u>Un-</u> necessary 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

Thank You, Dan Radicia



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Senior Immunizations

Please keep the copy of the immunization report that is being mailed home. Whether you are entering college or the workforce, you are likely to need it. If you need additional vaccinations, contact the Douglas County Immunization Clinic at 402.444.7471.

Senior News/Senior Exit Information:

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 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 sta-

<u>ple to the senior exit sheet.</u> 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 12th.

Scholarships received after the deadline, might not be able to be published in 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 <u>www.collegeboard.com</u> 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 <u>does not</u> 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 2019:

Students eligible for mid-term graduation for the 2019-20 school year must have the appropriate forms completed and returned to the Counseling Center by May 1, 2019. This option was discussed during junior audits. Please send your student to the Counseling Center if he/she has any questions.

Important Websites:

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

<u>http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne</u> 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.

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

Spring Testing

On Tuesday, April 2, 2019 ~ ALL 9-11 grade students will be testing at EHS. All 11th graders will take the ACT and all 9th and 10th graders will take the PreACT. *Seniors will not attend school on April 2nd.*

AP Testing will occur May 6-17. Those students that have registered to take an AP exam will be receiving more information about where and when to report to take those tests.

2019 Omaha Area College Fair

Sapp Fieldhouse, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Sunday, April 14, 1-3 p.m.

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR- Mark King

ELKHORN SPORTS/ACTIVITIES ARE ON THE WEB!

Patrons of the Elkhorn school district may now access the most current information as related to high school and middle school athletics/activities, by logging on http://www.easternmidconference.org to navigate your way to the Elkhorn High School page, and select the sport/activity, level and gender of your choice. You will also have access to the most updated calendars, game information, and even maps and driving directions to many of the schools we participate against.

Did you ever wonder where you can buy Elkhorn Antler Gear? We now have an online store where you can purchase the most up to date Antler Gear. Even customize your own gear. Check out the site at: https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/elkhorn/elkhorn-high-school

Did you know that many of the Elkhorn Antler games are streamed live. Check us out on Striv TV at: https://striv.tv/channel/elkhorn/

SPORTSMANSHIP! Can't Play Games without it!

The 2019 Spring Sports season will begin with the 1st practice on February 25th at Elkhorn High School. These activities include boys and girls track, boys soccer, girls soccer, baseball, boys golf, and girls tennis. Parents should note that the dates and times of spring sports sometimes need to be rescheduled after the printing is completed on these schedules. Please be advised that the most current information is available through your son's/daughter's head coach. Something to ponder: Because we encourage our student's to be involved in multiple sports and activities. This excerpt is from the January Issue of Coaching

A staggering 96 percent of the players participating in this year's Super Bowl played multiple sports in high school, according to an analysis from TrackingFootball.com.

The scouting service released its breakdown showing that **102 of the 106 players** making up the team's rosters played, at minimum, two high school sports. Of those players, 35 percent played three or four sports.

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, 2019.

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.



EHS 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.

Robotics

On March 1 and 2, the Robotics teams competed at State/Regionals at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. After the morning rounds, the Builders of Betsy team ranked 4th out of 44 teams and all 3 teams qualified to compete in the afternoon tournament. Congratulations to the Builders of Betsy team who made it to the quarter finals! The end of year meeting/celebration will be on Monday, April 29 after school. If you have an interest in Robotics for next year or have more questions, please come to the meeting or email Glenn Benes (<u>csgbenes@epsne.org</u>) for more information.

Quiz Bowl

The Varsity team of Mia Giandinoto, Duncan McKee, Trinity Thompson and Arich Fruehling placed 2nd at EMC on March 1 and placed 3rd at ESU 3 on March 11. Good luck to them as they prepare to compete at the National Academic Championship-Orlando, FL in June. It has been a great year and we will continue practicing daily during lunch in room D107. New members are always welcome.

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

Students competed in the TEAM+S engineering contest that was held Wednesday, Feb 27 at UNL. The 2019 theme was "The Engineering Brain". 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 Megan Raszler, Abby Seibel, Andy Zhang, Arich Fruehling, Trinity Thompson, Mia Giandinoto, Braydon Dreher, Grant Johnson took 1st place in the 11/12 Division. "Best in State" will be announced after the essay and task results are determined.

Olympus Club

The annual Lock-In for EHS and ESHS Olympus Club members will be held at Common Ground on Saturday, April 13 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 Dungeons & Dragons, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Just Dance, dodgeball, basketball, volleyball, air hockey, and board games. The Iron Mind Competition tradition will continue as students from both schools try to win the traveling trophy. Sign up with Ms. Bang or Mr. LaFleur.

AMC and USABO Results

In February, 47 students took national math and biology talent search tests--the American Mathematics Competition (AMC) and the USA Biology Olympiad (USABO). For the AMC 12A the top scorer was Ella Barnes and for AMC 10A it was Torin O'Rourke. There was a four-way tie for AMC 12B top scorer from Hannah Headley, Siobhan Helms, Grant Johnson, and Andy Zhang and for AMC 10B it was Joseph Seibel. Congratulations!

Summer Opportunities (Apply now as deadlines are approaching)

http://raikes.unl.edu/summerworkshops</u>-Students - "Innovate: The Raikes School Way" and "Girls Who Innovate: The Raikes School Way" Elkhorn High School 🦹



http://architecture.unl.edu/high-school-camps- 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.

Joyce Ivy Foundation Summer Scholars program – scholarships for female leaders (grades 10 and 11) http://www.joyceivyfoundation.org Kaneko Open Space for Your Mind – www.thekaneko.org

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

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

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

UNO Internships in Information Technology - <u>https://intern.ist.unomaha.edu/</u>

PKI Academies, Jazz Camp, Investment Camp, Techademy, Various Sports Camps https://www.unomaha.edu/camps/index.php

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

Purdue University - Engineering- https://engineering.purdue.edu/Honors/future-students/STEP

University of MO-Kansas City- Design Discovery- <u>http://info.umkc.edu/aupd/design-discovery-program/</u>

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

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 2- Pre ACT testing (9, 10); ACT testing (11) April 13 - Olympus Club Lock In at Common Ground



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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 12**

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, name and what school to editor@dcpostgazette **ASAP** and no later than April 12.

For any questions, please call 402-289-2329 or email editor@dcpostgazette.com

Trelawny of the 'Wells' will be performed on Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.,

and Saturday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door!

Make-up Days for Missed School Days:

As a reminder, EPS students will have regular classes on Thursday, May 23 & Friday, May 24.

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.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Elkhorn Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, veteran status, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, child birth or related condition, or any other category protected by law in its education programs, administration, policies, employment or other district programs.

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 exist 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 from the Executive Director of Personnel.

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

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Career Awareness Program April 2019

> 11 Reasons You Need A Summer Job

Working at a summer job isn't something that every student on leave considers. Some don't have to. Some don't want to. But we're here to tell you that it can be a big boost to the rest of your educational career, and it can serve you quite well during life after school. There are many advantages and many reasons why you should get out there and put your applications out into the world while owners and managers are looking for seasonal help. Here are 11 that should convince you...(Click to continue reading)

April's Eat with an Expert





Click the text below to access.



Camp, Fairs, & Tours



Job Opportunities



Career Exploration Day



Career Exploring Program

Contact Dana Buurman for more information on career awareness opportunities that are available. Email: dbuurman@epsne.org Phone: 402.289.0616



District Reminders

Support for TeamMates of Elkhorn

On Tuesday, April 2nd, join us at Runza, located at 3910 N 203rd St, Elkhorn, NE 68022 to support TeamMates of Elkhorn! Chapter representatives will be on site throughout the day to raise awareness for our newly founded chapter and thank the community for the outpouring of support we have seen since our inception! 10% of sales will also be donated back to our local chapter.



Tech Savvy Parent Tip: 7 Tips for Starting a Conversation About Online Safety

With the ever changing age of internet and increased online access, youth are encountering various unknowns as they explore the technology at their fingertips. If your child uses the internet for social media or games, below are seven opening questions to start a conversation with your child to remind them of the importance of online safety.

- 1) Which apps and games are you and your friends engaging with currently?
- 2) Which websites do you enjoy frequenting and why?
- 3) Can you teach me how to play your favorite game/app?
- 4) Do you have any online friends?
- 5) Do you know where to go for help?
- 6) Do you know what is considered your personal information?
- 7) Do you know your limits? If not, let's talk about them together.

For more information and resources on this topic, please visit <u>www.commonsensemedia.org</u> or <u>https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/</u>.

Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a cause for concern to parents.



Uniting students, families, educators, and the community to ensure a challenging and enriching academic environment that inspires students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

Open to incoming **1st-8th grade students** in the Elkhorn Public Schools District.



Registration is now open

Now offering 2-day **Red Cross Certified Babysitter** course!

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

June 10-14, 2019 | July 8-12, 2019







For additional information or to register, please visit <u>summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org</u>

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CHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION BREAKFASTS

2019

EKC 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

www.elkhornfoundation.org/ekc/ekc-application/

Email your completed application to awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:



The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation offers the opportunity to help build brighter futures... brick by brick. Purchase a brick to honor someone (or something) special while helping the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation further it's mission of encouraging, supporting and recognizing excellence in education, quality school programs and civic involvement.

For \$75 you'll receive a brick that will be engraved to honor a person, place or event... anyone or anything that's important to you. Find out more info here:

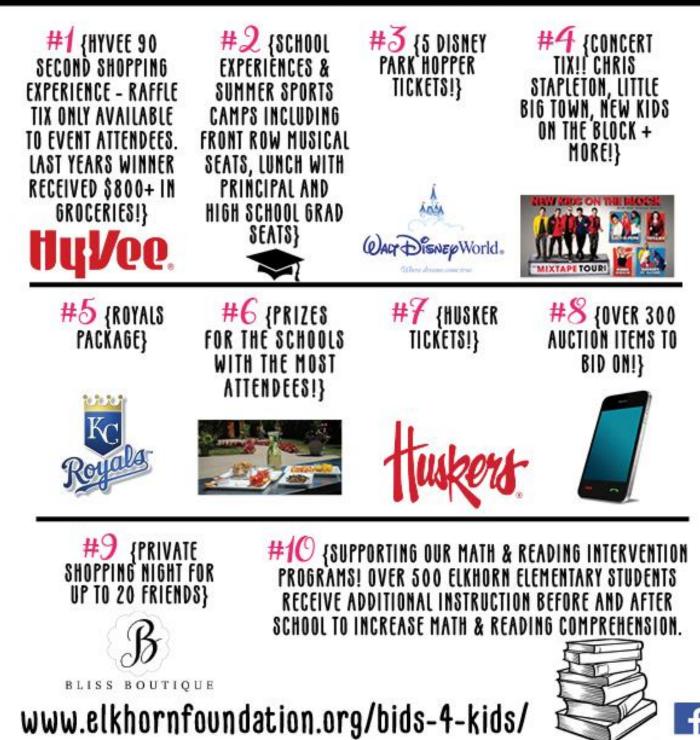
www.elkhornfoundation.org/programs/brick-pavilions/



We are now accepting nominations for teachers, alumni, volunteers and community partners for our 2018 Hall of Fame event! To submit a nomination, or to view all past honorees, please visit our website www.elkhornfoundation.org/hall-of-fame-nomination-form



TOP 10 REASONS TO SUPPORT OUR BIDS 4 KIDS EVENT LIVE OR REMOTELY!



Antler POST PROM 2019 12 am-4am

All EHS Junior/Seniors (à their prom dates) are welcome!

You do not have to attend prom to attend Post Prom. There is NO cost to attend!

Check in starts at 12am. Doors lock at 1am.

students can not leave early without a parent being notified.

Lots of fun! Great Prizes!

Parents- We are still looking for volunteers and donations. Please follow our group on facebook @Elkhorn Post Prom 2019 or Twitter @AntlerPostProm for the link to sign up genius, where to send cash donations \$ more information!



Senior Notes

As the school year winds down for the Senior Class of 2019, Sodexo would like to congratulate all of you and wish you the very best!

All seniors must have their accounts **cleared and signed off** on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 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 in full, prior to 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 (<u>https://www.schoolpaymentportal.com</u>) 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 <u>not</u> be allowed to go negative at any point during the last week of school, starting May 13, 2019.

Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Sodexo Food Service