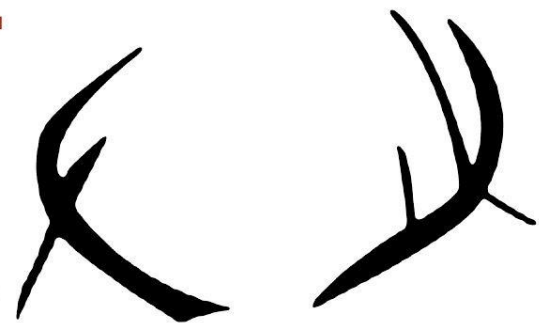


ELKHORN ANTLERS



Welcome to Junior Parent Night

Elkhorn High School Counseling Department

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Tracy Frevert

Counseling Administrative Assistant

Top Junior Priorities

- Current classes and future classes
- College planning
- Career planning
- College entrance exams
 - Naviance Test Prep



Classes

- Study, study study!
- Importance of junior year grades
 - Most colleges will use the cumulative GPA from the end of junior year
- Importance of rigorous classes senior year
 - Registration for senior year will start in January
 - Taking AP classes can help with scholarships



ACHIEVE Scholarship Minimum Requirements

| ACHIEVE Level | AP Classes Taken | AP Tests Taken | Years in Extracurricular Activities | Hours of Community Service | Scholarship Amount |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gold | 7 | 4 | 4 | 100 | \$1,350 |
| Silver | 5 | 3 | 3 | 75 | \$900 |
| Bronze | 4 | 2 | 2 | 50 | \$500 |

Visit <http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/> for more details



College Planning



What should you and your student be doing now?

- The College Search Process
 - Naviance
 - College Search Tools
 - <http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne>
 - Discuss financial expectations
 - Plan to visit top 2-4 choices
 - Return “College Visit Form” to counseling center before visiting and it will not count against attendance (max of 2 days)
 - Admission representatives visit EHS
 - Sign up through Naviance at least 1 day in advance.

College Planning

Fall 2019:

- Senior Parent Planning Night (September 2019)
- Begin college application process
 - Applications will be completed online
 - Request to have EHS send transcripts
 - Send ACT/SAT scores
 - Some schools will ask for essays and/or letters of recommendation
 - Send dual credit/AP scores
- Nebraska colleges assured admission



College Planning

Fall 2019:

- FAFSA-Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - Opens October 1st
 - Education Quest's Financial Aid Nights
- Begin Scholarship application process
 - Naviance: <http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne>
 - EPS Foundation: www.elkhornfoundation.org
 - EducationQuest : www.educationquest.org
 - The websites of the particular college
 - Never pay for a scholarship search
 - Midwest Student Exchange



Playing Sports in College?

NCAA

Students interested in playing D1 or D2 sports

- Register/pay at www.eligibilitycenter.org by the end of junior year
- Send ACT scores directly to NCAA (indicate on ACT registration)
- Request a transcript be sent to NCAA

NAIA

Students interested in playing NAIA sports

- Register/pay at www.playnaia.org by the end of junior year
- Send ACT scores directly to NAIA (indicate on ACT registration)
- Request a transcript be sent to NAIA



Career Planning



- Naviance has helpful career resources
- Elkhorn Public Schools Career Awareness Program
 - <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/careerawarenessprogram>
 - Dana Buurman - Elkhorn's Career Awareness Advisor
dbuurman@epsne.org
- Job Shadow
 - Career Exploring
 - Set up independently or with Mrs. Buurman (1 day per year)
 - <https://sites.google.com/epsne.org/careerawarenessprogram/new-career-exploration-day?authuser=0>

Career Awareness Program

Why is career exploration so important?

The goal of early career exploration is to encourage you to explore a variety of careers to find out what you like, or what you don't like. Seeing what careers are out there, connecting with employers, talking to human resource departments to learn what they look for in their applicants, spending time immersed in those careers! "Having an initial road map, and changing course after thoughtful consideration, far outweighs getting on the road with no clear direction!" -Thalia Thompson

Think about it this...what is your favorite food? How did you decide that was your favorite food? YOU TRIED IT! The same holds true for careers, how do you know that career is your favorite career if you've never tried it? Try a variety because you never know, until you try!

How can I explore careers?

- Career Camps, Fairs, & Tours
- Career Exploring Program
- Job Shadow
- Career Internship
- Teacher Cadet
- Part-Time Jobs

Sign-up for Remind notifications to know when new opportunities are added.

Text @capbuurman to 81010.

| | AM | PM |
|-----------|------|------|
| Monday | EHS | ESHS |
| Tuesday | EHS | ESHS |
| Wednesday | EHS | ESHS |
| Thursday | ESHS | EHS |
| Friday | ESHS | EHS |

Phone 402.289.0616 Ext 16112

Who do I contact to explore careers?

Ms. Buurman, dbuurman@epsne.org

EHS-CAP Office (formerly AD Assistant's Office)



Elkhorn Public Schools

Career Awareness Program



Where do I go to see what opportunities are available?

- Go to the school's homepage
- Academics
- Career Awareness

Through partnerships with local 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. The Career Awareness Program is a natural partnership between the classroom and the workplace.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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This site was last updated on August 21, 2018.

Career Planning

- Resume (Naviance has a resume builder)
 - Education
 - GPA, Class Rank, AP or dual credit courses taken
 - Activities/Clubs/Organizations
 - Leadership roles
 - Work Experience
 - Awards/Honors
- Resumes can be given to teachers/counselors to help with letters of recommendation





Thinking about the Military

- **Military:** Sign up on Naviance to see recruiters

ASVAB – October 23 from 9 am to noon

Military Fair – November 9th

College Entrance Exams

Each junior will take the ACT at EHS on April 2, 2019

There will be a practice ACT on Oct. 18

| | ACT | SAT |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| High Score | 36 | 2400 |
| Test Dates | September, October, December, February, April, June, July | October, November, December, January, March/April, May, June |
| Test Sites | EHS | NOT EHS |
| Retesting Recommendations | Spring of Junior Year, Fall of Senior Year | Spring of Junior Year, Fall of Senior Year |
| How to Register | www.actstudent.org | www.collegeboard.com |

College Entrance Exam Test Prep

- Take rigorous courses
- Outside test preparation courses
 - <https://www.educationquest.org/pdfs/Handouts/ACTSATResources.pdf>
- Free online practice through Naviance
 - Lessons
 - Flashcards
 - Practice
 - Multiple Sub-Categories
 - Tests
 - Diagnostic Test and 6 practice tests
 - Game Center



Questions?



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