

# Elkhorn South High School

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From the High School Principal

As we start the second quarter and move close to the Thanksgiving holiday, I have reflected upon how much we have to be thankful for in the Elkhorn Public School District. My reflections lead down many paths, but all centered on the pride I have in this school district, this high school and our students. I am continually impressed by the character and determination of our students as well as their involvement in many activities, managing a challenging curriculum, and the many hours spent working or volunteering outside of school. Yet our students maintain positivity, optimism, and persistence. My most sincere hope is that Elkhorn South has provided many great lessons for future success in college and beyond. I also understand that many challenges lie ahead; semester finals, winter activity season, demanding coursework, winter weather, and the like. I am inspired by their resiliency and believe that we all can learn from their perseverance.



**School will dismiss**  
**at 2:20 pm on**  
**Wednesday**  
**November 27th**

The topic of rigor and college preparedness has been frequently discussed this quarter. Periodically, I hear the conversation framed in a manner of “what students will need for college”. When engaged in this conversation with students, parents or colleagues, I often respond with some questions, “Can the student honestly state that he/she has done everything possible to be prepared for college? Have they taken advantage of rigorous levels of curriculum in order to prepare for college?” Clearly, I want our students to be successful in college and in life and have a vested interest in their future. Thus, I would contend it is far better for students to be challenged to their utmost potential in high school, where they have built-in support systems of caring parents and educators at their side. I believe that as educators, we are morally obligated to ensure that our students are prepared for life after high school. I fear that if students leave here without being challenged and find their first real academic challenges in college, they will struggle in isolation, away from caring adults, and become overwhelmed. This conversation is not new and was recently discussed in looking at class offerings for the 2020-21 school year. Our guidance department, teachers and administrators will continue to encourage our students to take the rigorous coursework in preparation for college. We look forward to continued conversations with our parents and students regarding college preparedness. I would encourage all of our parents to thoughtfully encourage their students to take the most rigorous courses possible during all four years of their high school career.

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students All Juniors will take the ACT here at ESHS on **Tuesday, April 7th**. This date is set by ACT for the entire state of Nebraska. All juniors must be in attendance on April 7th. Please plan accordingly for appointments, etc. Seniors will not be in session this day and Freshmen and Sophomores will take Pre-ACT tests.

We believe it is our obligation to help our students reach their ACT goals. Please contact me or an ESHS counselor with questions about the ACT preparation program here at ESHS.

On the topic of ACT, we recently received our 2019 ACT Graduate Report. Please see graph below showing our students improvement.

ESHS Yearly Trend - Average ACT Scores							
<u>Grad. Year</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Read</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Composite</u>	<u>% Taking</u>	<u># Senior Class</u>
11-12	24.0	23.8	23.2	23.3	23.7	89%	208
12-13	24.3	23.9	23.9	23.3	23.9	94%	209
13-14	25.5	24.6	25.2	25.0	25.2	92%	196
14-15	25.7	24.6	25.7	24.6	25.3	93%	238
15-16	25.8	24.9	26.0	25.1	25.6	95%	258
16-17	25.8	24.8	25.5	24.7	25.3	94%	268
17-18	25.1	23.9	25.1	24	24.6	100%	307
<b>18-19</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>302</b>

On behalf of the staff at ESHS, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who volunteered their service by providing two outstanding meals for parent-teacher conferences. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated by all here at ESHS. Thank you!

Fall parent-teacher conferences were greatly attended. To our staff, the parent-teacher conferences are symbolic of the ideal partnership and support needed for our students' success. Your attendance and consistent communication display the love and care that you have for your students and provide a bond with other vested stakeholders- his/her teachers. Undoubtedly, the Elkhorn Community places the highest priority on education and your efforts only further affirm this belief to our staff. We appreciate you encouraging your students to have perfect attendance, to work hard, to cooperate with teachers, to take rigorous classes and to make the most of the abundant opportunities here at Elkhorn South High School.

Again, thank you for all your support so far this year at ESHS. I have enjoyed getting to meet many of you at activity events, parent-teacher conferences and school functions. I look forward to future conversations about your students' experiences and education here at Elkhorn South High School.

Please feel free to call my office at 289-0616 or email me at [mkalvoda@epsne.org](mailto:mkalvoda@epsne.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark Kalvoda

#### November:

November 2nd: SAT test

November 22nd: ESHS -NHS blood drive

November 27th: Early dismissal at 2:20 pm

November 28th and 29nd: Thanksgiving vacation

#### December:

December 7th—SAT test

December 14th—ACT test

December 19th and 20th —Finals testing

December 23rd—January 5th: Christmas vacation

#### January:

January 6th—First day of 3rd quarter



## *Note From The Nurse*

All medications, prescription or over-the-counter, must be authorized by a physician and a parent as well as documentation on file in the health office. Any medication carried by a student must have additional documented authorization and be approved by medical trained staff. Medication protocols are required by the State and are set to maintain the safety and health of all students.

### **NHS Blood Drive**

The Elkhorn South National Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, November 22nd in the ESHS main gym.

Students age 16 and up and any adults in the community may donate; appointments are available from 7:00 am to 12:45 pm.

#### **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:**

To schedule online: Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)—search sponsor code “ESHStorm” Log into your donor profile OR create a new profile.



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#### **DAILY HAPPENINGS:**

To keep informed on the daily happenings at ESHS announcements are just a click away at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) >ESH > daily bulletin.

#### **CHANGES TO YOUR DEMOGRAPHICS?**

If your email, phone or address has changed please contact Jean Krusemark in the counseling center at 402-289-0616 ext. 2.



*Thank You*

### **Health Screening Parent Volunteers— THANK YOU!**

Health screening was held on Tuesday, October 29th at ESHS for all 10th graders and new students.

Thank you to the 20 parent volunteers who have agreed to assist with the screening. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to help!

# ESHS Counseling Center Newsletter

November 2019

## College Entrance Testing for Juniors

A common question from junior parents this time of year centers around when juniors should take the ACT. Most students test two to three times before they graduate. **ACT will be administered to ALL juniors Tuesday, April 7th at ESHS.**

For many juniors, the April 7th test may be the only time the student will take the ACT their junior year. Other juniors may likely consider a Saturday national test day. ACT offers Saturday tests dates February 8th, April 4th, June 13th, and July 18th.

For advice on what is most appropriate for your student, please contact your counselor. Register for Saturday test dates online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Registration deadlines are approximately one month prior to the test date and are found on ACT's website.

## Score Reporting

It is the student's responsibility to submit test scores to their college of choice. During registration students can select up to 4 colleges to receive their test scores. To avoid paying to send score at a later date, be sure to select 4 colleges at the time of test registration. Colleges take the best score so it is to the student's benefit to send scores each time.

## Test Prep Resources

Full length practice tests can be picked up in the counseling center. Visit [elkhornweb.org/eshscounseling/testing/](http://elkhornweb.org/eshscounseling/testing/) for test preparation resources. Reach out to your counselor for additional options.

## Junior Parent Night!

Counselors will host a Junior Parent Night in November. Topics covered include: the college search process, Naviance, college visits, ACT/SAT testing, and the importance of grades junior year. See you there!

**Date:** Monday, November 25th

**Time:** 6:00PM

**Location:** ESHS auditorium

## Important Websites

### Elkhornweb

[elkhornweb.org/eshs/academics/](http://elkhornweb.org/eshs/academics/)

Academic and counseling information for all students.

### Naviance

[student.naviance.com/elkhorn](http://student.naviance.com/elkhorn)

College and career planning tool with personality inventories, strengths exploration, career and college searches, scholarships, and more.

**Juniors:** Use Naviance to begin narrowing down college choices.

**Seniors:** Scholarships are being added all the time. If you don't apply, you won't get money!

## Counselor Alpha

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## After School Academy

Grades not where you want them? After School Academy (ASA) is available for all students Monday - Friday from 3:20PM - 4:30PM in the library. ASA is staffed by a teacher along with student tutors. Students can use this time for homework, makeup tests, group projects, research papers, etc. Go check it out!

## Peer Tutoring

The counseling center provides 1-on-1 peer tutors before and after school. Contact Rachel Hoch in the counseling center to request a tutor.

## EducationQuest

EducationQuest is a **FREE** college planning service that offers a wide variety of tips and advice for students and families. Visit [educationquest.org](http://educationquest.org) for more details.

## Seniors

### College Planning

Many colleges are in the process of accepting applications, hosting college visits, and coordinating career days. Be sure to visit college websites to contact the admissions office for upcoming events.

### Scholarship Information

Check Naviance regularly for scholarship updates. Individual colleges are the source of most scholarship dollars. Apply early and meet with the Office of Financial Aid on your college visit to ask specific questions unique to your student and family. Many scholarships are due on or before February 1st.

### December ACT

For seniors interested in improving an ACT for scholarship purposes, the December ACT is often the last date. November 8th is the deadline to register for the December 14th test. Be sure to contact the college of an improved score.



## ESHS Activities – AD Roger Ortmeier

### **ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULES ON THE WEB:**

**Activity Website** – [www.elkhornweb.org/storm](http://www.elkhornweb.org/storm)

**METRO Conference Website** - check the latest information on schedules by going

to: [www.mhsaaconference.org](http://www.mhsaaconference.org) All of the game schedules and calendars are available!

*Check it out! There are even links for driving directions to several schools on the schedule, and parents can have info directly downloaded to their phone! Including INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE CHANGES! Download the rSchool Today App!*



**NSAA Website:** For a more accurate and up-to-date display of information, please go to: [nsaahome.org](http://nsaahome.org) website. You can access district and state information, check wildcard points, and have immediate access to NSAA level

**Fill out your athletic forms online!**

**REMINDER: Online athletic forms now available on rSchool.**

<https://elkhornps-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FALL ACTIVITIES!**

**XC - 2019 Boys and Girls State Qualifier**

**Girls Golf - 2019 Class A State Qualifier**

**All-State Band/Choir** - Congrats to Choir (12 All-State Members) and Band (16 All-State Members)!

**FROM ONE SEASON TO ANOTHER!**

As the squads wind up their seasons in November with District and State level play, the Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Wrestling and Swimming teams will soon begin practices for their upcoming seasons. **Students and parents are reminded that all athletes beginning a new season MUST HAVE a current physical on hand PRIOR TO any athlete being allowed to start practices or a conditioning program.**

**WINTER SPORTS PARENT MEETING – Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> in ESHS Auditorium 6:45PM Concussion Management**

**Presentation – (Please attend if you have not been to this in the past or if you have any questions).**  
**7PM in ESHS Auditorium - Intro and breakout to individual team parent meetings.**

**WINTER SPORTS PRACTICES** officially begin on **Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR PARENTS-If you have a question?**

Sometimes the need to contact a coach occurs during the school year.

The correct sequence we request you take is:

**Level-1.** Each Head Coach/Sponsor will have a parents meeting during the pre-season to establish guidelines and expectations for their student-athletes, with parents invited to ask questions at this time.

**Level-2.** During the season, please contact your son/daughter's Head Coach/sponsor if you have questions or concerns. Please wait 24hrs.after a contest to contact your son/daughter's coach.

**Teachable moment-** **Have your son/daughter visit with their Hd. Coach first.** If we are preparing students for life's lessons, this is a critical piece of education.

**Level-3.** If you have contacted the Head Coach, and wish to also have the Activities Director involved, please contact the Head Coach, and request that I am involved. (The Head Coach may also request that I sit in on a parent/athlete meeting.)

**STUDENT AND ADULT ACTIVITY PASSES**

The Activities Office is continuing to sell both student (\$35) and adult (\$55) activity passes. These passes are good for ALL YEAR-ALL SPORTS and will permit the bearer to attend all home regular season contests free of charge. The only exception is METRO Conference and DISTRICT level games. Please call or stop by the Activities Offices to get your pass (402-289-0616).

**DISTRICT & STATE CONTEST INFORMATION**

**Football Playoffs** – Fridays in November with the Class A Championship Game Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>

**State Volleyball-** November 7th-9th

Thursday – Saturday @Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln

**ACTIVITIES**

**Singin' in the Storm!** - November 2nd - ESHS Auditorium

**Play Production** – *Acting Up a Storm* - November 16<sup>th</sup> @ESHHS

**All-State Band and Choir** – November 21st-23rd

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Elkhorn Public Schools

# Career Awareness Program

November 2019

## CAREER EXPLORING

[Click above to see current opportunities.](#)



A career education program for ages 14-20. Most programs meet weekly, once a week for about 6-8 weeks in the evenings. For most programs, the fee to join is \$40-\$50, with a few programs that may have extra costs. Learning by doing. Do by exploring.

## CAREER CAMPS & FAIRS

[Click above to see current opportunities.](#)



Career fairs provide the opportunity to meet with career professionals, learn more about a variety of careers, and even interview for open positions in some cases. Career camps provide students with hands-on exposure to different careers and the college majors that support them.

## CAREER EXPLORATION DAY

[Click above for more information.](#)



A Career Exploration Day allows students an opportunity to gain knowledge about a specific career field. It is also a great way to begin making professional connections in their career field of interest. Students are allotted one (1) day per year for a Career Exploration Day.

## MILITARY CAREER FAIRS

**ELKHORN  
HIGH**

**ELKHORN  
SOUTH**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

By the Counseling Center

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

In the Cafeteria

Students will be able to visit with the military reps during their designated lunch period.

## CAREER INTERNSHIP

[Click above for more information.](#)



Career Internship is a school and business partnership in which seniors develop workplace skills during an internship at a local business or agency. The goal of the program is to provide students with work site training that will empower them as they pursue their career goals. This course is a 2-4 credit course that combines career readiness assignments with the work site experience.

## TEACHER CADET

[Click above for more information.](#)



Teacher Cadet allows a high school senior the opportunity to work in an elementary or middle school classroom to gain insight into the career field of education while developing the skills needed to be successful in a career working with youth. This course is a 1-2 credit course that combines career readiness assignments with the work site experience.

# Explore. Connect. Learn. Succeed.

Contact Dana Buurman for more career awareness opportunities such as job opportunities, career tours, and volunteer opportunities.

Email: [dbuurman@epsne.org](mailto:dbuurman@epsne.org) - Phone: 402.289.0616

## SHOW CHOIR

Elkhorn South High School Choirs Present  
**Singin' in the Storm: My Favorite Things**  
 November 2nd @ 7 PM  
 ESHS Auditorium

**Featuring Performances By**  
 Selected Soloists  
 Curricular Choirs  
 Show Choirs



# Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

## SPRING MUSICAL

*The Little Mermaid* auditions are scheduled for after school on November 19-20 with callbacks after school on November 25th. More detailed instructions will be available on the ESHS choir website

**Save the Date**  
**ESHS Spring Musical: *The Little Mermaid***  
**March 26-29, 2020**

## The Winter Choir Concert

Join us for the Winter Choir Concert on  
**December 3rd at 7 PM** in the ESHS auditorium!

Call time for singers is at 6:30 PM.  
 (Please check your vocal music handbook  
 for concert attire guidelines.)



**Congratulations to the Elkhorn South Competitive Band on an AMAZING season! They finished 7th place out of 19 bands at the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association championships on Saturday, October 26th. The students put in a fantastic amount of work this season to make our show truly memorable to**

**audiences and judges alike. IAMOP&R!**



Upcoming Band Events:

**November 11th, 2019 9 AM** - The ESHS Symphonic Band will give back to the community by playing at the annual Fire Ridge Veteran's Day Program.

**November 22nd, 2019 4 PM** - The ESHS Wind Ensemble will perform at the Nebraska Music Educators State Convention at Kimball Recital Hall on UNL's campus. Friends and family are all welcome to attend to support your students!

# SENIOR CHECKLIST



## SENIOR CAP AND GOWN ORDERS

If you have not placed an order for your senior's cap and gown. The cap and gown and graduation orders will need to be placed at:

School Traditions

12100 West Center Road

Suite 901

Omaha, NE 402-733-0300 OR [online at Jostens.com](http://online.atJostens.com) to order

**SENIOR PHOTOS:** Must be emailed electronically to [cschneider@epsne.org](mailto:cschneider@epsne.org) by November 8th, 2019, more information can be found at the end of this newsletter.

**SENIOR ADS:** Due by November 27, 2019, more info can be found at the end of this newsletter.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY POST GAZETTE:** If you would like to have your senior students picture in the Graduate section of the Post Gazette this Spring please forward the electronic picture to [editor@dcpostgazette.com](mailto:editor@dcpostgazette.com).

**Please contact Colton Schneider [cschneider@epsne.org](mailto:cschneider@epsne.org) with any questions.**

## DECA Upcoming Events

November is an exciting month for DECA members! Head to Mr. Dolesh's room C015 to sign up for events!

### **November 11-15: DECA Week!**

Monday: Funky Socks

Tuesday: DECA diamonds scavenger hunt

Wednesday: Wear Your DECA Shirt

Thursday: Throwback DECA Shirt

Friday: Silent Diamond

**November 12:** DECA Dodgeball, sign up your team of six for \$5 per player. This event is open to all ESHS students!

We can't wait to see all of Elkhorn South's DECA spirit this month

## 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.

HALE is Elkhorn Public Schools' High Ability Learner Education. Kim Johnson is the HALE teacher servicing both high schools and she is at Elkhorn High in the mornings and Elkhorn South(C018) in the afternoons. Visit the HALE webpage from the Elkhorn South High School Activities website to learn more about services and to keep track of upcoming opportunities via the online HALE calendar.

### **Robotics**

Robotic teams will test their designs at the Elkhorn Tournament at Grandview Middle School (Dec 7). Spectators are welcome!

### **Quiz Bowl**

Our Varsity and JV Quiz bowl team attended the History/Geography Quiz Bowl on Oct. 23 in Seward, NE. Quiz bowl practice is daily during lunch in room C018. Even if you prefer to have lunch in the commons, you may signup with Mrs. Johnson to compete at quiz bowls. Competitions are at Gretna (11/1), Omaha Bryan (11/9) and our Elkhorn Quiz Bowl will be on 1/11 at Elkhorn High.

### **Math Madness**

Students have been meeting at 7:20am on Wednesday mornings in Mrs. Hossley's (E110) room for the online Math Madness competition. On October 25th, five of the students attended the UNO Problem Solving Contest. Math Madness problems help prepare students for UNL Math Day and AMC testing. New members are welcome!

### **UNL Math Day**

Good luck to our Honors Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus and AP math students who signed up to attend the 30th annual UNL Math Day and take the PROBE (Problems Requiring Original and Brilliant Effort) exam in both individual and team competitions held on the UNL campus, November 14. For more information see: <http://www.math.unl.edu/programs/mathday/>

### **Olympus Club**

Olympus Club provided free pizza for ESHS students at their annual PSAT Practice Pizza Party on October 15th, where they discussed test strategies and took practice tests. On October 17th, Olympus Club members went to Camp Fontanelle's 9-acre corn maze for their fall social.

### **Upcoming Events**

Friday, November 1- Gretna Quiz Bowl

Saturday, November 9- Omaha Bryan Quiz Bowl

Thursday, November 14- UNL Math Day

Saturday, December 7- EHS Robotics Tournament at Grandview Middle School.

Saturday, January 11 - Elkhorn QB at EHS



**Elkhorn South Boys Basketball Tryout Permission Slip**

**Remember:**

You **MUST** have all of your forms submitted to the Activities office.

If you have questions/concerns contact the Activities office.

You **MUST** complete this form, showing that you have permission to tryout. Students will not be allowed to tryout without prior approval.

**TRYOUT INFORMATION**

**DATES & TIMES:**

11/18 – (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 3:40-5:45pm    (9<sup>th</sup>) 6:15-8:00pm

11/19 – (9<sup>th</sup>) 3:40-5:30pm    (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 6:00-7:45pm \*Final Tryout for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

11/20 – (9<sup>th</sup>) 6:00-7:40pm \*Final Tryout for 9<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATION:** Elkhorn South – Main Gym

**NOTE:** A parent breakfast/meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**. If your son makes a team a parent is required to attend.

Thanks, Coach Reilly  
nreilly@epsne.org

***(this section MUST be completed and returned)***

**Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

**Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of the above named student, give my child permission to attend tryouts at Elkhorn South High School at the above stated date/time.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

## **POST PROM 2019-2020: Attention Junior Class Parents!**

Elkhorn South's Prom is **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**. The Post Prom event following the dance is available at NO cost to all Juniors, Seniors and their dates-regardless of whether they attend Prom! To make Post Prom memorable and successful, monetary donations are needed to help cover 75% of the expenses.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation of \$40+ for each Junior and Senior in your family. If your employer matches contributions, please forward the information below regarding your donation to your employer.

### **Checks should be made out to:**

Elkhorn South Post Prom Booster Club  
EIN#: 47-2313001  
501©3 organization

### **Mail your checks to:**

**Amy Parks, Treasurer**  
2313 S. 184<sup>th</sup> Circle Omaha, NE 68130  
Or **PayPal click here:** <http://www.paypal.me/eshspostpromdonation>

Please consider making your donation before year-end to benefit from the charitable donation. This may also apply to contributions you make to the Prizes Committee for Post Prom activities. (Gift Cards in small increments \$5 - \$10 are always needed!) Contact the prizes committee co-chairs for more prize information: Natalie Haughawout at [natrat333@yahoo.com](mailto:natrat333@yahoo.com) or Dawn Ford [dwwford72@msn.com](mailto:dwwford72@msn.com)

**Junior Parents! –Please plan to attend the next committee meeting Thursday, November 21st at 7:30pm in Elkhorn South's Library.**

### **\*\* Important Dates – Mark your Calendar! \*\***

**Tuesday – November 21<sup>st</sup> – Fundraiser at Chipotle, 5-9 pm**

**Thursday – December 12<sup>th</sup> – Fundraiser at Panera 4-8 pm**

**Questions?** Contact Jenny Haase, 402-680-9280 [j.t.haase@cox.net](mailto:j.t.haase@cox.net)  
OR Staci McDonald, 402-880-8163 [jshcmac@gmail.com](mailto:jshcmac@gmail.com)



# District Reminders

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## **SCHOOL MESSENGER - ARE YOU UP TO DATE?**

EPS uses a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including information about school and activities cancellations. To ensure you are receiving important messages from your school and the District, please let the office know of any changes to your email addresses or phone numbers.

## **TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - SOCIAL MEDIA RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR**

As the use of social media continues to be more frequent in adolescents, adults must remain continually vigilant in monitoring to ensure proper use of social platforms for the safety of youth.

When monitoring the social media use of a young adult, there are a few things to be on the lookout for and ways to combat them:

- 1) *Age-inappropriate content:* when using apps that feature user-generated content, users do not need to actually follow users posting explicit content in order to view it. To combat this occurrence, adults should explore the app themselves and attempt to determine how easily the information can be accessed prior to giving youth permission to use the app.
- 2) *Location Tracking and Sharing:* Apps such as Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram have the option of allowing users to turn on their location sharing settings, making a user's location information available to others. Adults should assist in the setup of new social media apps for youth use and ensure location sharing settings are turned off in the settings to avoid sharing location information with individuals that should not have access to it.
- 3) *Anonymity:* While being anonymous doesn't always lead to cyberbullying, it certainly gives a sense of "security" to those seeking to cause harm. Apps such as Whisper and YOLO should be carefully monitored to ensure your student is neither being bullied or participating in the bullying of others.

For more tips regarding youth social media use, visit [www.commonsendmedia.org](http://www.commonsendmedia.org).

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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.



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## 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS IMPORTANT DATES:

**December 2, 2019: Scholarship applications available online**

**January 31, 2020: Scholarship applications due by 5pm**

**April 29, 2020: ESHS Scholarship Recognition Breakfast**

**April 30, 2020: EHS Scholarship Recognition Breakfast**



# ATTENTION SENIORS!

## Scholarships go online December 2nd!

Last year the Foundation awarded over \$334,000 in scholarships. Please visit our website at [www.elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/scholarships) for a listing of scholarships available to 2020 graduates.

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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.  
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**TUESDAY, DEC 3RD**

#supportEPSF

On #GivingTuesday, everyone can make an impact! Join us on 12/3 by giving back to your Elkhorn community and #supportEPSF. Your help makes a huge impact on the students and educators of our district! Visit [www.elkhornfoundation.org](http://www.elkhornfoundation.org) on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to donate! #ElkhornProud

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Considering an end of year gift? A tax-deductible donation to the Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation will help further our mission in 2020 and beyond. Thank you for your continued support in enriching the education of our Elkhorn Public Schools students!

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Mark your Calendar: **Bids 4 Kids will be held on April 2, 2020.** Join us for a fun evening of silent auction bidding! We are grateful for any and all donations! Please contact Stacey Falk at [sfalk@elkhornfoundation.org](mailto:sfalk@elkhornfoundation.org) to donate!

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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

<http://www.elkhornfoundation.org/ekc/ekc-application/>.

Email your completed application to [awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org](mailto:awhorlow@elkhornfoundation.org)



# ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

IS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
CHIEFS TICKET FUNDRAISER  
FOR THE 2019 SEASON

USE PROMO CODE **EPSNE** AT THE WEBSITE BELOW

 AND \$10 OF EVERY TICKET PURCHASED WILL GO BACK TO

ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
FOUNDATION

[WWW.CHIEFS.COM/TICKETFUNDRAISER](http://WWW.CHIEFS.COM/TICKETFUNDRAISER)



**Elkhorn South High School**  
**Storm Publications**

20303 Blue Sage Parkway, Omaha, NE 68130  
402-289-0616

# Order Your 2020 Yearbook!

Prices go up as time goes on. Order early!

**[www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)**

**\$55 through August 31, 2019**

**\$65 through February 1, 2020**

**\$75 for all books not pre-ordered**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is time to start thinking about this year's book of memories! For the sixth year in a row, we are offering an easy way for parents and students to purchase yearbooks--online.

**1. Go to the website ([www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com))**

**2. Type in the school name under "select your school," and the steps will guide you through your purchase.**

If you are unable to use the website or are uncomfortable with that process, you can send cash or check (for the appropriate amount from the timeline above) and list your student's name somewhere on the check. Your student can drop it off in D015 OR mail it to Elkhorn South High School, ATTN: Yearbook. Receipts for on-line sales will be automatically sent electronically. If purchasing with check or cash, receipts are printed upon request. **\*We do not sell our books at the fall open house.**

Our yearbook staff has already spent numerous hours getting ready for the 2020 book. We have an amazing staff of great people who are ready to document the moments of the year in this keepsake you need on your shelf forever.

Thank you very much!

*\*Class of 2020 families: Please see other document with senior photo/ad/tribute information.*

The 2019 Yearbook Staff

*Colton Schneider, Yearbook Adviser*

*Maya Ballard, Ellee Betz, Sabrina Gates, Editors-in-Chief*

# ONLINE SENIOR Yearbook TRIBUTE/AD Order Form 2020

Dear Storm parents/guardians,

As senior parents, you will find there are many opportunities to recognize your son or daughter. We hope you will keep in mind his or her senior tribute for the 2020 Yearbook. Please continue reading if you'd like to purchase a yearbook tribute/ad for your senior! These appear in the back of the yearbook.

**DEADLINE ~ Nov. 27, 2019 ~ DEADLINE**

In an effort to streamline our process, order your ad **online** this year, and **you will save \$10**. Mailed checks and orders containing photos needing to be scanned by our yearbook staff will be charged the mailed-in cost listed below. Please use the order form on the back of this ad if you choose to submit your ad via check and hard copy of photos.

**FAQ: CAN I EMAIL YOU THE PHOTOS AND MESSAGE, BUT ORDER ONLINE?** YES. And doing this will save the \$10 as well. Only when you mail in a check and photos that need to be scanned will you be charged the extra price.

## DIRECTIONS

Some of you won't need these directions, but here they are in case you do!

Please email me if something goes awry or if you have any questions.

### GETTING STARTED

Go to the website: [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com)

Search for Elkhorn South and select 'Shop the Store'

Click on: Create a Senior Ad

Click on: Get Started

Fill out info (you do not need to include homeroom teacher) and follow prompts

**LAUNCH AD DESIGNER! Click through prompts**

### MESSAGE INFO

Under "Enter your headline: Type your Child's Name as you would like it to appear (First and last name, please)

Under "Enter your body copy: Type in your message. If you are not sure of the message, you can type: "Will email to Mr. Schneider"

*If you have a preference about the order in which photos will appear in your ad (or any other information regarding design), check the special instructions box and write those there.*

### PHOTO INFO

At this point on the website, you will upload your photos. They must be JPG, or PNG files.

*\*You can also choose to email me your photos instead of uploading if you want to include them at a later time (still making the deadline).*

**You'll end the process at checkout!**

## Things to keep in mind when creating your tribute/ad

--We will not be accepting any personally designed ads

--Please do not send in cherished original photos in case they get damaged or they don't get back to you.

--The yearbook staff reserves the right to exercise a small degree of artistic freedom regarding the use of background designs and photo effects to match our theme

--You will be emailed a proof of the ad, and we won't print it until we get your approval. We would like a prompt response, though, since we'll be working on a deadline. So please include an email that you check frequently.

### PRICES:

Ad Size	On-line order pricing	Mailed-in order pricing	Max # of photos
Full page (8 x 10.5)	Approx. \$180	\$185	12
Half page horizontal (8 x 5.25)	Approx. \$90	\$95	6
Quarter page (4 x 5.25)	Approx. \$65	\$70	3

\*There is an online processing fee that the school will absorb, hence the approximate pricing (all come in a few cents under the listed price during final checkout).

If you mail a check or have any photos for scanning, please send to the high school address or have your **student** drop off in Room D015.

Please email [cschneider@epsne.org](mailto:cschneider@epsne.org) with any additional questions.

# Mailed-In 2020 Yearbook Senior Ad Order Form

Ad purchased for [student name(s)]: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Size:              Full page              1/2 page              1/4 page  
                                 \$185               \$95               \$70

Optional: Please include any specifics about ad design here:

**Senior Ads are  
due Nov. 27, 2019**

Ad purchased by: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (best number if we have questions): \_\_\_\_\_

## Don't forget the following:

1. Type your message and send with this order form. (a message emailed to [jsinclair@epsne.org](mailto:jsinclair@epsne.org) works too)

\*Remember, the longer the message, the smaller the font

2. Number of photos enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. (Maximum photo amount: 1/4=3, 1/2=6, Full=12)

Acceptable formats: digital jpeg or tiff (emailed to [cschneider@epsne.org](mailto:cschneider@epsne.org))

family prints

Photos could be damaged and return is NOT guaranteed.  
However, if you enclose an addressed and postage paid  
envelope large enough to accommodate your photo(s),  
we will do our best to return them.

3. Payment: Please remember to send your check or cash to school.

Checks should be made payable to: Elkhorn South High School.

4. Send or deliver this form, message, and photos in secure envelope to: Elkhorn South High School Yearbook

20303 Blue Sage Parkway

Omaha NE 68130

Or email to: [cschneider@epsne.org](mailto:cschneider@epsne.org)

# 2020 ESHS YEARBOOK SENIOR

## PHOTO INFORMATION

Dear Class of 2020:

**All senior yearbook photos MUST be turned in by 11/8/2019 (Fri., Nov. 8)**

(Senior ads/dedications will be due 11/27/2019. More information to come regarding this.)

### Photos must be:

- Actual file, no screenshot  
(preferred 300 dpi)
- Digital JPEG, TIFF
- Vertical
- Color photo
- Head and shoulders ONLY (no hats)
- No hands/legs
- No props/pets/others in photos
- No logos on clothing
- No revealing clothing
- No distracting background

### STEPS:

- ❑ Submit one photo digitally, either on a CD or via e-mail: [cshneider@epsne.org](mailto:cshneider@epsne.org). We are all digital. Photos we scan will not have the same picture quality as photos submitted digitally. Photos may also come directly from the photographer.
- ❑ Submit the same photo to [editor@dcpostgazette.com](mailto:editor@dcpostgazette.com) for inclusion in the DC Post Gazette spring graduation issue.

*\*Any photos submitted AFTER Nov. 8, may not be included in the yearbook, but we can use the Lifetouch photo taken, or the yearbook staff will take a photo of your student. If you have any questions or unique circumstances regarding this deadline, please email me at [cshneider@epsne.org](mailto:cshneider@epsne.org); we can work out a plan to get a photo in the book!*

**\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

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 (as noted in step 2 above). 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 [editor@dcpostgazette.com](mailto:editor@dcpostgazette.com) or drop off a hard copy at the DC Post Gazette by the deadline above.

Sincerely,

Colton Schneider, Yearbook adviser [cshneider@epsne.org](mailto:cshneider@epsne.org)

**\*\*As a reminder, yearbooks can be purchased online at <https://yearbookforever.com>. Don't miss out on your senior's final high school yearbook! 😊\*\***