



ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL TIGER PAUSE



November 2009

James Jennings, Principal
James Edwards, Assistant Principal

Note from the Principal

Enclosed you will find your child's second quarter progress report. I hope you are satisfied with the progress made by your son or daughter to date. If not, I suggest you contact the student's teacher to determine what can be done to increase his or her academic performance. Many times, an increase in grades could be as simple as turning work in on time or doing work assigned. Teachers are available from 7:35 to 7:50 am and during academic lab to work with students. There is plenty of opportunity for your child to get the help they need. Additionally, you are always welcome to communicate with staff via the school website at www.epcusd401.org. Student information is also available on PowerSchool at www.ps.epcusd401.org If you need your sign on information, don't hesitate to contact the office.

Dates to Remember:

Nov 18	Parent Conferences 3:30-7 pm
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday-No School
Dec 8	8th Grade Curriculum Night 6 pm
Dec 9	Booster Club Meeting 7 pm LGI
Dec 14	Band Concert 7 pm Auditorium
Dec 17	Choir Concert 7 pm Auditorium
Dec 21-22	Final Exams
Dec 23-Jan 5	Winter Break
Jan 6	School Resumes
Jan 18	No School-Martin Luther King Day
Jan 19	No School—Institute Day

8th GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT

This year's Eighth Grade Curriculum Night is on Tuesday, December 8. On this evening eighth grade students and parents are invited to come to the high school to learn about the curricular offerings at EPHS. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a brief social in the cafeteria that highlights our extra curricular activities. Mr. Jennings will then address parents briefly in the auditorium before dismissing them to each departmental area at 6:40 pm. The parents and students will be assigned groups and will rotate through a schedule so everyone will have an opportunity to meet with each academic department.

DON'T MISS OUR FALL PLAY...

"Chicago"

Elmwood Park High School

Auditorium

Nov. 13, 14, 15

Friday & Saturday at 7:00 pm

Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm

\$8.00/adults

\$5.00 students/seniors

District 401 students FREE!

NEW AFTER-SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Students who are having difficulties in any of their classes are encouraged to take advantage of a new program offering academic assistance right after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4 pm in the EPHS Library. Mr. Montesano will be there to provide one-on-one tutoring, and computers will be available for use. No reservations are needed--students can just drop in. This program is for any subject/any grade level.

ALL CONFERENCE ACADEMIC WINNERS

It's a pleasure to introduce to you the Metro-Suburban All-Conference Academic Award Winners. This award is presented in recognition of academic excellence which is the equivalent of 3.5 grade point average at the end of term one.

Layla Alazawy, Lauren Anderson, Gabriel Arce, Martin Bednarczyk, Maura Byrne, Eduardo Cano,

Alejandro Castaneda, Kevin Clark, Ashley Delgado, Reno Ekebrecht, Patrick Filbin, Bianca Garcia, Jessica Grabowski, Teresa Guidara, Anthony Guidara, Elizabeth Janis, Danielle Kerschhackl, Kawula Konrad, Andrea LaGreca, Marisa LaGreca, Mark Marzillo, Joaquin Mondragon, Joseph Murphy, Eraidia Musa, Andy Noble, Melissa Nunez, Salina Olivo, Alberto Perez, Erik Peterson, Katarzyna Plata, Daniel Postawa, Tetyana Pytel, Esther Ransom, Amanda Rountree, Michael Rubino, Rachel Sannicandro, Aaron Santos, Christian Silvestri, Lidiya Stechyshyn, Joseph Stocco, Ashley Tritthardt, Michael Vujnovich, Barbara Wilczek, Wojciech Wojcik, Olga Yuskevych, Kate Zucker



YEARBOOK SALE

*Yearbooks are on sale for \$40 until December 1. **After December 1, no books will be sold.** Please buy your yearbooks today and don't miss out on your memories! Make Checks payable to EPHS, and forward them to the main office. Order Blank on page 4*

FALL ALL-CONFERENCE ATHLETES

The Athletic Dept would like to recognize our Fall Metro Suburban All Conference Athletes:

Cross Country –Elizabeth Janis, Martin Bednarczyk, Johnathan Schmidt

Boys' Soccer-Daniel Postawa, Wojciech Wojcik

Girls' Volleyball-Tetyana Pytel

Football-Alejandro Castaneda

Girls' Tennis-Barbara Wilczek

Golf-Steve Moreci

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Don't miss the Band Concert on Tuesday, December 15 and the Choir Concert on Thursday, December 17. Both events take place at 7 pm in the high school auditorium

CROSS COUNTRY ADVANCES TO SECTIONALS

The boys and girls Cross Country teams competed in their Regional meet on Saturday at Schiller Woods. The boy's team took 1st out of 14 teams and had a great pack, placing 5th, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11th. They scored 30 pts and 2nd place scored 59. Names you may recognize were John Schmidt, Martin Bednarczyk, Ed Cano, Mike Rubino, Nick Gonzalez, Michael Vujnovich and Kevin Clark.

The girls did not get a team score as we did not have the minimum 5 runners, however Liz Janis was the regional champion and Dorothy Bukowski took 6th which advances both to sectionals.

Both teams now run on Saturday at Niles West for the sectionals. The girls run at 12:30 and boys at 1:30. The top 5 teams and top 7 individuals (who are not on one of those teams) advance to the state meet in Peoria.



ADOPT-A-KID

The members of the National Honor Society are sponsoring the annual Adopt-a-Kid drive. We will be receiving the names of 200 less fortunate children who need help this holiday season. You can be Santa by signing up for Adopt-a-Kid. Starting November 20, stop by room 220 to choose a child. You will buy two \$10 gifts, one practical and one fun, wrap them and return them by December 9. We are also in need of donations of wrapping paper and additional new toys, mittens, scarves, books and blankets. Please bring donations to the main office or room 220. By giving to others less fortunate, you can make your holidays more meaningful.

EP's GOT TALENT

On December 3 you will get a chance to watch EP staff take the stage in an All-Staff Variety Show. Dancing, singing, skits and some special surprises will be front and center. We expect tickets to sell out so don't miss this chance to see your teachers and staff strut their stuff. Priority seats will be sold starting November 18 until they are sold out. Priority tickets cost \$7, or \$6 with a canned food item. General admission tickets may be purchased ahead of time or at the door for \$6, or \$5 with a canned food item. We hope to see you in the auditorium on Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 pm.

SENIOR COLLEGE VISITS

Senior students interested in visiting colleges are allowed to do so during school hours provided that they fill out a permission form and are granted approval. We encourage students to visit colleges as an important part of their college search process. Attending open houses and on-campus tours can help students and parents evaluate which schools will be a good fit for their needs. Be sure to stop in the office to get an advanced absence form before going on your college visit.

Reminder:

EPHS Graduation

May 21, 2010 7 pm HS gymnasium

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT!

It is official! Michelle Tinajero (class of 2010) is signing with St. Peter's College in the 1st official signing period for Division One softball: November 11th-18th. She has received a total package of \$36,000 per year of the \$37,000 per year costs of tuition, room, and board. The college is Jesuit-run and located in Jersey City, New Jersey. St. Peter's competes in the MAAC conference under the greater NCAA DIVISION I umbrella. Michelle received one third of her scholarship money due to her 3.9 cumulative G.P.A. and 26 composite ACT score, while the other two thirds of her scholarship was athletic-based. St. Peter's coach, Donna Barone, hopes that Michelle will immediately step in and replace their 3 time All-Conference short stop who is graduating at the end of this year. Michelle hopes to pursue a career in the sports training field and is anxious to take advantage of the New York City environment which is just minutes from St. Peter's campus. Good luck to Michelle on her very promising future plans, and congratulations to both she and her family on this wonderful accomplishment.

MSC CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE

"Glenbard South set to join the MSC"

The Metro Suburban Conference was established in 2006 with four original members: Elmwood Park High School (Elmwood Park), Fenton High School (Bensenville), Ridgewood High School (Norridge) and Riverside-Brookfield High School (Riverside). In 2009-2010 the Metro Suburban Conference welcomed Illiana Christian (Lansing) and Timothy Christian (Elmhurst).

Glenbard South (Glen Ellyn) will be joining the Metro Suburban Conference beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. They will be competing in the following sports: (Fall) Football (2011) Boys and Girls Cross-Country, Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Golf, (Winter) Boys and Girls Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Wrestling, (Spring) Boys and Girls Track, Girls Soccer, Baseball, Softball and Boys Tennis. The addition of Glenbard South brings a total of 7 Schools to the Metro Suburban Conference.