



ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL TIGER PAUSE



March 2010

James P. Jennings, Principal
Jim Edwards, Assistant Principal

Note from the Principal

The high school graduation ceremony for the class of 2010, will take place on Monday, May 24. The last day of school, for the 2009-2010 school year, pending any inclement weather days, will be Wednesday, May 26, 2010.

The first day of school for the 2010-2011 school year will be Tuesday, August 17, 2010. This is the second year of the 'earlier' calendar. By starting earlier, students will complete their first semester courses before the winter break. Final exams will be Wednesday, December 22 and Thursday, December 23. When students return on Wednesday, January 5, they will begin the first day of the second semester. Students who miss the first semester exams will take the tests after the winter break. Students will not be able to take final exams before the scheduled date.

Dates to Remember:

Mar 17	MSC Art Fair @ EPHS
March 19-20-21	Spring Musical & Fine Arts Show 3/19-20 @ 7 pm & 3/21 @ 2 pm
March 22	NO SCHOOL
March 24	Digital Tech Fair 6:30-8pm
March 25	NHS Banquet 6:30 pm
March 28	Easter Egg Hunt 1 pm
March 31	Jazz Café 7 pm
April 2-9	Spring Break
April 10	ACT Test
April 14	Booster Club Meeting 7 pm
April 16	MR TIGER 7 pm
April 22	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30—7 pm
April 28-29	Illinois State Testing

District Technology Event !

You are invited to "Digital Generation v401", the District 401 technology event that will take place throughout Elmwood Park High School on Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Experience how Elmwood Park students of all ages are using technology in new and exciting ways to enhance learning. Some of the things you and your family can participate in at the event are:

- ▶ Play video games created by high school students and try vintage video games
- ▶ See how 'Tiger TV' is produced in our television production studio
- ▶ Talk to your family members on Skype
- ▶ Create a multi-media poster using Glogster
- ▶ Challenge your favorite teacher in Guitar Hero. A Nintendo Wii will be raffled off at the end of the evening!
- ▶ Win prizes by locating facts in our library e-reference material
- ▶ Try using sensors used in high school Physics class
- ▶ Bring in your old batteries for recycling

And much more! The FREE event will be fun and interactive for the whole family. See you there!

Illinois State Testing

State testing will take place at EPHS on **April 28 and 29**. There will be NO late start schedule on April 28; school will begin at 7:50 am on both days, with an early release at approximately 12:30 on Wednesday and noon on Thursday. Attendance for all grade levels is mandatory.

Art News

Elmwood Park CUSD #401 will host its annual district wide art show, March 19, from 6-8 pm. View some awesome artwork, enjoy light refreshments, take part in activities such as origami, face painting, and more! Stay for the high school play, Alice in Wonderland. The art show will take place in the art corridor, with artwork also being displayed in the cases around the auditorium.

The Metro Suburban Art Conference took place at EPHS on March 17. This was a juried competition with our six conference members. There were four categories that students competed in, Post Modern Art, Modern Art, Realism, and Functional. Top prizes were awarded from each category from a jury of three outside artist judges. During the event students participated in a choice of three workshops conducted by professional artists. Student participants were; Michael Rubino, Aneta Pszczola, Nicole Mieszala, Alexandra Neri-Solorio, Stefan Maisonet, Jordan Porter, Emily Wiklanski, Melissa LaGreca, and Ewa Pluta.

Michael Rubino has been given the Award of Excellence; a \$100 gift certificate and recognition from the West Suburban Artist Guild for his wire sculpture piece. This piece will be entered into the Alliance of Fine Art show, Best of the Best, at the Peabody Mansion in Oak Brook. Mrs. Mussio will also have a piece exhibited in this same show.

Easter Egg Hunt

NHS is hosting its Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 28th at 1 pm at the high school. Kids up to 4th grade are invited to visit with the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs. There will be special surprises, a coloring contest, pin-the-tail on the bunny and face painting before and after the hunt. Admission is only \$3.

Summer Academy

Registration is currently taking place for our Summer Academy with an early registration discount available until May 14. Summer Academy is designed to provide students with opportunities to gain academic credit or to explore enrichment/non-credit interests. It is an excellent opportunity for incoming freshmen to become more familiar with high school expectations. Information packets are available in the office or on line.

Post Prom event...

Booster Club TIGER TEAR 5K RUN—WALK

The Elmwood Park High School Booster Club is sponsoring the TIGER TEAR 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 23, 2010. The run will begin at Elmwood Park High School, with a designated route moving through Elmwood Park. The run/walk will end back at the high school with awards and refreshments. This race will take place rain or shine. Please see page four of this Tiger Pause for more information and the registration form. Come out, support your Elmwood Park High School Booster Club and enjoy a beautiful spring day!

EPHS Prom
May 8, 2010



DECA AWARDS

This past weekend 24 members of the Elmwood Park DECA chapter competed against over 900 students at the State Career Development Conference in Decatur. We can be proud of every member of this chapter. They worked diligently to prepare, spending numerous hours studying economics and business, preparing written plans and presentations and practicing role play situations. They were asked to take an economics test, a comprehensive market knowledge test in their career category and to think on their feet to apply their knowledge through a role play in front of a judge when given two business situations. The following is a list of all of the awards earned by this terrific group of students:

Scholarships

Krysta Smith received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Illinois Foundation for Marketing Education.

Finalist (Top 10)

We had more finalists than ever before. To reach finalist, the following students performed at a high level in all four tests in the area in which they competed or created 10-30 page campaigns presented to a business leader.

Abigail Ildefonso-(8th place) Apparel and Accessories; Giselle Rodriguez-Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Allison Coglianesi and Melissa Nunez-(7th place) Advertising Campaign; Krysta Smith and Joaquin Mondragon-(5th Place) Public Relations Project – EPHS ACT Scores;

Dan Orr-(5th place) Principles of Business Administration; Erica Trzebny-(7th place) Principles of Hospitality Management; Martin Bednarczyk- (7th place) Principles of Finance; Matthew Ek- (8th place) Technical Sales; Basia Wilczek-(6th place) Technical Sales; Matthew Ek and Vicky Cervantes-(8th place) Business Law and Ethics

Placements

Kevin Clark and Vince Virgilio-Advertising Campaign 2nd Place; Joaquin Mondragon-Technical Sales 4th Place; Basia Wilczek-Retail Merchandising Marketing 4th Place

DECA AWARDS continued

Special Mini Awards

Vince Virgilio 2nd place Market Management; Basia Wilczek 3rd place Economics; Abby Ildefonso 3rd place Retail Finance

Competency Certificates:

Dan Orr-Economics Marketing Market Economics Communications; Kevin Clark-Effective Communications; Vince Virgilio-Economics Marketing, Effective Communications; Matt Ek-Finance Ethics, Business Law; Vicky Cervantes-Finance Ethics, Business Law; Zyrika Pellumb-Retail Finance; Missy Nunez-Promotion; Joaquin Mondragon-Economics Promotion; Krysta Smith-Economics Marketing; Abby Ildefonso-Economics Marketing, Retail Finance, Allison Coglianesi-Promotion; Erica Trzebny-Economics Marketing Promotion; Martin Bednarczyk-Marketing Ethics; Giselle Rodriguez -Promotion, Strategic Management

Illinois Foundation for Marketing Education Honor Awards – to recognize scholastic, leadership and community involvement excellence

Matthew Ek

Abigail Ildefonso

Krysta Smith

We were the **only chapter** in the state to win the **National DECA Diamond Award** for our promotion of DECA and marketing and our innovative DECA Week activities. We have won this award for the last 6 years.

We were also recognized for our contributions to the Leyden Food Pantry (EP's Got Talent) and the Epilepsy Foundation. Ms. Bear won a National Outstanding Chapter Advisor award for the fifth year in a row which was presented to only 6 chapter advisors.

In addition, we are excited to announce that Kevin Clark, Vince Virgilio, Joaquin Mondragon, Basia Wilczek, Allison Coglianesi, Krysta Smith and Abigail Ildefonso have qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference. We will attend this conference in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of April. EPHS DECA is proud of our record: we have qualified to attend the International Conference 6 out of the 7 years we have had a chapter at EPHS.