



ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL

TIGER PAUSE



March 2011

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Note from the Principal

Our final parent conference night will be April 6. Conference requests will be on this grade report. Please feel free to stop in to visit with your student's teachers whether they have requested a visit or not. Our door is always open.

The high school graduation ceremony for the class of 2011 will take place on Wednesday, May 25. Due to the snow days on February 2 and 3, the District will be using two emergency days at the end of the year to make up the days. The last day of school this year is now Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

The first day of school for the 2011-2012 school year will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011. This is the third year of the "earlier" calendar. By starting earlier, students will complete their first semester courses before the winter break. Final exams will be Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 and 22. Winter break will begin Friday, December 23 through Friday, January 6. When students return on Monday, January 9, 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.

District Multicultural Event !

Elmwood Park School District 401 will be hosting a family multicultural night, "A Festival of Cultures" on Wednesday, April 13, from 6 to 8 pm at Elmwood Park High School. We have a wide variety of activities planned for this evening, including student performances, student artwork, arts, crafts and game activities, professional folkloric dance performances, musical acts, multicultural story-times, salsa, polka and tap dance lessons and open dancing floors, as well as soccer goal shooting and food exhibits. Save the date and plan on attending this wonderful celebration of the rich cultures that make up the Elmwood Park community.

Dates to Remember:

Mar 25	Institute Day- No School
Mar 28-April 1	Spring Break
April 6	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30—7 pm
April 9	ACT Test
April 12	Booster Club Meeting 7 pm
April 13	Multicultural Event
April 17	Easter Egg Hunt 1 pm \$3
April 18-21	Spring Spirit Week
April 20	District Board Meeting 7 pm
April 22	NO SCHOOL
April 22	Booster Club CUBS game
April 27-28	Illinois State Testing
April 29	No School for Students
April 29	PROM Belvidere, Elk Grove
May 3	District Board Meeting
May 10	Blood Drive 9—4 pm
May 11	Booster Club
May 12	NHS Induction Invite only
May 13	Pep Tour Band/Choir
May 14	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
May 17	Choir Concert 7 pm
May 19	Spring Band Concert 7
May 22	Booster Club TIGER TEAR run/walk
May 25	High School Graduation 7 pm gym
May 30	No School Memorial Day
May 27-31	Underclass Final Exams
June 1	Last Day of School 8 am Bus service available

Illinois State Testing

State testing will take place at EPHS on **April 27 and 28**. There will be NO late start schedule on April 27; school will begin at 7:50 am on both days, with an early release at approximately 12:30 on Wednesday and noon on Thursday. There will be bus service. Attendance for all grade levels is mandatory.

Summer Academy

Registration is currently taking place for our Summer Academy with an early registration discount available until May 6. 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 online.

Attention Sophomore and Junior Parents

You are invited to **Elmwood Park High School's** College and Career Planning Night for parents of sophomore and junior students. The topic for the night is, "Where do you go after high school?" and includes information on how to plan for college, apply to and pay for college. A counselor will be available to answer questions regarding college admission requirements and college visits. The event will be approximately an hour long and will include a breakout session for online parent activities in the areas of exploring colleges, planning and paying for college. Please mark **Thursday, April 6, 2011 (immediately following conferences)** on your calendar and be sure to attend. It's a night you won't want to miss! The presentation will take place in Room 216 at 7:00 p.m. **If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Ms. Wurch wurcht@epcusd401.org**

Easter Egg Hunt

NHS is hosting its Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 17 at 1 pm at the high school. Kids up to fourth 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.

A Knight for a Princess - Prom 2011

This year's prom will be held at the Belvidere in Elk Grove Village on April 29, 2011. Tickets will be on sale April 4-8 only. The price is \$120 for a couple and \$65 for a single ticket. All previous debts and fines must be paid before prom tickets will be sold. Please be sure all proper paperwork is completed through the deans' office for visiting prom guests before tickets may be purchased.

Post Prom Event

EPHS Snowball will once again be sponsoring Post Prom 2011 at Dave and Buster's in Addison, Illinois. Tickets will be on sale Mon-Fri, April 4-15. Students attending prom on Friday night, April 29, will have the option of purchasing tickets @ \$40 each, to continue the fun-filled evening by taking charter buses from the Belvidere in Elk Grove Village, to Dave and Busters where we have the facility rented out exclusively for our event from midnight—2 am. All students will receive a \$20 value gaming card for ticket-dispensing games, plus unlimited buffet style food and soft drinks, as well as access to a dance floor, billiards, shuffle board, and Nintendo Wii gaming. Afterwards, students will take the charter buses back to EPHS at approximately 2:30 am. Please contact Mr. Sylvester at sylvestert@epcusd401.org or Mrs. Kozyra at kozyrap@epcusd401.org with questions.

Varsity Club

The Varsity Club of EPHS held their second annual "Pizza Challenge" on Friday, February 18, during our 'Pack the Place' basketball game. Fans paid \$5 to enter the café and sample pizza from 5 restaurants, then vote on their way out. All the proceeds benefited research for children's cancer. The local pizza restaurants that made the evening a success were Bacci on Grand in EP, Baci on Harlem in Chicago, BadZero's on Grand in EP, Ciccio's on Pacific in Chicago, and Old World Pizza on North in EP. **The winner of the "Best Slice" award was Old World on North Ave in Elmwood Park.** Varsity Club would like to thank all these establishments for helping this great cause.

Additionally, the club staged a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding research to find cures for childhood cancers. During the game, several brave students shaved their heads to help the cause. They were **Jeremy Wood, Julio Diaz, Andy Passerella, John Tito, Rudolfo Carboni, Sean Whiteman, Patrick McNulty, Chris McNulty and Saifoulaye Bah.** We also had three young ladies who cut 10" of their hair for "Locks for Love." They were **Anita Brugioni, Meghan McNulty and Mariah Flores.** All together Varsity Club raised approximately \$700

A special thanks goes to **Ally Coglianese and Meghan McNulty** for organizing this event and to **Rosie Lurruso**, who provided the free hair styling services. If anyone is interested in contributing to this cause along with the Varsity Club, please contact Mr. Kingsmill at kingsmillj@epcusd401.org

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DECA Awards

This past weekend, 28 members of the Elmwood Park DECA chapter competed against over 1,040 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. In addition, their behavior reflected beautifully on Elmwood Park.

The following is a list of all of the awards earned by this terrific group of students:

Scholarships: **Basia Wilczek** received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Illinois Foundation for Marketing Education.

Placements: **Sharifah Abdallah & Basia Wilczek**, Business Operations Hospitality Market Research- first place; **Zyrika Pellumb**, Professional Sales- first place; **Vince Virgilio**, Professional Sales- second place; **Emily Connelly, Angelina Liboy, Basia Wilczek**, Financial Literacy Project-third place; **Pat Sullivan**, Automotive Services Marketing-fourth place; **Vince Virgilio and Kevin Clark**, Advertising Campaign, fourth place.

Finalist: (Top 10) **Zyrika Pellumb**-Apparel and Accessories Marketing; **Caitlin Burd**-Fashion Promotion Plan; **Dan Bednarczyk and Phil Christenson**-Business Operations Market Research; **Basia Wilczek**-Retail Merchandising; **Pat Sullivan**-Professional Sales; **Basia Wilczek**-Professional Sales; **Phil Christenson**-Professional Sales; **Sharifah Abdallah**-Marketing Management

Special Mini Award: **Basia Wilczek**, Promotion in Retail Merchandising-second place

Illinois Foundation for Marketing Education Honor Awards – to recognize scholastic, leadership and community involvement excellence - **Vince Virgilio & Basia Wilczek**

Additionally, EPHS DECA won the **National DECA Diamond Award** for our promotion of DECA and marketing education and our innovative DECA Week activities. We have won this award for the last 6 years.

DECA is proud to announce that **Vince Virgilio, Basia Wilczek, Sharifah Abdallah, Zyrika Pellumb, Pat Sullivan, Emily Connelly, Angelina Liboy and Caitlin Burd** have qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida at the end of April.

Illinois Marketing Educator of the Year

EPHS business teacher Karen Bear was recently named Illinois Marketing Educator of the Year. Teachers across the state voted for Ms. Bear in recognition of her dedication to her students, excellence in the classroom and her leadership in the area of marketing education.

Art News

The EPHS art department is proud to announce that it took First Place in the Metro Suburban Art Conference that took place on March 16, 2011! Special congratulations go to

Agnes Knych, First Place Modern Art

Agnes Knych, Best of Show Award

Alexis Gonzalez, Second Place Modern Art Mercedes Gonzales, Second Functional Art Other participants include **Hannah Piggott, Amanda Tillich, Jessica Vilasana, and Justin Widd**. GO ART!

Other Art News – **Chris Rowells** was recognized from the Triton HS Art Show for his artistic excellence by the West Suburban Artist Guild. The WSAG recognizes young artists in the community to support their pursuit of art.

Key Club

Key Club members will be assisting the Easter Bunny at the Civic Center Easter Party. Additionally, they raised \$600 for Spastic Paralysis and are currently holding a fund raiser for a girl's school in Cambodia.

Booster Club

Booster Club is planning two upcoming dates... Cubs game (see attached) and the second annual Tiger Tear Run/Walk on Sunday, May 22. Watch the EPHS website for future info regarding the Tiger Tear Event.

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May 27/31	Underclassmen final exams	early release 11:30
June 1	Last Day of School 8 am	there WILL be bus service