



Elmwood Park High School Tiger Pause



April 2010

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Message from the Principal

I am very pleased to announce that EPHS has earned a 2009 Academic Improvement Award from the Illinois State Board of Education for Exemplary Gains in Performance on the Illinois Learning Standards. This award is based upon our improved test scores on the PSAE over the past several years. This year's junior class has been working very hard to prepare for the upcoming Prairie State Achievement Exam and I am expecting them to surpass last year's school's record high scores.

Dates to Remember:

- April 16 Mr. Tiger 7 pm
- April 28-29 State Testing - Early Release
- May 3-7 Spring Spirit Week
- May 5 NHS Induction 7 pm
- May 8 Prom - Hyatt, Chicago, 7 –11 pm
- May 11 Blood Drive 9 am—4 pm
- May 12 Caps/Gowns/Grad tickets distributed outside café 11:45 am-1:40 pm
- May 13 United We Read Event
- May 15 Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7am - noon \$5
- May 18 Choir Concert 7 pm
- May 20 Band Concert 7 pm

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.

Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, April 22, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to speak individually with your son or daughter's teachers. During the conferences you will be able to discuss progress in the classroom and ways in which you and the teacher can work together as a team to ensure a successful final quarter. All sophomore and junior parents are invited to room 216 to attend **College and Career Night** immediately following conferences. See attached flier for more detailed information.

High School Graduation

Elmwood Park High School graduation will take place on Monday, May 24, 2010. The ceremony will take place at 7 pm in the high school gymnasium.

NHS Induction

The selection process for NHS membership has been completed. Last month, students with a 3.0 or higher GPA who wished to be considered for membership in NHS submitted an information form and three teacher recommendation letters. Faculty members were then asked to recommend, by a vote, those students who they felt met the additional requirements of leadership, service and character. The induction ceremony for those who have been selected for membership will be Wednesday, May 5, at 7 pm in the LGI.

Blood Drive

Key Club is sponsoring their annual Blood Drive in the EPHS gym from 9 am to 4 pm on May 11, 2010. If you are 16 years of age or older, please consider donating. Parent consent forms are required for all students under the age of 17. Donors must weigh at least 115 lbs and have had no tattoos within the past year. Family members are also welcome to donate. Contact Ms. Hendrix at 583-6205 with questions.

Varsity Club Banquet

Tickets for the Varsity Letter Winners Banquet will go on sale beginning May 10 through May 21 in the athletic office for all Varsity athletes and their families. The banquet cost is \$25.00. The cost for varsity athletes is \$12.00. The banquet is on May 27 Thursday, at the Elmcrest Banquet Hall beginning at 5:45 pm.

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.

OPERATION PROM

With prom season fast approaching, Elmwood Park High School will sponsor OPERATION PROM on Thursday, May 6, from approximately 1:00-3:00 p.m. for our juniors and seniors. This program provides a realistic look at the after-effects of a drunken driving accident on prom night. This program helps teens better understand the overwhelming consequences that result from drunk driving. We want you to be aware that our juniors and seniors will see a simulation of an accident, complete with emergency vehicles and a coroner pronouncing our accident victims (EPHS students as actors and actresses) dead on the scene. The students will then hear an accident survivor speak about her experiences, as well as emergency personnel who will show graphic slides illustrating the condition of accident victims. The program is meant to strongly impact students so that they will make wise decisions on their prom night and beyond. We want all of our parents to be aware of our activities on that day so as not to alarm anyone by the sirens and emergency vehicles that will be a part of the presentation. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this event, please contact Alison Collins at 708-583-6207.

Prom

Prom is May 8 at the Hyatt, Chicago. All previous debts and fines must be paid before prom tickets can be purchased. Also, it is imperative that all the proper paperwork is completed through the Deans' Office for visiting prom guests.

Prom tickets will be available for sale on Monday, April 12 through Wednesday, April 28, 2010 in the EPHS bookstore during ALL lunches. **Single tickets are available for \$85.00 and couple tickets are available for \$170.00.** Previous debts and fines MUST be cleared in the bookstore before tickets may be purchased. Additionally, all paperwork must be completed through the Deans' Office BEFORE tickets may be purchased. Anyone bringing a NON-ELMWOOD PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT to Prom 2010 as a guest MUST complete the necessary paperwork from the Deans' Office and submit it when purchasing tickets. EVERY PERSON (including guests) attending Prom 2010 MUST bring a PHOTO ID in order to enter Prom. If you DO NOT bring a PHOTO ID, you will be DENIED entry.