



Elmwood Park High School

Tiger Pause



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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulation to our seniors on earning the highest PSAE and ACT test scores in school history. The number of students making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) rose 20% over the five year average. In addition, the average ACT math score was 21.3 and ACT English was 22.5. These scores are both above the state and national averages. Our honor students also had an impressive showing on last years ACT with an overall composite score of 27.4. The faculty and students are working hard to continue to build on our success on state and national testing.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Sept 14-18 Spirit Week
- Sept 18 Homecoming FB game 5:30—7:30 pm
- Sept 19 Homecoming Dance EPHS 7—10 pm
- Sept 23 Parent Conferences 3:30—7 pm
- Sept 25 Institute Day—No School
- October 7 College Night 7 pm HS Auditorium
- October 12 NO School
- October 14 PSAT-NMSQT Tests
- October 14 Booster Club Meeting 7 pm
- October 15 Band/Choir Concert 7 pm Auditorium
- October 15-16 Final Exams ~ early release 11:30
- October 16 End of First Grading Period

EPHS COLLEGE NIGHT 2009

Don't miss College Night at EPHS on Wednesday October 7, 2009! You will find out all you need to know about the college search, financial aid, and scholarships. In addition, you will receive FREE information that will aide in the college planning process. Mark you calendars now for this important night.

PSAT

Any junior interested in taking the PSAT test should sign up in the counseling office by October 2. The test will be held on October 14 at 7:50 am and the cost is \$13.00. Please see your counselor with questions.

EPHS COUNSELOR WEBSITE

Visit the EPHS counselor's website at www.epcusd401.org/counseling to explore what the counseling office has to offer. You can learn about searching for colleges, applying for scholarships, exploring majors and careers, applying for financial aid, and much more.

The counselors began college and career meetings with seniors the first week in September. All seniors should be researching and visiting colleges and have their college planning charts completed for their senior meeting.

All juniors and seniors should be visiting colleges and exploring options for their futures. Come to the counseling office to pick up a college visit packet and learn how to be prepared for that first campus tour.

TRITON COLLEGE FAIR

Triton College is sponsoring Future Focus, a free large-scale college fair on Thursday October 15, 2009, at Triton College. We urge you to attend with your student. This event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Robert Collins Building.

Representatives from more than **150** colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and provide information about their programs. This is your opportunity to meet with hundreds of college reps all under one roof.

PARENT CONFERENCES SEPTEMBER 23

First term parent conferences will be held on Wednesday, September 23 from 3:30—7 pm. If you are requested to attend a conference by a particular teacher, there will be a comment on your progress report. If you did not receive a request and would like to schedule a conference, please feel free to contact the teacher to set up an appointment. All staff may be contacted via email by their last name, first initial at epcusd401.org

HOMECOMING '09

Homecoming spirit week is Sept 14-18. Hallway decorating will take place on Monday night from 6:00—9:00 pm. Come cheer on the Tiger Football Team ~ the sophomore game begins at 5:00 pm and the Varsity game begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, September 18. The dance is at the high school from 7:00-10:00 pm, Saturday, September 19.

BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club will hold its monthly meetings on the **second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm**. Please come and support this worthwhile group, while participating in new and exciting fundraising events. The Booster Club would like to start many new exciting fundraising events, but committee members are needed to make these events a success. Your help is appreciated!

DECA

Take advantage of a world of opportunities and join DECA. Participation in Area, State and National competitions as well as Sports Marketing Seminars with the White Sox and Bulls, including attending games, head our list of activities along with leadership conferences where students can mix and mingle with business executives from McDonalds, Nike and local businesses. LIVE, LEARN, LEAD....join DECA. Meetings are every Friday in room 220 at 7:15 am. See Ms. Bear in room 220 for more information.

KEY CLUB

This year Key Club members will sell Peanuts throughout the community in order to raise money for children that deal with muscle dystrophy. 'Peanut Days' are September 24 and 25.

SNOWBALL

EPHS Snowball students will be at Elm Middle School on Sept. 16 to work with the seventh grade, and again on Oct. 7 for an eighth grade visit, to speak and work with the students on drug prevention and leadership. Over the summer, Mr. Sylvester, a Social Studies teacher at EPHS and new Snowball sponsor, accompanied 27 EPHS students at the week-long Illinois Teen Institute conference at Monmouth College where the students learned a variety of team building, drug awareness and prevention, and positive decision-making techniques that will be utilized within the Elmwood Park community. A parental drug awareness meeting, entitled Blizzard, may be planned for the future, as well as the possibility of a fifth and sixth grade group called Snow-Flurries at John Mills and Elmwood schools.

VARSITY CLUB

Varsity Club is a service organization for our varsity athletes. Events such as soup kitchens, adopt-a-kid and turkey trot are planned to raise money for the food depository and a homeless night to raise money for homeless shelters. Varsity Club will be selling "Dry Fit" shirts with an EP athletic logo on the chest. They come in 4 colors and will cost \$15.

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

Elmwood Park High School band and choirs will be hosting their Kaleidoscope Concert on October 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

YEARBOOKS

To date, many students have not purchased a high school yearbook. The price of the book is currently \$40.00, with a price increase for books ordered in December and after. Don't miss out on your high school memories; buy a yearbook. See Miss Andrys or purchase a yearbook at the bookstore.

EPHS Library: *Did You Know?* Online Information Resources

District 401 subscribes to a variety of online research databases, all of which are available not only at school but also at home or anywhere else. All that is required is an Internet connection and the remote login/password.

Stop in the Library and pick up a District 401 Online Resources brochure or you can check out what is available at <http://www.epcusd401.org/library>. Note: you must come in to the Library and pick up a brochure to obtain the remote login information.

So what's so great about subscription databases, you ask? Well, unlike a lot of the information you find on the Web, the information you find here is updated frequently (sometimes daily) and is reviewed for accuracy by experts, so you know you are getting quality, reliable information. By the way, how DO you know if what you find with Google (or any other search engine) is accurate and up-to-date?? (Bonus points if you know the answer!)

And our online databases have literally thousands of magazine, newspaper, scientific journal and e-Book articles in every subject area, so be sure and check them out!

GET CARDED @ EPHS!

Elmwood Park Public Library "card-ed", that is! Did you know you can get an EP public library card here at school as well as at the public library?

If you don't already have a public library card, you should. It's your ticket to much more than just great books, including audio books, CD's & DVD's (for about a dollar!) as well as even more online databases and other resources for research and information, including math and language arts skills review and test preparation programs.

Stop in to the EPHS Library and pick up an informational flyer, or go the Elmwood Park Public Library's website at www.elmwoodparklibrary.org to find out more. Then pick up a **Permission to Obtain a Public Library Card** form in the Library, or print a form from our link at <http://tinyurl.com/epplform>. A parent/guardian signature is required, and then return it to us~ you will received your library card in approximately a week.

STUDENT CAFETERIA PAYMENT SYSTEM

EPCUSD 401 has once again implemented a computerized payment system for lunches and parents now have the opportunity to pre-pay lunch accounts. You may send a check made payable to Elmwood Park High School to the cafeteria with your student, mail it to the school, or contact Mrs. Orr in the bookstore if you wish to put lunch money on your credit card. Visa, MasterCard, and Discover will be accepted. For more information regarding credit card payments, please contact the bookstore at (708) 583-5471.

ATTENDANCE

Parents, please be sure to call the attendance line 583-6400 or 452-7272 ext 7134 by 9:00 am on the day of your child's absence. Calls received after 9:00 am will be considered unexcused.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Students will once again receive In-school Suspensions for non-violent infractions. They will be provided with their daily academic assignments during this time.

TRUANCY ORDINANCE \$25 — \$750 FINE

The town of River Grove has passed a truancy ordinance which states that students who are unexcused absent from school will be ticketed by the River Grove Police Department and will be required to show up in court with their parents. This applies to all students at EPHS. Students can be fined \$25-\$750 per offense. This ordinance also applies to several area schools including East and West Leyden. If you have any questions please see your dean, Mr. Binder or Mr. Jennings.