



Elmwood Park High School Tiger Pause



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NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am proud to say that our standardized test scores have greatly improved. In fact, the senior class earned the highest ACT scores in school history. Congratulations seniors! The average composite ACT score for EPHS was 21.6 which was higher than the state average of 20.7 and the national average of 21. The average composite score for our honor students was 27.5. We have also seen an increase in students enrolling in and passing Advanced Placement Courses. At EPHS, 73% of students enrolled in an Advanced Placement Course earned a passing score on the exam. Nationally, only 59% of students who take the test earn a passing score.

Starting second quarter, juniors will once again be taking the PSAE preparation course during the school day. Students unable to fit the course in their schedule will have an opportunity to take the preparation course after school. Our students and faculty are working hard to improve student success in their classes, on the exams and as responsible young adults. Thank you for your continued support of our students.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 29	Underclassmen picture retakes
Nov 5	Fall Sports Awards 7 pm
Nov 6	No School
Nov 11	Booster Club Meeting 7 pm
Nov 13-14-15	Fall Play Fri/Sat 7pm Sun 2 pm 'CHICAGO'
Nov 18	Parent Conferences
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving Break

HEALTH NOTE

The virus season is upon us. We all need to do some simple things to help keep healthy such as:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough, sneeze or yawn. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Wash your hands before eating. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Stay home if you are sick until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C) or signs of a fever (without the use of a fever-reducing medicine).

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.

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.

ART CLUB 09

EPHS Art Club is beginning another year of creativity and community involvement. Plans are underway to display original artwork in the hallways of EPHS and other local venues. Additionally, the art club will hold its fifth annual district wide art event this spring at which time members will reach out to artists of all ages through hands on activities, demonstrations, and exhibiting their own work. The Art Club looks forward to another successful and exciting year for the EPHS Art Club.

KEY CLUB

Key Club spent two days in September distributing peanuts and collecting donations for the Kiwanis Club. They collected approximately \$3000 that will help children in the community. For Halloween, Key Club will design and decorate the haunted house at the Parks and Recreation Center on Friday, October 30. Members will also be participating in the [2009 Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF Campaign](#), in conjunction with Elm Middle School, Elmwood and John Mills Schools.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

On Thursday October 29, Elmwood Park High School students currently taking Global Studies will have the unique opportunity to go to the new Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. This new world-class museum is dedicated to preserving the memories of those lost in the Holocaust and teaching current generations about the need to fight hatred, indifference and genocide in today's world. While at the museum, students will be engaged through viewing artifacts and listening to a witness/survivor of the Holocaust.

FOOD DRIVE

A Food Drive box has been given to EPHS by Leyden Township to collect items for the Leyden Food Pantry. Feel free to drop off nonperishable food items in the main office at your convenience.

VARSITY CLUB

Varsity Club held its first meeting at the beginning of October and plans are currently underway to sponsor soup kitchens for the homeless.

HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO POWERSCHOOL TODAY?

44% of EPHS student families have logged into PowerSchool in the past month. Are you one of them?

Don't be surprised by a report card at the last minute. By logging in, you can find your child's current grades, assignments, and attendance at any time during the year. Go to the District 401 home page www.epcusd401.org and click on PowerSchool (top left). Use the login information you received in September; if you do not have your password information, please contact the office.

It's also easy to receive regular emails on your child's progress. Just click on 'Email Notifications' and sign up with your email address.

UNITED WE READ, ELMWOOD PARK

Similar to the "One Book, One Chicago" program, our District 401 community has the opportunity to read a special book and share its story, message, and experience with others. The Elmwood Park Public Library and the Village of Elmwood Park are partners on this project.

The goal is to involve people of all ages throughout our district and the community of Elmwood Park in reading at least one of a series of three books written by Greg Mortenson. His book for high school and adult readers is the New York Times #1 Best Seller Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Fight Terrorism and Build Nations, One School at a Time.

EPHS GRADUATION

EPHS graduation will take place on Friday, May 21, 2010 at 7 pm in the high school gymnasium.