



# Elmwood Park High School Tiger Pause



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James Edwards, Assistant Principal

## Note from the Principal

Enclosed you will find your child's first semester grade report. Hopefully, you are satisfied with the progress made by your son or daughter to date. If not, I suggest you contact your student's counselor to determine what can be done to increase his or her academic performance. Many times, an increase in grades could be as simple as completing homework or turning work in on time. Teachers are available from 7:35 to 7:50 am and during academic lab to work with students. If your son or daughter did not earn credit in a course, you will also want to contact his or her counselor to discuss summer school. As always, you are welcome to communicate with staff via the school website at [www.epcusd401.org](http://www.epcusd401.org) and you can access your child's grades through PowerSchool at [www.ps.epcusd401.org](http://www.ps.epcusd401.org). If you need your sign on information, don't hesitate to contact the office.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 18-19	No School
Jan 23	Winter Formal Dance 7-10 pm
Feb 4	8th Grade Registration Night 7 pm
Feb 8	Progress Reports Due
Feb 12-15	No School
Feb 16	Conference Band @ Fenton
Feb 17	HS Parent Conferences 3:30-7 pm
Feb 22	District 401 Band Fest
Feb 27	SNOWBALL Drug Awareness Lock in

## GRADE 8 COURSE SELECTION NIGHT

Eighth grade registration will take place on Thursday night, February 4, at the high school at 7 pm. High school counselors will meet with the middle school students at Elm during advisory February 1-2-3 to discuss and distribute information about EPHS and explain course offerings for the 2010-2011 school year.

## ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The Illinois State Scholar Program recognizes Illinois high school students for outstanding academic achievement.

Students ranking in the top ten percent of the state's high school graduating seniors have been named Illinois State Scholars. Rankings are based on a combination of ACT and/or SAT test score results and class rank at the end of the sixth semester in high school.

Elmwood Park High School is proud to announce our Illinois State Scholars below:

Stephanie Burke	Natalie Maggiore
Eduardo Cano	Mark Marzillo
Victoria Cervantes	Joaquin Mondragon
Kevin Craddock	Andrew Noble
John Dicristofano	Matthew O'Malley
Allison Fabino	Kevin Pastores
Anthony Guidara	Craig Pauga
Teresa Guidara	Erik Peterson
Ulyana Homeniuk	Benjamin Piggott
Abigail Ildefonso	Mateusz Plata
Elizabeth Janis	Aneta Pszczola
Robert Kaminski	Tetyana Pytel
Klaudyna Kawula	Krysta Smtih
Marisa LaGreca	Michelle Tinajero
Ashley Lavorini	Tuan Tran
Kristofer Lopardo	Nicholas Vale

## IT IS YEAR TWO OF THE PSAE/ACT PREP COURSE, AND THINGS ARE LOOKING UP!

This is the second year that Elmwood Park High School has implemented a course focusing on the improvement of students' scores on the statewide Prairie State Achievement Test. The first day of this two-day test is the ACT examination, which is the primary college entrance exam for those students who intend on attending a four-year college or university immediately after high school graduation. This important test will take place in mid-April, and the hope is that Elmwood Park's scores will be as impressive as those of April of 2009, when Elmwood Park's average scores were amongst some of the highest in the state. With over 200 juniors enrolled in this course, teachers Ms Hanrahan (English), Ms. Klos (English), Ms. White (English), Ms. Anichini (Math), and Ms. Barnes (Math) are very excited with the students' motivation, work ethic, and improvement thus far. We are hopeful that our students are on their way to achieving another milestone for EPHS.

## 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.

### Elmwood Park High School Graduation Update:

Due to scheduling conflicts, EPHS Graduation will take place on **Monday,**

**May 24, 2010** at 7 pm in the high school gymnasium.



## CANDLELIGHT BOWL

Don't miss out on the upcoming EPHS Booster Club Fundraiser! A Candlelight Bowl has been planned for Saturday, February 20, 2010, for \$30 per person (must be over 21)... see page 4. A raffle will be held and anyone wishing to donate items for the raffle may contact Laurie Shaw at 708.268.1263 or the EPHS athletic office at 583.5468.

## BAND INSTRUMENTS

Got an old instrument taking up space? Know someone who does? Give it to us!

### Why?

- Used instruments can be used for our 5th and 6th grade students
- EPHS can turn in used instruments for credits towards new ones
- You can get a tax-deduction letter for your donation

Contact Mr. Rhoades at [rhoadesk@epcusd401.org](mailto:rhoadesk@epcusd401.org) for more information.

## OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Please be reminded that any student with an outstanding debt with District 401 will not be allowed to sign up for a spring sport or any other extra curricular activity, including prom, until all debt has been cleared. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the Mrs. McCarthy at 708.583.5842

## VARSITY CLUB

Varsity Club held their annual Turkey Trot race which had 52 finishers for the 1.5 mile race. The club raised \$200 to contribute to the Anti-Hunger Federation. Additionally, they have held two soup kitchens to date.

Varsity club is currently setting up a basketball game with the local special Olympic athletes to be held at EPHS.

## CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

The Boys Cross Country Team were the Regional Champions and placed 7<sup>th</sup> at sectionals.



Congrats to the Cast, Crew, and Pit of **CHICAGO** for being chosen to perform at the All State Theatre-Fest early January. We have been invited to perform in the newest auditorium on campus in the much coveted Friday 7:00 pm time slot at Illinois State University on January 8, 2010. Only 25 shows were chosen out of over a hundred submissions statewide.

Go EPTheatre!

### Chicago Cast and Crew

Master of Ceremonies- **Julie Marzullo**; Roxie Hart- **Caitlin Burd**; Velma Kelly- **Gaby Moreno**; Matron Morton- **Maren Koeller**; Mary Sunshine- **Emma Lambert**; Amos Hart- **Matt Ek**; Billy Flynn- **Matt O'Malley**; Fred Casely- **Brian Bocka**; Sgt. Fogarty- **Shaun Remele**; Martin Harrison- **Michael Brugioni**; Go-to-Hell Kitty- **Megan Promisco**; Harry- **Noah Fleischer**; Judge- **Nick Vale**; Erin- **Aleks Phillips**; Clerk- **Laura Kelly**

### Merry Murderesses

Liz- **Dani Bushby**; Annie- **Nicolette Bartzis**; Mona- **Jessica Schneidau**; June- **Lisa Donato**; Hunyak- **Ashley Williford**

### Chorus/Reporters/Townfolk

**Milexy Arbelo, Adina Arredondo, Brian Bocka, Michael Brugioni, Melissa Castillo, Noah Fleischer, Selena Hall, Megan Koeller, Laura Kelly, Erika Lukacs, Megan O'Malley, Aleks Phillips, Lauren Prosser, Clarisanna Reyes, Nick Vale**

### Pit:

**Maureen Bocka, Ed Cano, Kris Chalupczak, Kevin Craddock, Radivoj Dudic, Gilmar Gramajo, Kim Hagen, Brad Helfer, Bobby Kaminski, Jessica Kouloumbas, Lauryn Manoni, Ben Mitchell, Kate Orze, Joe Pennington, Ben Piggott, Alex Schmidt, Annette Staniec**

### Crew:

**Toma Balaci, Diego Bruno, Ritchie Cleary, John DiCristofano, Michael Garb, Michael Godlewski, Anthony Guidara, Ashley Gustafson, Ivy Jacinto, Jessica Jasinski, Bobby Kaminski, Danielle Kerschhackl, Mike Koziarz, Rodrigo Moreno, Brandon Remele, Patrick Sullivan, Shawn Taraszka**

Mr. Jim Kozyra-Director

Mr. Michael Popplewell-Vocal Music

Ms. Sue Schultz-Costumer

Ms. Tera Linn-Choreography

Mr. Kyle Rhoades-Pit Orchestra

Mr. Tom Urban, Ms. Jessica May Escorcia-Tech Directors

## **KEY CLUB**

A canned food drive to support the Leyden Food Pantry took place at the high school. Key club members served breakfast to the first mod class that brought in the most canned food.

## **EP's GOT TALENT**

EP's Got Talent was the hottest ticket in town. Over 500 people watched 60 teachers and staff perform skits, musical acts and perform in videos. It was a tremendous night of fun, laughter and teamwork. DECA sponsored a Miracle Minute in addition to the canned food donations at the door to benefit the Leyden Food Pantry. Hundreds of canned goods and a check for \$300 was given to the pantry in conjunction with the drive sponsored by Key Club.

