



# THE EAGLE'S NEST

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## August Dates

- 29 Freshmen and new student orientation 8 am–11:10 am
- Orientation for parents of freshmen and new students 5:30–6:25 pm in the PAC
- Open House for ALL parents to follow student's schedule 6:30– 8:30 pm

## September Dates

- 1 Boosters 9:30 am
- 4 First Day of School!
- 4 Parking Lot Rules Meeting Make-up 3 pm
- 5 Parking Lot Rules Meeting Make-up 7:20 am
- 6 Trajectories 7:30 pm
- 8 Prairie Jam 5-10 pm
- Trajectories 7:30 pm
- 10 Picture Make-ups
- 10 PTO Meeting 7pm "A is for Activities"
- 17 NHS Induction 7 pm
- 28 Homecoming Game
- Casual Dance 8-11 pm
- 29 Homecoming Semiformal Dance 8-11 pm

## October Dates

- 3 Conferences 4:30 – 8:30 pm
- 3 Activities/Service Rush
- 4 Conferences 12:00–8:00
- 5 NO SCHOOL

## Principal's Perspective

By Conn McCartan

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year! I want to especially welcome families of our incoming freshmen and new students. I am personally looking forward to this school year as I have the opportunity to serve our student body as the only principal they have known at EPHS. It has been a while since an EPHS principal could say that! I mention this because I feel that I am at a point where I can make some personal observations on what each of our classes should look forward to in this school year.

The families of the class of 2008 should know that people in this school have always had high expectations of this class. I have heard this since the first day I started here. The mark of a truly special senior class is the fact that they do not have to be involved in big acts or make big statements to communicate that they are the leaders of the school. They simply act like leaders in everything they do, and they gain respect from that.

The families of the class of 2009 should know that the junior year is probably the most important in high school. Juniors move into the upper levels of coursework and into the upper positions of the school culture. How they handle this increased responsibility sets the table for the kind of academic and personal record they build toward their goals beyond high school. The junior year is the "grow up" year and I challenge the class of 2009 to be up to this task!

The challenge for the class of 2010 is to approach high school with what I will call "productive confidence." Our sophomores are now familiar with the school and its operations. This can lead to a let down of effort now that they don't have to be attentive to everything as a new experience. My hope is that they take the knowledge they gained last year and use that to continue with successes and improve upon shortcomings.



For our newest students, the challenges are obvious. Your initial work will be to get to know your new school and the increased expectations associated with high school. A new school provides a great chance for a new start. No matter how you feel coming into high school, you can take steps from day one to assure that you get everything out of your opportunities here. Take your course work seriously. Get involved in at least one of the many activities we have available for students here. If you engage this school, you will find success!

I have no doubt that each one of our students will experience both moments of achievement and moments of struggle. How they handle themselves in each of these moments will be the true measure of their success this school year. Students and their families should know that we are here to guide and support them through out the year.

Have a great school year!

# P T O

## PTO Meeting "A is for Activities"

**Monday Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

You've heard activities are what makes a big school seem smaller. Come find out how. Mike Grant and Nancy Schmitt from Student Activities will share info and answer your questions about athletic, academic, musical, art and other options for your student. Trust us, there's something for everyone. New to the High School? This is a great meeting for you. Join us in the staff lounge (by the principal's office). Enter through the South Entrance (that's the entrance off Valley View).

**Fundraising** - We won't ask you to volunteer at a carnival, sell wrapping paper or even magazine subscriptions. But we do ask that you use, or get, your Target Visa card and make sure EPHS is your designated school. If you do, EPHS receives cash donations from Target based on the amount of purchases made. This past year we received over \$20,000 and turned it around to the school through the PTO's mini-grant process. This money is used for books, maps, supplies and other non-consumable items that keep our school running.

Just visit [www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe), or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate EPHS.

**Conference Cafe:** Please help us show the staff how much they are appreciated, especially during their grueling conference schedules. The first mid-quarter Conference Cafe is Wed. Oct 3. If you would like to donate food, supplies, or cash to the staff conference support effort, please contact Julie Young at 294-1036 or [julie@jyoungs.net](mailto:julie@jyoungs.net) or Nancy Lagermeier at 949-2265 or [lagermeier@hotmail.com](mailto:lagermeier@hotmail.com). This event is run just like at the other EP School sites, just bigger and...well, bigger. More students = more staff = more food. We can really use your help! This is an easy and fun way to get involved.

**Volunteer Parking:** Parents can park in any lot if they are volunteering. Just sign in and give a description or license number of your car. Visitor slots are limited, but volunteers aren't limited to those spots. In fact, you can park in spots designated as "Staff only"

**School Supplies:** At other schools, supply lists came weeks before school allowing your student to feel so organized on the first day of school. But at EPHS, it's different. Each teacher tells students what supplies are needed at either the 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation or on the first day of school. Have an organization freak that needs to bring something? A notebook and pen ought to do it for the first day. Bring a pocket folder if you want to go

## First Day of School Fashion Advice

Don't wear black - that's the Seniors' color.  
Don't wear red - that's the Juniors' color.

The Sophomores have a color but no one seems to know what it is. And no, no one will duck tape your child to the wall for violating this unpublished rule, but why add more stress to a day that's already full enough? After the first day, all colors are up for grabs

**Box Tops for Education** The High School will again collect Box Tops for the Box Tops for Education program. EP Schools receive \$.10 for each box top collected. Last year the district raised over \$13,000! All the money collected this year will again go to Forest Hills elementary School. The Forest Hills PTO will use that money to provide scholarships and other programming for its students. Our district goal this year is \$20,000! Box Tops Collection Bins are at the North, South and East entrances



**High School Planners** Each year the PTO sells planners as a fundraiser and as a convenient source of information. Many families like to purchase a planner or two because of the helpful school-specific information in one convenient place. Included in the 5x7 planner are:

- Phone Numbers for many school personnel
- PTO board members and phone numbers
- Boosters board members, phone numbers, and Spirit Store information
- Daily time schedules for regular and Zero-hour days
- High school "quick" calendar of vacation/no classes days
- Address, phone, and directions to all of the locations where our students compete (high schools, middle schools, athletic fields, stadiums, ski hills, golf courses, arenas, and more)
- Calendar section with a double page for the month-at-a-glance, followed by a week-at-a-glance that offers room for homework assignments or other entries while also listing various varsity sports events, performing arts events, Booster and PTO meetings, and more

A resource for homework such as parts of speech, spelling and punctuation rules, math formulas, physics equations, the periodic table of the elements, world map, time zones

Get all of the above for only **\$8.00** and know that the profit will be used wisely to help the school. If you missed planner sales during registration and Parent Open House, you can still pick them up during lunch the first week of school (in both cafeterias). After that week they will be available from Karey Wiley in the Principal's office or call Debbie Keeler at 934-7215 for more information.



## Student Activities

We receive many calls from parents looking for sports schedules. All Eden Prairie sports schedules are posted on [www.lakeconference.org](http://www.lakeconference.org). To access the site, go to the EPHS website. Under the "Students" section, click on the "Activities and Athletics Calendar" link. It will show events scheduled for the day. However, if you want to see the entire schedule for an Eden Prairie team, click on Advanced View, located down the page on the right side. This will offer a number of options. Select the activity, the gender, and the level (varsity, JV, etc.). Then select the "schedule option" and all the information should appear. Please note that scrimmages and practices are not listed.

As games start, parents often call the office looking for directions. There are two options. First, the PTO sells a planner for \$8 that has directions to all conference and non-conference sites, including ski areas, hockey rinks and golf courses. The planner will be sold the first week of school in the commons and will also be available in the Booster Spirit Store on Fridays. It's a good idea to keep one in your car. If you don't have a planner, Student Activities has a hotline that details all games scheduled for the day, as well as directions to both conference and non-conference sites. That number is 975-8120.



For students not participating in a fall sport, intramurals are a fun alternative at EPHS. Students form their own intramural teams. In general, teams can be mixed gender and mixed grades. A "captain" picks up and returns the team's registration forms to the Student Activities Office. Students do not have to have current physicals on file to participate, but do need to complete a registration form that requires parent signatures. Once teams have their paperwork in order, they get to choose a tee shirt color. Believe it or not, this is a very big deal for intramural teams and popular colors are quickly selected. Occasionally, a student does not have a team to join, and we are asked to place him/her on a team. Although we always try to accommodate these requests, we cannot guarantee placement. Changes for fall intramurals are under discussion. We will offer pinguard –think dodgeball with pins. A decision has not been made regarding the structure of fall basketball. The cost for intramurals is \$20/person. Intramural brochures and registration packets will be available in the Student Activities Office on **Tuesday, September 4**. Completed packets are due in the office no later than **Monday, September 17, at 3:00 pm**. Competition will begin the week of September 24.

Students interested in the many clubs offered at EPHS will have a chance to explore the opportunities during the **Activities/Service Rush on Wednesday, October 3**. Held during zero hour, the various clubs and service organizations will have information about their missions and meeting places and times. (At EPHS, students do not need to register for clubs. They can just show up at meetings.)

Research shows that students who are involved in athletics and fine arts are happier and more successful in school. The Student Activities Office strives to provide a wide variety of quality opportunities for students at EPHS. If we can answer any questions or help your student in any way, please call the office at 975-8100.

## Counselors' Corner

Welcome back!

Counselors will facilitate grade level activities using small group presentations.

Seniors: Sept 13, Pathways and Culmination

Juniors: Oct. 30, Options and Decisions

Soph.: Dec. 11 Exploration and Planning

Freshman: Sept 18, Awareness and Assimilation

Look for more information on grade level activities in the Eden Prairie High School Counselor's Fall Newsletter. Parents will be invited to appropriate evening presentations.

Individual appointments are available upon request and during the posted "walk-in" schedule, which will be posted outside of both student centers and will also be online.

Check out the Career Resource Center, too.

## PROP Shop Grand Opening— 9/11

On Tuesday, September 11 the PROP Shop will be ***Bringing the Community Together*** for their Grand Opening. All EPHS students that volunteered over the summer will be honored at 3:15.

Please stop by to see your new community resale shop. You can find out how to donate, how to volunteer, and best of all find some great bargains!

Open to the public from 2:00 – 7:00. Stop in for free refreshments. 15195 Martin Drive. 1/2 mile west of Buca on Martin Drive.

## ACT/SAT/PSAT Prep Classes Offered



Mike Holm, an EPHS teacher, is offering PSAT, SAT, and ACT prep classes in the fall and ACT classes in the winter and spring. The classes include 15 hours of coursework at EPHS and cost \$160. Please contact Mike at [mholm50@yahoo.com](mailto:mholm50@yahoo.com) or 952-934-7628 if interested.

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Writer's Block: The deadline for submitting articles for the October newsletter is September 14. Please send your articles to [gvenable@comcast.com](mailto:gvenable@comcast.com).  
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### First Week Schedule

Tuesday, Sept. 4 and Wednesday, Sept. 5

**Note: No zero hour on Wednesday**

CONNECTIONS 7:55–8:25

1<sup>st</sup> PERIOD..... 8:32–9:52

2<sup>nd</sup> PERIOD..... 9:59–11:19

3<sup>rd</sup> PERIOD..... 11:26–1:23

4<sup>th</sup> PERIOD..... 1:30–2:40

Thursday, Sept. 7 and Friday, Sept. 8  
Regular Day Schedule

### EPHS Eagle Marching Band

The Eagle Marching Band is excited to present their show for this year entitled "Call of the Dragon". Traces of Chinese influence can be heard in the fascinating tapestry of sound created by contemporary American composer Joseph Curiale. The 170 member Band, led on the field by Drum Majors Manuel Sanchez-Moyano, Margaret Krause and Hilary Rolf will play their rendition of Call of the Mountain, River of Tears, Dragon Dance and Joy. Featured in the show will be a traditional authentic Chinese Dragon.



The Eagle Band will be entertaining at halftime for all home football games. Competition schedule begins in September with contests at Eastview and Waseca. More information about the Eden Prairie Eagle Marching Band can be obtained from the band website: [teachers.edenpr.org/~mwhipkey/index.htm](http://teachers.edenpr.org/~mwhipkey/index.htm) or by calling the band office at 952-975-8090.

Volunteers Needed for Prairie Jam—Sept 8th

**Prairie Jam – Live Music, Food, Fun, and Friends!**

Time: 6:00-10:00pm

Location: Riley Lake Park - Barn

Cover Charge: FREE – concessions on sale.

Sponsored by: SoulFire

To volunteer contact Nicole at 952-949-8456

### Quick Facts

**Prom** is scheduled for May 10th at a new venue, the Sheraton in Bloomington.



**Year book photos** are due on Friday, Oct. 12th. Details on the web site: [www.edenpr.org](http://www.edenpr.org)

On-line Registration for EP city boys basketball starts on Sept. 1. at [www.epbba.org](http://www.epbba.org). Walk-in registration will be held on Sept. 8 in the East Commons 9:00 - 1:00. On line and mail in registrations end on Sept. 29.

Stay Connected to EPHS info! If you haven't already discovered it, the EPHS Daily Bulletin is available on line at: [www.edenpr.k12.mn.us/ephs/news/bulletin.html](http://www.edenpr.k12.mn.us/ephs/news/bulletin.html)

Check it out every day and you'll be on top of most of the happenings at EPHS. You can no longer plead ignorant because your student never tells you anything!!

You can also see the student newspaper, The Eyrie, on-line.