APRIL 2021

Key Dates

3/29 - 4/2: NO SCHOOL
   Spring Break
4/12: NO SCHOOL
   Teacher Workshop
4/13: ACT or ASVAB Test
4/16: MCA Reading/Math (DL)
4/19 - 4/20: MCA Reading/Math
4/27 - 4/28: MCA Science
4/29: Evening of the Arts -TBD
4/30: MCA Science (DL)

Upcoming:
5/3 - 5/14: AP Testing
5/8: Grand March/Dinner - TBD
5/12: Senior Awards/Scholarship Ceremony - TBD
5/18: AVID Spring Banquet - TBD
5/25: Spring Band Concert - TBD
5/31: NO SCHOOL
   Memorial Day

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK
ORDERING DEADLINE APRIL 15TH 2021
Order your 20-21 yearbook NOW through Jostens.
Limited quantity available.
Yearbooks have sold out the past 2 years - please don’t wait until the last minute! Prices starting at $80 (plus tax).

Spring Picture Orders are ready for pick up!
Stop by the Main Office April 5th - 16th
Monday - Friday 7Am - 3PM

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATIONS INFORMATION
Spring sports are just around the corner!
Make sure you are registered before the season starts.

Online registration and payment is accessible by Campus Parent Portal. Click HERE for a video walkthrough.

Please contact the head coach for sport specific info: https://www.isd728.org/Page/2307.
Dear Parent/Guardian of a Junior Student,

ERHS junior students once again have the valuable opportunity to take a college entrance exam free of charge. Students can choose to take either the ACT or ASVAB on April 13th, 2021. Students were asked to indicate their plan for April 13 during their world history classes this past week. If your student is a distance learner, an online world history student, or a PSEO student they received an email from me with instructions to complete this step. In addition, students who are taking the ACT must complete the pre-registration online at myact.org. Students were given instruction sheets with their individual ACT ID in class or via email (PSEO, Distance Learners, online history students, or students who were absent).

Below is a basic description of these two exams.

**ACT plus writing:** A college entrance exam for four-year universities. The test covers English, science, math, reading, and writing. Oftentimes 2-year colleges will take an ACT score in place of taking the Accuplacer for entrance requirements (contact your college). Typically there is a testing fee; however, this opportunity is free to all junior students!

**ASVAB:** A vocational aptitude test (career/skills inventory), typically used for military recruits. This is not an IQ test; results can be very helpful in a career search for post-high school planning. This test is always free, upon scheduling with a coordinator.

Additional information for students (including the presentation from world history classes) can be found on schoology>Class of 2022>materials>ACT/ASVAB for class of 2022. Testing room assignments will also be posted in this same Schoology folder no later than April 7, 2021.

Contact:
Mrs. Shermak
erin.shermak@isd728.org
763-241-3424 ext. 2144

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**Reminder! ACT and ASVAB Test Prep on MCIS...FREE!**

MCIS (MN Career Information System) has FREE test prep resources for the ACT and ASVAB. Students can take online practice tests and courses. A great way to prepare is becoming familiar with the test format and pacing to finish the test in time. We encourage you to utilize these helpful resources.

Students login to MCIS through their ISD 728 RapidIdentity Portal. Once logged in, students click under the My Portfolio/Test Prep/College Entrance, GED, ASVAB Tests tabs.

**SENIORS:** Please complete this registration form if you plan to attend school on 4/13/21 to take the ASVAB as a career development tool.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, students in ISD 728 will soon be participating in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs). MCA results provide valuable information about how well students have mastered concepts and skills from the academic standards. Educators and schools can use the results to plan instruction and evaluate their curriculum. Unfortunately, we are not able to deliver the MCA to your child remotely and must make arrangements to have your child come to school to take the assessments.

Schools are required to follow health and safety measures any time students are in school. The Minnesota Department of Education, in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health, has also provided guidance specific to test administration, including how to clean test materials, ensure social distancing, and provide meals as necessary. We are taking the necessary steps to help ensure students and staff stay safe and healthy during test administration.

Unfortunately, due to the health and safety of all students, and for contact tracing purposes, providing transportation for MCA testing would not be in the best interest of all students. Therefore, you will need to make transportation arrangements for your children to arrive at and be picked up from school at the designated time.

April 16th: 10th Grade Reading/11th Grade Math for PSEO, Online and Distance Learning students. Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 am. The test is not timed and students will be able to leave when they have completed the entire test. It typically takes 2.5-3 hours.

April 19th - 20th Reading/Math - IN CLASSROOM

April 27th - 28th Science/Biology - IN CLASSROOM

April 30th: Science/Biology will be given to PSEO, Online and Distance Learning students. Testing will begin promptly at 8:00 am. The test is not timed and students will be able to leave when they have completed the entire test.

Please Contact Mrs. Reimer with questions. (763) 241 -3434 X 2142 michelle.reimer@isd728.org

What is CTE?

Career Technical Education (CTE) provides students with the academic, technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and to become lifelong learners. Check out the video below for more information.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Contact:
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Career and Technical Education Coordinator
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COLLEGE ADMISSION AND MILITARY VISITS

Did you know around 50 college admission representatives and all branches of the military visit ERHS each year? This is a convenient way to learn more about admission, programs, degrees, and financial aid by talking with an expert from that particular college or military branch. All visits for the 2020-2021 school year will be held virtually in the Career Center or at home on your Chromebook if you are distance learning. Please visit this form for a list of upcoming events and sign up to attend. Additions are added to this list often, so be sure to check back periodically.

April Events
4/5 Liberty University, VA - 8:30AM
4/5 University of Wisconsin, Stout - 10:00AM
4/6 North Dakota State University - 12:30PM
4/27 North Hennepin Comm. College -12:30PM
Attention AP Families

All AP exams have been ordered and preparations are underway for exams to be given during both Administration 1 and Administration 2 at ERHS. Please use the ERHS AP Calendar 2021 to see when your exam will be given.

Fees for each exam have been assigned to student Campus accounts and should be paid by April 30th.

All digital exams will require students to follow College Board preparation guidelines that will be sent out by Ms. Telfer so please be sure to check student ISD728 email regularly and respond as needed.

In-person, paper/pencil exams will be held at 8AM and 12PM. Students should arrive at 7:30 AM or 11:45AM to their designated testing locations on their scheduled test day. In person digital exams will take place at 11AM or 3PM. Students must be logged in 30 minutes prior to exam time so they should arrive at their testing location by 10:15 and 2:45 respectively.

Please contact your AP Teacher or Rachel Telfer (AP Coordinator) rachel.telfer@isd728.org with any questions.

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Students and Parents

Attached you will find the 11th Grade Student and Parent College Planning presentation. Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to offer this presentation face to face. We have recorded a video with helpful information for Juniors who are planning to attend some form of post-secondary education after high school. Some topics covered include career exploration resources, ACT information, and a college planning timeline for the Junior and Senior year. There is also a slideshow of this video for you to review at your own pace with live links for more detailed information.

11th Grade College Planning Student and Parent Video & 11th Grade College Planning Student and Parent Slideshow (with links)

~Kim Davison, College & Career Specialist at ERHS

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DO YOU HAVE COLLEGE COURSES ON YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR?

If you are registered for college courses for next school year please refer to this link for important information regarding Pine Technical College (PTCC) concurrent enrollment courses. Please click on "College Credit in High School Student Resources for the 2021-2022 Academic Year" and watch the Orientation Video provided on the document. Once you have finished the video, please complete the student form.

You will need to do this if you are registered for College Algebra, College Pre-Calculus, College Spanish I & II, College Sociology, or College Macroeconomics for the 2021-22 school year.

We ask that both parents/guardians and students watch the video together.

Any questions, please contact the counseling office at 763-241-3424.
20/21 ERHS Math Team Season Recap

The Elk River math team completed another successful season on February 8th. The team finished first in the Mississippi Division, second in section 8AAA, and 29th in state. The team won four of the five meets at the division level. Five of the team members, all seniors, finished in the top 10 in the division. Mya Yoder finished in first place and earned a spot in the state tournament as an individual. She just edged out Gabe Livingston who finished second in the division. The three remaining top 10 spots went to Noah Paulsen (3rd), Katie Gerold (4th), and Sophia Tobin (10th). This group as a whole has been very dedicated and they will be greatly missed. Other members of the scoring team were Erika Hathy (12th grader from Rogers), John Palmer (10), Tristan Hill (10), Chris Dehmer (9), Isaac Sydow (9), Rose Alexander (9), and Owen Westberg (8). The amount of time and effort these kids put into preparing for competitions in a pandemic was impressive and bodes well for the teams future success.

Curt Michener

Elks Speech Team heading to Nationals!

Our Speech students competed at our NSDA District's National Qualifier tournament for a chance to compete at Nationals this June! The following students moved on and will be competing! Qualifying for Nationals puts these students among the top 1% of all speakers nationwide, so this is already a huge accomplishment!

Qualifying for Nationals:
Lucy Leither in Oratory (auto-qualified based on being top 14 in the nation last year at Nationals)
Regan VanAvery in Oratory
Sam Peterson in Informative
Olivia Kramer in Oratory
Regan VanAvery & Olivia Kramer--qualified in Duo, as well! (But students can only go in one category, so they are going in Oratory)

We would also like to congratulate these students on an amazing showing at our District Tournament.
Pablo Aleksandrowicz--1st Alternate in Oratory
Alyson Miskovic--1st Alternate in Informative
Izzy Silvola--1st Alternate in International Extemporaneous Speaking
Emma McCauley--1st Alternate in Dramatic Interpretation
Emma Loretz--2nd Alternate in Program Oral Interpretation
Andrew Christopherson--2nd Alternate in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking AND in International Extemporaneous Speaking

Allison Harmer - Head Speech Coach
Emily Pietrowski

A couple weeks ago DECA competed virtually in our State Competition. There were 1700 students from across the state participating... our 38 students did AWESOME! There are approximately 60 projects or competitors in each event. 16 students will be competing virtually at the international level in April - more information to come! No doubt this has been a challenging year... BUT THESE KIDS ROCKED IT!

- Sonja Weiler
SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

A way to check to see if you student is registered is:

- You immediately receive a registration confirmation email after you submit your cart.

OR

- Go to the Activity Registration Tab in Parent Portal and go to “Upcoming”. The activity should be listed if the registration was completed/submitted.

Congratulations to the girls’ Nordic Ski team for qualifying and participating at the 2020-2021 MSHSL State Tournament at Giant’s Ridge on March 11th! The following students represented Elk River High School: Katelyn Gramstad, Audrey Neuerburg-Chapman, Sophia Lee, Miah Martin, and Mallory Williams! It’s Good to be an Elk!

Sport/Activity | Head Coach | Contact Info | Start Date
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Baseball | Ryan Holmgren | coachholmgren@yahoo.com | March 22nd, 2021 (Arm Care)
 |  |  | March 29th, 2021 (Season)
Softball | Danielle Bloom | dmbloom10@gmail.com | March 29th, 2021
Golf - Girls | Dave Blehl | dblehl70@gmail.com | March 29th, 2021
Golf - Boys | Phil Johnson | wildpjohn12@gmail.com | March 29th, 2021
Tennis - Boys | Randy Ronning | ronningr@katewwdb.com | March 29th, 2021
Lacrosse - Girls | Stephanie Anderson | stephlax3@gmail.com | April 5th, 2021
Lacrosse - Boys | Thomas Haugen | thomas.haugen@stpaul.k12.mn.us | April 5th, 2021
Track - Girls | Russ Gnan | russell.gnan@isd728.org | March 29th, 2021
Track - Boys | Brian Gilbertson | brian.gilbertson@isd728.org | March 29th, 2021

GYMNASTICS IS STATE BOUND!
The Lady Elks Gymnastics Team travels to Champlin Park High School on Saturday, March 27th for the MSHSL State Tournament for the second year in a row! Congratulations to Coach Bartlett for receiving the title of STATE AA Coach of the Year!

Huge shout out to the Elk River Drama Department for the live YouTube release of, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” on March 13th!

GIRLS BASKETBALL ADVANCE TO THE SECTION 8AAAA CHAMPIONSHIP
Good luck to the Elk River Girls’ Basketball Team! They compete against STMA at home for the Section 8AAAA Championship title! Pass list spectators ONLY. Tip off is on Friday, March 26th at 7:00PM! Let’s go Elks!
PANDEMIC-EBT BENEFITS FOR FAMILIES FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals may be eligible for Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) to purchase food for days they are not in the school building. To be considered, households must submit an application for free or reduced-price meals for the 2020-21 school year or be approved for Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Families who received P-EBT benefits last summer are not automatically eligible; eligibility is based on the current school year.

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*Eligibility dates subject to change pending USDA approval.

To ensure you qualify for the most benefits, please submit your application as soon as possible, by visiting the ISD 728 website: www.isd728.org/FARM or apply directly through Parent Portal.

Note: Eligible families that submit applications prior to February 28, 2021 may be eligible for additional dollars dating back to September 2020.

P-EBT Flyer 2020-21

FAMILY AND PARENT RESOURCES

Our ISD 728 Prevention & Safety team has a parent and family resource page found at this link: https://sites.google.com/isd728.org/preventionsafetyparentpage/home
Please access this resource for information and support relating to mental health, resilience and social emotional learning and safety!

ISD 728 is offering a virtual Parent Education Series on a variety of topics encompassing today’s youth.

- April - Top 10 Screen Time Tips for Digital Wellness. April 27th 2021 3-4 P.M.

More Information: www.isd728.org/Prevention-Safety-Parent

Thank you for being part of the Elk River High School Community. It’s good to be an ELK!

ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES

To leave a voicemail for attendance (all-day illness, student coming in late, leaving early, upcoming appts. or vacations, etc.) please use 763-241-3555  Press 1 for Elk River and press 1 again for ERHS! You can also email your attendance to erhs.attendance@isd728.org

Self-health Screening and MDH Decision Tree for COVID-19 Symptoms

- Students who are designated face-to-face learners do not have the option to ‘work from home’. Students are required to be in attendance Monday - Thursday (virtual Fridays). If a face-to-face student is absent due to illness, appointment, or plans to take a vacation, parents/guardians must report it to the attendance line.
- Students who are designated 100% Distance Learners must continue to “check-in” for daily attendance through Campus.
- Temporary Distance Learning is reserved for students who are in quarantine. School staff will communicate your student’s return date and help you navigate their temporary learning model change.