**10 Referendum Facts/Statements**

Here are the 10 referendum facts/statements that people have most appreciated thus far (not in any specific order):

1. A successful referendum would cost the average taxpayer (based on $250,000 home) $1 a day.

2. With a successful referendum, the District does not plan to go back to the voters for more money for 7 to 10 years (combines current levies). If opposed, the District will need to go back every two years as each levy expires.

3. ISD 728 is the 8th largest school district, but least funded in general per pupil revenue and operating levy dollars compared to all of the other 14 largest school districts. Well below state average.

4. A successful referendum would place the District in 9th place out of 15 in terms of funding compared to the other 14 largest school districts (not the top, not the bottom).

5. The District pays $10.5 million dollars out of the general budget to cover special education costs that are mandated by the State and Federal Government, but are not reimbursed.

6. The District cannot provide the same services and support as we have or to other comparable school districts with significantly less money.

7. Inflationary costs total approximately $4 million dollars a year in ISD 728. The State and Legislature gave the School District an additional 2% on the General Formula this year. That amount (approximately $2 million dollars) provides about half of what it would take to just keep the same staffing next year. Not sustainable or equitable.

8. If the State would cover just “the cost of inflation,” and reimburse special costs for services that are required by state and federal law, ISD 728 would get approximately $19.5 million more dollars a year. The system is broken and not sustainable.

9. Any ISD 728 voter, regardless of where they live, can vote early in person at the Sherburne County Government Center.

10. The District will need to build classroom space to accommodate future growth (which takes 3 years). If not voter approved, the District will need to fund the space through lease levy, which is more expensive to the taxpayer. MDE also restricts what can be built. In summary, taxpayers will pay more and get less.

For more referendum information please click on the following link: [2019 Referendum](http://www.isd728.org/728Strong)
Course Fees

Some courses here at Elk River High School have a fee for materials. Those should have been communicated through the class syllabus or the teacher. First semester fees have been assigned to your student’s Campus Portal account and are due Friday, October 4th. Please use RevTrak to make credit card payments or send cash or check (ISD728) to the main office with your student. If there are any questions about class fees, please call Jennie Downing in the main office at 763-241-3400 ext. 2145.

NHS Induction Night

The four pillars of the National Honor Society are: Scholarship, Service, Character and Leadership. Please join us as we welcome the newest members to the National Honor Society where they will continue to grow in those qualities. Our Induction Ceremony will take place Monday, October 7th in the Zabee Theater at 7 pm. Stay for light snacks and hearty congratulations!

NHS Blood Drive

The Red Cross is projected to be in a terrible blood shortage come December, so ERHS can do their part and donate. Encourage your son or daughter to donate and make a difference.

On Thursday, October 10th, students at Elk River High School can donate blood to the American Red Cross. Sign-ups start Monday, September 30th - watch for posters in the hallway! Blood donations will take place 1st - 5th hours in the South Gymnasium. A school ID or Driver’s License will be required. Must be at least 17 years old or 16 with parent permission. Walk-ins appointments are available for parents/guardians!

Volunteers Needed!

Throughout the school year I help coordinate volunteers, students and adults alike, for various activities here at ERHS.

Coming up on October 10th, 2019 the Red Cross will be at ERHS for a blood drive. They are looking for 1 volunteer to help at the sign-in table and 1 volunteer at the food table from 7:00am - 1:30pm. Training will be provided.

Looking ahead, we are always looking for parent/guardian volunteers at our Awards Night in May and the Graduation Ceremony in June. Various duties at these events include greeting and directing our attendees and handing out programs. There may be other volunteer opportunities that arise during the year as well.

If you are interested in volunteering, getting involved or have other questions, please contact me at: Emily.Gangl@isd728.org.

Emily Gangl, Parent Liaison
Elk River High School

Veterans of Foreign Wars Essay Contest

Visit our website for more information about the VFW Essay Contest - The Voice of Democracy & Patriot’s Pen. Due date is Thursday, October 31st.
Elk Pride Craft Bazaar
Elk River High School
Saturday, November 2nd
9 am - 4 pm

Elk River High School began hosting the Elk Pride Craft Bazaar over 50 years ago. What began as a few faculty wives creating crafts to sell to raise money for scholarships has grown over the years to now include approximately 150 vendors, including home décor, apparel and accessories, food, holiday décor and gifts - something for everyone. All items are handcrafted and all proceeds from booth rentals go to scholarships for graduating seniors. The show is always held the first Saturday in November. Admission is free for shoppers.

Many of our vendors return every year, but we are pleased to welcome new vendors as well. If you are interested in being a vendor this year, please see the information on our website.

Questions can be emailed to elkpride@ISD728.org or you can call 763-241-3400 ext. 2273.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS/CLASS OF 2020
Senior Yearbook Photo and Yearbook Recognition Ads

DEADLINE Friday, November 8th

Senior Yearbook Photos MUST be submitted via our online link by the deadline. All photos must be 300 resolution or higher and the format should be 2”x3” portrait (vertical) minimum. If the photo is not in high quality it may not be placed in the yearbook. This is the responsibility of the person who submits the photo.

Yearbook Recognition Ads (formerly called Grad Ads) are available for purchase now. Visit Jostens website for more information or to order.

2020 Yearbook Orders
Order your yearbook NOW through Jostens for $70 (plus tax). Price will go up to $80 plus tax on November 2, 2019.
Join us in the Zabee Theater for the following FREE events:

Choir Concert - Tuesday, October 15th at 7 pm
Halloween Band Concert - Friday, October 25th at 7 pm
Veterans Day Concert - Monday, November 11 at 7 pm

For the FOURTH year in a row, NAMM has recognized ISD 728 as one of the Best Communities for Music Education. This is thanks, in part, to our communities for SUPPORTING our efforts in schools by attending performances, concerts and recitals throughout the year. THANK YOU!

ERHS Theatre Presents our Fall Play: *She Kills Monsters*

*She Kills Monsters* tells the story of Agnes Evans, a young woman grieving for her deceased sister. The Evans sisters never were especially close, but after Tilly’s death Agnes resolves a notebook containing a game scenario created by her sister. She discovers that Tilly was a well-known Dungeons and Dragons player, and that she was passionate about online fantasy gaming. In order to unlock more secrets about her mysterious young sibling, Agnes recruits a “dungeon master” named Chuck to help her understand and grieve Tilly. Chock-full of supermodel elves, warrior women, and nasty ogres, *She Kills Monsters* is a surprisingly sweet tale of friendship, loss, and acceptance.

*She Kills Monsters* will be showing at Elk River High School’s Zabee Theater the following dates and times:

- **7 pm** shows on Friday, November 1st; Thursday, November 7th; Friday, November 8th; and Saturday, November 9th
- **2 pm** Matinee on Saturday, November 2nd

Ticket prices are free for kids up to age 5, **Students K-12 and ISD 728 Senior Citizens with a Resident Pass $5.00** and **Adults and non ISD 728 Senior Citizens $7.00**. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online. Box office opens one hour before performance and theater doors open a half hour before performance.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit our [website](#).

AP Exam Ordering

All students enrolled in an AP Course must decide if they are going to take the AP Exam in May by **Friday, November 8th**. This decision is made directly on the College Board website through their AP Central account. Once their decision is made, fees for the test(s) ordered will be transferred over to RevTrak for payment. All payment information will be posted by November 20th.

Please note, due to a recent change in the amount of reimbursement ERHS will receive from the state of MN, each AP Exam will cost $56 rather than $54 this year.

Any tests ordered after the November 8th deadline may incur a $40 late fee, charged by College Board. Any exams that are ordered and not used will be charged $40 by College Board. We are unable to transfer exams from one student to another in order to avoid unused exam fees.
Elk River Student
Earns National Artistic Recognition

Congratulations to Elk River High School senior Colton Pool who was presented over the summer with a National Silver Medal for his ceramic piece Tall Neck Bottle.

Colton’s horsehair raku vessel was one of nearly 340,000 works of art and writing that were submitted to the 2019 Scholastic Awards. Works for national medal consideration were juried on their excellence in originality, technical skill, and emergence of a personal vision. Receiving a National Medal places Colton within the top 1% of submissions throughout the country. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit organization, presents the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Colton’s name will be listed in the 2019 Yearbook, a companion publication to The Best Teen Art.

National Merit Scholarship

Congrats to Joshua Bauer & Meghan Bentz (pictured right) on being selected as semifinalists for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship! Only 16,000 students are selected nationwide!

For more information visit their website.

Congratulations to our Commended students (pictured left): Adam Boeckermann, Jack Milless, Nick Gill & Sam Erickson for being recognized for exceptional academic progress on the National Merit Scholarship program!

We are proud of your academic accomplishments!

2021 Eastern European Trip

Elk River High School & Zimmerman High School will be traveling abroad for ten days in June 2021 to Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, and Hungary on a WWII Holocaust European Trip. ERHS & ZHS will be taking 43 students to Eastern Europe to see the cities of Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Krakow, Slovakia, and Budapest and visit the historical sites of the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles Bridge, Auschwitz-Birkenau (concentration camps), Tatra Mountains, and Hungarian Parliament and much more! If you are interested in going on the 2021 Eastern European WWII Trip or want to get more information please contact Karl Sagan (karl.sagan@isd728.org). There are only a handful of spots left.