Key Dates

11/1 NO SCHOOL
11/2 Yearbook Price Increases
11/2 Elk Pride Craft Bazaar
11/5 Election Day - VOTE!
11/7 Cultural Potluck
11/7 Clearing the Cloud on Vaping - Youth E-Cig SUPC Sherburne Cnty
11/8 AP Exam Ordering Deadline
11/8 Senior Photo and Yearbook Recognition Ad Deadline
11/22-29 NO SCHOOL
11/25 Conferences 12-7 pm
12/11 Grade 11 Job Shadow Day

NOVEMBER 2019

THIS SATURDAY!
Elk Pride Craft Bazaar
Elk River High School
November 2nd
9 am - 4 pm

Shoppers get free admission! Over 150 vendors, including home décor, apparel and accessories, food, holiday décor and gifts - something for everyone. All items are hand crafted and all proceeds from booth rentals go to scholarships for graduating seniors. Questions can be emailed to elkpride@ISD728.org or you can call 763-241-3400 ext. 2273 or visit our website.

2020 Yearbook Orders
Order your yearbook NOW through Jostens for $70 (plus tax).
*Price goes up to $80 plus tax on November 2, 2019.*

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 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:

- **Friday, Nov. 1st at 7 pm**
- **Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 2 pm**
- **Thursday, Nov. 7th at 7 pm**
- **Friday, Nov. 8th at 7 pm**
- **Saturday, Nov. 9th at 7 pm**

Ticket Prices

- **FREE** for Children Ages 0-PreK and Senior Citizen 62+ with District 728 Resident Pass
- **$5** for Students K-12 and Senior Citizens 62+ w/o Resident Pass
- **$7** for Adults

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.
Strong schools. Strong Communities.
On November 5, 2019, residents of ISD 728 will decide whether to increase school funding through two referendum questions. The School Board unanimously approved holding a referendum after a year and a half of community input, research and planning.

What will be on the ballot?

QUESTION 1  Increase the operating levy to address high class sizes and fund school materials, student support and academic programs.

If approved, the $750 per student increase would generate approximately $11 million per year, providing more predictable and stable funding, while adding support and resources for students throughout the district.

The funds would be used for such things as:
- Supporting struggling students.
- Maintaining class sizes.
- Supporting student mental health.
- Updating curriculum and other classroom materials.
- Improving career and technical programs for students.

QUESTION 2  Request $113 million in bond funding to address enrollment growth, deferred maintenance needs, flexible learning spaces and facility inequities.

The new bonding money would be used to:
- Build a middle school to address enrollment growth.
- Address deferred maintenance needs across ISD 728, such as roofs, HVAC systems and parking lots, to maintain the community’s investment in our schools.
- Update indoor physical education and outdoor athletic facilities at all three traditional high schools to ensure they are equitable and adequate for students across the district.
- Create more flexible learning spaces across the district and at all levels to support different student learning styles.

If Voters APPROVE Both Questions
- Both questions would address classroom, budget and building needs across the district and at every level — benefiting ALL students.
- Funds would support our community’s values as outlined in the community-developed Strategic Plan and identified in community surveys.
- ISD 728 would have more stable funding while being able to:
  * Address growing enrollment.
  * Improve equity and access to quality learning environments for ALL students.
  * Help protect our community’s investment in its schools.

If Voters DO NOT APPROVE Both Questions
- There would be continued budget cuts and inadequate funding for our school buildings, resulting in:
  * Increased class sizes.
  * Decreased academic support for struggling students.
  * Fewer and outdated classroom resources for students.
  * A growing list of deferred maintenance needs without adequate funding to address them.
  * Spaces that are not equitable or adequate for students from one area of the district to another, such as classroom spaces, indoor physical education and outdoor athletic facilities.
  * Elimination of some learning spaces dedicated to art, music and early childhood to accommodate student enrollment growth in grades K-12.
  * Increased walking distance at all levels, because fewer students would be eligible for bus transportation.
  * Boundary changes to accommodate space for enrollment growth.
  * Some pressing building needs would be funded through a lease levy, which costs more for taxpayers and is more limited in what it can cover.

⚠️ Question 2 can only pass if Question 1 is approved!
Senior Yearbook Photo and Yearbook Recognition Ads

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.

AP Exam Ordering

The student deadline for ALL AP CLASSES for ordering AP Exams is Friday, November 8th. All current AP students must log on to AP Classroom and click "register for exam" and select "yes" or "no" for each AP course they are enrolled in.

Each exam registered for costs $56. Fees will be added to the student’s campus account and be payable through RevTrak by November 20th.

Any student who registers for a test after the deadline of Nov. 8th, will incur a $40 late fee charged by the College Board.

Students who cancel their test registration after ordering will pay $40 for their unused test rather than the $56.

If you have questions, please contact your child’s AP teacher or Ms. Telfer at Rachel.telfer@isd728.org.
Elk River Bands Present:

AVETERANS
CONCERT 2019

With special guests, the North Suburban Chorale and vocalist Joyce Lyons.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019
7:00 PM
ZABEE THEATRE * Elk River High School

Donations will be collected to support the Minnesota Military Family Foundation.
minnesotamilitaryfamilyfoundation.org
erband.org

Preseason Meeting for Boys Swim/Dive Team

Informational meeting for students and parents about the upcoming boys swim/dive team season is on November 12th at 6 pm in the Elk River High School Media Center.

Conference Champs for 5 years in a row!!

For more information, visit https://elkriverboysswimdive.com

Student Winter Activities Pass

Winter student activity passes can be purchased in the main office for $10.00 each. This pass admits 6th-12th grade Elk River students to Elk River High School regular season winter varsity home events for boys basketball, girls basketball, gymnastics, boys swim/dives, and wrestling (excludes hockey).

For more information on this winter’s schedule, visit our Calendar of ERHS Events at:
https://www.nwsconference.org/public/genie/2/school/1/.
JUNIORS - First Annual Job Shadow Day

December 11th, 2019

Elk River High School is excited to start our annual Job Shadowing Day! We want to provide every 11th grade student an opportunity to explore a career interest. This opportunity aligns with ISD 728's Strategic Plan. We currently provide every 11th grade student with an Interview Day experience and all of our students engage in the Minnesota Career Information Systems (MCIS) curriculum!

On December 11th, all Juniors will be required to participate in a job shadowing opportunity. Eleventh grade students will not be attending school on this day. They will report directly to their job shadowing experience(s). This experience will be a minimum of three hours at one or two different job sites. Students will be required to set up their own job shadowing experience. They need to make contact with someone in a field of their choosing, preferably in a field they are interested in learning more about. There are many resources and potential contacts for this day on Schoology, Class of 2021. We are looking forward to a wonderful Job Shadow Day! Questions, please contact Matt Stueber at 763-241-3400 ext. 2296.
The Northwest Suburban Conference Visual Arts Day consists of hands-on visual arts workshops for our highly interested high school art students. The event was held at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts in October.

Students from the NWSC high schools learn from instructors who are professional artists working in the areas of Weaving Patterns, Raku Firing, Sketching Interiors, Monoprinting, Mixed-Media Sculpture, Reverse Acrylic Painting, Watercolor Painting, Abstract Acrylic Landscape Painting, Glass Fusing, and Low-Relief Ceramic Tile.

Positive outcomes include learning and working with new artists, having longer hands-on work sessions and creating art-works along-side students also passionate about the visual arts.

“It was cool to hear different perspectives from professionals in the art world,” noted senior Jilian Miller. About the art center experience, senior Isabel Nelson stated, “It was a really fun day filled with amazing art/artists and it was such a fun opportunity, but what I loved most was getting to know the other students in my class.”

ERHS COLLEGE CREDIT INFORMATION SESSION

Open to Students in grades 9-12
Monday, November 25th at 6 pm
ERHS Zabee Theater

All students and parents interested in learning more about earning college credits while attending ERHS please come to an informational meeting on Nov. 25th @ 6:00pm in the Zabee Theater during conference time. The purpose of the meeting is to inform both parents and students of the many options students have to earn college credit as an ERHS student. Advanced Placement (AP), College in the School with University of MN (CIS), Concurrent Enrollment with Pine Technical Community College and St. Cloud State University, and PSEO will be discussed. You will have an opportunity to hear from the different teachers in each area discuss what it takes to be a high school "college student" and what level of rigor should be expected when taking college level courses. Questions can be directed to Dan Schmoyer, College and Career Counselor at 763.241.3424.

Volunteers Needed!

Looking ahead - if you are interested in volunteering for different events at Elk River High School like Evening of the Arts in April, Awards Night in May, the Graduation Ceremony in June, or just getting involved or have other questions, please contact our parent liaison, Emily Gangl at: Emily.Gangl@isd728.org.