**MARCH 2020**

**Key Dates**

- 3/2-16 - Local Scholarship Drive Open
- 3/2-27 - CAER Food Drive (POSTPONED)
- 3/5 - Conferences
- 3/5 - College Planning Info
- 3/5 - Pine Tech Info
- 3/16-27 - ISD 728 CLOSED
- 3/19 - Spring Blood Drive (CANCELLED)
- 3/24 - Juniors-only ACT Test (POSTPONED)
- 3/27-4/4 - Spring Musical (CANCELLED)
- 3/30 - Distance Learning Begins

**Upcoming Dates:**

- 4/1-4/3: MCA English Test (POSTPONED)
- 4/9-4/13 - No School
- 4/14-5/1 - Prom Ticket Sales (TENTATIVE)
- 4/16 - Conferences (TENTATIVE)
- 4/28-5/1 - MCA Math Test (POSTPONED)
- 4/30 - Evening of the Arts (TENTATIVE)
- 5/4-5/8 - MCA Science Test (POSTPONED)
- 5/4-5/15 - AP Testing (TENTATIVE)
- 5/6 - Class of 2020 Awards and Scholarship Night (TENTATIVE)
- 5/9 - Prom (TENTATIVE)
- 5/19 - Senior Farewell Tour (TENTATIVE)
- 5/20 - ISD 728 Weightlifting Competition (TENTATIVE)
- 5/25 - No School
- 5/29 - Seniors Last Day
- 6/4 - Senior Breakfast/ Mandatory Graduation Practice
- 6/4 - High Honors Banquet (TENTATIVE)
- 6/5 - Graduation

*UPDATED MARCH 16TH, 2020*

**ATTENTION SENIORS!**

**ERHS Local Scholarship Drive**

**ERHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE** opens on March 2nd and closes March 16th. We encourage **all seniors** to apply as our program has scholarships for trade schools, 2 year and 4 year degree programs. Students that are awarded scholarships will be presented with their award at our Awards and Scholarship Evening on May 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm (TENTATIVE) in the Zabee Theater.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to give 168 scholarships totaling $131,300 in our 18-19 scholarship drive. Local scholarship link will be live March 2, 2020.


**CAER Food Drive sponsored by NHS**

2020 NHS food drive for CAER is taking place now!

Food collection starts March 1st and ends March 26th. From March 16th-20th, **money** collection will occur. Food and **money** collection will also take place on the 26th during conferences. Food will be kept in 5th hour classrooms and collected by NHS members everyday. One food item donated equals one point and one dollar donated equals two points. The 5th hour with the most points by the end of the food drive will win an ice cream party. Announcements will be made at least once per week to encourage students to reach the school wide donation goal (1500 points) and to reveal which class has the most points.

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Follow us on Twitter: @Elk_River_Elks
Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Spring parent/teacher conferences are being held on Thursday, March 5th from 4-7 pm in classrooms. Report cards will **not** be printed; you can check student progress grades on your parent portal account or print a progress report from home. The next (and last) scheduled parent teacher conferences for this school year will be held Thursday, April 16th in the classrooms from 4-7 pm (**TENTATIVE**).

We encourage you to reach out to your child’s teachers whenever you feel the need. Staff emails can be found on our website and our office can help you leave a voicemail or let you know the teacher’s planning period by calling 763-241-3434.

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11th Grade Parent and Student College Planning Information Night

Thursday, March 5, 2020

5:30-6:00 pm (*during spring conferences*)

ERHS Zabee Theater

Do you have questions about planning for life after school? Want to learn more about a suggested timeline for researching and applying to college (technical, vocational, community and 4 year schools)? What should you be doing now and what should you be prepared to do next year as a senior to plan for your future? 11th grade parents and students are invited to attend an informational meeting during spring conferences to learn more.

We hope you will take the time to join us during the spring conferences.

Mrs. Davison, School Counselor & Career and College Specialist

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Pine Technical College (Concurrent Enrollments)

Pine Technical College (PTCC) will be at ERHS during conferences on March 5th at 6:00 pm. They will be explaining the registration process for **concurrent enrollment** of an ISD728 student and PTCC course expectations for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year. If your student registered for any of the following ERHS/Pine Tech courses for next year, you will need to attend:

- College Algebra
- College Pre-Calculus
- College Spanish I & II
- College Sociology
- College Macroeconomics
- College Physics
- College Physics

We ask both parents/guardians and students to attend. Students MUST bring their charged Chromebook, as they will have an opportunity to submit their applications to PTCC at this event.

In spring of 2020, students will take the Accuplacer test required by PTCC at a date and time to be determined. Please refer to the school calendar for more information. **Note**: Important testing information will also be communicated via email to parents & students so please pay close attention to those correspondences.

Any questions, please contact the counseling office at 763-241-3424.
Elk River High School Spring Musical: The Little Mermaid

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen’s most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney’s The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages.

Order Tickets Online Now

Swing Dance 2020

Tickets will be on sale in the commons during lunches on Wednesday, March 4 - Friday March 6!

You’ll also find some 1920’s top fashion items for sale!
Fedora's
Boa's
Gloves
Pearl Necklaces
Women Headpieces
Spring Blood Drive
Sponsored by Elk River DECA

Thursday, March 19th
7:30 am - 2:10 pm

Beginning March 9th, find the donation sign-up table outside the DECA Depot during all lunch periods. Please bring proof of ID at time of donation, Driver’s Licence, State ID or School ID. If 16, a parental consent form will be required. Make sure to drink plenty of fluids the day before and up until donation time and eat breakfast that morning! For more information regarding student blood donation, please visit the Red Cross website.

ACT Plus Writing Test for Juniors - March 24, 2020

As you may know, the Minnesota Department of Education has mandated that all school districts in the state offer a college entrance exam to students beginning in grade 11. To meet this requirement, Independent School District 728 (ISD 728) has decided to offer the ACT Plus Writing Test on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.

Although the Minnesota Department of Education does not provide full funding for this opportunity, we feel that the information gained from the ACT Plus Writing Test is invaluable to students. Therefore, the decision was made by ISD 728 to allocate district funds to ensure that all students have an opportunity to complete the ACT Plus Writing Test at no cost to the student or family. Since the spring of the year, district high schools have been preparing and planning for this important test. One concern to the high schools is that the requirements for administering the ACT Plus Writing Test are more stringent than any of the other tests. For example, students are not allowed to have before-school activities, bells and announcements are prohibited, and small class ratios must be strictly enforced.

Given these concerns and in order to meet the needs of nearly 1,000 students who will be taking the assessment, ISD 728 will be having a digital day for students in grades 9, 10, and 12 at Elk River High School. Students who have a digital day on March 24 will not report to school. Instead, they will be provided with electronic assignments to complete at home on March 24.

The reason for not having all students in the building on March 24 is to create the optimal testing environment for our testing students; limiting potential disruptions and having the maximum amount of personnel available for testing. The ACT Plus Writing Test will take approximately 5 hours to administer and participating students will have the option of eating lunch and remaining in school until the end of the day or leaving school after they have completed testing. High school bus routes will run as usual on March 24 so students who need to use school transportation to get to and from school will be able to do so.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child’s counselor.
Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internships

Did you know that Elk River High School currently has 25 juniors and seniors in an enrichment CTE Internship program? Students that have taken Career and Technical Education classes (Industrial Technology, FACS, Business, and Health Science) have the opportunity to apply for paid work positions where a portion of their time is spent enhancing industry specific skills (welding, machining, marketing, teaching, implementing sales techniques, and so forth). We currently have positions open in Marketing, Welding, Machining, and Mechanics. Please contact Mr. Hahn (timothy.hahn@isd728.org) or Mr. Stueber (matthew.stueber@isd728.org) for more information or visit our website at www.isd728.org/cte.

FIRST Robotics Competition

The District's FIRST Robotics Team 3023 Stark Industries will be competing at a Regional Event at the U of M Williams Arena. The competition is a three-day event from March 26th to March 28th. The event is FREE to the public and the best day to attend is Saturday March 28th.

For more information visit https://firstuppermidwest.org/minneapolis-regionals/minneapolis-schedule/.
ERHS art students were recently awarded numerous awards at the Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards. The annual statewide competition recognizes talented artists throughout the state and top tier awards move on to national-level adjudication and the chance at a national medal and participation in an exhibition in New York City. Students earned an incredible **28 Gold Key Awards, 5 Silver Keys and 9 Honorable Mentions**. A huge highlight of the award ceremony was two students, Marianne Schoen and Kylie Urvig, receiving American Vision nominations that place their artwork in the top five across the entire state! One of those top five works will be selected to represent our state as the top artwork of the year and we wish them both the best of luck. In addition, there were three seniors (Eli Bicek, Jolea Osborne and Colton Pool) who received five or more **Gold Keys** each! Congrats to **all** the wonderful art students who participated!
Math Team Moves to State Tournament

The Elk River Math Team capped off a very successful regular season by out-scoring each of the teams in its division and section in all five meets. By winning the section, the Elks earned an invite to the state meet at South St. Paul High School on March 9th. The team is very solid, having six of the top 10 students in the division. Finishing in 2nd through 6th place, respectively, were Jack Milless, Mya Yoder, Gabe Livingston, Christian Kubicka, and Josh Bauer. The other member in the top 10 was first-year participant Noah Paulsen. Joining those six to represent ERHS at the state tournament will be top-scoring underclassmen John Palmer and Kristin Landrus. Top 20 scorers Sophia Tobin and Katie Gerold will be counted on next year in order for the team to have continued success. Coach Michener was thrilled to work with everyone who participated on the math team this year and is always looking for more participants. The next season starts next September.

Top 6 from left to right - Josh Bauer, Jack Milless, Christian Kubicka, Mya Yoder, Gabe Livingston, Noah Paulsen

Congratulations to the following students for continuing their athletic journey at the next level!

Abby Barschodorf (Basketball) Hamline University, Abby Filipiak (Golf) UW-Stout, Alexa Engebretson (Basketball) UW-Eau Claire, Beau Ruby (Football) Gustavus, Clarissa Hilary (Volleyball) Valley City State University, Isaac Hultberg (Tennis) Hamline University, Jake Cunningham (Football) Hamline University, Kaylin Plautz (Volleyball) UW-Superior, Lydia Haack (Basketball) Upper Iowa University, Molly Bense (Volleyball) Buena Vista University, Paige Anderson (Tennis) MSU-Mankato, Sam Erickson (Baseball) Bethel University, Sam Orgon (Baseball) Luther College, Seth Hopkins (Football) St. Thomas University, Simon Gregersen (Baseball) DMACC, Stuart Morrell (Tennis) University of Northwestern - St. Paul, Talon Heath (Lacrosse) Lewis University, Tyson Dusosky (Baseball) NIACC, and Zach Stroh (Baseball) Butler C.C.
Elks Sports Updates It’s good to be an Elk!

Congratulations to Seth Hopkins for qualifying as an individual for the State Wrestling Tournament.

Congratulations to the Girl’s Nordic Ski Team (pictured above) and to Individual Nordic Skier, Jadon Purcell (pictured below), who competed in the State Tournament at Giants Ridge in Biwabik on Friday, February 14th.

Congratulations to the Gymnastics Team for being named the SAA Champions and qualifying for the State Tournament! Click here for the full article!

For more information on Elk River Athletics/Activities - please click HERE.
Class of 2020
Graduation Information

*GRADUATION INFORMATION IS TENTATIVE AS OF MARCH 16TH, 2020.*

IMPORTANT DATES:
Items with details will be posted on the ERHS website Calendar

- May 19 - Cap and Gowns will be distributed in Advisory class.
- May 19 - Seniors will walk/bus to Elk River elementary schools for the Farewell Tour.
- May 29 - Seniors turn in Chromebooks during Advisory.
- Thursday, June 4th
  - The senior breakfast is at 7:00 am
  - Practice is at 7:30 am. You are required to be at practice.
- Graduation is on Friday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Please be at the high school at 6:15 pm with your cap and gown on. Portrait pictures will begin at 6:45 pm.

TICKETS:
GRADUATION WILL BE IN THE GYMNASIUM

- All obligations/fees MUST be cleared to receive tickets.
- Each graduate will be given 4 tickets to the ceremony in the gym.
- All tickets will be handed out to the graduates at practice.
- There will be closed circuit TV in the Zabee Theatre (approx. 800 seats) You may request up to 2 extra tickets to view it there. The requests must be in writing and legible. They are to be handed in by May 31st to Tiffany Rossmeisl (tiffany.rossmeisl@isd728.org) in the main office. The extra tickets for the Zabee Theater are on a first come, first serve basis. When the tickets are gone, we will not be able to honor any more requests.
- Handicap seating is available.
- All ISD 728 Graduations will be streamed live. A link will be on our website as we near graduation.