

Eagle Valley High School

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Message from the Principal

Dear EVHS School Community;

As we move through the months of winter it is important to stay focused on what keeps us successful at EVHS, and that is to keep up with your classes, keep sending in your post-secondary applications, continue to prepare for the CSAP exams in March and to keep working hard in your extra curricular activities. All of these factors actually keep us focused during this cold and snowy time of year.

I want to encourage everyone to visit my eboard on the Eagle Valley High School web site. The site details our new construction for the next few years. The latest drawings and phasing (actual construction) schedule are included. One point that we are being asked to provide is a lengthy window in our calendar during the summer of 2009 for unobstructed time for the actual construction. The 2008/09 school year would end early and the 2009-10 school year would start a few weeks late. This would give a long summer window for the construction to take place without anyone in the building. This would involve lengthening our school day by up to 20 minutes to meet state time requirements. As we work through this process, we will provide more information.

Eagle Valley High School continues to score well on state accounting processes.

Recently, the Colorado Department of Education sent out the results for the School Accountability Reports (SAR), which is their report card system. EVHS scored in the "High" category for the 2nd year in a row! The scale ranks schools based on factors including state testing scores, safety, ACT scores, attendance, and qualified teaching staff to name a few and then are put in the following categories: Unsatisfactory, Low, Average, High and Excellent. We are proud to earn this achievement and continually work hard to offer the best education possible for our students and school community.

A final note and reminder is that the end of the second trimester will be fast approaching. Finals are March 5 and 6th, which will be here before you know it. Enjoy your winter and please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Strakbein

Don't forget to visit EVHS' website at <http://evhs.eagleschools.net>

Then go to staff directory, Mark Strakbein, and click on (web site).

<p>No School On These Dates: <u>Friday, Feb. 15</u> - No school today - Schools Closed <u>Monday, Feb. 18</u> - No school today - Presidents' Day</p>

A.P. Perspective

A message from the Assistant Principal
February 2008

We have reached the halfway point of the school year and thus, the halfway point of the 2nd Trimester. It is fun to hear our students visit about how their classes are and how well they are doing. Here are a few reminders for the upcoming month.

A great way for a student to excel in his or her education is to attend class regularly. We continue to work with students to make positive choices, and most importantly, attend each class. From time to time, students may miss class for a variety of reasons. When those reasons begin to add up and reach 8 absences or more, the student will be placed on "Academic Contract." Essentially, these contracts will alert parents, teachers, and the student that they will be unable to miss class for any unexcused reason but may still attend field trips. In addition, they may be called in for illness or other parental excused reason (via note or phone call to school by parent).

Parents, please remember to call into the school to alert us of any reason your child will be out of school. This will help with our attendance record and prevent us from locating your child to determine why they were out of class. For students who know they will be missing classes ahead of time, please be sure to have them fill out a pre-excused form, or "green sheet" found in the office. This will give them an opportunity to visit with their teachers ahead of time and gather work they will miss. We truly appreciate your cooperation with the procedures.

Finally, often times, I have talked to parents about how their student claims they rarely have homework. We do have a homeroom period four days a week, lasting approximately 30 minutes, but most students may not be able to finish all of their homework (teachers typically assign 20 to 30 min of homework each class, each night for academic classes). A strategy to help with students is to set up a study/reading time at home. This time could be used for students to finish their homework, or if they do not have homework, would be a great time for them to read (newspaper, magazine or book of their choice).

Strong literacy has proven to help students excel in their studies. For other study ideas, please feel free to contact me or other faculty members, here at EVHS.

Thank you,

Eric Mandeville

Assistant Principal

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From the Guidance Office

▪ Thank you to all the parents who attended the Financial Aid and FAFSA Workshop on Jan. 30. We hope it was informative. Feedback is welcome and appreciated as we try to make the college process and financial aid as understandable as possible for you and your student. As always, please feel free to call Tammi at 328-5815 with questions.

▪ All seniors will participate in "senior reminder information" workshops during their homeroom in the upcoming weeks. This includes information on filling out the FAFSA form, the importance of checking your senior mailbox, and announcement of upcoming scholarships, and "check-ins" to see where your senior student is with their plan(s) for the future. If your student does not have a homeroom please remind them to come to the counseling office for this information. **Also remember that seniors will be able to apply for many local scholarships during the winter months. We are very fortunate that many of our valley businesses have a lot of money that they would like to give to our students. Notification of scholarships is in student senior mailboxes and on my eBoard (www.eagleschools.net, click Parent Resources, click Teacher Websites, click Eagle Valley High School and Tammi Boeke). It is an especially important time of year to check your senior mailboxes diligently and keep track of deadlines. Please take advantage of these wonderful opportunities and know that we are here to help throughout the process.**

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▪ **The Eagle County Collaborative Scholarship will be available online this year. This scholarship allows you to fill out one application and be eligible for over 40 local scholarships. We will share more specific information on how to access this application when we receive it.**

▪ Juniors - In February, RMASS will present a seminar "Zapping the ACT" at EVHS. This is an **ACT Prep Seminar that will take place on Monday, Feb. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm both nights.** There is a \$79 fee for the program. Our students who have taken this seminar in the past have benefited and spoken positively about the class. All juniors will receive a registration notice in the mail. If you do not receive the information or want additional information, please contact Tammi. You can also register online at www.rmass.com.

▪ All juniors in the state of Colorado are required to take the ACT on Wed., April 23, 2008. There is no fee for this test, we will register students here at EVHS (so you do not have to go online to register your student), and both colleges and the NCAA Clearinghouse accept this test for admission.

▪ Reminder to all potential college athletes. If you plan to participate in Division I or II sports in college, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Go to www.naaclearinghouse.net for information. To register click on Prospective Student Athlete and then Domestic Student Release Form. For additional information, please refer to your student's 2006-2007 EVHS Planning Guide.

▪ The PSAT scores are in and we have been reviewing them with your student during Homeroom. If you would like us to review your student's report with you, please call Tammi Boeke at 328-5815 for PSAT scores (11th grade test).

▪ We will start working with juniors this winter on college planning. Some of the questions we will discuss are:

*what are my reasons for wanting to go to college

*what do I want to major in

*do I want to attend a large school or a small school

*what will be best for me academically

*what kind of an environment do I want in college

We will begin to access college exploration websites such as www.collegeincolorado.org www.collegeboard.com www.act.org

This would be a great time to start conversations with your student regarding future goals and opportunities. Please call Tammi if I can assist with this conversation.

EPYCS GRANT \$\$\$

The EVHS chapter of El Pomar Youth in Community Service (EPYCS) is receiving applications from **non-profit organizations** located in the area who would like to apply for grant money from the El Pomar Foundation. Over \$8,000 will be distributed from the EVHS campus chapter this spring. This year's mission statement is to provide assistance to organizations who deal with teen issues, environmental concerns, and college scholarships. Any parents who are associated with non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply by **February 8**.

For more information, contact Diane Jordan or Catherine Nanin at www.eagleschools.net. or visit the El Pomar web site for the application at epycs.elpomar.org.

ATHLETIC NEWS

So far the winter sports season has been a success. Eagle Valley High School hosted three sporting events in January and all of them went well. All the winter sports are wrapping up their regular season and looking forward to the post season.

The State Skiing meet will be at Steamboat Springs for both the Nordic and Alpine ski teams, on Thursday & Friday, February 21st & 22nd. At this time, Eagle Valley High School has several student-athletes that have already qualified for the meet. The ski coaches are hoping more will qualify in the upcoming meets.

The State Wrestling meet will be held at the Denver Pepsi Center. Wrestling will begin on Thursday, February 21st and goes through Saturday, February 23rd. Qualifying for the state tournament will happen the weekend before at the regional meet in Craig at Moffat County High School.

Both the girls and boys basketball teams are playing tough and competing for positions within the Western Slope Conference. Qualifying for the State Basketball Tournament is dependent on how they finish in league play.

This year for the first time in several years the winter sports season and the spring sports seasons will overlap. Spring sports season practice can officially start on Tuesday, February 19th. At this time several of the spring's sports will be practicing at odd hours because of the winter sports season is still in session. Spring sports coaches will be informing their student-athletes of the times practices will be happening.

Head coaches for the spring sports:

Baseball – Ken Reagan

Boys & Girls Track – Jeff Schroll

Girls Golf – Cory Strickler

Girls Soccer – Francois Nanin

Cliff Zehring – Athletic Director

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Booster club concession stand is looking for **PARENTS** who might have a flexible work schedule to help out. We are looking for a parent(s) to help with setup and clean up for the remainder of winter sports Basketball games and possible help next year as well; OR a parent to help with keeping the inventory stocked in the concession stand. If this is something that would work into your schedule, PLEASE CALL Susan @ 390-6387

We need your Help !

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The EVHS Environmental club, a new school club dedicated to keeping our planet clean and healthy, is making waves in our school's recycling program. We have not only recycled dozens of barrels of waste every month, but have helped to raise awareness in our school and community about the benefits of reducing, reusing, and recycling. We need your help to make a positive impact on our planet! Did you know that every Sunday, Americans waste 90% of recyclable newspapers? That's 500,000 trees, which is more than ten trees per person living in the entire Eagle Valley. But don't worry, it's not too late to help! You can make a major change for the earth by making a minor change in your home. Just recycle old and used newspapers at one of several locations throughout the valley, like the fairgrounds recycling bins behind the Conoco in Eagle. It's as simple as that, and you'll be making an invaluable contribution to the health of the earth. The EVHS Environmental Club thanks you for your support and dedication to keeping the world clean!

~Sierra Murphy