

# *Eagle Valley High School*

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear EVHS School Community;

I have to say it's beginning to look a lot like winter in Colorado! This is another milestone in a school year. Fall is ending and the snow is on its way. First trimester is coming to an end, with finals on November 19-20 and second trimester starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The year does seem to fly by.

Our main focus for this time of year is to "finish strong" for the first trimester. At high school all grades are extremely important as they lead to the accumulation of credits. Every student needs 27 credits to graduate. The only way to earn these credits is to pass your classes. You don't get to move on just because you get older. Please work with your student and teachers to ensure a successful completion for first trimester.

Next, each class needs to be focusing on tasks at hand. For example, all seniors need to be applying to and visiting colleges of interest. They need to get a feeling of where might be a "good fit" for the next step in their academic careers. Juniors need to be focusing on classes/grades and visiting colleges also. The best measure of making this "good fit" is a campus visit. These visits are excused absences and highly encouraged by EVHS. Sophomores and Freshman need to concentrate on how they are doing in their current classes. They are still building their foundation for their high school careers. Again, at high school everything counts.

We recently had an all school assembly (done in two groups in the auditorium) about making "Good Choices" and realizing the importance of "Good Voices" in our behavior. This presentation was done as a multi-media movie sponsored by our DADD (Devils Against Drinking and Drugs)

Club. Our own Booster Club financially sponsored the program. It was impacting. Our students were engaged and showed respect and appropriate behavior during the presentation. I had a chance to speak with both groups after the show and talk about the importance of making good and safe choices while in high school. I truly enjoy watching high school students having to make choices.

These choices, with the help and guidance of parents, teachers and community members help shape the people they will become. It is imperative that at each choice we are providing them with solid information and leadership to make the best choice possible. At EVHS we truly care about our students and their futures. Our goals are to have all of our students be safe, well prepared for their future and have built positive high school memories. Thank you to Cathy Strickler and her DADD Club for providing this experience for our students.

Lastly, we at EVHS wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Holidays can be both happy and stressful. A common theme during this time is to focus on what's in front of you. At EVHS we will continue to push our students to excel in the classroom and in extra curricular activities. This gives all kids a common goal - "to do their best" during this time of year.

Please call with any questions and/or concerns. It is always our goal to build a partnership with you in the education of your student.

Sincerely,

Mark Strakbein

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

▼ Seniors\_– please be aware that two test dates remain in December for college entrance testing. **SAT is on December 3** and **ACT is on December 8**. There is still time to register for these tests. Registration materials are available in the guidance office along with practice tests.

▼ College representatives have been visiting our high school to talk with your students about their perspective colleges. Please have your student listen to the announcements for when and which colleges will be visiting as well as look at the calendar in the guidance center for the schedule of events. Put your name on the appropriate list with Cathy Strickler to make sure you visit with the college rep. of your choice. At this point, we have two visits scheduled for November. They are:

**Colorado State University**  
**Monday, Nov. 5 @ 1:00pm**  
**Western State College**  
**Friday, Nov. 16 @ 8:30am**

In addition, we highly recommend and encourage you and your student to visit colleges. This gives you a great “feeling” of what the college is really like and allows you to actually envision yourself there! We want your college choice to be the best fit for YOU and that means being able to “see yourself at that school.” To help you with this process, we have included a “Checklist for a Campus Visit” and a “College Comparison Worksheet”. As always, please feel free to call Tammi Boeke at 328-5815 in the Counseling office with any questions.

▼ Just a reminder - I am working very hard to keep my eBoard up to date with important information including scheduled events and college rep visits. Please visit this site - it is a great communication tool:

[www.eagleschools.net](http://www.eagleschools.net)

Click on Parent Resources

Click on Teacher Websites

Click on Tammi Boeke under Eagle Valley  
High School

### Senior Update:

I have been available to assist seniors with college applications, college and scholarship exploration, and registration for the College Opportunity Fund during Homeroom in the Computer Lab. Many seniors have attended and it has proven to be an enjoyable, relaxing, and helpful environment to work on these important tasks. Please encourage your senior to join us!

### Registration Update:

We are trying something new this year - registration for next year's classes will begin earlier. We will have students start choosing and registering for 2008-09 classes sooner than they have in past years. We are hoping to send home the Course Planning Guide with students over Christmas Break so you can start discussing their class choices during that time. Formal registration will happen in January and February. We'll keep you posted!

### FIRST TRIMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Period 1 Exam	9:05 - 10:50 am
Lunch	10:50 - 11:35
Period 2 Exam	11:35 - 1:20
Break	1:20 - 1:35
Period 3 Exam	1:35 - 3:20

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Period 4 Exam	9:05 - 10:50 am
Lunch	10:50 - 11:35
Period 5 Exam	11:35 - 1:20
Break	1:20 - 1:35
Teacher Office Hrs/	1:35 - 3:20
Make-up Exams	

### Graduation Announcements

Seniors wanting to order graduation announcements, cap and gown, and rings through **Unique Recognition** (featuring Herff Jones products) may do so in November. There will be an information meeting where information packets will be handed out to all interested seniors during Homeroom **November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Representatives from Unique Recognition will be at EVHS from **11:00 am until 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm** on **Tuesday, November 13** to take orders for these products. A **\$60 deposit** is required with the balance not due until March.

If you have questions please call:

Unique Recognition (Loveland, CO)  
800-336-3141

## A.P. PERSPECTIVE

(From the Office of the Assistant Principal)

As we approach the end of the trimester and final exams, we have had multiple requests to offer students and parents ideas on how to improve their studies. Below are a few suggestions that have helped a variety of students over the years.

1) Seek Extra Help→ how many days a week does your student go to see his or her teacher for extra help? (This could be during homeroom, before school, during lunch, after school). Be sure to make an appointment.

2) Homework→ how much homework does your student bring home each night? Each week? Do they claim to not have homework? Odds are they do have some homework to complete each night.

3) Study Environment→ Where does your student do their homework? Is it free from distractions such as, phone, TV, video games, friends, etc?

\*Suggestion: block out a set time for your student to do "school work" (for example, between 8-9:30; they can do homework or at least read something educational during that time, but still uses the set time to do "school work." This encourages the student not to rush through his or her work and perhaps get all their assigned work completed). I would encourage you to set up a study area; incidentally, sometimes their room is not the most effective study environment.

4) Communicate→ have you had a chance to talk to your student's teachers regarding where they stand and what your student can do to improve?

5) Missing Work→ has your son or daughter talked with their teachers about turning in missing assignments?

6) Extra Credit→ Has your student inquired about extra credit assignments.

7) PowerSchool→ Be informed, all students and parents have access to PowerSchool (a great resource for grades and attendance).

We hope these suggestions will help to aide your son or daughter in their efforts to be successful.

Thank you,  
Eric Mandeville  
Assistant Principal  
(328-8960)

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## PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING

All *parents of seniors* are encouraged to attend the Project Graduation meeting on **Monday, November 5 at 6:00 pm** in the EVHS auditorium.

## ATHLETIC NEWS

As we get ready to move into the winter athletic season, let us take some time to review the exciting and fun filled fall season.

**Golf**– 13 student-athletes were members of the team. The team won the Roaring Fork Invitational and finished 6<sup>th</sup> at Regionals. Jamison Bair qualified for the state golf tournament held at the Broomfield.

**Softball** – 25 students-athletes completed on the varsity and junior varsity levels. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Western Slope Conference and lost in the first round of the district tournament.

**Boys Soccer** – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Western Slope Conference and qualified for the state playoffs. The team overcame the forfeiting of their first three games and finished with a 6-6-2 record. About 30 student-athletes were apart of the team.

**Volleyball** – There were 35 student-athletes competing as the team. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Western Slope Conference and qualified for the district tournament at Battle Mountain HS on Saturday, October 27.

**Football** – They are currently 5-3 overall and 3-3 in conference play with two games to play. Over 65 students-athletes participated on the team.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, parents, and family members on a great fall season.

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**Winter sports season** practices can begin on Saturday, November 10. Have your student-athlete check with the following coaches for the start date of their sport.

Girls Basketball: Ken Reagan  
Boys Basketball: Pat Gabriel  
Alpine Skiing: Ashley Weaver  
Nordic Skiing: Glen Ewing  
Wrestling: Ron Beard

▼ The parent's winter sports meeting will be Tuesday, November 27 at 7 pm in the auditorium