

Eagle Valley High School

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Message From The Principal

Dear School Community:

As we move from one trimester to another, it is a great time to check on our progression of working to achieve our goals.

This newsletter is actually the kickoff to the second trimester! Just saying that, demonstrates how the year is going fast! One thing I have found that is common from year to year is the speed in which each school year goes. Each graduating class of students and parents continually are amazed at how fast their "senior year" is going. This is the same with the other classes as well. The juniors and their parents are primed and ready to be seniors, as well as the freshman are ready to be upperclassmen. The underlying message or lesson is to not let the year go by without checking to see if you are achieving your goals.

As far as your yearly goals, how are you doing? Are you or your son/daughter on track to graduate? Are your GPA and/or college entrance exams on track? Have you visited any college campuses yet? Did you earn the grades you thought you would? How are your ACT/SAT scores? Are you involved in the school, through clubs, athletics, etc.? I encourage you to have conversations with your son/daughter (s) to find out how they are doing and most importantly how they think they are doing on achieving their goals. Sometimes there are different answers, but

either way these can be great conversations to have.

The other important point to remember about this time of year is the impact of the holidays and the winter vacations. Holidays are mainly thought of as festive and happy occasions. Many times however, these can have a stressful impact on our students and school community. Through these times, showing patience and understanding can go a long way to provide comfort and peace of mind to all students and people in our school community.

Leaving early and coming back late from vacations can impact your student's school learning experience. We encourage all families to stay in school until vacation actually begins and return before the first day back. This sends a positive message to your student, the staff, and the school. We do understand that there can be extenuating circumstances; in these cases please contact the school as soon as possible as we can help in the communication of this information. On that note, please have a safe, fun, and relaxing holiday break! I am so proud of our staff and your students on how hard they have worked and are working to make their experiences and our school the best it can be!

Sincerely,
Mark Strakbein
Principal

A.P. Perspective

It is amazing how quickly our first trimester has passed. Our students continue to impress me as I move from classroom social studies teacher to my new role as Assistant Principal. With the arrival of our new trimester, each student will begin with a "Clean Slate" regarding unexcused absences and any tardy they might have had in each their given classes. Our expectations will still be set high as we encourage students to attend class, on time, and make "Good Choices" in and out of school. Our goal is always to educate students to be good citizens, while attending EVHS, and after they graduate.

With the winter break being a significant time away from school, please encourage your child to read regularly. Students may, at times, through the school year not have a large volume of homework; this extra time provides a great opportunity for the student to read at home.

A quick reminder to parents and students; our school day begins at 9:00 AM on Monday and 8:00 AM on Tuesday through Friday with teachers and students ready to begin class at our first hour bell (9:05 & 8:05 respectively). Please allow more time in the morning as our winter conditions close in on us for this next trimester. We do have a heavier volume of traffic each morning as Western Eagle County continues to grow, so please remind your teenage driver to allow for travel time. The expectation is that they arrive safely to school on time.

The office will continue calling home each Wednesday to remind students of a scheduled Thursday After School Detention, and on Friday to remind students of a scheduled Saturday School. Our After School Detention runs from 3:35 to 4:50 with Saturday School beginning at 8:15 and ending at 12:15. Please discuss with your student the reason(s) behind their After School Detention or their Saturday School. We always want to continue to help students to make good choices.

Thank you,

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News from the Library:

BOOK CLUBS – The library sponsors both student and staff book clubs each month. The students read *DUNE* by Frank Herbert in November and are reading *PRINCESS BRIDE* for December. Students meet in the library during both lunches for a pizza lunch and discussion.

FRESHMEN ORIENTATION: All students in Freshmen Seminar with Mr. Reagan or Mr. Kirk spent a week in the library in October learning about the resources available at EVHS.

HOME RESOURCE ACCESS: Eagle County Schools invites all staff, students, and parents to use the below resources to help with lesson plans, research help, and homework! These are wonderful resources that provide students with options for finding answers, completing reports, and preparing for school. For remote access from your home computer:

Type in the following URL to access the *Eagle County School "Libraries"* Web page URL: <http://destiny.eagleschools.net>

***Britannica Online** – User name: ecsd
Password: library

***World Book Online** – User name: eagle50
Password: books

***Grolier Family Resources** (Includes: *Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia, New Book of Knowledge, La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre, The New Book of Popular Science, Lands and People, America the Beautiful*) – User name: ecsd Password: ecsd

***EBSCO**(magazine/periodicals)- User name: RE50J password: RE50J

***Annals of American History**- User name: ecsd Password: library

***INET Library** –Lesson Plans/Teen Zone/Parent Zone/Current Events, etc. User name: eagle1 Password: books

*Please note – when accessing these resources from *within* the school network passwords will not be required.

Athletic News

As we head into our winter sports season, the longest and coldest season of all, please encourage your son/daughter to eat right, dress warm, and stay focused on their education.

Please keep checking the Eagle Valley High School web site (evhs.eagleschools.net) for information and any changes in times and dates of athletic events. If you have any questions or want to help please call 328-8967.

See you at the games, events, races, matches, and meets.