**EHS October 2023 Newsletter**

**Principal’s Message**

September flew by and Semester 1 is well underway for high school students.  We’d like to recognize the Esterhazy Student Association (ESA) for the activities they are planning for this school year.  Their creative ideas and leadership bring out the school spirit in all of us!

We enjoyed celebrating the many accomplishments of our students at the Academic Awards last week.  Thank you to Ms. Zubko and Mrs. Mozeski for all the time and energy they put into carrying this out.  Thanks to Ms. LeSann for her work in planning our recent annual Post-secondary Day, which Churchbridge and Langenburg schools also attending.

A sincere thanks to all the parents who attended the first EMBI meeting.  Ms. Matthews was very happy to have a great group of parents come out to support our band program.  Our senior band has been invited to Nationals in Toronto in spring which is an impressive accomplishment, and it certainly takes the support of our amazing EMBI parents to make an amazing opportunity like this happen for our students.

We had our first School Community Council meeting on September 25th.  Thank you to this dedicated group of parents and students for their support for our school.  Our AGM will be held on November 6th at 7:00 pm in the EHS staff room.  Please join us if you are interested in being part of our SCC.

Thank you to parents for monitoring the grades and progress of their children through Edsby.  Too often, we see students experience unnecessary stress and anxiety when they fall behind in classes and then struggle to catch up late in the semester and complete the credit in time.  Time management and prioritizing are critical life and employment skills we want students to develop so we can prepare them for success in the world beyond high school, so we appreciate parents teaming with us to teach these skills.

Sometimes when things are busy and stressful, it’s hard to focus on what we are grateful for.  For me, all it takes is getting out of the office and into our classrooms at EHS, or observing various sports and other extra-curricular events to remind me how grateful I am for the students and staff at EHS.  Over the last 30 years, I’ve worked in many education roles and schools across GSSD and beyond, and these experiences help me see that EHS is one of the most fantastic places to work and learn.  It takes a community to raise a child, so I’d also like to recognize the Town of Esterhazy and our surrounding communities for being great places to raise our families.

Wishing our EHS families a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend,

Tracy Huckell – Principal

Rick Heise – Vice-Principal

**EHS Important Dates**

Oct 9 – Holiday - Thanksgiving

Oct 10 – PD Day – NO School for students

Oct 13 - Yearbook Meeting - Lunch

Oct 17 – 1St part - Driver Training – Library

Oct 18 – 1st Part - Driver Training - Library

Oct 19 – Jr Girls Volleyball Conferences here

Oct 19 - Nurse Practitioner

Oct 20/21 - Sr Girls Volleyball Home Tournament

Oct 24 – Grad Parent Meeting – Library at 7 pm

Oct 24 – Picture Retakes

Nov 2 - Nurse Practitioner

Nov 9 – Remembrance Day Service – 11 Am Junior Gym

Nov 10 – PD Day – No School

Nov 13 – Holiday – Remembrance Day

Nov 15 – Report Cards – Grade 6-8

Nov 16 - Nurse Practitioner

Nov 20 – Progress Reports on Edsby for Grade 9-12

Nov 22/23 - Parent/teacher interviews

Nov 22 – 2nd Part - Driver training

Nov 23 – 2nd Part - Driving training

Nov 24 - Yearbook Meeting - Lunch

Dec 7 - Nurse Practitioner

Dec 8 - Yearbook Meeting - Lunch

Dec 14 – Nurse Practitioner

Dec 21 –Jan 3 – Christmas Holidays

**“ When your child is little, all you want is for them to play alone in their room for an hour so you can have some peace and quite.**

**Then they become teenagers, and all you want is for them to come out of their room for an hour and actually talk to you.”**

 **#parentingistough**

**Senior Girls Volleyball 2023:**

The Senior Girls Volleyball team has had a very successful start to their season. Everyone is working hard and improving each week. Team communication and competitiveness has grown with each tournament we have attended. Some highlights of our season have been a Tier 2 Bronze in Regina, top 4 finish in Carnduff, a 4th place finish in Kipling and a Tier 1 Silver in Moosomin. October will be a busy month for the team. They will attend Ituna’s tournament on the 15/16th, host their home tournament on October 20/21st, head to Langenburg the 27/28th an begin their playoff run to go to Provincials on November 4th at conference playoffs. Good Luck Warriors!

The team members are:

Alanis Dutka, Tessa Helmeczi, Farren Romanchook, Andy Romanchook, Aimee Plamondon, Bree Unchulenko, Rory Verner, Abbey Norek, Taryn Godwin, Eva Lowe-Smidt, Baylee Bittner and Cori Unchulenko

Coaches:

Aimee Unchulenko and Rebecca Helmeczi

**Senior Boys Volleyball 2023**

Team Members

Evan Knezacek, Jano Louw, Jaxon Gogol, Brody Giroux, Brayden Walker, Mitch Newton, Cole Davis, Tucker Duff, Walker Rickards, Karsten Bondoc, Tanner Neyedly, Ishaan Negi, Treston Stewart, Josh Lussier

The team has been practicing 2-3 times per week since the start of the school year. On September 15/16 the team competed in an 8-team round robin tournament at Yorkton Sacred Heart. This was a great tournament because of the format that allowed all players to get lots of court time. It was a total team effort as we went 7-0 in the round robin and faced Langenburg in the final. The team defeated Langenburg in 2 sets to win SHHS Tournament.

On September 22/23, we travelled to Moose Jaw to play in the Vanier-Central Tournament. On Friday, we defeated Lafleche 2-0 and split sets 1-1 with both Assiniboia and Moose Jaw Vanier. This put the team in 2nd place entering playoffs. Saturday morning, we had a tough battle with Moose Jaw Central losing in 3 sets. We had two more matches on the Consolation side defeating Lafleche in 2 sets and Greenall (Balgonie) in 3 sets.

The first two tournaments provided great opportunity for the returning players to get back in the groove and for the new players to learn the systems and get comfortable with the pace of play that is different from junior to senior volleyball.

On September 30, EHS hosted a one-day 8-team tournament. EHS had two teams in the tournament allowing all the players to play in 4 matches and gain valuable court time. EHS 1 won their pool defeating Rocanville, Sturgis and Yorkton Regional. EHS 2 earned 3rd place in their pool losing two hard fought battles against Langenburg and Kipling and defeating Canora in 2 sets. In the quarterfinals, EHS 1 defeated Canora and EHS 2 lost to Sturgis. The two teams joined back together to defeat Kipling 2-0 in the semi-finals. For the second time this year EHS played Langenburg in the final. The boys were pumped and came out swing winning the first set 25-16. The second set was closer until Esterhazy pulled away winning 25-19 to win their home tournament.

Thanks to Chris Gilchuk for coaching this year at practices and at the home tournament. A big thank you to the following sponsors who helped us financially to make our canteen at our home tournament a great success:

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It has been a great month of volleyball and the team is in good form entering October. The mix of experience and new players has pushed the team to become better. The team travels to Regina (Winston Knoll) on October 13/14, Assiniboia on October 27/28, and Yorkton Regional on November 3/4. Playoffs begin mid-November and the teams hopes to qualify for Provincials in Unity on November 24/25.

Coaches:

Jarret Walker

Chris Gilchuk

**Senior Golf Team**

Coach: Ms.Chewka

The Senior Golf Team took part in the Carlton Trail tournament in September. The team consisted of: Brayden Walker, Elijah Chomos, Treston Stewart, Brandon Weiss, and Alex Chomos.  The team travelled to Madge Lake Golf Course on Sept 15th to take part in the District Championship.  The boys played well and gained a lot of experience.  We are looking forward to Sr Golf next year when we will try to get to a few more local tournaments and out on the Esterhazy Golf Course more. Thank you to Mr. Walker for his help with the team this year.

**Intramural curling – Ms. Scharnatta/Kerr and Ms Harrick**

This month will be the month to get registered for intramural curling. We will be starting Oct. 30 as our first day. I’d like to have all curlers registered with me and paid by Oct. 23. I hope we get as many teams as last year with a record of 68 curlers (17 teams). If your child is interested, please have them sign up. I will have a sign-up sheet in the open area at the school. Please pay your fee of $60 through school cash online. They would curl either Monday or Wednesday and the season is over at the end of January usually. We end with a fun final bonspiel! Give curling a try! Curling Rocks!

There is also a Curlsask curling clinic being offered on Saturday, October 28. (1:00-3:00PM) I recommend registering for this as well. Contact Mark Weiss if interested (306-745-3522)

**EF tour – Ms. Scharnatta/Kerr**

I am going to take a trip with students this coming Easter break. Our destination is going to be Italy and Greece. If you happen to have about $5000 to come on our 10/11 day trip please get some information. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. There are 2 trips I am negotiating on. The 11 day trip includes a Greek Island Cruise! I have quite a bit of interest so far. Check in with your child if they are interested in the trip and I will get them the information and itinerary!

 **Grad 2024 Parent Meeting – October 24 in the EHS Library at 7 pm. Please make sure at least one parent can attend!**

**STUDENT SERVICES Ms. Jeannine LeSann**

The U of R Fall Open House – U of R Open House is on Friday October 13th . I highly recommend that both students and parents who are considering attending the U of R attend this event. You can apply for admission on the spot for a reduced application fee of $50 until October 10th. Please select the Open House Application option to get the reduced application fee. Please let Ms. LeSann know if you are attending. For more information check out this website: [Fall Open House | University of Regina (uregina.ca)](https://www.uregina.ca/openhouse/index.html). We are also planning on taking a group of students who are interested in the U of R on a personal tour on Thursday October 19th. We will be leaving at 6:30 am and returning to the school at 4:30 pm. If you are interested in this tour please sign up with Ms. LeSann.

Any grade 12 student wishing to write the **SAT** or **ACT tests** (usually required if attending college in the USA or Internationally) can pick up information from Student Services.

**Saskatchewan Polytechnic** is accepting applications for many programs now. If you are applying to a high demand program or nursing you can begin your application on October 1, 2023. If you are applying for a First Applied/First Admitted Program the application for those programs began on September 1, 2023.

Our **Post Secondary Education/Career Day** was on **Monday October 2nd  2023.** We offered sessions by the University of Regina, University of Sask., Suncrest College, Saskatchewan Polytechnic & Lakeland College (Lloydminster & Vermillion, AB), Sask. Apprenticeship, Nutrien, and the University of Calgary.

Ask your son/daughter in grade 12 about the information s/he received in the mass **gr. 12 meeting** with me in September. Please keep this info in a safe place for when s/he realizes it is needed. One very important piece of information is the Saskatchewan Learning Student Profile (Transcript) that needs to be sent directly from the government. All post-secondary institutions require you to order an official transcript from Sask. Learning. Here is the website that you order your transcripts from: <https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/>.

Grade 12 Parents can also view the Edsby group for Grade 12 students to receive updates about scholarships, meetings, and other information regarding grade 12 updates.

**Many universities now accept** **applications earlier in the year than their spring deadline. Please apply early to your university of choice. The earlier you apply the earlier you find out if you are accepted. This will help you make more informed decisions in the spring concerning other universities and scholarships.**