

Good afternoon, everybody!

It is that “sad-yet-exciting” time of year when the arrival of the Principal’s “welcome” memo signals the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. Yes, the first day of high school (August 31st) will be here before you know it...and it is going to be a great school year.

We’ve been hard at work getting everything ready for the Fall, and we have several new and exciting people and programs to introduce as part of the 2023-2024 EHS school year.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- **Band Camp:**
  - Monday, August 21st - Thursday, August 24th from 7:30am until 4pm
  - Friday, August 25th from noon until 6:00pm
- **First day of Tryouts / Practice for Fall Sports:** Thursday, August 24st. For more information on specific sports times and locations, please see below.
- **Student Schedules available on the Infinite Campus Portal:** August 25th by 11:59pm
- **Link Crew Freshman Orientation:** [Friday, August 25th from 8:00am to 12:00pm](#)
- **First day of School:** Thursday, August 31st (follows Advisory Day schedule)
- **Additional Advisory Day:** Friday, September 1st (follows Advisory Day schedule)
- **Labor Day (no school):** Monday, September 4th
- **Picture Day:** Friday, September 8th (please note that **EVERY staff member** and **EVERY student**--including **Seniors**--must have their picture taken)
- **EHS Open House:** Thursday, September 28th from 5:30pm until 7:30pm

### New EHS Staff Members:

Nicholas (“Nick”) Colantonio (Mathematics)	Dena DeJulius (Special Ed.)
Marisa Jatkowski (World Language)	Anthony Meglin (Building Substitute)
Olivia Patoka (Clinical Staff)	Sasha Vargas (P.E. and Health)

### Are You Able to Help Out with Picture Day?

**Picture Day will be held on Friday, September 8th.** We are looking for **3 or 4 parents** to help out that day to keep students moving smoothly through the process. If you are able to **volunteer your time** for the school day (or any part of that day), please reach out to **Lisa Chase** at [lchase@ellingtonschools.net](mailto:lchase@ellingtonschools.net). Thank you!

## Athletics:

### General Information:

Students who are interested in playing high school sports should visit the [school athletic website](#) for important information about the sports we offer and how to sign up. We encourage ALL students to sign up, even if they are undecided on playing. You may always withdraw at a later date.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Anderson Rawlins, Director of Athletics and Wellness ([arawlins@ellingtonschools.net](mailto:arawlins@ellingtonschools.net)). You can also follow EHS Athletics on:

- Instagram : @ellingtonathletics
- Twitter : @Athletics\_EPS
- Facebook: @KnightsEPSAthletics

### Tryouts for Fall Sports:

- **Boys Soccer** (Pat Gosselin, Head Coach):
  - Tryouts are Thursday, August 24th through Saturday, August 26th\*\*
  - Twice per day every day:
    - Morning session: 9am - 11am
    - Evening session: 6pm - 7:30pm
- **Girls Soccer** (Brendan Walsh, Head Coach)
  - Tryouts are Thursday, August 24th through Saturday, August 26th
    - Thursday, August 24th: Morning session only (8am - 10am)
    - Friday, August 25th:
      - Morning session: 7am - 8:30am\*\*
      - Afternoon session: 4:30pm - 6pm
    - Saturday, August 26th:
      - Morning session: 7am - 8:30am
      - Afternoon session: 4:30pm - 6pm
  - Please bring the following to each session:
    - Water
    - Appropriate clothing for weather
    - Running Shoes
    - Cleats and Shin guards
    - Soccer Ball
- **Volleyball** (Alison Huie, Head Coach) Tryouts are on the following days:
  - Thursday, August 24th: 1pm - 4pm
  - Saturday, August 26th: 10am - noon
  - Monday, August 28th: 3pm - 5pm
  - Tuesday, August 29th: 3pm - 5pm

**Note: If your fall sport is not listed here, then there are no tryouts for that sport; please go to our [school athletic website](#) for more information.**

**\*\* Freshmen athletes will be excused from tryouts/practices for Freshman Orientation on August 25th.**

## School Counseling Department News:

### Student Schedules:

Student schedules will be released on Friday, August 25th. Please plan to review your schedule and reach out to your School Counselor if there are any errors. School Counselors will be available the week of August 28th to assist students. Please reach out to your School Counselor via email to schedule a phone call or meeting.

### School Counselors:

School Counselor caseloads remain as they were for the prior year:

- 9th grade counselor: Courtney Heuitson
- 10th-12th grade last names A - G: Ryan Anderson
- 10th-12th grade last names H - N: Andrea Howarth
- 10th-12th grade last names O - Z: Jessica Marshall

### Class of 2024 News:

If your plans after high school include attending a four-year college, the Common Application system is now open as of August 1st. Students may now create an account (use a personal email address, NOT your school email address) and begin work on their applications. School Counselors will meet with Seniors in the first few weeks of school to assist in the application process. Please click [here](#) to create an account and begin loading your colleges into the system.

## Chromebook Insurance:

There are three insurance options for families to choose from regarding the use of laptops:

- District Issued Chromebook with Insurance (\$30.00)
- District Issued Chromebook without Insurance (no cost)
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

All families are **required to choose** one of these options for each student in Infinite Campus.

Students who bring their own devices will still be required to use a district issued chromebook for State testing. Once a student is registered as "BYOD", an additional device will be prepared for them during testing.

[Click Here](#) to review the Chromebook Insurance Policy.

[Click Here](#) for instructions on how to purchase chromebook insurance, waive insurance, or register a personally owned device (BYOD).

### Common repair costs:

Replacement LCD Screen - \$45.00

Hinge Replacement - \$20.00

Unrepairable Device - \$200.00 for full replacement

Keyboard/Trackpad Replacement - \$70.00

Back Cover - \$40.00

## 2023-2024 Standard Schedule:

2023-2024 Standard Schedule with lunch waves	Monday (42 min periods)	Advisory Tuesday (38 min periods)	Wednesday (42 min periods)	Thursday (42 min periods)	Friday (42 min periods)
A (7:35-8:17)		A (7:35-8:13)			
B (8:21-9:03)		B (8:17-8:55)			
C (9:07-9:51)	<i>Announcements (9:07-9:09)</i>	C (8:59-9:38) <i>Announcements (8:59-9:01)</i>	<i>Announcements (9:07-9:09)</i>	<i>Announcements (9:07-9:09)</i>	<i>Announcements (9:07-9:09)</i>
D (9:55-10:37)		D (9:42-10:20)			
E (10:41-11:23)		Advisory (10:24-10:49)			
F (11:27-12:43)	1 <sup>st</sup> lunch (11:27-11:51) 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch (11:53-12:17) 3 <sup>rd</sup> lunch (12:19-12:43)	F (11:35-12:51) 1 <sup>st</sup> lunch (11:35-11:59) 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch (12:01-12:25) 3 <sup>rd</sup> lunch (12:27-12:51)	1 <sup>st</sup> lunch (11:27-11:51) 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch (11:53-12:17) 3 <sup>rd</sup> lunch (12:19-12:43)	1 <sup>st</sup> lunch (11:27-11:51) 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch (11:53-12:17) 3 <sup>rd</sup> lunch (12:19-12:43)	1 <sup>st</sup> lunch (11:27-11:51) 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch (11:53-12:17) 3 <sup>rd</sup> lunch (12:19-12:43)
G (12:47-1:29)		G (12:55-1:33)			
H (1:33-2:15)		H (1:37-2:15)			

### Notes:

- **Three 24-minute waves** have been provided for lunch: one at the beginning of F block, one in the middle of F block, and one at the end of F block.
- In order to accommodate three lunch waves, **F block has a longer instructional period** than other blocks (50 minutes vs. 42 minutes).

## Student Parking:

This is a final reminder for all parents who have signed up their student(s) to obtain an EHS parking permit online in the School Store, which is located on the parent portal.

Please be sure that your student provides a copy of his/her **license and registration** to Mrs. Chase (in the main office) in order to obtain their physical parking tag. Parking spots are given out on a “**first come, first served**” basis, based upon receipt of a COMPLETE application package... including the documents referenced above. Mrs. Chase will be issuing parking tags each day between the hours of 8am and 1pm. Tags will be given to either the parent / guardian or the student.

If you are having difficulties navigating through Infinite Campus, you can contact Mrs. Chase for assistance by phone or email: 860-896-2352 EXT. 202 [Ichase@ellingtonschools.net](mailto:Ichase@ellingtonschools.net)

**EHS Parking Spot Availability as of 8/18/23:**

<b>Total Student Parking Spots: 225</b>	
<b>Regular Spots available: 106</b>	<b>Snow spots available: 29</b>

Students with snow spots should make arrangements for an alternative means of transportation on days when it snows / the parking lot must be plowed. There is no guarantee that a snow spot will be accessible, depending on the conditions.

Once again, we are all excited about the beginning of a new and promising school year. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or ideas as we move forward throughout the year.

Warm regards,

John R. Guidry, J.D.  
EHS Principal