



ELKHORN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2010

First Day's Schedule

A special welcome for all ninth graders is planned on the first day of school, Thursday, August 19. Ninth graders need to report to school at 8:10 am. The students will meet with their teacher advisor for 25 minutes and then, will proceed through a shortened day schedule with each of their seven periods lasting 20 minutes. The ninth grade students will end their day with a program in the auditorium. The program is presented by the student council members and other student leaders. The purpose of the program is to familiarize the students with the opportunities and traditions that exist at the high school. Staff will be available to answer questions regarding lunch accounts and depositing money into their accounts before school from 8:00-8:10 and after school from 11:45-12:00. Students will be dismissed before 11:50 and the buses will depart around 12:00 p.m.

The schedule for the students in grades 10-12 requires them to report to their teacher advisor's room at 12:00 pm. Students will receive their class schedule from their teacher advisor and then will go through a shortened day schedule with each of their seven periods lasting 22 minutes. The 10-12 graders will be dismissed at 3:15. Staff will be available to answer questions and deposit monies into student lunch accounts after school.

Buses will run on regular schedule timed routes for the first day of school. Please refer to the letter sent by the central office regarding bus routes and times. Buses will transport ninth graders to and from school on the first day. The buses will not transport 10-12th graders to the high school; therefore, the high school will be using vans to transport students who utilize the bus service. We need your help identifying those students who need a ride to school on the first day. Please call the school at 289-4239, to let us know who needs a ride and the address. The Elkhorn High School staff eagerly awaits serving the educational needs of all of our students - Welcome back.

First Day Schedule

<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th-12th Grades</u>
8:00-8:10 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.	11:45-12:00 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.
8:10-8:35 Teacher Advisor	12:00-12:15 Teacher Advisor
8:39-8:59 1st Period	12:19-12:41 1st Period
9:03-9:23 2nd Period	12:45-1:07 2nd Period
9:27-9:47 3rd Period	1:11-1:33 3rd Period
9:51-10:11 4th Period	1:37-1:59 4th Period
10:15-10:34 5th Period	2:03-2:25 5th Period
10:38-10:57 6th Period	2:29-2:50 6th Period
11:01-11:20 7th Period	2:54-3:15 7th Period
11:25-11:45 Presentation (in Auditorium)	3:15-3:30 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.
11:45-12:00 Deposit \$ Lunch Acct.	

Freshmen and New Student Open House:

Wednesday, August 11th - 1:00-6:00pm

Open house format where students can do the following:

- Tour EHS - find classrooms, guidance department, computer labs, library, locker rooms, etc
- Get School Pictures Taken/Order Pictures with Life-Touch
- Visit lockers, practice combinations, deliver school supplies
- Deposit money into lunch accounts
- Turn in enrollment forms to office
- Turn in athletic forms to AD office/purchase locks if out for sports or enrolled in PE
- Receive PowerSchool codes for parent/student web access (access available approx Sept 1.)

A great day to re-familiarize your students to EHS prior to the first day of school. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student.

Important Dates and Times

Aug. 3 and Aug. 4, New Student Registration 8:00- 4:00

Aug. 7, Sat. Sports Physicals 7:00- 10:30 am

Aug. 9 and Aug. 10, Drop and Add 9:00-3:00

Aug. 11, Wed. Freshmen Orientation 1:00-6:00 pm

Aug. 19, Thursday First Day of School

Aug. 20, Friday Full Day of School

E.H.S. Building Hours

7:00 a.m. - Building is open to students. During inclement weather, students will be admitted as soon as they arrive.

7:30 a.m. - Principals and secretaries on duty.

8:10 a.m. - Start of 1st Period.

11:04-11:33 a.m. - 1st Lunch.

11:33-12:01 p.m. - 2nd Lunch.

12:01-12:30 p.m. - 3rd Lunch.

3:15 p.m. - Student dismissal.

3:40 p.m. - Teachers are off duty.

4:00 p.m. - Front offices closed.

Is Your Address Up-To-Date?

Did your address or phone number change over the summer? If so, please call the main office at the high school, 289-4239.

School Forms

There will be four important forms distributed to students on the first day of school. They include the Enrollment Card, the Handbook Signature/Activity Release Form, Parking Permit Form and the Annual Student Health Update Form. Please be looking for these forms and help remind your student to return them no later than Friday, August 27.

Student Planners

To help promote organization, time management and study skills, we have purchased daily planners for every student. These planners will be given to students (free of charge) on the first day of school. Students will be required to use their planners for various purposes. One function of the planner will be to serve as a "pass" system. Therefore, students will need to keep the planners with them at all times. Lost planners will be replaced at the student's expense (\$5.00). We hope that the planner can serve as a tool for communication between parents and the school, as well as a tool for helping to develop organizational skills. The Parent/Student Handbook is in the front of the planner.



PowerSchool Parent Access Information

The Elkhorn Public School District uses a student information system called PowerSchool. This is a web-based system that provides for real-time management of student data within a user-friendly environment. An important feature in PowerSchool is parent/guardian access. This feature allows for the viewing of student data through any computer that has a connection to the internet.

The District will provide parent access for grades 6th-12th beginning the first week of September, so that parents may periodically review their student's progress including grades, assignments and attendance.

2010-2011 SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES NOW ONLINE!

All athletic and activities information for EHS, ESHS, Elkhorn Middle and Elkhorn Ridge can now be accessed online. Go to the www.highschoolsports.net website. Follow the prompts to either Elkhorn High School or Elkhorn South HS by entering the zip code in the search field, 68022 for EHS and 68130 for ESHS. All information will be updated with the latest information regarding cancellations, reschedules and directions.

School Physicals for 2010-2011 Sports (Grades 8-12)

School physicals will be given at Elkhorn High School on **Saturday, August 7, from 7:00-10:30 am.** You may schedule an appointment by calling 289-1688. It is recommended that your child has an appointment, as walk-ins will be asked to wait for the next available time slot. Students should enter the southwest doors of the high school and come to the sign-up table. Cost of the physicals are \$20 cash; NO CHECKS will be accepted.

DAILY BULLETIN ON THE WEB

www.elkhornweb.org

Updated daily by

8:30 a.m.

Student Handbook Highlights

The student handbooks are part of the student planner. Parents and students are reminded to carefully read these and acknowledge that you have done so by signing off on the release form handed out in TA. The page of signatures is to be returned to the teacher advisor by Friday, August 27. Some of the pertinent points of the handbook are delineated here for further attention.

1. Please note the attendance policy (page 1) which puts a student at 1/2 credit status once he/she exceeds eight excused absences or two unexcused absences per semester.
2. A reporting procedure for absences (page 2) has been developed. Only phone calls will be accepted. The parent or guardian may call during school hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to report student absences by speaking to the attendance secretary. Parents may also call after hours by leaving a message on the answering machine. Failure to call by 9:00 a.m. on the day following the absence will result in an unexcused/truant absence.
3. A student will be considered absent whenever he has missed the first fifteen minutes or more of first period class. For example, a student arriving after 8:25 a.m. is counted absent, not tardy.
4. Appropriate clothing shall be worn by the students at Elkhorn High School. Clothing is not to be too tight, too short, too ragged, too bare, or so extreme as to be immodest.
5. Please note the policy regarding harassment, bullying, and threats. All reports of harassment, bullying and threats will be taken seriously, investigated by the administration, and are subject to disciplinary action.
6. A policy is in place regarding student fees (page 21). The District's general policy is to provide for the free instruction in school in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution. The District will provide free instruction for courses which are required by state law or regulation and will provide the staff, facility, equipment and materials necessary for such instruction, without charge or fee to the students.

However, the District does provide activities, programs, and services to students which extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. A complete list of student fees and the policy can be found on page 21 of the Student Handbook.

The District will provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) admission fees and transportation charges for student spectators attending extracurricular activities, (3) materials for course projects, and (4) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular.

activities. Participation in a free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the fee waiver. An application form for the fee waiver is available upon request

7. Students are encouraged to bring only necessary materials to school in order to maintain a school environment where all students may reach their potential. Unnecessary items can be a distraction to the learning environment and create unnecessary opportunities for theft in which the school cannot be held responsible. If a beeper, pager, head phones, electronic games, laser pointers and/or other nuisance items causes any distraction to the learning environment, an administrator or staff member may select an appropriate consequence depending on the continuing severity of the distraction to the learning environment. Any prohibited items or devices brought to school or used in school during instructional time or at school events may be confiscated by district staff. Prohibited items will be turned over to the student's parents or guardian on request unless the object seized is dangerous, contrary to law, or has been turned over to legal authorities. Students violating this policy shall be subject to the district's disciplinary rules.

8. Note: Revised Policy - Elkhorn High School students need to be responsible users of technology. The school firmly believes in protecting instructional time in classrooms; therefore, cell phones should not be seen, heard or used during the time allotted for each of the seven periods throughout the day. This applies to anywhere on campus, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, main office, media center, etc. during any scheduled instructional period (including TA). Students may have a need to use their phones throughout the day, thus students are permitted to use phones before and after school, during their scheduled lunch and during passing periods.

To maintain the expected learning environment in the classroom, students who violate the cell phone policy will be subject to disciplinary actions.

The administration supports our teachers' discretion as to when the problem has reached a level warranting administrative intervention. Once a referral has been sent to the office, the following consequences can be utilized to solve the problem: parent contact-checking in cell phone at start of day, confiscation of cell phone until parent/guardian picks-up; detention; after hours.

As part of being a responsible user of technology, students should not use their phones to bully, intimidate, or harass. Violators will be subject to disciplinary actions according to EHS policies on bullying and harassment.

9. Homework is a very important part of a student's learning process at Elkhorn High School. Students are expected to complete homework in order to reinforce, practice and enrich class content. As an on-going effort to improve student achievement, teachers, and administrators may use intervention strategies (such as the after-school academy, guided study, etc.) as necessary to encourage homework completion.

From the High School Principal..... Dan Radicia

New Staff Introductions

Elkhorn High School is excited to introduce the new staff members who will join us in our journey to provide high quality instruction to our students this year. The new staff members are eager to get started and collaborate with our professional educators that the Elkhorn community has come to value. These new staff members will join the ranks of caring adults who provide the guidance during the transition from adolescents to adulthood.

Elizabeth Ackerman- English Language Arts Elizabeth graduated from Millard West High School and received her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. Elizabeth has a dual endorsement in English Language Arts and Speech. She completed her student teaching assignment at Kearney High in May of 2010. Elizabeth will be the co-sponsor of cheerleading and teach English 9 and English 10 courses. Elizabeth and her husband Pat enjoy traveling together. Since January, they have traveled to Hawaii, Florida, and Seattle. Elizabeth enjoys reading a variety of genres but when pressed to answer, which book she really appreciates- Pride and Prejudice.

Kathy Carlson- HALE TA Kathy was born in Athens, Greece and spent some of her childhood years in Greece. She graduated from Los Altos High School in Hacienda Heights, California and was a student at St. Paul Bible College and the University of Minnesota. She and her husband Mark have two adult daughters: Heather and Christy. Kathy enjoys traveling, reading, biking and spending time with friends. Her work experiences in the private sector were with General Mills and Aetna Insurance. Kathy plays the piano and was an accompanist for Blue Spring South High School in Missouri. For the past ten years, Kathy has been a school secretary for the Ann Arbor Public Schools in Michigan.

Fred Doscher- Physical Education/Health Fred has been a professional educator for 14 years; he has taught PE and coached at Schuyler High for 12 years. Fred's most recent teaching assignment was at Omaha South High School as their PE department chair, 11th grade Administrator of Student Support, and coaching football and soccer. Fred graduated from Patchogue-Medford High School in New York, received his Bachelor of Science in PE/Health from Oklahoma State University, Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Peru State, and Master of Science in Educational Administration from Wayne State College. Fred and his wife Joan have two children: Jon (5) and Lily (2). When Fred is not teaching students about life through athletics, he enjoys camping, weight lifting and family time.

Martha Dowd- Counselor Martha's 13 years of teaching experience began as a middle school math and science teacher at Mission Middle School in Bellevue and a science teacher at Westside Middle School. Martha earned her Master of Science in Secondary School Counseling at University of Nebraska-Omaha and was a guidance counselor at Westside High School since 2005. Martha graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Martha and her husband Ryan have three sons: Jacob (5), Drew (2) and Leo (4 months). After chasing three children around and meeting their needs, Martha relaxes by just taking in some quiet time.

Amy Geer- TA Amy graduated from Holton High School in Kansas and received her Bachelor Degree in Accounting from the University of Kansas State and her Master Degree in Business Administration from Wichita State. Amy worked in the private sector for 10 years and then spent four years at the Kansas Department of Education as a financial consultant reviewing Perkins Grants. Amy and her husband James have three children. She volunteers at her children's school and teaches religious education.

Chris Heiman- Science Chris graduated from Hill City High School in Kansas and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Physical Science from Hastings College and a Master of Science in Educational Psychology from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Chris taught for 12 years in various districts: Minden Public Schools, Udall Public Schools in Udall, Kansas and most recently, Clark County Schools in Las Vegas. Chris and his wife Jennifer moved to Omaha last year for his wife's educational and work opportunity at Nebraska Methodist. Chris has substituted at EHS and completed the Advanced Placement coursework this summer for AP Chemistry. Chris enjoys being active which includes following his children: Tyler (11) and Ashlin (8) various activities.

Stephanie Jenkins- Media Specialist Stephanie is a former Westridge Elementary counselor who has traveled the world since 1998. Her family has lived on three different continents because of her husband Dave's military career in the Air force. Before she lived in Belgium, Japan and Hawaii, Stephanie graduated from Norfolk High School and earned a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education and a Master Degree in School Counseling from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Stephanie is currently finishing her media specialist endorsement in library media from the University of Nebraska- Kearney. Her educational experience consists of 14 years of service at Omaha Public Schools, Ralston Public Schools, Elkhorn Public Schools, Yokota Middle School in Japan, and SHAPE International School in Belgium. Stephanie and Dave have two teenage daughters: Gabi and Olivia. She enjoys reading, walking and traveling.

Elizabeth Jones- English Language Arts Liz graduated from Westside High School and received her Bachelor of Science in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Liz was an English teacher at Millard South High School and Andersen Middle School. While teaching at Millard, Liz received her Master of Arts in English at University of Nebraska-Omaha. Liz taught at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and also supervised student teachers during their placement in schools. Liz wanted to get back into teaching high school students, so she taught dual credit composition and young adult literature for the Council Bluffs Community Schools. Liz and her husband Joe have twin daughters Haley and Sydney. Liz enjoys the company of her two dogs, reading, walking and keeping in touch with family and friends.

Ben Meyer- Business Ben graduated from Wayne High School and received his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Business Education from Wayne State College. Ben student taught at Lincoln North Star and taught four years in York Public Schools. Ben was the assistant tennis coach on the 2007 state championship tennis team. Ben will be the DECA sponsor and will coach tennis at ESHS this year. Ben received his Cisco 1 certification this summer and has helped with the summer tennis camps. He follows CUBS baseball and Duke basketball. Ben enjoys tennis, golf, and basketball.

Matt Rom- Instrumental Music Matt has acclimated himself to the recesses of the music department this summer. He has been on a field trip with his drum majors, conducting band practices, getting reading for band camp and having a great time meeting our students. His last name is pronounced ROME with a long o sound. Matt is from central Minnesota graduating from Aitkin High School. Matt received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education with a minor in religion from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and a Master of Music from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Matt was the assistant music director for instrumental and choral at Papillion South High School. His wife Brittany is the orchestra director at Millard South. When Matt is not conducting high school musicians, he enjoys hiking, landscaping, and performing with the Omaha Percussion Ensemble.

Drue Schell- TA Drue graduated from Cathedral High School and received her Bachelor Degree in Education with a Social Studies endorsement from the College of St. Mary and received her Master of Science in Guidance Counseling from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Drue taught at Westside High School and was guidance counselor at Mercy, Waterloo and Arlington Public Schools. Drue has three adult children and five grandchildren. She likes to read, quilt, and play bridge.

Diane Schieffer- English Language Arts Diane graduated from Crofton High School and received her Bachelor of Science

In Education with a Language Arts Endorsement and her Master Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Wayne State College. Diane has taught for nine years: Fremont High School for five, teaching communication and English and at West Point Central Catholic for four years. She enjoys reading, writing personal narratives and humor, and running. Her goal is to run in the corporate cup this fall. Diane traveled to Alaska this summer and recently completed a summer workshop for yearbook sponsors. Diane was excited about the opportunity to learn about the yearbook process before she leads the yearbook staff this August.

Jay Thiltgen- Art Jay graduated from Omaha Burke High School and received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of South Dakota where he was a member of the men's swim team. Jay worked as a computer graphic designer in the private sector and received his secondary education degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Jay returned to Burke and has taught beginning and advanced drawing classes, advanced painting and computer graphics for nine years. Jay serves as the aquatics director at Champion's Run Country Club since 2002 and a coach of the Elkhorn's ACE swim club. Jay and his wife Shawna have two children: Grace (6) Charlotte "Charlie" (3). When Jay is not teaching or coaching swimming, he enjoys golfing and fishing.

Nicole Wiemer- Art Nicole student taught in Elkhorn during the spring semester. Nicole graduated from Leigh High School and received her K-12 Art Education degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Nicole will be coaching 7th grade volleyball at EMS and teaching ceramics, 3-D concepts, and beginning and advanced art classes. Nicole had a busy summer traveling to Milwaukee, San Antonio, and to the outer banks of North Carolina. Nicole likes the active lifestyle and will play sand volleyball, run and camp with her family. Nicole values the time she has in the summer to create pottery and paint. She pronounces Wiemer with a long e.

EHS: Under Construction

Students will be welcomed back to EHS with a new canopy for our front entrance. The entrance will have six cement pillars and red and white metal beams that cover the half of the entrance. The project is slated to finish on August 6th. As a result, EHS' temporary entrance will be the southwest doors. The auditorium is almost new again: new carpet, new lighting bar, up-graded sound system last year, new paint color and new chairs. All of the classrooms have a projection unit affixed to the ceiling in order to incorporate more technology into the lessons. A pressbox/storage building for the baseball and softball fields at EHS is scheduled to be finished before the start of the softball season. Finally, stage 2 of the roof project is nearing its completion over the gym, cafeteria, kitchen, auditorium and music wing.

HALE HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to the Washington, D.C. National Academic Champions! Kuta Ganesan, Andy Martin (captain), Amanda Watson, and Elyse Mancuso.

This summer the Elkhorn High School quiz bowl team competed at the National Academic Championship in Washington, DC and brought home the gold! The team competed in the junior varsity division because the sum of their grades was 31, a requirement for the JV division. The tournament was held at Marymount University, June 4-6. While in DC the team visited several Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Arts Center, the Capitol and White House visitor centers, and numerous monuments.

OLYMPUS CLUB - Voting at the annual Night of Laurels in May determined the Olympus board members for 2010-11: Kaleb Anderson, Kadie Bond, Madelyn Petersen, Jane Ramsay, and Calvin Stara. Voting for the class representatives will take place at the Olympus Kickoff.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON - The 2010-11 Academic Decathlon topic is the Great Depression and will include learning about the music, art, literature, and economics of the period. The featured novel is *The Grapes of Wrath*. Super Quiz will cover the geology of the Dust Bowl. The team will begin preparing for the season at the start of the school year. Students with special interest in these topics are encouraged to contact Mrs. Johnson. A well-rounded team includes students with a wide range of grade point averages.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Upcoming in September, Elkhorn High School will hold its annual National Honor Society induction ceremony. Juniors and seniors at Elkhorn High School with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher are eligible for the Elkhorn Chapter of the National Honor Society. Candidates are evaluated based on four standards of membership: scholarship, leadership, community service and character by the members of the Faculty Council. Information and documentation forms for the Elkhorn Chapter of the National Honor Society are available on the following website. <http://www.elkhornweb.org/schools/ehs/activities/honorssociety/>

From your VNA school nurse:

Welcome back!

As you wade through the paperwork that is part of the back to school shuffle, please be sure to note any changes that have occurred related to your child's health. The annual health update form is an important tool used by the school nurse to identify students who might need some support dealing with their health needs during the school day. Updating any immunizations a student has received in the past 12 months is also needed to keep their record at school current.

If your child requires any medication at school, whether it is a prescription or over-the-counter, you must obtain written documentation from the doctor (as outlined in the handbook) and your written permission is also needed. Please pick up medication forms from the school office or they can be faxed to you and/or your physician for completion. These forms must be on file in the school health office before medications can be given to your student during the school day. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please remember to do your part not to spread illness at school. Washing hands, using alcohol based gels, and keeping sick students home are the best ways to reduce spreading of infections. We all need to do our part to reduce the transmission of illness. Don't forget to eat a healthy diet, get lots of sleep, and drink more water to keep your immune system at its best. Let's look forward to a healthy school year!

Homecoming 2010

Elkhorn High School will continue their Homecoming traditions as in past years. The Elkhorn High School Homecoming football game will be versus Nebraska City on Friday, October 1. Alumni are encouraged to come cheer on the Antlers at their home field! Finally, the Elkhorn High School Homecoming dance will be held at the high school on Saturday, October 2 from 9-12 p.m.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR- Mike Zeplin, A.D.

** Check out the Activities Department Website—www.highschoolsports.net**

WELCOME ELKHORN ANTLER FANS!

The 2010-2011 school year is ready to go and the Activities Department would like to invite each of you to attend one of our many contests in either athletic or extra-curricular events.

Adult Athletic passes are available in the Activities Office for \$50.00 each. This pass will enable a patron to attend all EPS home activities for the school year, with the exception of EMC Conference and District (NSAA) level events. Student activity passes are \$30.00 each and must be purchased by all athletes in grades 7-12. Students will receive a photo activity pass upon payment of this fund. Funds raised by the sale of activity passes will be used to reduce the general fund contributions to the activities fund and to add revenue to the activities fund to meet the rising costs for athletic programs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Admission prices for this year will be **\$5.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for students for all varsity contests.**

Sportsmanship—EHS was the winner of the EMC Conference Sportsmanship Award last year. Patrons please note that this a very prestigious award; one that the entire conference takes very seriously, as it is voted on by the other 7 conference schools (you do not vote for your own school). Again, thank you parents and fans for your support! Let's win it again this year!

Calendar/Information—Patrons of the district should have received an annual activity calendar. If you did not receive one, please contact the Elkhorn Public Schools administration building at 289-2579. This calendar contains the latest school events for the K-12 district. Supplies are limited. (Disclaimer- Parents and patrons should note that this calendar is created in June, thus some information may be updated at this time.)

For the most current/accurate information, please go to the Elkhorn school website, www.elkhornweb.org, and navigate to the high school activity calendar page. At this site (www.highschoolsports.net) you can signup to have all activities department calendar information and changes linked to a PDA, home or business computer and you have the ability to sync with handheld devices on your personal calendars. It is an amazing program!

FAQ's Regarding Activities/Athletics

I have compiled the ten most frequently asked questions that occur during the school year. Hopefully this may aide in the communication between the school and your home.

1. Academic Requirements. Elkhorn High School uses the same set of standards for all extra-curricular programs. This standard follows the NSAA rule of 20 credit hours passed the previous semester. This is the equivalent of 4 full-time classes passed. This rule applies to ALL extra-curricular groups at EHS.

2. Activities Code. Training rules violations are *cumulative* for each school year. Example: A student who is in violation during the winter sports season has one strike against them. If the same student then violates a second time during either the same or another season that they are a participant, they then have a second strike applied. These rules apply to all 7-12th grade activities participants. Please refer to the EPS Activities Handbook for more complete information.

3. Attendance. On a normal school day, students must be in attendance for a 1/2 day immediately prior to the scheduled game or practice. For example, this would mean a student would need to be in attendance at **the start of 5th hour** at the HS building. Professional appointments are EXCUSED. See your head coach, or contact the A.D. office for more specific expectations.

4. Activity Fee. All participants in MS and HS sports programs are required to pay the \$30 student activity fee. All students are encouraged to purchase this same activity ticket the opening week of school, as it is their free pass to attend all Elkhorn contests at no charge.

5. Forms-Clearance to participate. At the back of the Activities Handbook are forms for students and parents to complete. These forms should be returned to your head coach, along with the \$30 activity fee prior to beginning practices or conditioning.

6. Lettering & Letter Jackets. The E-Club will give each student their initial athletic letter, complimentary, at the completion of the season for which they participated. Each coach has specific standards for lettering requirements. Parents may purchase letter jackets, patches, chevron's and pins from local sporting goods suppliers. EHS has a specific form you should take to the sporting goods store to insure they complete your jacket correctly. These forms are available in the AD office.

7. Domicile Rule. Students MUST live in the Elkhorn School District to be eligible. Any student living outside the district boundaries must complete transfer information with Mr. Steve Baker, Superintendent of Schools.

8. Age Limits. According to the NSAA rules, no student may turn 19 years of age prior to August 1st and remain eligible to participate. This obviously could affect students in the 7th and 8th grade, if age requirements are applicable at that point.

9. Off-Season Programs. Please see your head coach prior to participation in any outside programs. Elkhorn High School will obviously support in-season programs FIRST. No students may "work out" on their own in any EPS facility. Supervision is required due to liability reasons.

10. What time does the game start? Unfortunately, when battling Mother Nature, she usually wins! For the most current and up-to-date information, please check our information at: www.highschoolsports.net Please navigate your way to whichever sport and level of play you are interested in!

2009-2010 ANTLER GEAR FOR SALE!

**STOP IN THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE TO SEE OUR
NEW SELECTION!**

STUDENT and FAN DECORUM AT HOME FB GAMES



1. Student and fan decorum should at all times reflect good sportsmanship. This is the number one expectation. Please follow all NSAA and EHS sportsmanship guidelines.
2. Traffic at Elkhorn stadium will be heavy. The designated drop off and pick-up zone is at the front doors (**by the Flagpole**) of Elkhorn High School.
3. No drinks are allowed to be brought into the stadium.
4. Students in grades PreK-8 are required to sit either with their parents or in Section A (farthest north section) in the designated rows.
5. Students should at all times remain in the stadium. The track and the unfenced hill areas are off limits at all times.
6. Students are to remain seated during the games with a minimum of walking (not running) back and forth to other areas in the stadium complex such as the concession stand and restrooms.
7. No balls or similar projectiles (e.g. footballs, nerf balls, tennis balls) are allowed in the stadium and may be confiscated if brought to the stadium and thrown. Students who throw items in the stands may be escorted out. **Artificial noisemakers** are prohibited and could result in an unsportsmanlike penalty for the team.
8. No loitering in the parking lot. The lights will be turned off soon after the end of the game and all fans should clear the parking lot as soon as possible.
9. Students leaving the stadium during the game will not be readmitted to the stadium.
10. The stadium and all school district grounds are smoke-free, tobacco free areas at all times.
11. Students failing to follow these guidelines or who fail to follow the directions of **Supervisors/Stadium Security** will be escorted out of the stadium and asked to leave.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR PARENTS-If you have a question? Sometimes the need to contact a coach occurs during the school year.

The correct sequence we request you take is:

Level-1. Each Head Coach/Sponsor will have a parent meeting during the pre-season to establish guidelines and expectations for their student-athletes. Parents are invited to ask questions at this time.

Level-2. During the season, please contact your son/daughter's head coach/sponsor if you have questions or concerns. Please wait 24hrs. after a contest to contact your son/daughter's coach.

Teachable moment- Have your son/daughter **visit with his/her head coach first**. If we are preparing students for life's lessons, this is a critical piece of education.

Level-3. If you have contacted the head coach, and wish to also have the Activities Director involved, please contact the head coach, and request that I am involved. (The head coach may also request that the Activities Director attend the parent meeting.)

Level-4. If you are interested, the HS Principal or Asst. Principal are also available to sit in on a parent meeting if #1, #2, and #3 do not work out. The administration also has several Parent Communication meetings during the school year, and may be available either during or after one of these meetings.

Level-5. If the above are not satisfactory, please contact the A.D. office and I will contact the Supt. of Schools if there are still concerns.

Attention Antler FB Fans

In order to provide a fair and equitable experience to all spectators attending home varsity FB games, please be advised that any blankets or stadium seats that are left in an attempt to reserve seats prior to the gates opening at 6:00 PM - will be removed - and may be redeemed in the administrative offices of EHS. Thank you for your support and we trust you appreciate our interest in fairness to ALL fans. Please see Mike Zeplin, A.D., if you need special assistance for seating at a home varsity football contest.

Please help us promote a positive atmosphere by showing **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP** while you are in attendance.

GO ANTLERS!

COUNSELING CENTER

289-1675

Desiree Merrihew A-G

Martha Dowd H-N

Jeanne Hightower O-Z

EPS District Website (www.elkhornweb.org) has the following helpful links:

Elkhorn High School/Counseling Center

Naviance Accounts: All juniors and seniors have access to a college planning service provided by EHS. It is called Naviance. The website is <http://connection.naviance.com/ehsne>. Students use the same user name and password as their school computer logins. Parents are encouraged to view the site with their student. Sophomores will receive access to this account towards the end of first semester.

Freshman Kick Off Wednesday, August 11 from 1:00-6:00

Elkhorn High School will host the Annual Freshman Kick Off on August 11th. Freshmen are invited to visit the high school anytime between 1:00-6:00 pm. Students may map out their schedules, locate their lockers, ask questions, and fill out paperwork in advance.

Counselors and Administrators will be on duty to assist students with any questions they might have about their transition to high school.

Senior Seminar First week of September

The Counseling center will be hosting sessions on the college planning process to help seniors understand application, scholarships, financial aid, and such. Sessions will be held during senior English classes. Seniors will also have a chance to log on to their Naviance account to make sure they remember their passwords and how to navigate around the site.

Senior Parents' Planning Night Monday, August 30 at 6 pm

Planning is all about crossing the 'T's and dotting the 'I's. This program is devoted to helping parents develop their skills so they can be a better resource to their senior. Whether the student is planning for the military, a 2 or 4 year college, or trade/technical schools, there will be information that parents will find helpful. The interactive program will cover a myriad of topics including

- Academic preparation
- Available resources
- Procedures and timelines for applying for admission and scholarships
- School policies and how best to benefit from them
- NCAA Clearinghouse and its policies for potential athletes
- Miscellaneous other issues that are pertinent for seniors

All senior parents are encouraged to attend. We hope to see you then.

Scholarships: Each senior will have direct access to the scholarship listings from their individual Naviance account. Students will use the same username and password as they do to log into EHS computers.

College Credit Opportunities

Dual Credit Offerings: The following classes are offered for college credit. Students are responsible for registration and tuition. Students will receive information during the first week of school if they are in a class that qualifies for dual credit. Students must meet academic criteria and deadlines in order to apply. Students need to check with their intended college to see if credits transfer as each college has their own policy. If you have any questions, contact the teacher or counselor.

Metropolitan Community College: Student must have a 2.0 cumulative gpa, a qualifying ACT/SAT score and prerequisite courses.

PreCalculus with Mr. Smith and Mrs. Neighbors

Composition with Mr. Gregory and Ms. Jones

Accounting II with Mr. Jarzynka

University of NE at Omaha: Student must have a 3.0 cumulative gpa and prerequisite courses.

AP Biology

AP American History

Nebraska Wesleyan University: Students must have a 3.0 cumulative gpa and prerequisite courses.

AP English Literature & Composition (seniors)

Japanese II

Japanese III

AP Classes & College Credits: Students taking any AP class at EHS can elect to take the related AP test at the end of the school year. Information will be given to the student at the beginning of the year about the test. If a student earns a qualifying score, they can submit it to the college they will be attending for college credit. Visit www.collegeboard.com for information about AP college credit transferability. (Note: If a student is taking an AP class offered for dual credit, a decision must be made about the dual credit earlier than the AP test. This can be confusing in that a student can choose either way; it just depends on what is best for the individual. Also, there are times when a student taking the class for dual credit will want to take the test too. Depending the dual credit agreement, the college will pay for part or the entire test.)

Upcoming College Fairs

Please see the daily bulletin on EHS website for specific information on college fairs and college rep visits.

Upcoming testing information

- Sept 17 ACT Registration deadline for the October 23rd test
<http://www.actstudent.org/>
- Sept 10 SAT Registration deadline for the October 9th test
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html>

Sending ACT/SAT scores to colleges:

EHS will NO LONGER send test scores with transcripts to colleges. This change resulted because the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will no longer accept ACT/SAT scores. **As such the decision was made that all EHS students will be responsible for sending test scores to all the colleges to which they are making application.** Students have the opportunity to send their ACT/SAT scores to up to four colleges when they register for the ACT/SAT. To avoid paying to send your scores at a later date, please ensure that you have selected four colleges of your choice with ACT/SAT at the time of registration. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

Requesting Transcripts: Upon completing an application to a college, seniors are asked to come into the counseling center to complete a transcript request form. Mrs. Johnson, the counseling center secretary, has them on her desk. Students can contact their counselor also. If a student is completing the Common Application, please schedule an appointment with a counselor. All Common Application components will be completed online.

NCAA Clearinghouse

Seniors interested in playing a college sport need to register for the NCAA Clearinghouse. This can be done online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. ACT scores need to be sent directly from ACT. Once registered, the student must go to the Counseling Center and request to have a transcript sent to the NCAA.

Updating Transcripts

Students who complete summer school courses should see their counselor to be sure that summer grades have been received and recorded on transcripts.

Need a Birth Certificate?

Certified copies of birth certificates can be requested through the VitalChek Network. In Nebraska, you can call 402/471-6440 or Omaha 444-7205 or go to www.vitalchek.com. The cost is approximately \$30.

Military Recruiter Contacts:

Parents of Juniors and Seniors: In accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, Elkhorn Public Schools is required to release contact information of all Juniors and Seniors to military recruiters. All students' contact information will be released upon request unless an "opt-out" form is on file at the high school. If you would like to have your student removed from this report, please contact the high school administration.

**EHS ATTENDANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

289-4239

COUNSELING CENTER

289-1675

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

289-1688

EPS DISTRICT OFFICE

289-2579

TEACHER'S AND STAFF E-MAIL

First letter of first name followed by entire last name @epsne.org

Example: Joe Smith - jsmith@epsne.org

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