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June 2023

## Key Dates

### June

- June 1 ERHS Choir Concert
- June 2 Last Senior Day
- June 7 Finals Schedule  
Class Periods 2, 4 & 6
- June 8 Finals Schedule  
Class Periods 1, 3 & 5
- June 8 Graduation Breakfast
- June 8 Graduation Rehearsal
- June 8 Last Student Day
- June 9 Graduation



### June 2, 2023

Seniors Last Day (return chromebooks)

### June 8, 2023

Senior Breakfast 7:00 am - ERHS Commons

Graduation Rehearsal - 7:30 am (Mandatory)

Graduation guest tickets and honor tassels handed out  
4 tickets for each graduate

Ticket required for gymnasium seating

### June 9, 2023

Main Entrance (Door A) opens @ 5:30 pm

Gymnasium/Zabee Theater Doors open @ 6:00 pm

\*Ticket is required for entrance to Gymnasium - no reentry.

All seating is first come, first serve.

Ceremony Starts @ 7:00 pm

Zabee theater is for overflow guests. (800 Capacity - No ticket required - view livestream)

**Graduation will be streamed**

[www.isd728.org/Livestream-ElkRiver](http://www.isd728.org/Livestream-ElkRiver) Link will be live  
30 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony.

**Event Contact (up to 2:30pm day of event):**

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It's good to be  
an Elk!



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## Request Transcript

Students going onto a secondary education will be required to submit a FINAL TRANSCRIPT to that location. Your final transcript will include your grades from second semester and will list your graduation date. Final Transcripts are NOT automatically sent so **ORDER NOW** to ensure that your final transcript is sent before you begin in the fall.

Current students can order their transcripts free of charge, orders placed after July 1 will be charged a \$4.40 fee for electronic orders. *Important:* Use a personal email address & upon check out make sure to change the send to HOLD FOR GRADES. Handouts with instructions are available in the Counseling Office.

### Attention Juniors: College Visit Guide

The spring and summer are great times to visit college campuses to get a feel if the college is the right fit for you. Attached is a [College Visit Guide](#) that provides tips for scheduling campus visits, what to make sure you see on your visit, and what types of questions to ask.

MINNESOTA STATE WEEK

JUNE 26-30

Visit a campus  
and apply for FREE  
anytime during the week!

TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD YOUR FUTURE

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Extraordinary Education. Exceptional Value.

[MinnState.edu/MinnStateWk](https://www.minnstate.edu/MinnStateWk)

The 33 colleges and universities of Minnesota State will waive application fees during "Minnesota State Week," set for June 26-30, 2023. It's a great time for students who haven't decided what they will do after graduation to explore one or more of the 54 campuses that are part of Minnesota State. More information is available at <https://www.minnstate.edu/MinnStateWk>.

# FALL SPORTS



7/12: Fall Sports Registration Opens (Parent Portal)

7/24: Football Registration/Team Meetings

7/25: All other Fall Sport Registration/Team Meetings

Link for further details:

<https://www.isd728.org/Page/2304>



# ELK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL Scholarships



Elk River Boys Lacrosse

**219 Scholarship awards to the class  
of 2023! 150 Total students -  
Total \$200,150.00**

Coach Dave Bleyhl Memorial

John H. Bailey Memorial - Cretex Co.



Great River Energy



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The class of 2023 head to their former elementary schools to greet the students and teachers. Such a great tradition of *inspiring* young ones in our district.





19 Elk River DECA Members competed in DECA's International Career Development Competition (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida in eight different events (each event has approximately 150 projects) and four made finals. Perspective - many years we are happy to get one project to finals, so getting four is a pretty successful year for us!

## Competition Highlights:

- **2nd Place (DECA GLASS) - Business Solutions Project Management Project** - Students worked with Windy Hill Farm (Nowthen) to help grow and focus the new business. ICDC Presenters: Avery Mortenson, Averi Schirmers Additional Project Members: Drew Weiler, Brynn Spanier
- **7th Place - Hospitality & Tourism Operations Research Project** - Students worked with the MN Zoo to evaluate their current customer experience and develop a hyper-personalized strategy for the business to implement. ICDC Presenters: Mandy Christy, Kaelyn Diehl, Ethan Andresen Additional Project Members: Adria Kotzian, Brynn Spanier, Hailey Vinje
- **Event Finalist (Top 20) - School Based Enterprise Retail** - Students presented on how the DECA Depot used promotion through the Tackle Cancer Project. ICDC Presenters: Grace Dols, Derrick Lodermeier, Emme Jorgenson Additional Project Members: Mandy Christy, Taylor Spanier, Sam Heuwe, Brynn Spanier
- **Event Finalist (Top 20) - Hotel & Lodging Management Series** - Isabella Dols worked through two case studies and role played them with a business professional and took a 100-marketing exam.
- **Marriott Scholarship Winner** - Isabella Dols



*Congratulations*



## Elk River High School *Evening of the Arts*

Upon entering Elk River High School on the evening of April 27th, anyone would be in awe of the amazing display of student creativity and talent.

Elk River High School provides countless opportunities for students to express themselves through many creative outlets. This particular night highlighted all levels of creativity, innovative thinking, beautiful craftsmanship and skilled performances.

Throughout the evening students shared their creative talents through a collection of vocal and instrumental musical pieces, a speech highlight and theatrical performances in the commons.

Beyond the commons, students from United Nations of ERHS shared their rich cultural heritages with visual displays and cultural artifacts that students brought from home. Students served as cultural liaisons and were happy to answer questions and share their unique perspectives.

In the hallways, visitors discovered artists demonstrating visual art techniques, creative writing works on display, and masterpiece photo ops to pose with and share. Clay students taught visitors to Learn-the-Wheel while advanced students conducted an outdoor raku clay firing.

Student experts were sharing their knowledge and artistic works in photography, technical education metals and woods projects, video photography and the student news program.

Interior and Housing Design had 3D models on display while Fashion Montage displayed creative clothing design. Nearby the Digital Art class artwork that was created to express artistic voices using advanced technologies was projected on a large screen for viewers to enjoy.

The Art Gallery contained exceptional student work that has earned recognition at the regional, state and national level.

The students and staff at ERHS would like to thank the community for joining them for the 2023 Evening of the Arts and for supporting and celebrating the creative arts in our school.



Elias and Vayla, co-emcees, hosted Evening of the Arts



Sloane receives a special face painting artwork by Annabelle

Adrianna demonstrates watercolor painting techniques



Jill and Samuel inform others about the Fashion Montage



High School students in the clay class were giving Learn-the-Wheel opportunities.



## ERHS Student Elias Boudinot to Receive National Scholastic Art Medal at Carnegie Hall

The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers announced the national winners of the 2023 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12. More than 320,000 works of art and writing were submitted for adjudication at the regional level in the Awards' 28 categories, which include poetry, painting, architecture, short story, fashion design and more. Less than 1% were recognized at the national level. Elk River senior Elias Boudinot has earned this national recognition with a Gold Medal for his stoneware sculpture entitled *Entrapped*. The artwork was created as part of an AP portfolio designed to bring attention to men's mental health issues.

All submissions are judged based on the program's three criteria: originality, technical skill and emergence of personal vision or voice. Student works are first adjudicated at the state level, with Gold Key winning works then judged nationally by an impressive panel of creative-industry experts to receive Gold, Silver, American Visions & Voices, Portfolio Silver with Distinction or Portfolio Gold Medals. These artworks receive national recognition and gain access to exhibition and publication opportunities, as well as scholarships. In June, Elias will be traveling to New York City and will receive his award at the prestigious Carnegie Hall!

A list of all of the national medalists will be published in the Online Galleries at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org) in June.



"Entrapped" by National Scholastic Award Gold Medalist ERHS Senior Elias Boudinot



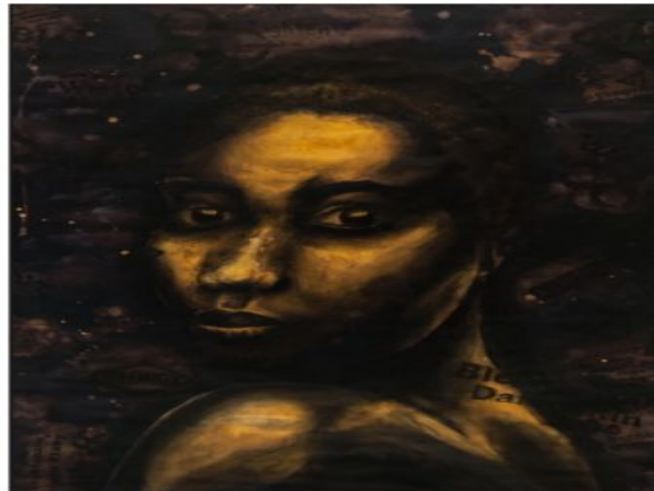
## Elk River Students Earn Awards at 2023 High School Regional Juried Art Exhibition!

Congratulations to ten Elk River High School students whose artwork was selected for the 2023 Annual High School Juried Art Exhibition. At a recent awards ceremony held April 28, 2023, at the Paramount Center for the Arts, St. Cloud, MN, two Elks earned special recognition.

Senior Alix Neuenfeldt was the recipient of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Award with her 2D Charcoal (pencil & powder) and Bleach piece titled *Beauty and The Bleached*. She also receives a check for \$250. Freshman Estella Yanquoi earned Fourth Place in the 2D category and a check for \$100 for her acrylic painting *Two of Us*.

In addition to the students mentioned above, seniors Alina Cirlan (drawing), Haley Gilbert (painting), Greta Nelson (sculpture), Erika Tietz (sculpture), Madison Williams (jewelry), juniors Olivia Riewe (sculpture), Gavin Schwartz (drawing) and freshman Colton Niemi (digital art) had wonderful work on display at the Paramount Gallery. This annual exhibition features the work of 100+ pieces of art from 17 schools across Central Minnesota.

The exhibition was sponsored by the American Association of University Women, Friends of MIA (St. Cloud Sector), The McKnight Foundation and supported by a Project Grant through the Central Minnesota Arts Board.

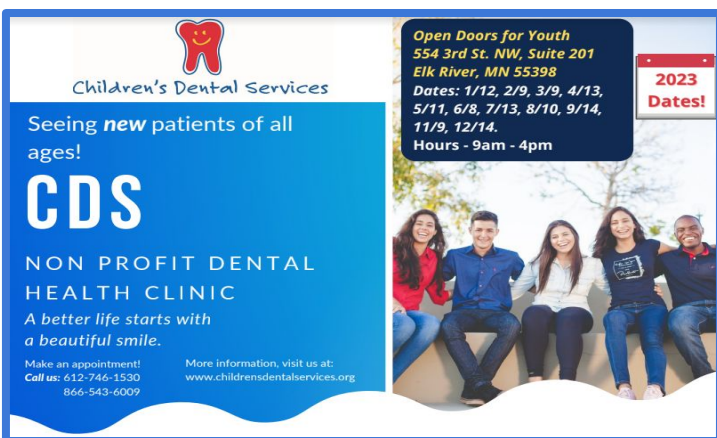


Senior Alix Neuenfeldt, 2023 High School Juried Exhibition, AAUW 2D Art Award, "*Beauty and The Bleached*"



Freshman Estella Yanquoi, 2023 High School Juried Exhibition, 4th Place, "*Two of Us*"





**Mental Health Summer Opportunity for Students - Please Share!** Greater MN Family Services (GM) is a contracted co-located mental health service provider and has a summer opportunity for ISD 728. Students do not have to be a GM client to participate, but would need to qualify for mental health services through a diagnostic assessment. GM will bill insurance primarily and have some grant funding for costs that insurance doesn't cover.

[Flyer for Adventure Therapy Groups - Summer 2023.pdf](#)

### From the Health Office:

ISD 728 is no longer scheduling mass vision and hearing screenings. However, if you have a vision and/or hearing concern regarding your child, a request for screening can be made by completing this [online request form](#). Screenings will be performed upon request only.

### From the Health Office:

**Does your child receive Medicaid?** Major health care coverage change is happening on April 1st that may impact students who currently rely on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

### From the Minnesota Department of Human Services: Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare and Minnesota Family Planning Program Notice

During the COVID-19 emergency, the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) put special rules in place to help families keep their health care coverage. Due to a new federal law, the Minnesota Department of Human Services must now resume renewals. Regular Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare and Minnesota Family Planning Program rules will now apply. [Here](#) is what DHS guides families to do.

**As a gentle reminder:** If your student is not feeling well throughout the day and needs to leave ill, please have them check out through the Health Office prior to leaving. Calling the attendance line and allowing them to leave without checking in will result in an unexcused absence. Thank you for working with us on this issue!

### Information From the Minnesota Department of Health:

#### COVID-19 Testing Update

State-run COVID-19 testing sites in four locations around the state will close this week, marking the end of their nearly three-year run serving Minnesotans. The St. Paul Midway site will close on Friday, Jan. 27, the Duluth site will close on Jan. 28, and the sites in Brooklyn Park and at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport will close on Jan. 29.

COVID-19 tests will continue to be widely available to Minnesotans:

- Find a testing option near you through the state's [Find Testing Locations](#) map.
- [Order free at-home rapid tests](#) through the state's COVID-19 at-home rapid testing program or through USPS at [COVID.gov/tests](#).
- Check with your insurance company about ways to get free rapid tests from pharmacies.
- Contact your health care provider or a local pharmacy.

In addition, the [telehealth](#) test-to-treat program is accessible to all Minnesotans via Cue Health to determine if treatment is a good option.





To ensure a smooth transition in the fall, we are asking families to indicate their transportation plans for the 2023-2024 school year, by completing a “Student Transportation Information Form” to update District information. This process will not change [bus riding eligibility](#) for students but will require parents/families of students in grades kindergarten through 12 to declare how their student(s) will get to and from school.

**If the form does not indicate a bus is needed, or a form is not received by June 30, 2023, students may not receive a bus assignment to start the 2023-24 school year.**

To complete a request, the parent/guardian should login to [Campus Parent Portal](#) and complete the “23-24 Student Transportation Information Form.”

**Upon login, navigate to the blue highlighted area on the main welcome screen or click on "Message Center" in the left hand menu. Next click on "Surveys" in the top, main part of the screen and then select a student from those listed and follow the onscreen questions. One form should be completed for each student attending ISD 728 schools.**

High School Students: For students who will be in **Grades 11 & 12** next year and need transportation, a parent or guardian must request bus transportation using this process for the 2023-2024 school year.



# Resources

ERHS Main Office	763.241.3434	<a href="mailto:erhs.office@isd728.org">erhs.office@isd728.org</a>
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ERHS Main Office will be closed June 14th -August 14th

*Have A Great Summer !!*

[Elk River High School Website](#)  
[22/23 District Calendars](#)

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**WHAT IS....ELK TIME**

Click the link above for more information. Or visit the ERHS website under the Academics tab.