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FEBRUARY 2021

Key Dates

- 2/01 - First Day of Semester 2
- 2/05 - Parent Ed. Series
- 2/11 - NO SCHOOL - Planning Day
- 2/12 - NO SCHOOL - Planning Day
- 2/15 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 2/16 - 9, 11, 12th Grades Return to Face to Face Model (F2F) M - Th.
- 2/17 - Report Cards posted to Infinite Campus Portal
- 2/22 - Parent Ed. Series
- 2/25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - TBD

Upcoming:

- 3/01 - 10th Grade Returns to F2F Model
- 3/01 - 3/15 - Local Scholarship Drive Open for Seniors
- 3/01 - 3/26 NHS Food Drive
- 3/02 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - TBD
- 3/08 - Snow Week
- 3/10 - Picture Retakes
- 3/29 - 4/2 - NO SCHOOL
- 4/12 - NO SCHOOL
- 4/13 - All Juniors - ACT Test

It's good to be
an Elk!

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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ABLE TO RETURN

On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, District Officials met with representatives from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), county public health officials, and our Regional Support Team (RST) to request approval to bring students in Grades 6 - 12 back to school in a face-to-face learning model. **I am happy to inform you that our plan was approved.** [Click here](#) for additional information.

Students in grades 9, 11 and 12 who have chosen face-to-face/hybrid models will be coming back into the building Monday - Thursday starting Tuesday, February 16. On March 1, 10th grade students who have chosen this model will be starting back in the building as well. Students who have chosen 100% Distance Learning will continue to work online.

Elk River High School administration also sent out this email on Friday, January 29 with more details specific to our school. You can find that information here: [ERHS Learning Model Update & Calendar - Jan 29, 2021](#).

As always, please direct any questions to the [school office](#). We will be adding more information to [our website](#) and sending emails to families as appropriate as more information becomes available regarding [parking](#), bell schedules and lunch information, etc. Drop off/pick-up information is on the next page of this newsletter.

Thank you for being part of the Elk River High School Community. It's good to be an ELK!

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE

If your student needs medication throughout their school day that should be kept in the health office, please send on the first day of in-person learning along with this form [Medication Authorization](#). If you are not comfortable sending medication with your student, please contact the Health Office to schedule an appointment.

Please check that medication has not expired before sending it with your student.

ERHS Health Office 763-241-3400 ext 2115

Health Services Assistant: Colleen Wild colleen.wild@isd728.org

Licensed School Nurse: Rhianon Herman rhianon.herman@isd728.org

District Attendance Reporting Line:

763-241-3555



ILLNESSES AND ABSENCES

To leave a **voicemail** for attendance (all-day illness, student coming in late, leaving early, upcoming appts. or vacations, etc.) please use this number. Press 1 for Elk River and press 1 again for ERHS! You can also email your attendance to erhs.attendance@isd728.org!

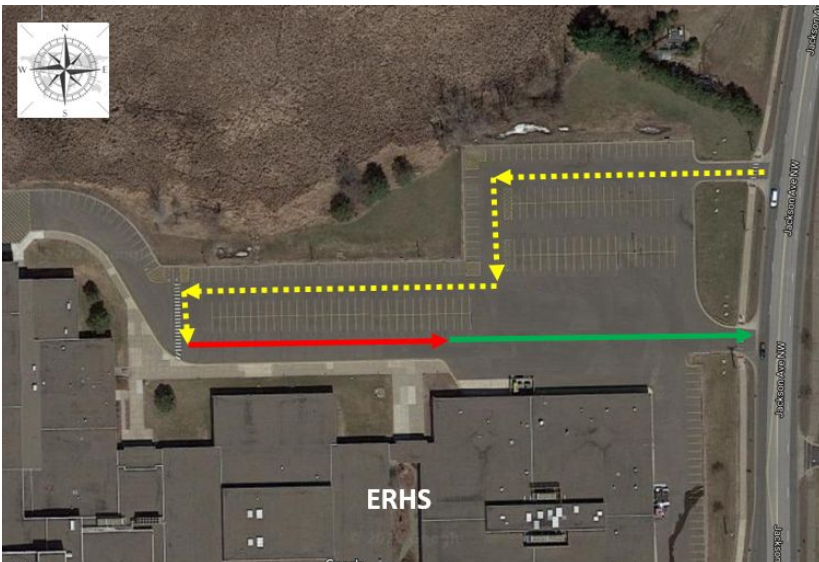
[Self-health Screening](#)
[MDH Decision Tree for COVID-19 Symptoms](#)

Drop Off / Pick Up Main Lot (ALL DAY)



- The **green lane is a pass through lane- no stopping- UNLESS** pedestrians are crossing - **yield to pedestrians- drive slow!**
- Drop off occurs in the **red lanes** only.
- The right **red lane** and the middle **red dashed lanes** are designed to function like the Mpls/St. Paul Airport for drop off/pick up- **interchanging, patience, safety, and cooperation!**
- No vehicles will be allowed to stop on School Street while waiting to pick up/drop off. It is expected that vehicles may/will be stopped in the **red lanes**. Pull forward as far as possible to accommodate the volume of pick up/drop off vehicles.
- If the “swoosh” is full of vehicles, then vehicles will have to enter through the traffic light. Essentially, the **yellow dashed lanes** could be full with waiting vehicles.

Drop Off North Lot (7:00 - 8:05 am only)



- ERHS will continue to allow student drop off (7:00 - 8:05 a.m. only) in the North parking lot. Please follow the **yellow dashed line** and drop off students on the **red line** - utilizing the curb.
- Student busses will be dropping off students from 6:45am to 7:00am. Please do **NOT** drop off during this time. As always, drive carefully and watch out for pedestrians. Also, exterior doors will automatically lock at 8:05am.
- **No student pick up** is allowed at this location.

Doors A (main/front) and H (bus/back) will be open from 6:30am to 8:05am (Monday - Thursday). After 8:05am doors A and H will automatically lock (as in the past) and they will remain locked for the entire school day. During this pandemic, students will need to exit the building no later than 2:30pm. Visitors will not be allowed into the building. This includes, but is not limited to, food deliveries and outside vendors.

COURSE FEES FOR SEMESTER 2

ERHS will be assigning a course fee (where applicable per the ERHS student handbook) for students that are returning to ERHS in the Face to Face (F2F) model. In addition, any 100% Distance Learning student will be assessed a course fee (per ERHS student handbook) if the student received an instructional kit and/or materials are provided. Course fees will be assigned toward the end of February. As always, things may be adjusted as we move through different learning models during the ongoing pandemic. Parents/guardians will get an email notifying them that a fee has been added to their Infinite Campus Portal account alerting them. If you have any questions about fees for your student, please call our office at 763-241-3434 or email Jennifer.Downing@isd728.org.

FAMILY AND PARENT RESOURCES

Our ISD 728 Prevention & Safety team has a parent and family resource page found at this link:

<https://sites.google.com/isd728.org/preventionsafetyparentpage/home>

Please access this resource for information and support relating to mental health, resilience and social emotional learning and safety!

ISD 728 is offering a virtual Parent Education Series on a variety of topics encompassing today's youth.

- **February 22** - Panel on Vaping Prevention
- **March** - Helping students to motivate and engage students in distance learning (or for any setting!).

More Information: www.isd728.org/Prevention-Safety-Parent

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SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATIONS INFORMATION

[Spring sports](#) are just around the corner!
Make sure you attend informational meetings!

There is a new registration process for registering your student for sports/activities. Please check the ERHS Activities webpage for more information. Keep your eyes open for a Campus messenger with directions toward the end of February 2021.

Please reach out to the head coach for sport specific information: <https://www.isd728.org/Page/2307>.



2020-2021 YEARBOOK ORDERS

Order your 20-21 yearbook NOW through Jostens. Limited quantity available. Yearbooks have sold out the past 2 years - please don't wait until the last minute! Prices starting at \$80 (plus tax).

FREE BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR ALL STUDENTS

ISD 728 will continue to offer ALL STUDENTS a free breakfast and lunch each school day. In-person learners will be able to get them while in school and distance learners will be able to pick up a breakfast/lunch combo each day at our pick-up locations. For the most up-to-date information on times and locations, please visit our ISD 728 [Grab-n-Go Meals](#) page. **Microwaves will not be available for student use.**

*Elk River High School will **not** be allowing outside vendor food deliveries for students during second semester. Students may bring food from home or enjoy the many options our kitchen staff provides daily.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Semester 2 started on Monday February 1st. Report cards for 1st semester can be printed from your Infinite Campus Portal account beginning Wednesday, February 17th. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for the evenings of February 25th and March 2 - watch your email or our website for more details about spring conferences.



ATTENTION SENIORS! Coming soon - ERHS Local Scholarship Drive

ERHS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE will be open from MARCH 1-15. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to give 190 scholarships totaling \$153,250 in our 19-20 scholarship drive. We encourage **all seniors** to apply as our program has scholarships for trade schools, 2 year and 4 year degree programs. Students that are awarded scholarships will be announced at our Awards and Scholarship Evening on May 12, 2021. Local scholarship link will be live **March 1, 2021**.

<https://www.isd728.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=2450>

COLLEGE REPS “VISIT” ELK RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

College admissions representatives visit Elk River High School each fall and spring to meet with interested students - most have been virtually this year. These visits are a great way for students to talk with representatives and to learn more about a school and/or have specific questions answered. Students can see which colleges have signed up to “visit” by visiting the ERHS Counseling tab on the website and clicking the “College & Career Center.” Students interested in a visit can sign up through a google form. The visitor list is updated as colleges schedule visits so please check back often. <https://www.isd728.org/domain/1368>

NHS MARCH FOOD DRIVE - INFO COMING SOON

Watch for information about a Food Drive coming to benefit a local food shelf. The National Honor Society is looking forward to students being back in school and together gathering food during the month of March. Watch next month's newsletter and our website for more information about the organization, current needs and drop-off locations.



If you have other ideas on pandemic-safe projects for our NHS students, please email Scott.Eskro@isd728.org.



The DECA Depot online store is OPEN!!

There are two choices for delivery: Pick up at Elk River High School or have the items shipped directly to you.
Thank you for your continued support of our ELKS!

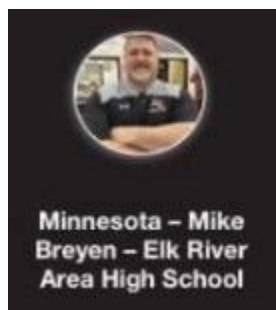
CHILD PSYCHOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS PASS TSA EXAM

It is with great pride that we celebrate 15 outstanding Child Psychology and Development students that pushed themselves to take the TSA (technical skills assessment) exam that qualifies them to earn a certificate in Child Development and Articulated College Credit. The exam, administered through Precision Exams MN, quantifies their education and experience, shows proficiency for resumes and college applications, validates skills attained and encourages student success in future careers. Congratulations to these students - 100% of those who took the test passed!

Emily Almanzar ★ Carissa Chute ★ Blessing Edube ★ Haelyn Eggert ★ Elizabeth Glemming ★ Annika Mathison ★ Haddyn Mayer ★ TJ Rebrovich ★ Anna Riewe ★ Felicia Schall ★ McKenna Stoll ★ Fridley Thao ★ Addisyn Schuster ★ William Xiong ★ Nora Zak

ELK RIVER HIGH COACH MIKE BREYEN NAMED MINNESOTA COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Elk River High School Coach and Strength Training teacher, Mike Breyen, for being named the Minnesota Coach of the Year by the National High School Strength Coaches Association.



Mike has been INSTRUMENTAL in helping design our Physical Education areas - especially the workout areas - at all three high schools, including the improvements we will see at Zimmerman Middle/High and Rogers High School thanks to the 2019 referendum!

Congratulations Coach - we are lucky to have you!

DISTRICT COMPETITION RESULTS

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INDIVIDUAL ROLE PLAY EVENTS

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| MEGAN GORDON | CORINN SEIFERT | APRIL VOLKERS |
| HENRY BABCOCK | MAYA ANDRICAN | PARKER MATHEWSON |
| RAY SIZEN | AVERI SHIRMERS | EDYN FOSSE |
| QUENTIN HIDDE | DEREK FROMM | JAKE EULL |
| ALI BURSTAD | HAILEY NEUMANN | NICK JUNG |
| BELLA DOLS | AVERY MORTENSON | GREG HANEGRAAF |
| HARPER WESTGAARD | FAITH FAUSONE | NOLAN BLAKE |

Congratulations



STATE
QUALIFIERS

START UP BUSINESS PLAN

- EDYN FOSSE
- CORINN SEIFERT
- HAILEY NEUMANN
- MACKENZIE WEBER

Congratulations



STATE
QUALIFIERS

PRINCIPLES ROLE PLAY EVENTS

- JULIA PANKO
- SAWYER HAHN
- TAYLOR RICE

Congratulations



STATE
QUALIFIERS

INTEGRATED MARKETING CAMPAIGNS

- DEREK FROMM
- GREG HANEGRAAF
- JAYNA HAGER
- LINDSAY STRECKER
- ALI BURSTAD
- NOLAN BLAKE

Congratulations



STATE
QUALIFIERS

TEAM ROLE PLAY EVENTS

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| JAYNA HAGER | DREW WEILER |
| LINDSAY STRECKER | TRISTAN (TJ) HILL |
| ANNIKA WOZNEY | DERRICK LODERMEIER |
| DYLAN LANGLEY | WALKER TRAN |
| AVA BURSTAD | EMME JORGENSEN |
| BRYNN SPANIER | NATALIE BARRINGER |

Congratulations



STATE
QUALIFIERS

INNOVATION PLANS

- FAITH FAUSONE
- MEGAN GORDON
- AVA BURSTAD
- BRYNN SPANIER
- LUCY BEECHER
- EMMA CZECH
- AVERI SCHIRMERS

Congratulations

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUDIO ESSAY PROGRAM WINNERS

Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars host the *Voice of Democracy Competition*. The 2020-21 theme was *Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?* This year's winners from Elk River-Rogers VFW Post 5518 are as follows:



1st place - Lilly Lassek



2nd place - Andrew Christopherson



3rd place - Kayden Grassel

All three are juniors at Elk River High School. As the post first place winner, Lilly Lassek will move on to the district-level competition. The Voice of Democracy Program is a premiere High School level Audio essay Competition that started in 1947. This program receives entries from over 64,500 students nationwide from 9-12th grade with the top National prize bring a \$30,000 scholarship. It is also recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals as an approved Student Contest and Activity.

For more information about the competition, visit <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>. Congratulations ERHS students!

Elk River High School Junior Earns Honorable Mention Award for Youth Art Month



Caroline Nelson's Honorable Mention Flag Design "Art Connects Us"



Caroline Nelson

Congratulations to Elk River High School junior Caroline Nelson for earning an Honorable Mention award for her 2021 Minnesota Youth Art Month Flag Design entry. Youth Art Month is a celebration of the visual arts. The program provides a medium for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences including: problem solving, creativity, observation and communication. The theme for this year's event is "Art Connects Us." Usually held at the Minnesota State Capitol building, all k-12 students who earn a winning design will be honored at the Youth Art Month Virtual Exhibition in March.