



Elk Bugle



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OCTOBER 2020

Tuesday, October 6th

Distance Learning Day for 9th-11th Grades

Key Dates

- 10/6 - ACT Test/Class of 2021
- 10/6 - ASVAB Test
- 10/6 - **Distance Learning ALL 9-11th Grades**
- 10/14 - PSAT Test Hybrid A/DL
- 10/14 - Course Fee Payments Due
- 10/15-10/16 - NO SCHOOL
- 10/19 - NHS Induction Ceremony
VIRTUAL
- 10/22 - Conferences (TBD)
- 10/22 - MCIS Parent Information Night (TBD)
- 10/22 - Financial Aid Night for 11th and 12th Grade Students/Parents (TBD)
- 10/27 - 11th Grade Mock Interview Day (TBD)
- 10/29 - PSAT Test Hybrid B/DL

Upcoming:

- 11/6 - Senior Photo Due for Yearbook
- 11/7 - Elk Pride Craft Bazaar
CANCELLED
- 11/13 - NO SCHOOL
- 11/20 - Senior Recognition Ad Due for Yearbook
- 11/20 - NO SCHOOL
- 11/23 - Conferences/No School
- 11/24-11/27 - No School

It's good to be an Elk!

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On Tuesday, October 6th, all 9-11th grade (Hybrid B) students will NOT report to school, but work from home as they would on their distance learning days. The only students who should report to school on this day will be any 12th grade students taking the ACT or 11th or 12th grade students taking the ASVAB. Students not reporting for testing will be expected to participate in their distance learning curriculum from home.

IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION

ACT

Elk River High School will be administering the free ACT plus writing on October 6th, 2020 to the Class of 2021. Students must be in their assigned testing room by 7:30 am; late arrivals will forfeit their opportunity to test for free this day. Students should check their "Class of 2021" Schoology materials page for an ACT folder with testing locations. Students must bring a photo ID, calculator (optional but recommended), and #2 non mechanical pencils. Food, beverages, phones and smart watches are banned from testing rooms (a bottle of water and nut-free bar will be provided for each student). The test is expected to take about five hours to administer and students may leave the building once they are finished.

*Our district-provided free ACT for 20-21 juniors will be held on April 13, 2021.

ASVAB

If your student is planning to take the ASVAB on October 6th, they need to report to room 105 (community room) by 7:30 am. Students taking the ASVAB do not need to bring any supplies. Once students have completed the ASVAB they will be allowed to leave the building.

After testing, school lunch will be available and students may also wait/work in the media center; busses will run on a normal schedule this day.

COVID-19

If your student is quarantined due to a COVID-19 exposure or is currently COVID-19 positive and their return date is after October 6, 2020 - they will not be able to test on this day. If students have COVID 19 symptoms, please do not send them to school to test.

We will continue to follow the MDH guidelines such as: wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, hand sanitizing and other guidelines.

THE SHOP DOWNTOWN **OPENING OCTOBER 3rd!**

The Elk River DECA Depot is excited to announce the opening of our storefront in downtown Elk River called "The Shop Downtown!" Located in *The Salon on Main*, next to the Sunshine Depot; this will be the place to get your Elk River apparel and accessories, such as sweatshirts, shirts, hats, and masks. Our store hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4-7 pm, and on Saturdays from 11am-4pm.

HEY ELKS **SPIRIT SHIRT** **UPDATE**

**SPIRIT SHIRTS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED NEXT WEEK**

WED (10/7), THURS (10/8)

A/B STUDENTS PICK UP DURING YOUR LUNCH

100% DISTANCE & PSEO STUDENTS PICK UP

DOWNTOWN ELK RIVER AT THE SHOP

705 MAIN STREET, W/TH 4-7 & SAT 11-4

UPDATES ON ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

On Monday, September 21st, 2020, the Minnesota High School League's Board of Directors approved a reconsideration placement of fall activities, a decision that brings football and volleyball back to the fall season. For the latest information on the fall and winter sports and activities season and the fall training sessions, please visit [our website](#) or contact the coach. The Athletics/Activities administrative assistant, Taylor Sawyer can be reached at 763-241-3427 or taylor.sawyer@isd728.org with any questions.

INFINITE CAMPUS FEES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

You may have noticed a new feature! Parents will now receive an email notification when certain fees have been added to their campus parent portal for their ERHS student! Course fees have been added at this time and are due by October 14th. Parking Permit fees will be added by October 5th and due on the 21st. Your activity or athletic fee will be assigned to your student upon registration and will not generate a notification; they will have various due dates throughout the year. If you have questions about any Elk River High School related fees on your account, please contact [Jennie Downing](#), 763-241-3434.

ISD 728 is streamlining payments by using Infinite Campus Parent Portal to pay for items such as meals, parking permits, course fees, activities and athletics, event admissions, and other school-related fees with credit cards instead of using cash or check. Please visit the ["Online Payments"](#) section of our district website for more information and instructions.

PSAT

If your 10th or 11th grade student has registered for the PSAT, the \$17 fee must be paid in full by 12 pm on Wednesday, October 7th in order to be eligible to take the PSAT. Payment can be made through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. It is the student's responsibility to arrive on time the day of the test and absence from classes will be excused. Students arriving late will not be permitted into the test per testing regulations. Please bring a calculator, NON-mechanical #2 pencils and leave your phone/back pack in your locker. Check-in starts at 7:20 am and testing begins at 7:45 am. If you have any questions, please stop in the Counseling Office or visit our website.

Test Dates: [Wednesday, October 14, 2020 for Hybrid A and DL](#)
[Thursday, October 29, 2020 for Hybrid B and DL](#)

Time: 7:45 – 11:30 AM

Location: ERHS Zabee Theater

Cost: \$17

****Distance Learners may be reassigned days based on the number of students registered for each test date to ensure appropriate social distancing practices.****

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

National Honor Society (NHS) has had to cancel many of its annual activities due to the pandemic. Sadly, we will not be hosting our annual Red Cross Blood Drive or Halloween Carnival. BUT NHS members still want to serve their community. If you know of some virtual or safe service projects for our NHS members, please contact [Scott Eskro](#) with your ideas.

Our new NHS members will be joining VIRTUALLY on Monday, October 19th through our annual Induction Ceremony. More details will be shared as this date approaches.

2020-2021 YEARBOOK ORDERS

[Order your 2020-2021 yearbook NOW](#) through Jostens. Limited quantity available. Price is \$70 (plus tax) for a limited time.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS/CLASS OF 2021

[Senior Yearbook Photo](#) Submission deadline is November 6th! Senior Yearbook Photos MUST be submitted via our online link by the deadline. Visit the link above for a how-to video! All photos must be 300 resolution or higher and the format should be 2"x3" portrait (vertical) minimum. If the photo is not high enough quality, it may not be placed in the yearbook. This is the responsibility of the person who submits the photo.

[Yearbook Recognition Ad](#) deadline is November 20th!

Yearbook Recognition Ads (formerly called Grad Ads) are available for purchase now. Visit our website for more information on our Recognition Ads and how to order.

AP TEST INFORMATION

At this time, all AP students should be getting logged in to their AP Classroom account. Once students are in the system, they need to make a decision as to whether they will be taking their AP Exam in May. This choice is made in their individual accounts on AP Classroom.

Each exam will cost \$60 this year due to an increase in cost from College Board and a decrease in reimbursement from the Minnesota Department of Education. There will NOT be a fee to cancel exams this year so we are recommending that if students are undecided about testing, they choose "yes" at this time. If a student chooses "no" to ordering an exam and wants to change their decision later, there will be a \$40 late order fee charged by College Board.

All exam decisions MUST be made in AP Classroom no later than **Tuesday, November 10th**. Fees for exams will be posted in Campus next March after our 2nd Semester AP Classes have ordered their exams.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's AP Teacher or [Rachel Telfer](#), AP Coordinator.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS**Semifinalists**

We are proud to share that the following Elk River High School seniors have been selected as National Merit Scholarship semifinalists:

Gabriel Livingston



Noah Paulsen



Mya Yoder



In early September, about 16,000 students, or approximately one-third of the 50,000 high scorers, are notified that they have qualified as Semifinalists.

Commended Students

Seniors Emily M. Anderson and Shaun Lee received Letters of Commendation for their outstanding performance on the PSAT Test in 2019.

Emily M. Anderson



Shaun Lee



In late September, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise.

CONGRATULATIONS!

For more information about the National Merit Scholarship Program and special opportunities these young people have opened up for themselves, please visit [the National Merit Scholarship Program website](https://www.nmscp.org/).

ERHS COLLEGE ADMISSION AND MILITARY VISITS

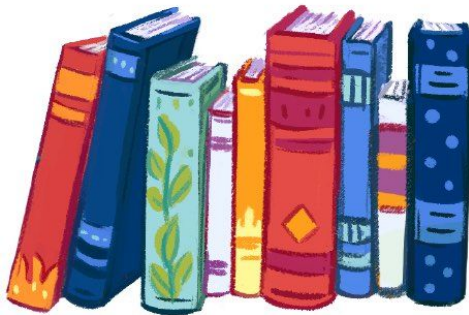
Did you know around 50 college admission representatives and all branches of the military visit ERHS each year? This is a convenient way to learn more about admission, programs, degrees, and financial aid by talking with an expert from that particular college or military branch. All visits for the 2020-2021 school year will be held virtually in the Career Center or at home on your Chromebook if you are distance learning. [Please visit this form](#) for a list of upcoming events and sign up to attend. Additions are added to this list often, so be sure to check back periodically.

FALL SENIOR LETTER

Senior year is an exciting time as you plan for life after school. The Counseling Department wants to make sure you are aware of the ways we can support you as you begin this next phase of your life. Whatever your plan may be after high school, such as military, work, or higher education, we want to serve as a helpful resource in your planning process. [Please view this senior letter](#) for more information.

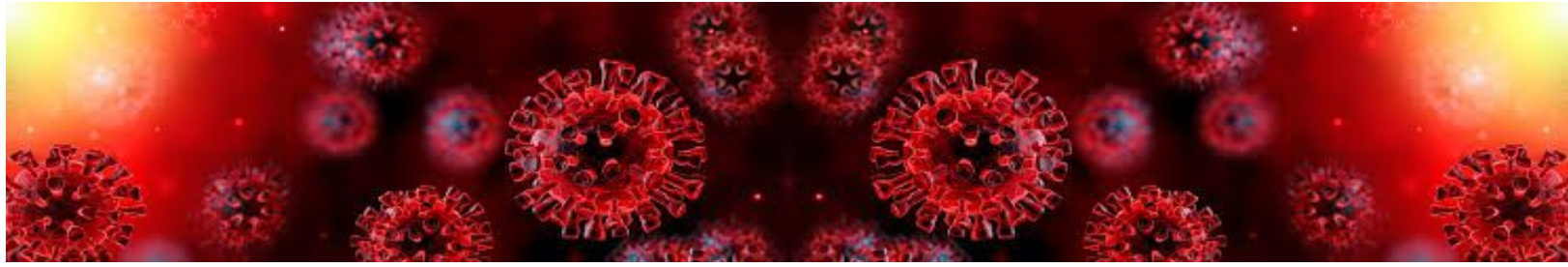
MN CAREER INFORMATION SYSTEM (MCIS)

MCIS is a great website to help students prepare for their future career. They can take career interest inventories, research majors and programs, search for scholarships, and take practice ACT and ASVAB tests. All students will be spending more time with this website during Advisory but if they want to get a head start, students can log in through their Rapid Identity portal. Parents can either create their own separate account by visiting www.mncis.intocareers.com and using the username erahs and password elks. If you create your own account through "Create My MCIS" icon, you will have full access to all features but you can't see your student's results. If you want to view your student's progress, you will need to use your student's individual login through Rapid Identity.



DISTANCE LEARNING? YOU CAN GET ERHS LIBRARY BOOKS

Distance Learners can put books on hold using Destiny. The [Media Center page on our website](#) has a [video on how to use the system and reserve your books](#). Our friendly media center staff will see the hold and check the book out to the Distance Learning student. That student or Guardian can stop by the Main Office between 7 am - 3 pm Monday - Friday and pick up the book. Call or email [Scott Eskro](#) with questions 763-241-3400 ext. 2114.



From the Health Office...

Covid-19 Updates

Please evaluate your child daily for Covid symptoms before sending them to school by using the [School Self-Screening Checklist](#).

Common key terms related to Covid:

Close contact: Close contact means being within 6 feet of another person for 15 minutes or more. In the context of Covid-19, a close contact exposure means that a person either lives with or was within 6 feet or less of someone with lab-confirmed Covid-19 for 15 minutes or longer while the person was infectious (regardless of whether either person wore a face covering or face shield).

Isolation: Isolation is an infection prevention tool for a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, and requires the person to stay away from others, even those living in the same home. For Covid-19, the isolation period is at least 10 days from the start of symptoms or test date if the person does not have symptoms, 24 hours without fever, and improvement of symptoms.

Quarantine: Quarantine is an infection prevention tool for a person who was in close contact with someone who has or is suspected to have Covid-19, and requires the person to stay away from others for 14 days. The quarantine period does not change with a negative test result since an infection could still develop after getting tested. Quarantine lasts for 14 days because Covid-19 has an incubation period that is between two to 14 days long.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: If my child has 2 of the less common symptoms listed on the School Self-Screening Checklist and my child has to be home for 10 days, do their siblings also need to stay home?

A: Yes, siblings need to stay home for 14 days or until your ill child receives a negative Covid test or an alternative diagnosis.

Q: If my child is diagnosed with Strep but they are also tested for Covid, can they return to school?

A: No, if they are tested for Covid, they have to receive a negative test result before they can return to school.

Q: If my child is a close contact of a confirmed positive Covid case, do they need to stay home?

A: Yes, that child needs to stay home for 14 days, but that child's siblings do not have to stay home.

Please visit www.isd728.org/COVID-19 for all of the latest information on the COVID-19 related information for our district.