NOTE #31 -- MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2023



Good morning! Would you please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance: *I pledge allegiance, to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

EPJ HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Happy Birthday to Braelyn Collins!
- 2. Congratulations to Grace Peed for being selected as the Student of the Month for October!
- Congratulations to the Marching Band Friday in Beresford! EPJ HS Band earned 2nd place and won Best Drum Major! Congratulations EPJ and Avery for a great start to the competition season.
- 4. Congratulations to the Football team Friday in Miller.
- 5. Congratulations to the JV Volleyball team on Saturday in Dell Rapids.
- Good Luck to Carter, Ben, and Austin at State Golf today and tomorrow at Heart Ranch Golf Course in Rapid City. To view live scoring go to golfgenius.com and enter 23SDBOYSA in the GGID <u>https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/9923236564412945931</u>
- 7. Good Luck to Cross Country at Vermillion today. Please dismiss them at 1:15.
- 8. Good Luck to C Team and JV Volleyball today @ West Sioux.
- 9. Good Luck to the JV Football team today against Akron-Westfield. Game will be played at 5:00.
- 10. There will be a Junior class meeting today in Mrs. Norris' room immediately following announcements.
- 11. Juniors you will meet with Mrs. McMeekin on Wednesday during homeroom. Go to homeroom for attendance and announcements and then go to the commons.
- 12. Seniors Representatives from Wayne State College and Dakota State University will be here on Thursday October 5th. Use the google form on the School Counselor website to sign up for a time to meet with one of the reps.
- 13. There will be a student council meeting on Thursday, October 5th at 7:45 AM.

- 14. The EPJ Volleyball team will be hosting a benefit game, "Blocking Out Cancer", on Friday Oct. 20th during our game vs. Madison. The game will be supporting the Wall family and the Kommes family. T shirts for the game can be purchased at the following link: <u>https://stores.inksoft.com/epj_volleyball_2023/shop/home</u> Shirts need to be ordered by October 8th and will be delivered before the game. We hope to see you there!
- 15. High School Students consider volunteering at the book fair on Tuesday, October 3rd Thursday, October 5th. See the book fair from a whole new perspective as you help young shoppers. They are so excited! Help make this a book fair to remember. Shifts include before and after school and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please email Mrs. Holdhusen if you can help!
- 16. There will be Hunter Education Class offered in October at the Elk Point Fire Hall. Please see attachment for class dates and how to register.
- 17. A reminder to prospective National Honor Society members: Your student activity forms plus all other information is due on Tues., Oct. 3 by 3:30 PM
- Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Thursday, October 5th for Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00-7:00 PM. Conferences will be held in the High School gym. There will be no school on Friday, October 6th or Monday, October 9th.

PARENTS:

The Elk Point-Jefferson High School Music Department is calling all Huskies, Pointers, and Black Hawks music alumni to join us on Friday, October 13, 2023, to participate in the EPJ HS Alumni Marching Band. Are you not an alumnus but have a student in the band or work in the school district? You can join in the fun too! You say you haven't picked up a pair of sticks or even touched your instrument since you graduated? That's OK, it's like riding a bike, it will come back to you! Plus, this is about reconnecting with friends and your Husky music family. Any notes you play out of key or dropped sticks will be a plus to an already great day.

Alumni Performance: 6:30 PM (Pregame & Halftime) - October 13th, 2023 - EPJ v. BEEHS Event Address: EPJ Football Field Alumni Rehearsal: 5:15 PM - October 13th, 2023 - EPJ Band Room Contact Mr. Pohlman: <u>(605) 356-5950</u> or <u>Preston.Pohlman@k12.sd.us</u>

Please register on or before 10/10/23. Music will be emailed to you ahead of time. <u>https://forms.gle/Cbri3MDwgmkdJVFy7</u>

- Please communicate with the office regarding any changes in your email or physical addresses, telephone numbers and/or household changes.
- If you are not receiving daily announcements via your preferred email, please contact the Middle School/High School office with changes or to be removed.
- Please call the office by 9am if your child will be late or absent from school.
- Parent Portal- You may access your child's schedule, lunch balances, deposits and other things going on in their class by logging into infinite campus/ parent portal. You can find the link to this on our websites homepage. Scroll down and on the right under quick links click on "student/parent campus portal". If you do not have a log-in please contact Myles Larsen <u>myles.t.larsen@k12.sd.us</u>

- NOTE: Any messages called into the office after 2:45PM are not guaranteed to get to the student(s). Please make sure you are giving the office staff enough time to locate and deliver messages.
- Free & Reduced application- attached above is the Free & Reduced application. While not required, there are still benefits to having your Free & Reduced Meal Application completed. Students who qualify for F&R meals may have ACT and SAT exam fees waived. It can also increase Federal Funding the school receives. The application can be found on our website.
- Important Dates
 - 1. October 5 Early Dismissal @ 12:30
 - 2. October 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1-7PM)
 - 3. October 6 & 9 No School
 - 4. October 10 Picture Retake Day
 - 5. October 13 End of 1st Quarter
 - 6. October 27 No School Teacher In-Service

EPJ MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Happy Birthday to Rylee Jo Donnelly!
- 2. There will be a Halloween Dance Committee meeting in Mrs. Peirce's room on Wednesday at 7:45. Those students are: Hektor Hanson, Xander Lenius, Emma Sellers, Ryland McKee, Gisselle Densberger, Avery Baker, Lorelai Cluts, and Zabrina Praster.
- **3.** Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on Thursday, October 5th for Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1:00-7:00 PM. Conferences will be held in the Middle School gym. There will be no school on Friday, October 6th or Monday, October 9th.
- 4. There will not be Science Olympiad this week.
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- **6.** The book fair will be held in the library on Tuesday, October 3rd Thursday, October 5th from 7:45 am 7:00 pm Tuesday and Thursday and 7:45 am 4:00 pm on Wednesday.
- 7. There will be Hunter Education Class offered in October at the Elk Point Fire Hall. Please see attachment for class dates and how to register.
- 8. For anyone interested in playing 6th grade boys basketball this year, we will be playing in the Big Sioux Basketball league in Harrisburg. Registration must be completed before October 1st, so please contact Matt Hammitt if interested. Email is <u>matthammitt@hotmail.com</u>. Thanks

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- Please remember to add money to your child's meal account in Infinite Campus. To gain access for balance information and deposits contact <u>Myles.T.Larsen@K12.SD.US</u> for a username and password. Please make all checks payable to Elk Point Jefferson (EPJ)
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