

# Elevating Eastchester High School

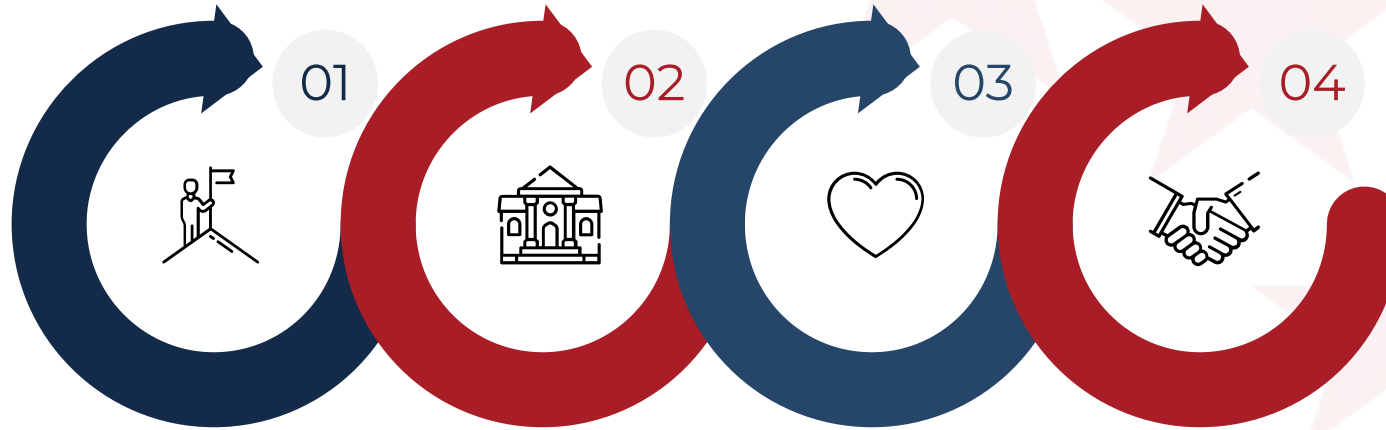
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Four campuses, four pillars,  
*one vision...*

**Vision**

## Elevate Eastchester



### EXPERIENCE

Examining **State of the Art Instruction** in the classroom at all levels

### SPACE

Examining **State of the Art Learning Environments** at all levels

### WELLNESS

Enhancing **State of the Art Health and Wellness Partnerships** in the Community

### COMMUNITY

Embracing the **Civic Roles** Schools & Students can cultivate in our community

# Elevating EHS

## Academics

*Expanding Opportunity and Rigor*

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## Student Experience

*Schedule Redesign and Support Systems*

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## Culture and Community

*Students thrive when they feel connected, supported, and known*

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## Future Readiness

*Portrait of a Graduate in Action*

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# Elevating Academics: Expanding Opportunity and Rigor

- Continued growth in AP participation and equitable enrollment
- New courses designed to meet student interest and evolving needs
- Increased support structures to ensure all students can succeed in advanced pathways



# Elevating Academics: Expanding Opportunity and Rigor

## Additions to the Course Catalog

- Refinement of the course catalog to reflect student interest, college and career readiness, and emerging academic areas
- New courses designed to broaden opportunities; Expanded electives
- Course additions aligned to Portrait of a Graduate competencies, including critical thinking, communication, creativity, and global awareness
- Ensuring new offerings are accessible and support equitable participation in rigorous learning experiences



# Elevating Academics: Expanding Opportunity and Rigor

- **AP Macroeconomics** – expanding opportunities in social sciences and economic literacy
- **AP Seminar** – developing student skills in research, writing, collaboration, and presentation
- **Honors Physics** – strengthening STEM pathways and advanced scientific inquiry
- **Data Structures** – expanding computer science offerings and preparing students for high-demand fields in technology and innovation
- **Virtual Enterprise** – providing authentic, career-connected learning through business simulation and entrepreneurship

# Elevating Academics: Expanding Opportunity and Rigor

- **AP Business Principles** – strengthening connections between academics and future career interests
- **AP Research** – extending the College Board Capstone sequence and supporting independent scholarship
- **Introduction to Educational Psychology** – offering students a unique opportunity to explore learning, development, and human behavior



# Elevating Academics: Expanding Opportunity and Rigor

## New Math Pathways for Student Success

More responsive and student-centered math sequencing options to ensure every learner has access to a pathway aligned to their future goals:

- **Algebra II with Financial Applications** – emphasizing applied mathematics and financial literacy
- **Introduction to Precalculus** – supporting stronger preparation and multiple entry points into advanced math

# Elevating Academics: Expanding Opportunity and Rigor

## Dual Enrollment Courses



### **The Past as Present**

Introduction to Educational Psychology

Pre-Calculus

Calculus

Physical Geology

Anatomy and Physiology

Physics

French 4

Italian 4

Spanish 4

### **Personal Finance**

Foundations of Marketing

Business Law

**Financial Accounting**

**Virtual Enterprise**

# Elevating the Student Experience: Schedule Redesign and Support Systems

## Rotating Hybrid Block Schedule

- Built to support deeper instruction, student pacing, and teacher collaboration
- Drop structure reduces daily overload while expanding instructional time
- Embedded opportunities for re-teaching, enrichment, and active learning



# Elevating Academics: Supporting Professional Growth and Learning

## Instructional Improvement through IDE Partnership

- Collaboration with IDE Corp to strengthen lesson design and active learning
- Focus on student engagement, authentic tasks, and higher-order thinking
  - Shared instructional language across departments
- Building teacher capacity through ongoing professional learning

# Elevating the Student Experience: Schedule Redesign and Support Systems



## Office Hours and Targeted Academic Support

- Dedicated time for student help-seeking and intervention
- Strong uptake: increasing numbers of students utilizing support blocks
- Targeted support classes providing individualized academic coaching

# Elevating Wellness and Community

## Advisory: Success and Future Growth

- Successful hybrid model blending lessons, counselor support, and grade-level experiences
- Anchor in the RULER framework and emotional intelligence development
- Strong community feedback informing next year's evolution
- Measuring impact through Panorama survey administered in March



# Elevating Wellness and Community

## Signature Experiences

School-wide assemblies with nationally recognized speakers:

- Mark Brackett
- Tom Kersting
- Matt Bocchi and Gian Paul Gonzalez
- ***Upcoming: Matt Bocchi***

Next year: Grade-level experiences aligned to developmental needs

- 9th: Transition/Peer Mentoring
- 10th: Executive Functioning
- 11th: Healthy Relationships
- 12th: Transition beyond EHS

# Elevating the Student Experience: Authentic experiences outside of the classroom

- AP Psychology visited the Museum of Illusions in NYC
- Virtual Enterprise won Silver for Booth Design at the NYS/NE Regional Trade Show

## *Upcoming:*

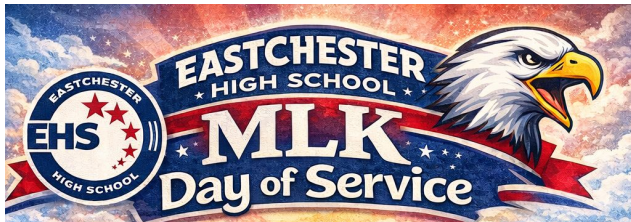
- Anatomy and Physiology plans to visit the DNA Learning Center
- AP Computer Science A will compete at the Siena College Programming Competition



# Elevating Wellness and Community

School-wide experiences that connect students to the community around them

- Expanded partnership with JCK
- EHS Alumni Panel
- MLK Day of Service
- *Upcoming:* Multicultural Day

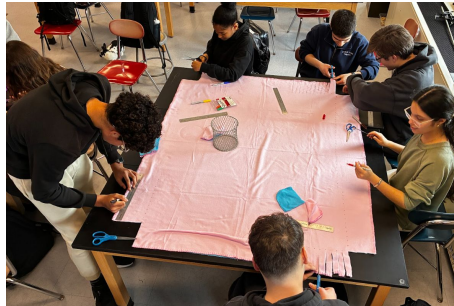


# MLK Day of Service

## January 21, 2026

All EHS students participated in grade-level community service projects.

Each project was student initiated, led and organized by members of Eastchester Government Organization (EGO).



# Multicultural Day

## March 27, 2026



Dedication of a half-day of school to multicultural experiences led by club advisors and student members of cultural clubs

### Food & Games

- Food donations by local restaurants
- Dominican Dominoes
- Mexican Bingo
- Chinese Chess

### Dance & Performances

- Albanian Dance
- Italian Accordion Player & Tarantella
- African Dance
- Greek Dance & How-To Demonstration

### Crafts & Storytelling

- Chinese Storytelling
- Multicultural Eagle
- Multilingual Name Writing
- Origami
- Decorating Doilies

...and more!!

# Portrait of a Graduate

## Recognized Seals and Graduation Distinctions

EHS students now have access to a growing set of signature capstone opportunities, including:

- **Seal of Civic Readiness** – recognizing student engagement in civic knowledge, participation, and community contribution
- **Seal of Biliteracy** – affirming advanced language proficiency and global communication skills



# Capstone Experiences at EHS

EHS students now have access to a growing set of signature capstone opportunities, including:

- **AP Research** – sustained independent inquiry, academic writing, and presentation of original research
- **Science Research** – advanced scientific investigation and participation in authentic research practices
- **Virtual Enterprise** – applied business leadership, entrepreneurship, and real-world economic simulation
- **Data Structures** – advanced computer science coursework that builds critical skills for high-demand STEM fields