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WHAT’S UP FROM MR. GREEN!

As usual, great things are happening at EHS. For one, Spring Sports are starting up, including track & field, coed soccer and boy’s volleyball! In addition, our Robotics team just participated in their second competition, where they qualified for the quarterfinals (Go Eagles!) and had a grand time. By the way, when you come to our EAGLE EXPO (AKA Cot-tage Fair) on March 3rd, you will get a sneak peak at their handcrafted creations. The Robotics team just participated in their second competition, where they qualified for the quarterfinals (Go Eagles!) and had a grand time. By the way, when you come to our EAGLE EXPO (AKA Cottage Fair) on March 3rd, you will get a sneak peak at their handcrafted creations, as well as a myriad of other student-created products that will capture your hearts and imaginations. If you want food (I know I do), grab some robot, as well as a myriad of other student-created creations. If you want food (I know I do), grab some at the Fair) on March 3rd, you will get a sneak peak at their handcrafted creations.

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IB AT EDUPRIZE

In this week’s installment of IB information, we address the parameters used by most universities for admission and scholarship purposes: GPA, SAT or ACT scores and Class rank.

GPA - grade point average is the way a university compares a student with other students at the same school, using a standard scale (4.0). It is still used as a baseline, but the variation between teachers at most schools, let alone across schools, makes it a very subjective barometer. Recognizing this, the SAT and ACT were created to try and level the playing field across schools, states, and even nations. The SAT, which emphasizes reasoning abilities, and the ACT, which emphasizes content knowledge, are useful snapshots as to the ability of a student to perform in high stakes testing environments, but doesn’t measure student habits, persistence, and other characteristics important to college success. Class rank, which attempts to measure the relative difficulty of the course of study a student takes in addition to their achievement, was devised to make the student who did well in challenging courses higher than the student who aced all easy courses. It is still a comparison of students within a single school (like GPA), but it does raise the prospects of true academians and risk takers. Next week we’ll take on the other parameters used by colleges these days, and how IB can be an advantage for getting into college, and getting scholarships.

FEBRUARY 2015

9-13 Conference Week
12 Early Release for Traditional Students (Fri. Schedule)
13-15 Project Exploration Leaves/returns on Sunday the 15th
16 NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENTS’ DAY
19 Author Visit Neal Shusterman & Eric Elfman 2 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.
Parent Tour—6 p.m. Bldg. 3 Theater

EDUPRIZE SCIENCE FAIR

I know that everyone is working hard on their science fair projects. Way to go! Keep up the good work! I am getting lots of questions as well as inquiries from many students. Parents remember to keep a close eye on your child’s classroom communications for more specific information about expectations and timelines for their science projects. What an exciting time! “What if the results are not as expected?” Don’t panic! In the world of science things don’t always turn out as expected. But there’s no need to scrap the project. Have your child think carefully about what she (or he) did. Was a step forgotten? Can your child repeat the experiment or observations? If she still gets the same results, ask her to explain why her observations didn’t fit the expectations. Have her suggest better ways to test her question next time. Remember, science fair projects are learning experiences. If your child learned something, then she was successful. A thorough understanding of a science fair project that didn’t turn out as expected is more valuable than a less thorough understanding of one that did.

REMINDER!

While on campus for meetings or events, please remember that your children need to stay with you. During these events, there is no supervision on the playground. For safety reasons, students are not allowed to play outside, or in any area on campus.

LOST AND FOUND

Please don’t forget to check the LOST AND FOUND next to building 1.
We are accumulating quite a collection.
Break out the poodle skirts and join us on February 27th from 6-8 PM for our annual Sock Hop.

Bring the whole family for music, dancing, costume contest, photo booths and lots of fun!!

There is no charge to join in the fun! There is a nominal fee for photo booths, root beer floats and other refreshments.

Join us for the Boosterthon Kick Off!

8:30-9:15 Grades 4-6
9:30-10:15 Grades 1-3
11:30-12:15 AM Tops K-6
12:30-1:15 PM Tops K-6
2:45-3:30 PM 7-10th

Pep Rally will be held February 24th in the gym of Building 2.

Interested in upcoming PTN events?

Please join us on February 20th (new date!) 9:15-9:45 AM at the elementary lunch tables. Upcoming events & volunteer opportunities will be discussed.

EDUPRIZE will be hosting our annual Blood Drive with UBS.
Tuesday, March 24th, 2015
7:30 AM until 12:30 PM

Link to make an appointment will be posted soon.

Have Box Tops, Labels for Education or Coke Rewards to send in? Simply detach the form below. Place a minimum of 25 Box Tops or Labels for Education in a Ziploc bag and send them in with your student to earn a prize!

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Student: ___________________________ Grade: ___________

Teacher: ___________________________ Room #: ___________