



En-Lightning CONNECTIONS

"coming together is a beginning...keeping together is progress...working together is success!"

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Mid-term Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mid-term progress reports will be distributed to students on October 9 in preparation for Parent-Teacher conferences October 12 and 13. Progress reports provide a great opportunity for parents to connect with their children about their performance in classes. Be sure to connect with your children about these on October 9 and mark October 12 from 5:00-9:00 or October 13 from 7:00- 11:00 on your calendar!

Quarter 1 Reports Cards

Quarter 1 report cards will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 28.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

This is a reminder that senior color pictures are due November 8 for publication in the yearbook. Unfortunately, due to publisher's deadlines, late pictures will not be in the yearbook. Please allow several weeks for developing and delivery. Check with your photographer for further information. FYI – Valley Images offers a free sitting with two poses exclusively for yearbook publication. Make your appointment now!

Later this month you should receive an informational flyer regarding senior graduation ads. These are a perfect way to acknowledge your senior's achievements. Although the deadline is not until mid-December, space will fill quickly. There are a limited number of pages available for ads, so get yours in soon!

If you have any questions regarding yearbook publication, please contact Ms. Kelli Donais or Ms. Sue Rolfson.

Homecoming Royalty *King and Queen*



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PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

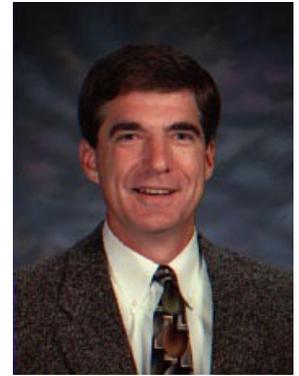
Trends in school finance

More than 80 percent of Minnesota school districts rely on levy referendums just to maintain quality of educational programs

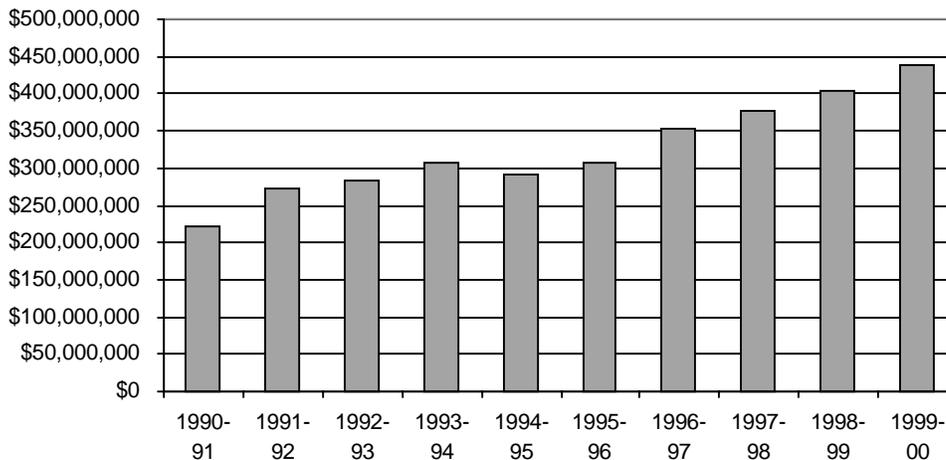
Levy for Learning referendums like the one District 196 voters will be asked to vote on November 7 have become a necessary source of basic operational revenue for the vast majority of school districts in Minnesota.

In the past, school districts proposed levy referendums as a means of providing students with additional opportunities above and beyond the basic educational program. Today, due to a combination of state funding shortages, mandated programs and increased costs, school districts are forced to propose levy referendums just to maintain their basic educational program and avoid budget cuts that negatively impact important factors like class size. Such is the case in District 196.

More than 80 percent of Minnesota school districts currently have at least one approved levy referendum, according to statistics compiled by the Association of Metropolitan School Districts. The graph below shows that the total amount of revenue raised through local levy referendums in Minnesota has nearly doubled in just the last 10 years – from \$222 million in 1990-91 to \$438.6 million in 1999-2000. The average amount of referendum revenue per pupil statewide has increased from \$268 to \$459 over that same 10-year period.



Growth in Referendum Revenue Statewide



Source: Association of Metropolitan School Districts

This increased reliance on local levy referendums to cover basic operational expenses parallels state funding increases for K-12 education that have consistently lagged behind basic cost of living and inflationary increases. In District 196 and other Minnesota school districts, for example, funding increases from the state have averaged 2 percent per year for the last 10 years.

Further evidence of this shift in school tax responsibility from the state to the local property taxpayer is provided by the fact that 47 of the 48 Twin Cities area school districts already have at least one levy referendum in place – and the 48th district, St. Paul, is also asking its voters to support a levy this fall.

On November 7, parents and other citizens in District 196 will have the opportunity to vote on a levy referendum to raise additional funds needed to maintain our current high quality of programs and services for students. No new programs are planned and none of the money would be used for construction, renovation or any other building project. The levy request is for \$474 per pupil unit each year for 10 years.

A successful levy would help restore some of the budget cuts that our students are feeling now as a result of an unsuccessful levy referendum last fall. At Eastview High School, these changes have resulted in the loss of some excellent teachers, larger class sizes, significant decreases in operational budgets for curricular and cocurricular programs, the loss of some cocurricular programs altogether (e.g. 3-act play, 9B sports, and JV football), and increased participation fees.

If the levy is not successful, the budget cuts put in place for this year will continue, and more will be needed for next year.

The cost of this levy to property owners would be approximately \$18 per month for each \$100,000 of property value, regardless of the type or amount of residential or commercial property. For example, the owner of a \$100,000 house or business property would pay approximately \$18 per month; the owner of a \$200,000 house or business property would pay approximately \$36 per month, etc. The tax impact is based on the market value of the property.

More details about the levy referendum will continue to be available for parents and all interested District 196 residents during the next few weeks. For more information, call the District 196 Levy Information Line at 651-423-7776 or check the district web site at www.isd196.k12.mn.us.

Levy referendum Q&A: District 196 does have a financial plan

The school district has a responsibility to inform the public of the need for levy referendum dollars. It is our hope that we have and will continue to provide useful information to voters who will be deciding the levy referendum ballot question on November 7.

Below are responses to two questions that we have heard frequently.

1. Does the district have a financial plan?

Yes, the district does have a financial plan. The plan is to maintain the excellent programs and high level of services currently offered to students and their families for as long as possible. We are doing this by continuing to seek needed funding and to reduce expenses without hurting students.

The district's financial plan – or budget – is monitored continually and is routinely updated to keep pace with changes in revenue sources and amounts, requirements for spending, changes in the marketplace, etc.

Every year the board reviews and approves a preliminary budget and a final budget at public meetings. The district is also annually audited by an outside auditing firm, and the audit report is also reviewed and approved by the school board.

District financial plans take into account a number of factors, including:

- Student enrollment projections – School districts receive funding from the state based on the number of students enrolled. Student enrollment projections are updated at least once a year, and district staff keep in touch with cities and developers to monitor changes in residential growth.
- Spending reductions and revenue enhancements approved by the school board.
- Legislative action – The state legislature meets annually and every year has the opportunity to change education funding formulas, mandates and take other actions that affect how much money is available to school districts and how districts are required to spend the money.

2. Is any of this money going to build stadiums, ice arenas, bubbles or field houses?

No, none of this money would be used for any building project. This money will not be and, by law, can not be used for construction of new facilities (schools, stadiums, ice arenas, field houses, bubbles, offices, etc.) or renovation of current facilities.

Eastview High School Announces 19 National Merit Scholars

Seven Eastview High School students have been named National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists, and twelve Eastview High School students have been named Commended National Merit Scholars.

National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist: Stephen Chu, Jeff Dewey, Mark DiPasquale, Justin Knoepfler, Sam Packwood, Jessica Raddatz and Theresa Thumblad.

National Merit Scholar Commended: Ryan Bergen, Nick Dahl, Shannan Feeley, Sam Friedman, Dan Gaard, Megan Gooch, Jana Grcevich, Ryan Kelley, Matt Latterner, John Lawrey, Amanda Marek and David Purdy.



ACADEMICS, ARTS AND ACTIVITIES

November 9, 10, and 11 at 7:30
November 11 and 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

By **Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber**
Directed by **Scott Durocher**



Joseph, a young man with a knack for having prophetic dreams—and the favorite son of the family—incurs the jealousy of his brothers when his doting father gives him a magnificent coat of many colors. Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery in Egypt, where his special gifts save the country from famine and eventually secure him a position as the Pharaoh's right-hand man. In due time, he is reunited with his now contrite and guilt-ridden brethren. A rollicking and tongue-in-cheek musical blend of calypso, '50s rock and roll, country-western, vaudeville, and French art song—**Joseph** will leave you alternately humming and giggling for days to come!

The Eastview Lightning Box Office will be open Thursday, November 2, from 5:00-9:00 p.m., November 3 through November 10 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and one hour before show time. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Lightning Box Office at 952-431-8955 during box office hours. *Due to the expected volume of sales, phones will not be answered on Thursday night, November 2.*



October 16 at 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.

Fall Choral Concert

Directed by **Judy Sagen, Mark Ertl & Holly Beneventi**

The Fall Choral Concert opens the vocal music season in the Performing Arts Center. Choirs featured will be the Lightning Choir, Choraliers, Bel Canto, Men's and Women's Chorale, Varsity and Concert Choir. A variety of music will be performed and the public is invited to attend at no admission fee.



November 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Fall Dance Show

Directed by **Emily DeWees & Ali Moon**

The **Lightning Dance Team** hosts this first dance department event of the year. The Eastview dance classes, the Lightning Dance Team and local dance studios perform in an Eastview community dance show. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students/senior citizens.



November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Freshman Band Concert

Directed by **Bill Henry, Mark Betters & Frank Pasquerella**

The musical talents of the new kids on the EVHS block will be featured in this showcase concert. The 125-piece Freshman Varsity Band will entertain you with a wide variety of band music ranging from concert band classics to jazz favorites to rockin' pep band hits. The future is now for the band class of 2004. Come join us for the fun. Admission is free.



December 11 at 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.

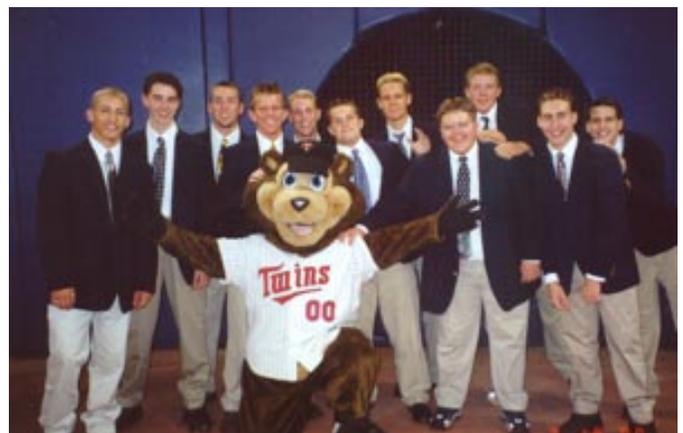
Holiday Choral Concerts

Directed by **Judy Sagen, Mark Ertl & Holly Beneventi**

Celebrate the holiday season as the EVHS Vocal Music Department "Sings in the New Year" at the annual Holiday Concert. All curricular and co-curricular choirs will be performing a variety of winter and holiday music, and the North Shore Brass will be playing your holiday favorites. The alumni are invited to join the choir's "Grand Finale" of Ose Shalom and the public is invited to attend at no admission charge.

Voice Male Sings National Anthem at Minnesota Twins Game

The Eastview High School Voice Male Choir, directed by Mark Ertl, was chosen by audition to perform the National Anthem at the Minnesota Twins game on September 18 at the Metrodome.



Fall Sports Schedule Posters are in:

Our new fall sports season schedule cards and posters are available in the athletic office. Please stop by to get your own copy of the schedules.

Special Recognition for student athletes:

Our fastpitch team earned Section 6AA Academic Championship Team honors with a 3.804 G.P.A. This is the third consecutive year the team has won this honor. The team is coached by **Matt Percival, Mark Gerber and Sara Freeman** and taught academics by the **Eastview faculty**.

Congratulations to the Eastview baseball team. They finished second in the section 6AAA baseball tournament at Sierbert Field. The team is coached by **J.D. Bickle** and **Scott Oxley**.

Junior **Liz Goergen** earned All-State honors at the MSHSL State Track and Field meet on June 9-10 in the 300m hurdles. She placed 6th in the competition. The 4 x 400m relay also earned All-State honors at the MSHSL State Track and Field meet on June 9-10. Members of the relay team include **Mikaela Raddatz, 9, Wendy Rangitsch, 11, Liz Goergen, 11, and Katie Bierlein, 9**. They were coached by **Jorjean Fischer, Jenny Hugstad-Vaa** and **Jennifer Snobeck**.

Congratulations to junior **Andrew Neuman** for earning All-State recognition in two events at the MSHSL State Track and Field meet on June 9-10. He finished 3rd in the long jump and 8th in the 200m dash. The 4 x 100m relay team earned All-State honors as well as a sixth place finish. Members of the relay team include **Newmann, Vossen, 12, Ryan Soliday 11, and Kyle Krivoruchka, 11**. They were coached by **Troy Swanson, Mark Tollefson, and Mark Warder**.

Congratulations to **Nate Cermak** for being named 1st Team All-State Baseball by the Minneapolis Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press as a catcher/first baseman. He was also selected to play in the Lions All-Star game. He was coached by **J.D. Bickle** and **Scott Oxley**.

Adam Keeler was selected by the Minneapolis Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press to their 2nd Team All-State baseball teams as a centerfielder. He also played in the Lions All-Star game this summer. He was coached by **J.D. Bickle** and **Scott Oxley**.

Congratulations to the following members of our Competition Cheerleading squad. They were named to the All-American squad by the American Cheerleading Federation. They are **Tristan Topps (12th), Carolyn Cassin (12th), Sasha Bergman (12), Laura Davis (11th), Jennifer Hudspeth (11), and Julie Goltzman (10)**. They are coached by **Robin Davis**.

Several of our individual participants have been recognized by others for their achievements in the athletic arena this fall. The Lake Conference honored 12 all-conference student-athletes and 20 honorable mention student-athletes from EVHS for their excellence.

ExCEL Award Program

ExCEL – **Ex**cellence in **C**ommunity, **E**ducation and **L**eadership – is a unique recognition program designed exclusively for Minnesota high school juniors who are active in fine arts and/or athletic activities, who show leadership qualities, and who are model citizens. These students will be recognized weekly during the school year on WCCO Radio. This year's nominees from Eastview High School are Robyn Salter and Mitch Meyer.

Registration for Winter Sports Begins Monday, October 16

Student-athletes must have all necessary forms completed, a current physical on file and pay an athletic fee before they may participate in a practice or tryout for a winter sport. Forms can be picked up in the Main Office and registration will begin on Monday, October 16. If you have any questions, please call 431-8904 for more information.

ALL-LAKE CONFERENCE STUDENT-ATHLETES, TEAM RECORDS AND TEAM G.P.A'S

BOYS TENNIS

5-4 Conf., 5th place

Ryan Sommers (12), Wyane Hu (10)

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

2-11-0 Conf., 10th place, 7-16-0 Overall

3.80 Team G.P.A.

Kaja Martinson (12)

BASEBALL

11-6 Conf., 2nd place

Nate Cermak (12), Jon Meirink (12),

Jim Bauer (11)

GIRLS' GOLF

3-6 Conf., 6th place

BOYS' GOLF

4-5 Conf., 4th place, 13-6 Overall

3.00 Team G.P.A.

Luke Elfner (12), Andrew Morgan (11)

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD

14-3 Conf., 3rd place, 47-7 Overall

3.86 Team G.P.A.

Courtney Hugstad-Vaa (11), Liz Goergen (11)

BOYS' TRACK AND FIELD

8-9 Conf., 51-28 Overall, 6th place 3.36 Team G.P.A.

Darin Vossen (12), Andrew Neuman (11)

**G.P.A. OF ALL SPORTS COMBINED =
3.51 ON A 4.00 SCALE!!**

ACT or SAT?

Many questions arise on which college entrance exam to take, ACT or SAT? Should I take both? When should I take them? Can I take them more than once? What are their differences? How do I register?

The ACT is the most commonly accepted college entrance exam in the United States; however, most colleges will accept both ACT and SAT. There are some colleges that will only accept the ACT. Please check with the college or with your counselor on which test you should take. Our advice is if you plan to attend a four-year college, definitely take the ACT during the spring of your junior year. You may take both tests if you are looking at a wide variety of schools, particularly on the east coast.

ACT or SAT should be taken during the spring of the junior year.

ACT (\$23.00)

Test Dates

*December 9
*February 10
*April 7
*June 9

Reg. Deadline

November 3
January 5
March 2
May 4

SAT (\$24.00)

Test Dates

December 2
January 27
March 31
May 5
*June 2

Reg. Deadline

October 27
December 22
February 23
March 29
April 27

**Indicates that test will be given at Eastview High School.*

College entrance exams may be taken more than once. Most colleges will take the higher of the two scores. Some schools will start averaging scores if the test is taken more than two times; however many will continue to take the higher test.

The ACT is an achievement test that measures: English, math, science, and reading. The four tests are averaged together to determine the over-all composite score which can range from 1-36.

The SAT is an aptitude test that measures verbal and math aptitudes. Each test is scored on a scale of 200-800.

To register for either test, a student may stop by the guidance office to pick up a registration application as well as a practice exam booklet. The application is to be filled out and mailed directly to the testing agency in the envelope that is provided. Don't forget to include a check or money order for the appropriate fee. You will be asked to provide a testing code for Eastview High School. **Our testing code for all tests is: 242-123.** The testing agency will communicate directly with you on items such as test location, test admission ticket, and any missing items or fees.

Senior Year Checklist

- September** _____ If necessary, complete the application for taking the **ACT** or **SAT** unless you are satisfied with your previous score. The test should be taken in September or October.
- _____ Use the **DISCOVER Program** to investigate post-high school options.
- _____ Fill out applications if interested in **military ROTC programs or Academies.** Deadline is November 1 for military academies.
- October** _____ Schedule a **meeting with your counselor** to discuss high school credits and post-high school plans.
- _____ **Visit those post-high school institutions** in which you have an interest. Call the admissions office to make arrangements for your visit.
- Nov. – Dec.** _____ **Submit completed college applications, recommendations, and application fees to the Guidance Office.** Colleges want applications and transcripts sent directly from the high school.
- _____ Investigate scholarship opportunities with parents, schools, Internet, career resource center books, and on the **DISCOVER Computer Program.**
- _____ **College applications should be submitted before December 1. Priority Deadlines:** U of W-Madison, Dec. 1; U of M-TC, Dec. 15.
- January** _____ After income taxes have been completed, pick up and complete **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** The FAFSA must be filled out for any chance to receive **financial aid.** Some colleges will also ask for you to fill out a second financial aid form called Profile.
- _____ Attend the **Parent Seminar on Financial Aid** sponsored by the Guidance Office.
- March** _____ If you are planning to begin full-time employment after graduation, you should begin **applying for jobs.**
- _____ Make your decision on the school you plan on attending and return housing contracts and fees by the deadline.
- May** _____ **Inform the Guidance secretary of your selected college so your final transcript may be forwarded.** Colleges may not allow you to register for college courses until they have received your final high school transcript.
- _____ Look for summer jobs.

Dear Parents and Students:

To help you feel informed on post-secondary issues newsletters such as this one will be sent out periodically or included with the school's quarterly newsletter. Unfortunately, it is impossible to include all the information in a newsletter but we will try to include the most prevalent information. Students will also receive information through oral announcements, video announcements and postings on bulletin boards. Our goal is to help you feel informed; and remember, when it comes to post-high school planning, no question is a foolish question. Give us a call at 431-8914 if you would like our assistance. See Guidance Office Website: www.isd196.k12.mn.us/schools/evhs for current information. Click on "Academics," scroll down to "Guidance" in grid box under "EVHS Departments."

EASTVIEW GUIDANCE STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Cheryl Cross	Registrar	A-Z	431-8913
Angel O'Regan	Receptionist	A-Z	431-8914
Diane Matthews	Career Center Coordinator	A-Z	431-8915
Mary Hanson	Counselor	A-Dg	431-8931
Mark Wanous	Counselor	Dh-H	431-8928
Mark Gerber/Terri Greener	Counselor	I-L	431-8929
Anne Stalley	Counselor	M-R	431-8927
Jerry Vollmer	Counselor	S-Z	431-8930
Sue Luse	Counselor	High Potential	431-8926

Strategies for Funding Your Children's Education

Presented by Mick Endersbe

This fast paced 70-minute overview will include critical information on funding a college education. It is valuable to parents of all students, not just seniors and juniors.

Mr. Endersbe has spoken on the topics of college planning and financial aid in over 20 states and has been featured in local, regional and national radio, television and print media. He has spoken to thousands of educators, students and parents on the value of education and the realities of paying for it.

This **Perspectives on Parenting** seminar will be held in the Media Center on Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. Admission to this seminar is free.

Senior Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 12

Parents of seniors are invited to attend a short informational meeting that outlines the calendar of events for seniors including the college application process, transcripts and the financial aid process. The meeting will be held in the east commons at Eastview High School from 7:00-7:30 p.m. during parent/teacher conferences.

ACT's PLAN Test -- ATTN: Sophomores!

Eastview High School is pleased to offer the ACT's PLAN Test to all sophomores. PLAN is the 10th grade test that gives students a forecast of how they might do on the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is taken in the junior or senior year and is used for college admission and placement. In addition to gauging academic achievement, PLAN provides extensive information for educational planning and career planning.

Each participating student receives a report that:

- Identifies academic strengths and needed growth areas
- Helps students explore career interests
- Helps focus on goals and preparation needed to achieve them,

Test Date: Saturday, November 18, 2000 at 8:00 a.m.

Cost: \$12.00

How to Register: Information and registration forms are available in the Eastview High School Student Services Office.

Registration: Monday, October 30, 2000 through Friday, November 10.

Registrations will be taken during the 5th hour lunch period.

The ACT PLAN Test can be an important part of your post high school planning. More information is available in the Eastview High School Student Services Office, on-line at www.act.org/plan or through your student's counselor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 2 Site Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Progress Reports Sent Home with Students
- 12 Picture Re-Take Day
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12 Senior Parents Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 No School for Students
- 13 Parent/teacher Conferences, 7:00-11:00 a.m.
- 14 SAT Test
- 14 Marching Band Competition at Eastview
- 16 Fall Choral Concert 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
- 17 PSAT Test
- 19-20 Teacher's Convention - No School
- 23 Perspectives on Parenting: "Financing Your Child's College Education" - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 ACT Test
- 28 School Dance, 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- 30 Perspectives on Parenting: "The Importance of DADS!! in the Lives of Teenagers," 7:15 pm.

NOVEMBER

- 4 SAT Test
- 7 Election Day
- 9-11 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 7:30 p.m.
- 11-12 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 2:00 p.m.
- 13 Freshman Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 First Day of 2nd Quarter
- 14 Perspectives on Parenting: "Managing Your Teenage Driver," 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Dance Show, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Last day to turn in senior pictures for yearbook
- 17 Sadie Hawkins Dance, 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School
- 28 Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home with Students
- 28 Quarter 1 Incomplete Deadlines
- 28 Quarter 2 Pass/No-Credit Deadline

DECEMBER

- 1 No School
- 2 SAT Test
- 4 Site Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 ACT Test
- 11 Holiday Choral Concerts, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Holiday Dance, 8:00-11:00 p.m.
- 18 Quarter 2 Progress Reports Sent Home with Students
- 25 Winter Break Begins

PERSPECTIVES ON PARENTING

Monday, October 30 The Importance of DADS!! in the Lives of Teenagers

DADS!! Jack Williams, an ISD 196 school psychologist, looks at what research says, and what his professional and personal fathering experiences tell us about the importance of DADS!! in the lives of teenagers.

Tuesday, November 14 Managing Your Teenage Driver

One of Eastview's driver's training teachers gives you tips on managing your teenage driver.

PARENTS ARE KEY

EVHS's Parents Are Key, is a parent organization that promotes safe, age-appropriate social activities, parent education and volunteering. If you are interested in joining PAK or need information about any of the above aspects of PAK's Action Plan please contact Sue Burke (952-431-7110) or Mary Lee Vetter (952-322-5015)

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