



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 11 in preparation for Parent-Teacher conferences October 14 and 15. 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 11 and mark October 14 from 5:00-9:00 or October 15 from 7:00- 11:00 on your calendar!

Quarter 1 Reports Cards

Quarter 1 report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, November 29.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

This is a reminder that senior pictures are due November 18 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!

You should have received 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 is filling 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. Christine Rutt or Ms. Jodi Hanson.

Homecoming Royalty

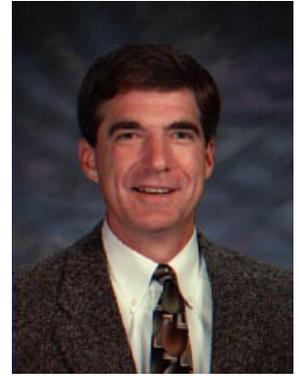


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Levy vote set to support competitive salaries

Bond referendum delayed until spring to allow further review



On September 13, the District 196 Board of Education voted to bring a levy referendum to voters on November 2, 1999, to support competitive salaries to retain and hire excellent teachers and other district employees.

A levy referendum is an election in which a school district asks voters for the authority to increase property taxes by a certain amount for a specified number of years. In accordance with state law, the increased property taxes must be used as additional operating funds for salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.

At the same September 13 meeting, the school board also agreed to postpone a vote on a proposed bond referendum until spring 2000. The levy and bond referendum proposals were initially presented to the board on August 23, and a public hearing was held September 7 before the board vote on September 13.

"We listened to what the public said about their support for the levy, their support for our teachers and the desire to take a longer look at the bond referendum," said Superintendent John T. Haro. While he still believes strongly in the components of the bond referendum, Haro said: "The most important thing for us now is to support the levy so we can offer competitive salaries to retain our excellent teachers and other employees."

Board Member Jackie Magnuson added, "If the levy referendum doesn't pass in November we won't be talking about a bond issue in the spring ... we will be busy making budget cuts."

The levy referendum is proposed to address a hiring disadvantage the district faces in competing with other districts for top teachers and other employees. For example, the annual salary of a first-year teacher in District 196 (\$24,693) ranks 12th among the 13 school districts in the Lake and Classic Lake conferences (*see following table*). The district is currently in negotiations with Dakota County United Educators on a new, two-year agreement for district teachers.

Increasingly, principals throughout our district can cite examples of losing excellent teachers to other, higher-paying districts, or not being able to compete for the best new teaching candidates.

Here at Eastview High School, we lost two teachers who left our district at the end of last year for better paying jobs elsewhere, and another six people we were not able to hire this year because they were able to make a higher salary in another school district. Furthermore, we stand to lose many more of our great teachers if we cannot create and maintain a competitive salary schedule.

"We cannot let this trend continue," Haro said, "if we want to maintain the level of excellence our students deserve and our residents have come to expect. Our teachers are the most important part of what makes this such a great district."

The property tax impact of the levy referendum on the average valued home in District 196 (\$144,435) is estimated at less than \$1 per day (\$346 per year or \$28.83 per month).

Compared to the other Lake and Classic Lake Conference school districts mentioned above, District 196 ranks 12th out of 13 in per pupil spending and 13th in the current amount of referendum levy dollars received each year (*see following table*).

Our school, and all of District 196, has earned a reputation as an outstanding place to get an education, thanks to excellent teachers and other employees, dedicated students, and supportive parents and other community members. Our students, programs and staff are consistently recognized for accomplishments at the state and national level; test scores are well above state and national averages, and many people move to this area because of our schools. The purpose of the levy referendum is to help maintain this excellence in educational programs and opportunities.

Regarding the proposed bond referendum, the administration is discussing plans for additional public input and a timeline leading up to a spring 2000 vote. The bond referendum, as initially proposed, included a variety of construction projects districtwide to address needs in the areas of safety and security, class size, school equity and community involvement.

Watch for more information about the levy referendum in the coming weeks or visit the district web site at <http://www.isd196.k12.mn.us>. If you have questions or comments on the levy referendum, call me (612-431-8908) or the District 196 Communications Department (651-423-7775).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Dewey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dick Dewey, Ph.D.
Principal – Eastview High School

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lake Conference Schools

Comparison of Teacher Salaries, Per Pupil Spending and Referendum Levies

Teacher Salaries*		Per Pupil Spending**	
Rank/District	Annual salary of first year teacher with a bachelors degree – 1998-99	Rank/District	Ann expected adjustment 1997 cap
1. Bloomington	\$31,690	1. St. Louis Park	
2. Edina	\$28,125	2. Hopkins	
3. St. Louis Park	\$27,977	3. Minnetonka	
4. Hopkins	\$27,849	4. Bloomington	
5. Richfield	\$27,801	5. Robbinsdale	
6. Minnetonka	\$27,602	6. Richfield	
7. Eden Prairie	\$27,171	7. Edina	
8. Burnsville	\$26,807	8. Burnsville	
9. Wayzata	\$26,670	9. Wayzata	
10. Lakeville	\$26,528	10. Chaska	
11. Robbinsdale	\$25,942	11. Eden Prairie	
12. District 196	\$24,693	12. District 196	
13. Chaska	\$24,633	13. Lakeville	

* Source: Minnesota School Boards Association: Licensed Salaries and Related Information, 1997-98 and 1998-99

** Source: Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning

*** Source: Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning, and individual school districts

September 13, 1999

Eighteen National Merit Scholars Recognized

The National Merit Scholarship Recognition Program has named eighteen Eastview High School seniors for their outstanding achievement on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test taken in October of 1998. Over 350 juniors across the state of Minnesota have been recognized as semifinalists and will become eligible for scholarship awards to be announced this spring. Less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors qualify as semifinalists; each state's number of semifinalists is proportional to its percentage of the total number of graduating seniors.

The EVHS students to reach this level of recognition include **Semifinalists**: Raymond Anderson, Brien Baker, Brianna Benner, Allison Gillmore, Austin Homer, Adam Mazurk, Molly Nutting, Benjamin Ratzlaff. **Commended Scholars**: Elizabeth Farrell, Susan Hansch, Jeffrey Lonjers, Masha Marchevsky, Annika Moe, Janet Reece, Courtney Ries, James Scoville, Rebekah Towner, Jody Ward.



ACADEMICS, ARTS AND ACTIVITIES



World Language Students Experience Culture First Hand

Stra. Kircher and Stra. McCarthy led a successful trip to Spain this past summer with a group of sixteen students. The group visited several cities, including Seville, Toledo, Cordoba, and Madrid as well as a family stay.

The 1999-2000 trip to Mexico is being planned for April 14-21. Contact Stra. Telshaw for further information.

French Students Immersed in French Culture

Eastview French students recently returned from three wondrous weeks immersed in French culture. They first traveled to the south of France where they swam in the Mediterranean, explored Roman ruins, attended a national music festival, lived with a French family, ordered French food in sidewalk cafes and a few even jumped over a fire as part of a local festival (see photo)! From the sunny south, students ventured north to visit the glorious chateaux of the French kings where strolling through the decorated rooms it was easy to imagine life four hundred years ago. Then it was on to Paris, City of Lights, where they climbed the Eiffel Tower and the Arch of Triumph, marveled at the beauty of the paintings in the Louvre and the Orsay, imagined Quasimodo ringing the bells in Notre Dame and took a leisurely evening boat ride along the Seine River to see Paris from a different vantage point.

This year students will again have an opportunity (summer, 2000) to visit France as part of a school trip. The itinerary includes Paris, the chateaux of the Loire Valley and the south of France. This two-week trip is an outstanding opportunity for students to practice the skills they have refined in class in a real life setting. It is also an inexpensive way to see the sites that they study throughout the year in class. Interested students should contact their French teacher soon since there is an early application deadline.

Students will also have another exciting opportunity this year as Eastview takes part in the national celebration of "La Semaine du Français" November 4-10. The department is currently making final plans so students and families should watch for more information from their French teacher.



EVHS students are shown holding a copy of the local paper in Cavaillon, France with the picture taken of them participating in a traditional festival. Katie and Jenny jumped over a fire and received prizes for their efforts.

Arsenic and Old Lace

By Joseph Kesselring
Directed by Scott Durocher

October 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.
October 10 at 2:00 p.m.

The Brewster family is laden with humorous peculiarities. Abby and Martha are two gentle, elderly sisters kindly determined to bring rest and solace to lonely old men by poisoning them with arsenic-laced wine and respectfully laying them to rest in the cellar of their Brooklyn boarding house. Juggling the dead bodies are nephews Mortimer, Jonathan and Teddy. Rich in humor and quick-paced dramatic irony, this zany madcap comedy was a Broadway smash hit. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students/senior citizens.



Guys and Dolls

By Damon Runyun
Directed by Randy Winkler

December 3,4,10,11 at 7:30 p.m.
December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

Based on classic characters created by Damon Runyon, **Guys and Dolls** is one of the most hilarious musical comedies ever written for Broadway. Meet such colorful characters as Sky Masterson, a slick Broadway gambler, Sarah Brown, a pure-at-heart Salvation Army-Type performer; Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest established permanent floating crap game in New York; and Miss Adelaide, the main attraction at the "Hot Box" Nightclub, whose perpetual cold stems from her being engaged to Nathan for 14 years. The brilliant Frank Loesser score is one of the finest ever written for Broadway, and features such memorable tunes as, "Luck Be A Lady", "I'll Know", "A Bushel And A Peck", and the rollicking gospel show-stopping hit, "Sit Down, You're Rockin' The Boat". A great story, great music and great dancing combine to make **Guys and Dolls** the perfect evening of family entertainment!

All-Lake Conference Student-Athletes

BASEBALL

Matt Stender Grad

BOYS GOLF

Matt Bilek Grad

GIRLS GOLF

Kristina Kurcinka 11

Jessica Peterson 11

BOYS TENNIS

Wayne Hu 10

Ryan Sommers 12

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

Stacy Tamble Grad

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Max Peek Grad

Matt Klock Grad

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Courtney Hugstad-Vaa 11

Heidi Vogel Grad

Mikaela Raddatz 9

Honorable Mention Lake Conference Student-Athletes

BASEBALL

Nate Cermak 12

Scott Haldeman 12

Tim Robideau 12

BOYS GOLF

Andrew Morgan 10

GIRLS GOLF

Stacey Beckman Grad

Heather McGregor 12

BOYS TENNIS

Keith Landgrebe 12

Tom Owens 11

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

Lisa Kopacek Grad

Kelsey Oie 11

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Michael Parker 11

Andy Neuman 11

Dan Lundin Grad

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Breanna Korsman 11

Becky Kjeldsen Grad

Liz Goergen 11

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 Jeff Dewey and Sara Compas.

Registration for Winter Sports Begins Monday, October 18

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 18. If you have any questions, please call 431-8904 for more information.

1998-99 Student Athletes of the Year

Kim Paradeise

Dan Lundin

1998-99 Scholar Athlete of the Year

Tara Bergen

Max Peek

Congratulations to:

- Junior cross country runner Courtney Hugstad-Vaa for being named the KARE 11 Prep Athlete of the Week on September 13. She won the 21 Team 4K Faribault Invitational and set a course with a time of 14:26.
- Senior swimmer Lindsay Marko for being named the St. Paul Pioneer Press Prep Athlete of the Week for the week of September 20. She won two events at the Hastings Invitational on Saturday, September 18.
- Junior Courtney Hugstad-Vaa finished 4th in 3200M run at the state meet earning her All-State Honors.
- EVHS Girls Track and Field Team won the Section 3AA True Team Championship.
- Senior Nate Cermak for being named Pioneer Press 3rd Team All-State team for baseball as a 1st baseman.
- EVHS Fastpitch Softball won the Section 6AA Academic Championship and played for the second year with a team GPA of 3.84.

EVHS Cheerleaders Take Top Honors at Camp

Eastview High School Competition Squad cheerleaders attended U.C.A. cheerleading camp August 3-6

in Ames, Iowa, taking top honors. The squad received first in the overall camp championships, dance championships, cheer championships, home routine championships and were awarded many various superior and excellent ribbons. Four senior members--Brandis Dawber, Traci Highum, Amber Lakey and Lindsey Lee--were also selected as "all-stars," earning the opportunity to travel to London, England. Team members are Lindsey Lee, Amber Lakey, Brandis Dawber (captain), Traci Highum (captain), Ivy Alston, Jennifer Hudspeth, Suzie Seabright, Carolyn Cassin, Sasha Bergman, Kendal Harten, Keviani Chumley, Christine Nord, Laura Davis, Holly Steiner, Katie Dougherty, Sara Fjelstad (captain), Jessie Gehrke, Tristan Topps and Jenna Jones. The coach is Robin Davis.



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 (\$22.00)

Test Dates

*December 11
*February 12
*June 10

Reg. Deadline

November 5
February 25
May 5

SAT (\$23.50)

Test Dates

December 4
January 22
April 8
May 6
*June 3

Reg. Deadline

October 29
December 17
March 3
March 31
April 28

**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.
- April-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. (*Watch for the new Guidance Office web page that will be up and running soon.*) 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.

EASTVIEW GUIDANCE STAFF

Name	Position	Student	Phone #
Angel O'Regan	Receptionist	A-Z	431-8914
Cheryl Cross	Registrar	A-Z	431-8913
Joy Hanson/Kelli Foster	Diversity Coordinators	A-Z	431-8900
Mark Holbach	Counselor	A-C	431-8931
Mark Wanous	Counselor	D-Hi	431-8928
Mark Gerber	Counselor	Hj-McJ	431-8929
Anne Stalley	Counselor	McK-Sa	431-8927
Jerry Vollmer	Counselor	Sb-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 Performing Arts Center on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. Admission to this seminar is free.

Senior Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 14

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.

EVHS National Honor Society Sponsors Aluminum Can Drive ***October 14-15, 1999***

Save those aluminum cans to turn in at conference time!

Eastview High School's National Honor Society (NHS) will hold its next Aluminum Can Drive Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15. Cans can be dropped off at a truck located near the school's north entrance from 4:00 to 9:30 P.M. on Thursday and from 7:00 to 12:00 noon on Friday.

Money raised from the can drive will benefit the Eastview High School Media Center and the NHS. The past collections have raised over \$1000.

For answers to questions, please contact Mary Lee Vetter at 612-322-5015.

At School and from Home

Quality Media Center Resources Available

Eastview students, both at school and from home, have access to a wealth of quality media center print and online resources! All the connections can be made from Eastview's web page <http://www.isd196.k12.mn.us/schools/evhs/index.htm> Passwords have been distributed to students. At Eastview's page click on "Media Center/Library Databases." On the screen will appear these links:

- **Eastview Online Catalog**
- **Electric Library**
- **InfoWeb NewsFile Collection**
- **ProQuest Direct**
- **SIRS Knowledge Source**
- **Wilson Biographies Plus**
- **Groliers's Encyclopedias**

Other research databases may be added in the near future. Look for updated information at conference time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 8-9 Arsenic and Old Lace, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Arsenic and Old Lace, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 Progress Reports Sent Home with Students
- 11 Site Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 PSAT Test
- 13 MAT 7 Test, 10th Grade
- 14 MAT 7 Make-Up Test
- 14 Picture Re-Take Day
- 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
- 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 7:00-11:00 a.m.
- 18 Perspectives on Parenting: "College Financial Planning Seminar"
- 19 Fall Choral Concerts, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
- 21-22 Teacher's Convention – NO SCHOOL
- 23 ACT Test

NOVEMBER

- 1 Freshman Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Perspectives on Parenting: "Managing Teenage Drivers"
- 6 SAT Test
- 8 Fall Dance Show, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 End of First Quarter
- 15 First Day of 2nd Quarter
- 18 Last day to turn in senior pictures for yearbook
- 19 Sadie Hawkins Dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
- 29 Quarter 1 Report Cards Sent Home with Students
- 30 Quarter 1 Incomplete Deadline
- 31 Quarter 2 Pass/No Credit Deadline

DECEMBER

- 3 NO SCHOOL
- 3,4,10,11 Guys and Dolls, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 SAT Test
- 5 Guys and Dolls, 2:00 p.m.
- 13 Site Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13-17 Lake Conference Poetry Contest
- 14 Holiday Choral Concerts, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
- 18 Holiday Dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m.
- 20 Quarter 2 Progress Reports Sent Home with Students
- 23 Winter Break Begins

PERSPECTIVES ON PARENTING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

SENIOR PARENT MEETING

Parents of seniors are invited to an informational meeting that outlines the calendar of essential events for seniors such as the college application process and graduation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

MANAGING TEENAGE DRIVERS

EVHS's driver training teachers give you tips on managing your teenage driver. Earn extra credit for your student by attending this seminar.

PARENTS ARE KEY

EVHS's Parents Are Key, a parent organization that promotes safe, age-appropriate social activities, parent education and volunteering will meet during Quarter 2 on Tuesday, November 16 in the Career Center. For more information contact Terri Krivoruchka at 612-423-3901 or Connie Jenkins at 612-432-5497.

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