PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

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NEWS AND NOTES FROM EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL



THE FALL WALL

We're twelve weeks into the school year, the evenings are darker, activities keep calendars full and illnesses can interrupt routines. A few missed days can turn into missing assignments, and school work that once felt manageable becomes overwhelming. Thanksgiving is a few weeks away, and December energy isn't quite within reach.

Welcome to what we sometimes call the "Fall Wall." This stretch can be challenging, but there are ways around, over or even through the wall. You're not alone in finding the solution!

Sometimes, the way ***AROUND*** the wall starts with adjusting a routine. It may look like a consistent bedtime, a few minutes spent organizing assignments or just making a plan for the next day. Rest matters! Keep your tank full to be at your best when you need to be. If illness requires a student to stay home, communication with the office and teachers can help make the return less stressful.

Finding a way ***OVER*** the wall often means breaking a big challenge into smaller steps. Getting caught up after getting behind can feel impossible. "Email one teacher, finish one assignment, and ask one question tomorrow" gives a student small wins. Rather than focusing on a low grade itself, having conversations with adults like, "What feels hardest right now?" and "What is one step you can take today?" can help get you over the wall.

Breaking ***THROUGH*** the wall may require extra support. We want students to reach out to a teacher, counselor, or administrator before frustration becomes turns into despair. Advocating for yourself, or asking for help is a skill we want every student to develop. If a student is struggling with attendance, coursework, or the demands of the season, let us know! We can work together to identify priorities and make a plan.

There is still meaningful time left in this semester to learn, improve and finish strong. The fall wall may be real, but so are the people ready to help them move forward. Have a great month of November, Tiger Nation!

PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS...



Come to the EHS production of the musical, "Into the Woods"! Our performing arts department has been preparing this fall for an incredible show. There are three opportunities to watch, November 5th through the 7th at 7:00pm.

ECO-MEET

The EHS Eco-Meet students competed in the Regional at the Sedgwick County Zoo. The team of Blake Blasi, Brittyn Duran, Lilly Wiles and Sophie Lappin placed 2nd overall, earning scholarship money and qualifying for State in Hesston.
Brittyn Duran scored 2nd in the Invertebrates test, earning additional scholarship money.

Well done Tigers!





EMPHASIZING A FULL DAY WITH 100% BOOKED

EHS has a new, schoolwide reading initiative, 100% BOOKED, intended to build lifelong reading habits! We're encouraging every student to carry reading material of their choice: a novel, magazine, graphic novel, trade manual, non-fiction or another appropriate text and use natural moments of downtime during the school day to read.

With our bell-to-bell no phone policy, students have an opportunity to reach for a good read. Teachers and administrators have handed out "Caught Reading" rewards to celebrate students who display this habit. The rewards are gift card donations from our local Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Taco Bell and Chick Fil A. We are grateful for their support!

Through the first quarter of the year, we have already surpassed the total circulation in the library all of last year with 2,395 circulations! We've seen a significant increase in foot traffic and interest through the library.

Families can help by encouraging students to find something they enjoy reading and bring it to school each day. Community partners interested in donating small incentives can contact the high school office. Together, we can make reading part of every Tiger's day!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



We'd like to shoutout Ms. Cortes, ELA teacher, for her USD 265 District nomination for the Horizon Award! The Kansas Horizon Award is a program sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education that recognizes exemplary first year Pre-K through 12th grade teachers during their second year in the classroom.

She was also recently honored with a "Crash the Class" visit by the Kansas State University College of Education. Dr. Ambyr Rios surprised Ms. Cortes with a visit, a video featuring EHS staff and students and classroom supplies! You can watch the "crash" here:
https://linktr.ee/coekstate

FALL SPORTS SUCCESS



The Boys Cross Country team finished as League Runner Up. Sam Schwind and Jarek Reynolds both qualified for the 5A State Meet. Sam brought home a medal with an 11th place finish!





Girls Golf qualified for State with a Runner Up finish at Sub-State!



Girls Tennis had a record setting finish at the 5A State Tournament! Junior Quinn Scheideman placed 3rd in Singles, the highest individual State finish in school history. The doubles team of Sophie Pierson and Kinsey Gigax placed 11th at State. The girls as a team finished 5th at State, the highest team finish in school history!



The Football team finished the regular season with a 5-3 record and earned the #6 seed in the 5A West Playoffs. The Tigers will host Goddard in the first round. Let's go Tigers!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Tigres Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted their 16th class of NHS members. Congratulations to our new members!





ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Student Council is hosting their annual food drive service project with all of the food and money collected staying in the Goddard community. Food and donations are collected Nov 3-11 and tracked in 6th period classes. Classes meeting their goal will receive and early release one afternoon!



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