PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

March 2026

NEWS AND NOTES FROM EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL

SPRINGING INTO THE FINAL QUARTER

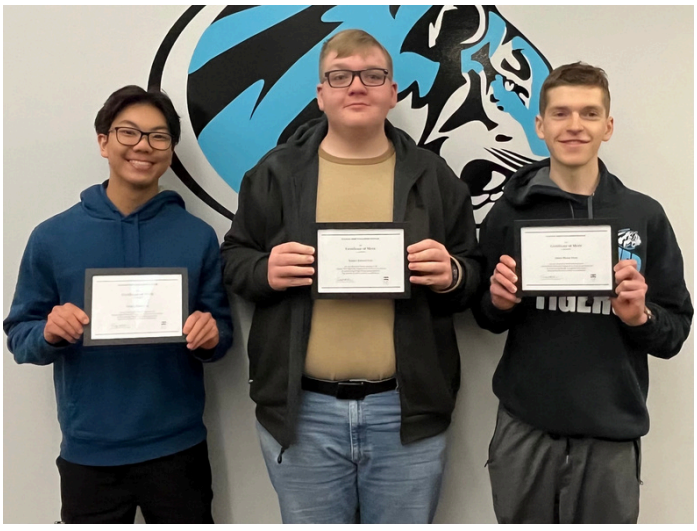


As we turn the calendar to March, Spring is in the air! I hope that statement doesn't bring back winter, but the days are getting longer and the sun is shining a little brighter. Spring brings new energy and with it, the start of our final quarter of the school year.

Spring at Eisenhower is always one of our busiest and most rewarding times of the year. Classrooms remain committed to learning and academic growth through engaging activity and assessment, and at the same time, our activities calendars are full of spring athletics, fine arts performances, an awards banquets. All of these opportunities allow our students to shine in ways that extend beyond the classroom and reflect the well rounded excellence we value at EHS.

We are grateful for the partnership of our families and school community throughout the year. Your encouragement, involvement, and support make a tremendous difference in helping our students succeed. Let's take the challenge of spring head on, together, and enjoy every step of the journey along the way. Let's have a great spring Tigers!

NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS



Since 2011, EHS has had the honor of recognizing eleven National Merit Finalists in Tiger Nation. As the tradition continues, we are extremely proud to announce we have THREE finalists this year! Seniors Tyler Huneycutt, Xander Cole and Owen Dent have earned the prestigious distinction this year. Congratulations!

THANK YOU TIGER NATION BOOSTER CLUB



Thank you to our Tiger Nation Booster Club! Through their fundraising efforts, they were able to present a donation to EHS Activities for over $44,000! Our students and staff are grateful for your support!

NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Cold and flu cold season has arrived at EHS. The influx of staff and students exhibiting cough, congestion and chills has been noticeable. District guidelines state that students will be sent home for a temperature of 99.6 with symptoms such as headache, sore throat, nausea and rash. A student with a temperature of 100.4 degrees and above with no symptoms will also be sent home. If students at school are not feeling well, they should see the school nurse to be evaluated. If the above criteria are met, parents will be notified and your student will be sent home. Reminder, students must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medications before they can return to school.

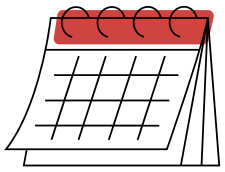
But here's the good news! There are plenty of things that we can do to help stay healthy. Drinking plenty of water, eating healthy meals and getting plenty of sleep are just a few things that you can do. The most effective action is practicing good hand hygiene. According to the National Foundation of Infectious Diseases, "Since about 80% of infectious diseases are spread by dirty hands, routine, proper handwashing throughout the year can significantly help prevent the spread of infectious diseases. In just 20 seconds, handwashing can help prevent the spread of diseases like flu, COVID-19, and norovirus."



I would like to encourage everyone to be aware of good hand hygiene. Let's work together to keep each other healthy! - Nurse Jen

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IMPORTANT DATES



March 4 - ACT Test Day for Juniors; No School for Freshmen, Sophomores and Seniors
March 13 - 3rd Quarter Incentive Day
March 16-20 - Spring Break
April 14 and 15 - State Assessments for Sophomores and Juniors
April 18 - Prom
May 9 - Graduation, 4:00pm at Park City Arena
May 14 - Final day of school

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR



The Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (KIAAA) has announced its award recipients for the 2025-26 school year. Our very own, Mr. Douglas, has been recognized as the Class 5A Athletic Director of the Year for the state of Kansas! We are grateful for his efforts in providing support for our athletes and coaches, his leadership within our school and his service to the profession around the state. Congratulations Mr. Douglas!

STATE SWIM



EHS Boys Swim competed at the 5-1A State Championships in Lenexa and came away with some hardware and new records! Eisenhower finished 13th out of 43 teams at State.
Dylan Patterson, State Champion in 200y Free and a New School Record; State Champion in 500y Free and a New School Record.
Chase Marcotte- 14th in 100y Fly
200y Free Relay- 10th (Derek Hunsaker, AC Mendenhall, Chase Marcotte, Dylan Patterson) and a New School Record.

CTSO SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATORS RISING



Congrats to IKE freshman Teagan Amrine, for placing 1st at the State Educators Rising competition last week. Teagan's award is in the category Pre-K Children's Literature. Teagan has now qualified to attend the National event in Portland, Oregon in June. Way to go Teagan! Good luck at Nationals!

EDUCATORS RISING
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CTSO SPOTLIGHT: BPA

Our Business Professionals of America club had a huge performance at State BPA! After two days of competition at the State BPA Leadership Conference, our students brought home multiple state and national qualifying honors. Many will be traveling to Nashville this May to compete on the national stage! Special shoutout to Tate Basham for being selected as Kansas BPA Vice President. Congratulations to all of our students and sponsors! The awards are too numerous to list, but here are the students finishing top four in their events:



Wilson Barlow
1st Python Programming
Tate Basham
3rd Advanced Office Systems
4th Legal Office Procedures
Maddie Beiter
2nd Visual Design Team
4th Extemporaneous Speech
Marisol Bernal
1st Administrative Support Team
Blake Blasi
2nd Advanced Desktop Publishing
Gage Boyd
2nd Python Programming
Keely Brunswig
1st Administrative Support Team
Reid Chapman
3rd Integrated Office Applications
4th Advanced Office Systems
Xander Cole
1st Fundamental Accounting
2nd Fundamental Spreadsheet Apps
Daiana Delgado
1st Administrative Support Team
3rd Fundamental Spreadsheet Apps
Owen Dent
1st Advanced Accounting
4th Payroll Accounting

McKenna Dexter
2nd Legal Office Procedures
Ella Dowell
3rd Advanced Accounting
Max Fisher
2nd Digital Media Production
Kaiden Graham
4th Basic Office Systems
Kylie Hahn
2nd Advanced Office Systems
Kinsley Hawkins
2nd Visual Design Team
Savannah Hernandez
4th Advanced Desktop Publishing
4th Visual Design Team
Baylee Hill
2nd Integrated Office Applications
Gabriel Hines
4th Device Configuration
Karlynn Keatley
1st Administrative Support Team
3rd Legal Office Procedures
Allen Le
3rd Computer Security
Logan McDermott
4th Python Programming
Alyiah McGowan
3rd Payroll Accounting
Taylor Morgan
4th Advanced Accounting

Abram Peine
1st Legal Office Procedures
1st Business Law & Ethics
Gideon Peine
2nd Device Configuration
4th Computer Security
Mason Richardson
3rd Device Configuration
Scarlet Rose
4th Visual Design Team
Caleb Runnion
3rd Fundamental Accounting
Mykah Salazar
4th Visual Design Team
Brooke Shirley
1st Health Insurance & Medical Billing
Levi Shurtz
2nd Database Applications
Austin Stark
2nd Basic Office Systems & Procedures
4th Fundamental Spreadsheet Apps
Brody Wallace
1st Payroll Accounting
2nd Advanced Accounting
Braydon Wannow
2nd Fundamental Desktop Publishing
Zach Wolf
1st Device Configuration
1st Linux Operating System Fundamentals

FORENSICS SEASON

Forensics season is in full swing with competitions every week. Here are the results from the Maize South Invitational where EHS placed 3rd as a team! This tournament marked two new State Qualifications (both for Abram Peine) and two new National Individual Events Tournament of Champions bids (both for Maddie Beiter). To compete at the NIETOC, you need two bids per event. With this tournament, Maddie qualifies in United States Extemp! This tournament also marks the first placements of the season for Reese, Caleb, and Ember.

Dramatic Interpretation - 5th Place - Freshman, Emberlynn Owens
Duo Interpretation - 4th Place - Sophomores, Reese Henderson and Caleb Runnion
Impromptu Speaking - 4th Place - Abram Peine - State Qualification
International Extemp Speaking - 3rd Place - Abram Peine - State Qualification
United States Extemp Speaking - 2nd Place - Senior, Madelynn Beiter (NIETOC Bid and State Qualification)
Original Oration - 1st Place - Senior, Madelynn Beiter (NIETOC Bid and State Qualification)



Pictured from Left to Right: Abram Peine (12), Jeffrey McCullough (09), Scott Wiles (11), Reese Henderson (10), Caleb Runnion (10), Ember Owens (09), Emma Bruce (09), Maddie Beiter (12)

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