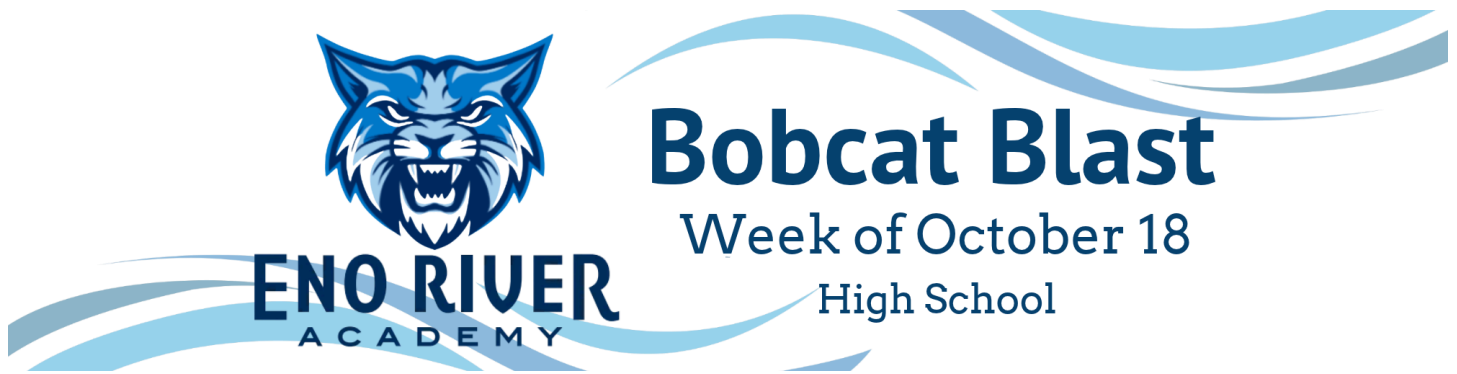




Bobcats ROARing with Pride



In the first two weeks of school, Mr. Gaddy wanted to find ways for students to hate math a little less and love class a little more. Last year, he did a paper airplane contest. That was fun but too easy. This year, he decided to shoot for the stars. In his yearlong math 1 classes, students built model rockets to launch for his unit on Statistics. Students built their own rockets and measured the distances from launch point to landing. The data that was collected has now been converted into a data table, box plot, and will be used in conversations of the how and why the data between two classes is different. His Math 2 Honors class was jealous of the rocket project. Thus, there is a plan to do a hands-on project for projectile motion

near the end of first semester. If anyone would like to help, donate, or build a large scale object, contact Mr. Gaddy at dgaddy@enoriveracademy.org.

Important Dates

OCTOBER

- October 23: Report Cards
- October 27: Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- October 28: 4th and 5th grade Fall Program, 9am (performance for MS/HS)
- October 29: 4th and 5th grade Fall Program, 9am (performance for K-3 and families)
- October 29: PreACT & PSAT & PSAT 8
- **October 30: Teacher Work Day**
- October 31: Trunk or Treat & Book Fair (31st - 11/4)

NOVEMBER

- **November 4: Early Release & Book Fair**
- November 5: HS Piano and Chorus Concert (at First Love) 6pm
- November 6: End of T1
- November 10: K-8 Tour

- **November 11: School Closed**
- November 12: HS Tour
- November 13: T1 Report Cards
- November 13: Middle School Dance, 5pm
- November 17: Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- November 20: 3rd Grade Multi-Cultural Feast 12:30p
- November 20: Homecoming Basketball Game v. RCS
- November 20: Q2 Progress Reports
- November 21: Homecoming Dance, 7p
- **November 25- 27: School Closed**

General Updates and Reminders

TRUNK-OR-TREAT



IMPORTANT UPDATED INFORMATION!

Where? Lower School Parking Lot

When? Saturday, October 31st from 11:00-3:00 *The event will be held rain or shine!*

9:45 → All NHS officers and Penley arrive and chalks spaces w/ numbers and names of clubs

10:00-10:45 → Cars arrive and pull into designated spaces

10:45 → Orange cones placed to block off cars from entering the lower school parking lot. To keep all students, faculty, and families safe, **NO CARS WILL BE**

PERMITTED after 10:45.

Parking for the event = Upper school parking lot. Families walk over to the lower school.

11:00-3:00 → Trunk or Treat

3:00 → Cleanup and cones returned

[Sign up now to reserve your spot, get your creative juices flowing, and make this Trunk or Treat event one to remember!](#)

UNICEF OCTOBER GIVING

Key club is doing UNICEF boxes for Halloween all throughout the month of October. The boxes are placed around the school in every classroom, we would appreciate any spare change or small donations. These donations are going toward helping provide education, nutrition for malnourished children, vaccines, safe drinking water, and safe spaces for young children. Please direct any questions to Jade Bradsher-Warren (Key Club Vice President) at jadebradsher@enoriveracademy.org.

LAST WEEK FOR CANDY AND COSTUME DONATIONS

Weaver Youth Fellowship is hosting a Halloween party for our unhoused community at Home Start, and is collecting candy and costume donations. Gently used costumes, accessories and candy can be donated at the front office October 1- October 23. For more information please contact Ida Dashti (idadashti@enoriveracademy.org)



BREAST CANCER DONATION DRIVE

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and Abby Phinn (aphinn@enoriveracademy.org) is collecting items for UNC Hillsborough Hospital. Here are a few items the cancer program would be able to hand out to patients to make their lives just a tiny bit easier as they go through treatment. A donation bin will be located in the front office through the end of October.

- Cozy socks
- Lip balm and unscented hand lotion
- Tissues
- Small blanket or soft scarf
- Snacks that are individually packaged
- Ginger chews or peppermint candies for nausea/dry mouth
- Small toiletry bag
- Hand sanitizer
- Gift card for coffee/food
- Encouraging note or small journal
- A small tote bag to carry everything
- Adult coloring book + colored pencils
- Puzzle book/pen
- Sleep mask for infusion days



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS HIRING

Our K-8 after school program is hiring!

- Tuesday and Thursday staff member from 2:00-6:00, possibility of more hours
- Adults 18+
- Candidates should be energetic, able to work well with others and have their own transportation.
- Previous experience working with children required

Responsible for:

- Group Management/safety and assigned group
- Leading the assigned group activities for each day
- complete basic clean up for their area

Please contact Heather Cobbs, After School Program Director (asp@enoriveracademy.org) to get started!

STUDENT TUTORING SERVICES

The National Honor Society is now offering student tutoring services for students in all grades! That means elementary, middle, and high school students can connect with an NHS tutor for extra academic support! Look out for our flyers around the high school building for more details. Don't go it alone—[visit our tutoring website and connect with a tutor today!](#) Questions? Feel free to reach out to NHS Vice President Keara Seys and NHS advisor Katherine Penley. We're here to help you succeed!

ACT BOOTCAMP AT UNC

For students who would like help preparing for the ACT, our students have been invited to a discounted ACT Bootcamp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill over the weekend of October 23 - 25, 2026. Students of all grade levels are welcome to attend. On average, students improve their ACT scores by 3 -7 points, which can make a significant difference in college admissions and scholarship opportunities.

Schedule for the 3-Day (20-hour) ACT Weekend Bootcamp

Friday, October 23	4:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday, October 24	9:30 am - 6:00 pm (lunch 1 - 2)
Sunday, October 25	9:30 am - 6:00 pm (lunch 1 - 2)

Location of Bootcamp:

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 209 South Road, Chapel Hill, NC

Regular Cost of Camp: \$499

Discounted Cost: \$249

Use coupon code TARHEELS at checkout.

How To Enroll in the ACT Camp

1. Go to: <http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse>
2. Scroll down to find the one you want.
3. Enroll as directed.
4. Use coupon code TARHEELS at checkout to get the 50% discount.

YEARBOOK UPDATES



Do you have a local business? Purchase a business ad in the yearbook to support the ERA Yearbook program and have your business advertised for over 600 yearbook buyers. [Click here](#) to purchase an ad and email Lauren Webb at lwebb@enoriveracademy.org for design and pricing options.

To submit photos to be featured in the yearbook, [click here](#) or email photos to yearbook@enoriveracademy.org. We need photos of the following:

- Summer adventures
- First Day of School
- Hispanic Heritage Festival
- Fall Sports
- Senior Events: Senior Sunrise, parking spot painting
- Fall Break Adventures
- Halloween/Spooky fun
- Extracurricular activities and hobbies outside of ERA

Follow ERA Yearbook on social media for student features and important reminders!

Instagram: @enoriveracademyyb

TikTok: @era.yb

Facebook: Eno River Academy Yearbook

SENIORS

CFNC

Your college connect portal is officially open. The way you access your CFNC account for college connect is as follows:

1. Go to cfnc.com
2. Forgot username
3. Forgot password
4. Login
5. Go to search and type college connect
6. Click claim your spot

The free college application week is October 19th-26th. Make sure you [email](#) Mr. Schaffer all colleges you claim as he needs to send transcripts by email to these selected colleges. Please [email](#) Mr. Schaffer with any questions.

FASFA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has opened early and is now available for all students. Most will complete their form in 15 minutes or less.

Plus:

- You can set up your account, complete their FAFSA, make corrections, and see your estimated aid in one session.
- ITIN users can now have your IRS tax info imported directly, just like those with Social Security Numbers - no more manual entry
- The digital signature is now on the review page, so fewer missing signature errors will occur.

Go to fafsa.gov to fill out your form!

Graduation Information

You all have until October 30th to get a discount on graduation regalia as well as other materials such as class rings, etc. Please go to the left side of the page and scroll down if you are interested in your basic "cap, gown and tassel." You will need at least those three things for our graduation. If you are in need of financial assistance please come and speak with Mr. Schaffer (jschaffer@enoriveracademy.org) privately. We want to support our students in all ways possible. Senior [order page](#) for Cap & Gown and Grad Products

Senior Yearbook Ads are on Sale

Senior Ads are on sale! Purchase a recognition ad for your high school senior to appear in the yearbook. [Click here](#) to purchase and design your ad. You must create an account before designing or purchasing so

that your work is saved. Purchase before 12/31 for the lowest price of the year. [Click here](#) for more information on pricing.

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

As we approach the holiday season, we recognize that this time of year can bring both joy and additional challenges for families. At Eno River Academy, we believe in taking care of one another, and we want to make sure our families know that they are not alone.

If your family could use some extra support this holiday season, whether that means assistance with a Thanksgiving meal, Christmas gifts for your children, or other essential needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

We would love the opportunity to connect families with resources and provide assistance where we can. All requests will be handled with care, compassion, and confidentiality.

Likewise, if your family is in a position to help support others this holiday season, we will have opportunities to give back and help make the season a little brighter for members of our ERA community.

No family should feel hesitant or embarrassed to ask for help. We are a community, and supporting one another is part of what makes ERA special. Email: lsealy@enoriveracademy.org

This Week in Athletics

Date	Sport	Time From	Level	Location	Opponent /Title	Facility	Early Release
10/19	Golf, Women's	8:00 AM	Varsity	Away	Regionals		Release All Day
10/19	Tennis, Women	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	3rd Round		
10/20	Volleyball, Women's	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	State 2nd Round		
10/20	Golf, Women's	8:00 AM	Varsity	Away	Regionals		Release All Day
10/20	Soccer, Men's	6:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Excelsior	Old Chapel Hill Road Park	No early release
10/21	Tennis, Women	4:00 PM	Varsity	Home	4th Round		
10/22	HS Ultimate	4:30 PM	Varsity	Home	CHUF	field	No early release
10/22	Volleyball, Women's	6:00 PM	Varsity	TBD	State 3rd Round		
10/22	Soccer, Men's	4:30 PM	JV	Home	Falls Lake	Soccer.com Center	
10/22	Soccer, Men's Sr Night	6:00 PM	Varsity	Home	Falls Lake	Soccer.com Center	No early release

10/23	Tennis, Women	All day	Varsity	Away	Individual State Champs		Release all day
10/24	Volleyball, Women's	6:00 PM	Varsity	TBD	State 4th Round		
10/24	Tennis, Women	3:00 PM	Varsity	Away	Individual State Champs		

DUKE FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

NEXT SIGN UP DATE: OCT 31ST

This is an opportunity to make a lot of money for our ERA athletics programs. We will need 12 parents and up to 4 kids per game, but kids must be 16 and up. You will work at a Duke football concession stand, and it's busy! We will make 10% of that stand's proceeds. Please wear ERA gear as you work if possible. All adults will also need to complete online training before working (once you sign up, Brad will send you the link). Please click this [link](#) to review the available slots and consider signing up for 1-2 slots this fall. Thank you!

What you might have missed?

YEARBOOK

Parents can now order their yearbooks at the lowest price of the year, using this [link](#)! Please note that although it says "Upper School," this is the K-12 yearbook and includes elementary and middle school!

ERA's Board of Directors will have their next regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 27th starting at 5:30 p.m. at the ERA HS conference room. Public comments are welcome and can be made in person, live over Zoom, or submitted in advance (no later than 1 p.m. Sept 29th) to board@enoriveracademy.org. We hope to see you there. More information and links about ERA's Board can be found [here](#).

UPDATE FROM NURSE JENN

Questions about your child's medication while they are at school? Wondering the thresholds to keep a child at home when sick? Nurse Jen has outlined that and more in her most recent update that can be found [here](#).

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