

East Valley High School



Newsletter

Home of the Red Devils

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Red Devils Spirit, Pride, Excellence

Agriculture -

The East Valley FFA Apple Judging Team swept 1st through 8th places at the State FFA Apple Judging Contest on December 3rd. Individually, **Bobby Clements** placed first, followed by **Justin West, Tanner Nester, Chris Adamson, Jacob Roy, Luis Magana, and Marco Licea**. **Bobby Clements** received a \$1000 scholarship from the Washington Apple Education Foundation for taking 1st place. Congrats goes out to all of these students as well as teacher Mr. Steve Tjarnberg.

Music

Senior **Kyle Martin** was recently selected to perform in the Pacific Northwest Regional Band. This high honor has only been earned by two other students in EVHS school history. Congratulations are also in order to **Sarah Reifel**, who has been selected to be a member of the All-State Choir. Sarah is a senior that sings alto.

Physical Education

Three freshmen students earned a Presidential Physical Fitness Award in the recent program completed in PE class. Those were **Tori Koenig, Benji Montano, and Stephanie George**. All students are tested on 5 different tests - mile run, sit and reach flexibility, sit-ups, push-ups, and shuttle run. In order to win the Presidential Award, students must be above the 85th percentile on all five tests for their age and gender. PE teacher Mrs. Taylor organized the event.

Art

Thanks to **Desiree Finley and Dani Najera** and other members of the art department who designed and repainted the entrance sign at the football stadium. Also, four of our art students are taking part in a new program through Larson Gallery called C.E.E.P. (Cultural Education Extension Program). Their first experience will be working together to submit items for the ESD 105 Regional High School Art Show at the Allied Arts Center in January. Those students participating in the program are: **Kathleen Voss, Danielle Rodriguez, Jesus Arreguin, and Dani Najera**. Art teacher Mrs. Mary Jones directed the students involved in these art activities.

Blood Donations Being Taken

American Red Cross will be having a blood drive on Friday, 12/12/08 from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM. To make an appointment: The East Valley ASB is organizing this blood collection to occur in the EVHS library. Contributors must be at least 16 years old to give blood. "Did you know, one blood donation can save up to three lives?"

Soccer Team Leads Many

Fall Sports Honorees

Congratulations to the girls soccer team, lead by head coach Mr. Gary Mellick, for an excellent season concluding in a fourth place finish at the state soccer championships. Those Red Devils honored during the fall sports season were :

Soccer

All League first team - **Amanda Freisz, Brianna Lounsbury, Jessica Baken, Kaylah Gonzales, Adrianna Jones**

All League second team - **Yasamin Mohsenian**
Honorable mention - **Tassia Merkle, Sarah Reifel**

CWAC Co-Player of the Year: **Jessica Baken**

Swimming/Diving

Janet Durant- District 5 Dive Champion and 4th in 2A State Dive Meet.

Kaitlin Kelch - 4th in 2A state Swim Meet - 100 M Freestyle.

Volleyball

All League first team - **Lindsay Bronkhorst, Annie Martinez**

All League second team - **Mandisa West**
Honorable mention - **Jaime Miller, Raisa Yates**
In addition, the East Valley volleyball coaches were selected as the **Coaching Staff of the Year**. Congrats to Mrs. Sue Cullen, head coach and Mrs. Donna Perrault and Mrs. Michele Taylor assistant coaches.

Cross Country

All League first team - **Mason Yates**

All League second team - **Joshua Assink, Katrina Radach, Azayla Alvarado**
Honorable mention - **Konner Hopkins, Daniela DePaz**

Football

Jonathan Buchanan - Second team running back and honorable mention linebacker - Nominated to All-state Game

Colby Flory - First team tight end and honorable mention punter

NHS Organizes Food Drive

It is that time of year again, the NHS Food Drive has begun. Students are encouraged to bring canned food to their connection class through Wednesday December 17th. The class that submits the most canned/ boxed goods wins a free pizza party! This is a great opportunity to help families in our area that are struggling this season. Last year, we collected 4300 pounds of food. Also as an added bonus, if our school raises the most pounds of food among Yakima Valley schools, the Harlem Globetrotters will come here for a free performance.

Senior Project Timeline & Deadlines

Forms and additional information about the senior projects can be found on the school web site.

- Sept 25th - Submit project proposal letter - **Past Due**
 - October 17th - Complete and turn in mentor and parent forms - **Past Due**
 - December 5th -The 20 hours of the project journal should be complete- **Past Due**
 - December 19th - Written analysis papers due
 - January - Plan and practice presentation.
 - Feb 6th - Requirements above completed and sign up for a presentation time and date
 - Feb 16, 23, March 2nd - Give presentation
- Note - Dates given are last due dates. Students have been encouraged to complete this work earlier than the deadlines listed in anticipation of bumps along the way in completing this senior culminating project.

Projects - Questions and Answers

What happens if a student doesn't complete it?

The senior project is a requirement to graduate from EVHS. Those students who do not satisfactorily complete a senior project will not receive a diploma until they have done so, even if they have met the 23 credit class requirements. The senior project is a graduation requirement that must be met before a student can participate in the EVHS graduation ceremony.

How a parent can check on their child's progress?

For information about your child's progress, check the EVHS homepage (www.evsd90.wednet.edu). On the EVHS page is a link "student grades." Check their grade in Connections for points assigned and earned at each stage of the project.

Presentation Panel Members Needed

Any and all community members who would be interested in serving on a panel to view senior project presentations are needed and welcome. The time commitment is minimal, as little as three hours. Panel members will view presentations and provide feedback, but not be responsible to make a final determination of passing. If you are willing to assist, please contact either Mrs. Matthews (573-7410) or Mrs. Thomas (573-7455).

November Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by the faculty as the students of the month for November. Criteria for selection are service in the community or school and academic performance. There are no nominations for athletic reasons.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Student</u>
Fine Arts	Kyle Martin
English	Anthony Dockins
Military Science	Cheyenne Schrank
Social Studies	Raechel Chandler
World Languages	Ernestina Ortiz
Science	Christie Vargas
Math	Kaitlyn Board
Health & Fitness	Anthony McDonald
Student Services	Hayden Buechler
Career Tech	Jennifer Martinez

Senior **Cheyenne Schrank** was selected by staff as the most outstanding EVHS student during the month of November.

E-Mail Communication

A large percentage of high school parents have used the Family Access feature on our school web site to provide their e-mail address. This has become a wonderful manner by which to communicate with parent, teachers, and the school. We have been sending reminders and information about school events via e-mail, and many parents have responded that this has been an effective communication. If you have not yet entered your e-mail address and need help doing so, please contact the high school office (573-7400) and we can help set this feature up.



Mark Your Calendars

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event & Location</u>
Dec 11	Choir Concert - 7:00 pm
Dec 12	ASB Blood Drive 10:00 - 3:00
Dec 16	Band Concert - 7:00 pm
Dec 19	Christmas Break Release - 11:26
Jan 5	Return to classes from Christmas

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