



East Valley High School

Newsletter

Home of the Red Devils

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Class of 2008 Honored

One hundred and fifty two seniors were members of the graduating class of 2008. The class was honored at the Commencement ceremony held at the SunDome on Saturday evening, June 7th. Class memories were celebrated through a video produced by Haley O'Hara, Stephanie Bounds, and Kelsee Bryan. Senior speakers were salutatorian Arianna Mohsenian and valedictorians Cassandra Snyder, Jaclyn Simmons, Julia Valicoff, Caitlin Osegueda, Matt Rossow, and Garrett Gress. Senior Trinidad Gutierrez put his special musical talent on display, playing a wonderful number on his saxophone. Selected for senior projects of honor were Cameron Mugleston, Kyle Crowston, Chandler Nelson, Kyla Alexieff, Jordan Kramer and Jilberto Soto. The Distinguished Scholars along with their parents were recognized for their academic accomplishments. Those students finishing at the top of the class academically were: Brian Feeney, Garrett Gress, Arianna Mohsenian, Matthew Orthmann, Caitlin Osegueda, Matthew Rossow, Jaclyn Simmons, Kathleen Smith, Cassandra Snyder, Julia Valicoff. Congrats to the Class of 2008 and best wishes in the future.

Student-Led Conferencing Overwhelming Success

The student led conferences held last month received very positive attendance and feedback from parents. Over 87% of parents attended and the comments on the post conference feedback forms were overwhelmingly positive. Many parents expressed appreciation for the time and information that allowed them to work together to both hear and direct their child's educational plans. The organization of the conference helped some parents to get a wider picture of their child's school performance, the career exploration they have done, the goals they have established, and intended coursework toward post high school plans. This was the first time that EVHS has held conferences that were led by the students.

Suggestions for improvement were various, but two areas were definitely the most common suggestions. Parents found the school improvement survey difficult to answer with some questions not directed toward parents. The second suggestion was better communication and planning between the school and parents to facilitate talking with teachers before or after the student conference. There was a 45 minute window built into the schedule following each student conference session for the purpose of parents going to the classrooms to talk with teachers, but many parents did not realize this and did not take advantage of it. We will work to correct these two problem areas, as well as address other suggestions given.

The conferencing plan at EVHS for next year is to continue to have parent-teacher conferences in the fall in an open arena format, and to hold conferences led by students in the spring with time in the schedule for parents to visit with teachers after the student conference.

Correction to Valedictorian List

Congratulations are in order for graduate Kathleen Smith who graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. On the school day following the graduation ceremony, EVHS was notified that an A- grade assigned while attending Yakima Community College had been changed to an A. This grade change lifted Kathleen's transcript and final cumulative g.p.a. to 4.0. Had this information been available prior to the ceremony, Kathleen would have been listed and participated in the ceremony as a valedictorian. Congratulations to Kathleen for this excellent accomplishment.

WASL Retake Registration

Students who did not pass a portion of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning, will have five total opportunities to take the assessment on a cycle of March/April and August. Those students wishing to take the WASL this August will need to register with OSPI. Registration for the August test will not be done by the school. It is the responsibility of the student or parent to register if they wish to take advantage of the retake option this summer.

The testing schedule is as follows: Reading - August 11, Math - August 12 and Writing - August 13-14. East Valley High School will be a testing site. There will also be other testing sites around the state, and students can register to take the test at any site. Specific information regarding the sites and testing schedule can be found online or by telephone. Online registration can be done at:

www.k12.wa.us/waslregistration, or
telephone 1-866-400-9275.

The state student identification number is needed to register, which is available on the student report recently mailed home. The window to register for the August testing opportunity is June 9th through June 27th.

May Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by the faculty as the students of the month for May:

Department	Student
Fine Arts	Desiree Finley
English	Hong Kong Nguyen
Career Tech Ed	Ashley Hathway
Math	Garrett Gress
Science	Kendra Killingsworth
Student Services	Nik Hernandez
Health & Fitness	Lisha Abbott
Military Science	Nik Hernandez
Social Studies	Brysa Mazingo

Senior Garrett Gress was selected by staff as the most outstanding EVHS student last month.

Summer School Dates

EVHS summer school will be in session from June 23rd to July 31st. Classes will be open from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Students that signed up for math should report to Mr. Mellick's classroom in the high school main building. Students that signed up for credit retrieval should report to the Learning Academy.

EV Junior Wins State Championship

Congratulations to Jonathan Buchanon, East Valley High School junior, who won the state 2A shot put at the state track and field meet in Tacoma on May 31st. Jonathan put the shot 55'10" to top all competitors.

Before You Do That Summer Shopping A Dress Code Reminder for EVHS

As students purchase school clothes for the coming year, they are reminded of the school dress code guidelines. Below is a summary of common dress expectations. The dress code will be printed in its entirety in the student handbook provided to all students the first day of school. The cooperation of parents in guiding their child's dress within the guidelines will be appreciated.

- Appearance that distracts from the learning process is unacceptable. For this reason excessively revealing tops, exposed underwear, tube tops, halter tops, muscle shirts or tank tops that are cut low under the arm, shirts that expose the midriff or back, sheer or see through clothing, and excessively low cut tops are prohibited.
- Shirts must have a two finger minimum width at the shoulder. Any part of the bra, except straps that accidentally fall out, cannot be showing.
- Shirts will be long enough to cover the stomach and back.
- Pants that are excessively oversized or undersized (two or more waist sizes from the normal) are not permitted.
- Any clothing or items that include the use of lewd, sexual, racial, drug, tobacco or alcohol related messages (direct or implied) are prohibited.
- The following apparel and items that can be an indicator of gang activity are prohibited on East Valley School District property at any time:
 - Showing "colors" through clothing items such as shoelaces, gloves, belts, hats, shirts, and sweatshirts are not permitted.
 - Red or blue belts or dangling belts are not permitted.
 - Head bandana's and rags.
 - Any apparel or items that have gang related numbers, symbols, designs, drawings or lettering is not permitted on property or body.
 - Solid red or solid blue shirts without printing are not permitted.
 - Showing a pattern of consistently wearing the same color, such as red or blue.

2008-2009 Yearbook Sales and Senior Picture Deadlines

2008-2009 Yearbooks go on sale in August. The price is \$45.00. Students may purchase the book in the office. Only those who purchase a book in advance will receive one. No extra books are ordered.

Class of 2009 - Yearbook Senior Portrait Deadline

The final deadline for turning in Senior portraits for the yearbook is October 8. Photos may be turned in to Mrs. Cullen anytime before the final deadline date! Any photos received after this date will not make the yearbook publication.

Specifications; Size- 2 ½ x 3 ½ OR 3 ½ x 5

Color- Black/White, Color or Sephia

Digital or hard copy is fine - If you are not having your picture done professionally, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE YOUR CAMERA ADJUSTED TO ITS HIGHEST QUALITY— If not, your picture will appear very grainy in the book.

Class of 2009 - Yearbook Senior Baby Ads

Ads will be available for purchase in August. The ads will be approximately the size of a business card, the price will be \$35.00. In this ad, you can write a short message to your son/daughter and enclose a picture (preferably a baby picture).

Renaissance Program Recognizes Student Accomplishments

Renaissance, or re-birth, is the recognition process that encourages academic excellence, improvement, and citizenship at East Valley High School.

The Renaissance recognition assembly, which was attended by 314 students who were recognized because of academic achievement (3.0 or higher GPA) or other established criteria (Random Acts of Kindness, Community Involvement, Most Improved, School Activity Involvement, Perfect Attendance, and/or Citizenship) was held on Wednesday, June 4. Parent volunteer, Shelly Buechler organized games for which the winning teams were awarded prizes donated by Papa Murphy's (Terrace Heights), Subway, J's Asian Grill, Majors, Minors, and Elite Express. Grand prize winners were Sereena Silvas (i-pod nano), Jesus Arreguin (\$100 VI SA gift card), and Codey Lawson (\$100 free gas). All students who attended the assembly were given a free Renaissance t-shirt designed by EVHS senior Jurgen Close-Schibig.

Special thanks to Bob Hall! Bob donated a brand new car from his dealership, one each month, that an EVHS staff member was able to drive. The staff members were chosen by drawing, with staff members earning tickets throughout the month and depositing them for the monthly drawing. The car came complete with a full tank of gas, and Bob's blessing to drive the car to the winner's content.

Gear Up Information

Student Summer events: All GEAR UP camps are free and transportation is provided!

June 23-26 - Peoples of the Valley (arts day-camp) at YV

Museum - An opportunity to enjoy creative arts and crafts while studying the diversity of the valley

Aug. 2-8 - Power of Hope - 9am - 4pm - Toppenish M.S. - A fun camp with creative arts and crafts

Aug 18-22 - Summer Dance Academy for graduates of the Dance School offered in February

Aug 18-22 - Leadership camp -TBA

Gear Up Parent Information

GEAR UP parent meetings will continue next year on a monthly basis. Topics are parent selected.

College Bound Scholarship / Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board. This enrollment will allow up to \$5000 for 4 college years for qualifying families. Deadline extension for 7th and 8th grade students (2007-2008 school years) one-yr only, June 1, 2009.

Call Mr. Cordero and leave a voicemail, 573-7478 or e-mail cordero.luis@evsd90.wednet.edu

Acontecimientos de verano estudiante: ¡Todos los programas de GEAR UP son gratis y el transporte es proporcionado!

El 23-26 de junio - Pueblos del Valle (campo de día de artes) en el Yakima Valley Museum- una oportunidad de disfrutar de artes y oficios creativos estudiando la diversidad del valle

El 2-8 de agosto - Power of Hope - 9am - 4pm - Toppenish

M.S.- un campo de diversión con artes y oficios creativos

El 18-22 de agosto - Academia Baile de Verano para graduados de la Escuela de Baile ofrecida en Febrero 08

El 18-22 de agosto - campo de liderazgo - será anunciado

Información Paternal de GEAR UP

Reuniones paternas de GEAR UP seguirá el próximo año cada mes. Los temas son seleccionados por padres.

Beca - College Bound Scholarship / La Mesa de Enseñanza Superior de Estado de Washington, esta inscripción permitirá hasta 5000 dólares durante 4 años de colegio para calificar familias. Extensión de fecha límite para 7os y 8os estudiantes de grado (2007-2008 años escolares) solo un año único, al 1 de junio, 2009

Llame al Sr. Cordero y deje un recado 573-7478 o envíe por correo electrónico: cordero.luis@evsd90.wednet.edu