

# East Valley High School



Newsletter

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## **Welcome to New Staff**

East Valley High School would like to introduce our new teachers. We have three staff members to welcome to the high school. Please help us to give all these teachers a warm welcome.

- Mr. Randy Henry will transfer from East Valley Middle School to teach chemistry and physics. Mr. Henry will replace Mr. Marsh who completed an administrative internship and accepted a principal position at St. Pauls.
- Mrs. Kristin Morrison has been added to the english department, replacing Mrs. Berger. Mrs. Morrison has 11 years of experience teaching english in the Selah School District. Mrs. Berger will be working for the ESD105 providing academic support and assistance to schools in the area.
- Also joining the English Department is Mrs. Miranda Soriano. Mrs. Soriano joins the East Valley staff having completed her education training at Eastern Washington University and student teaching experience at West Valley High School in Spokane. This position became open when Mrs. Hall accepted a teaching position in her home town of Prosser.

## **Reminder - Graduation Requirements In Place Beyond 23 Credits**

As high schools throughout the state continue in the implementation of the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) and raise the standards of being a high school graduate, it is important that students and their parents be reminded of the following requirements beyond completion of classroom credits.

- Satisfactorily complete the Connections program, which includes among other things a culminating project, a five year educational plan, career research including a job shadow, and a portfolio.
  - Earn a Certificate of Academic achievement by passing the WASL in reading and writing to earn a high school diploma. Special Education students will have an opportunity to earn a Certificate of Individual Achievement instead.
  - Those students that graduate in 2008 and beyond that have not passed the math WASL will be required to earn one credit per year in math beyond the sophomore year and continue to take the math WASL annually to earn a high school diploma.
  - Students continue to have a requirement of earning 23 credits by passing a combination of required core classes and elective credits.

## **Parents of Seniors -**

### **Questions about the Senior Project?**

What is the graduation requirement of a culminating project? What kind of project can my senior son or daughter complete? What are the requirements and when can it be done? Get the answers to these questions and more at an informational question/answer session in the auditorium during Open House from 7:00 to 7:20.

## **EVHS Open House on Sept. 15th**

All parents are invited to the East Valley High School Open House to be held Monday evening Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be on hand in their classrooms from 7:00 to 8:30 to meet with parents, review curriculum and materials. Stop by, meet your child's teachers, and help to get the school year off to a great start for your child.

## **Washington Healthy Youth Survey**

EVHS plans to participate in the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey of students in grades 10 and 12 later this Fall. The survey results provide valuable information to several state agencies providing health services to youth. The survey is completely voluntary, and a student may choose to skip all or part of the survey if they wish. The survey is completed anonymously and results are provided only on a school and statewide basis. Survey reports will not identify any students. Parents wishing further information are encouraged to contact the office.

## **Learning Academy & Credit Retrieval**

The highly successful East Valley Learning Academy Program will enter its' eighth year of operation this fall. The program will continue with consist of two sessions per day; morning, afternoon, as well as a 7<sup>th</sup> period credit retrieval class. Students interested in attending are encouraged to telephone the Academy at 573-7489. The credit retrieval program, designed for high school students needing to retake a course, will be operated from 2:30 to 3:30 daily. Students who have failed one or more classes should contact staff at the Learning Academy and arrange to retake the course.



## Mark Your Calendars

Date & Time	Event & Location
Sept 9	Picture Make Up Day
Sept 15	Open House 7:00 - 8:30 Senior Projects meeting 7:00
Sept 17	Deadline - Submit NHS Information Form
Sept 26	No School - Staff Development
Sept 29	NHS Induction Ceremony 7:00 pm
Oct 8	PLAN/ASVAB tests

### Senior Pictures Needed by Oct. 15

The deadline for seniors to turn in a picture for the yearbook is Oct 15th. Pictures need to be wallet size in color. Pictures need not be taken professionally. Turn your picture in to Mrs. Cullen in room 107. Those seniors that have not had pictures taken yet and wish for the annual staff to take a photo should contact Mrs. Cullen.

### 2008 -2009 Academic Calendar

First quarter ends	Nov. 4th
First semester ends	January 26th
Third quarter ends	April 8th
Second semester ends	June 11th

### Grades Will Be Available On-Line

Later this month grades will be available on line for parents and students with access to the internet. Information will be provided to students and included in the October newsletter, once these grades become available to parents. EVHS is switching to a new grade program that will provide more comprehensive information for parents.

### Community Drama Opportunity for Teens

A new organization called the "Theatre4Hire Performing Arts Co." is in the process of putting together two productions this Fall and have begun casting for both. As the new school year begins, they are calling for any young talents interested in participating to visit their website at <http://www.theatre4hire.com>.

### NHS Selection Process

Students in grades 11 and 12 that meet the academic standard required for consideration into National Honor Society will receive a letter notifying them of their eligibility. The process approved by faculty council for selection into NHS is as follows:

1. Students' academic records will be reviewed to determine academic eligibility. The EVHS chapter requires a minimum of four completed semesters and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5.
2. Students who are academically eligible will be notified and informed that for consideration for selection into NHS, they are required to complete and submit a Student Information Form. Failure to do so in this manner and time frame will cause the student to not be considered for selection.
3. All faculty members will be invited to attend a meeting for the purpose of making comments on the candidates. Comments will be given orally without written submissions and will be limited to the four areas of consideration for selection - scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Administration may not attend the meeting or participate in the selection so as to maintain objectivity in the case of an appeal. Faculty members with a family member or close relative in consideration will excuse themselves from the discussion and voting on that particular student.
4. Following review of the Student Activity Information Form, listening to faculty comments, and any other verifiable information about the candidate, the five members of the faculty council will vote upon each candidate for selection. The faculty council will select students who have demonstrated outstanding performance in all four areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.
5. Candidates must receive an approval vote from a majority of the five faculty council members. There will be no specific quota or percentage of members per class used to guide selection.
6. Upon approval, students and their parents will be notified in writing, given information regarding the induction ceremony, obligations of membership and requested verification of intent to attend induction and join the chapter.

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