

# East Richland High School

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## Principal's Corner

With the semester coming to a close, that can only mean two things. First, semester exams are coming up very quickly. Exams are scheduled for Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday, December 21st. You will find a more detailed schedule for semester exams in another section of this newsletter. Second, we will begin the process of registering current students for the following school year in a few weeks. Students should be bringing home registration materials during Christmas Break, and this will give you time to review this information with your student. Also, there is more detailed information about this in another section of this newsletter.

We have had an exciting and successful first semester. This can only be accomplished by a dedicated and caring faculty, a student body that strives to do their best, and **parents that support their students' efforts** both inside and outside of the classroom. I would like to offer a special thanks to each of these groups for making ERHS a great place to be, and I am eagerly anticipating a great start to the second semester in January.

Finally, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of East Richland High School, I would like to offer you and your family a **sincere wish for a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"**



## Illinois State Scholars

Twelve ERHS seniors have recently been named as Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. This award is based on a formula that **includes a student's ACT score, class rank, and grade point average.** Students identified as Illinois State Scholars represent the top 10% of students in the state of Illinois. Congratulations to this outstanding group of seniors.

Khalid Ahmad	Mikyla Cooper
Joel Eagleson	Tyler Epperheimer
Heather Ernst	Michael Fehrenbacher
Cody Holmes	Kevin Kermicle
Seth Michels	Cale Stallard
Gina Volk	Theresa Waxler

## Dance Guidelines

The ERHS Administration, Student Council Sponsors, and Junior Class Sponsors have developed updated guidelines for school dances. These guidelines are intended to address concerns about student dress and dancing while attending ERHS sponsored dances. The guidelines are posted on our school website at <http://erhs.ercu1.net>. These guidelines will be communicated to students prior to the next school dance, which is the winter dance on February 11th.

## Student Council Blood Drive

ERHS Student Council hosted a blood drive on November 8th. Thank you for your participation. Seventy-five units of blood were collected.

## Registration

It is time to start planning for next year! Students will be receiving scheduling information packets for the 2012-13 school year before the end of the semester. The packet will include a list of course requirements, elective classes, and a transcript of all their completed courses. The ERHS Curriculum Guide has a description of all courses and can be found on the Guidance Page of our website at: <http://erhs.ercu1.net>.

We are currently working with Skyward to set up online student scheduling. If all goes well, we hope students can begin registering for courses online over the holiday break. Directions will be in the packets, if Skyward is set up for scheduling. Guidance counselors will begin meeting with all students January 9th to complete the scheduling process. Please contact the Guidance Office at 393-2191 if you have any questions.

## Exam Schedule

Final exams for the first semester/second term are later this month. These exams are important for students as they count as **20% of the student's final grade. The exam schedule is outlined below.**

### Tuesday, December 20th

8:00 - 9:20	Block 1
9:27 - 10:47	Block 2 (Final Exam)
10:54 - 12:14	Block 3
12:14 - 12:54	Lunch
12:54 - 2:14	Block 4 (Final Exam)
2:21 - 3:00	Block 5

\*Students that are eligible from the Student Council canned food drive may be released at 2:14 pm.

### Wednesday, December 21st

8:00 - 9:20	Block 1 (Final Exam)
9:27 - 10:47	Block 3 (Final Exam)
10:54 - 11:15	Homeroom

\*Students will be dismissed at 11:15 am.

## School Resumes

School resumes following Christmas Break for students on Wednesday, January 4th. Teachers will report on Tuesday, January 3rd for a Teacher Institute.

## Holiday Concert

The ERHS Music Department will present its Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 pm in the Sliva Auditorium. The concert will consist of the ERHS Concert Band and Concert Choir. The ERHS Jazz Band will present a concert during the reception in the lobby after the concert. Cookies and punch will be provided by the Olney Music Boosters.

## Reminder About Two State Laws

The Illinois legislature has passed **legislation that prohibits “the use of tobacco of any kind on school property when such property is being used for any school purposes.” The law defines “school purposes” to include but not limited to all events or activities, or other use of school property, that the school board and officials authorize.** These include all interscholastic or extra-curricular athletic, academic, or other events sponsored in which pupils of the district participate.

In January of 2010, Senate Bill 72 was **passed. This bill, titled the “Vehicular Phone Use In School Zones” states, “A person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone.” This includes school parking lots. A person may be fined \$120.00.**

## Junior Class Parents

The ERHS Junior/Senior Prom will be held on May 4. After-Prom activities are an important part of this evening and plans are underway to make it a fun, safe and alcohol/drug-free event. Junior parents plan and supervise the After-Prom activities. There will be an organizational meeting on January 11th at 7:30 in the High School Faculty Lounge.

# Holiday Spirit Week

**December 12 - 16**

## Dress-Up Days

Monday	Red/Green Day
Tuesday	Ugly Sweater Day
Wednesday	Holiday Hat Day
Thursday	Scarf/Flannel Day
Friday	Extreme Holiday



## Turkey Leg Contest

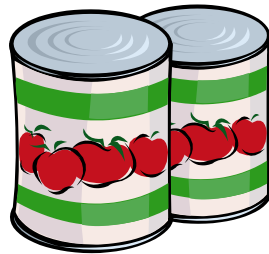
Whose legs look most like a turkey leg? Vote with \$ at the front doors.

## Deck The Halls

Decorate your 5th block classroom door in a holiday theme



## Spirit Day



## Canned Food Drive

Bring in at least 5 cans to your 5th block teacher and on Dec. 20th earn a 2:14 release

## Giving Tree

Decorate the tree in the Auditorium lobby with hats, scarves, and gloves.

All collected items and money will be donated to community agencies helping those in need.