

East Richland High School

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Principal's Corner

We are off to a great start to the school year and we are already nearing the end of the 1st Term. The end of 1st Term is Friday, October 14th, and this is also the date for final exams. Students will have comprehensive exams in each of their four classes on this day.

I would like to offer a special "Thank you," to all that attended the ERHS Open House last month. We had a great turnout, and I appreciate you making time in your schedule to visit your student's school. I encourage you to make plans to attend our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on Friday, October 21st. You will find more information about conferences in another section of this newsletter.

Many of you have already gotten information for Family Access, the new program that allows parents and students to have access to information such as student grades, attendance, class schedule, etc. Later in this newsletter you will find additional information about Family Access. If you have questions about this, or any other items, I welcome you to contact the ERHS office.

Onward!

Chris A. Simpson

Parent/Teacher Conferences

East Richland High School will hold its annual Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences on Friday, October 21st. Conferences will be held from 9:00 am—1:00 pm on this day. You may contact the ERHS Guidance Office to schedule a conference with the teacher. If you are unable to attend on the conference date, you may still schedule a time to meet with any of your student's teachers. You can find contact information for each faculty member on the ERHS website at <http://erhs.ercu1.net>.

Parent/Teacher Conferences allow you as a parent to have uninterrupted access to your student's teacher to discuss topics such as classroom performance, course requirements, or any other information that may be helpful to improve student achievement. The two most important people that impact a student's learning are the classroom teacher and the parent. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to partner with your student's teachers. This partnership provides the best chance that your student will have the highest level of success possible.



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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Mission Statement</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Family Access</h2>
<p>There is a lot that goes on in a high school, and many of our students spend a tremendous amount of time at school involved in a variety of worthwhile activities. These things help to enrich the experience for students, and they also provide meaningful opportunities for students to develop their interests and form lasting bonds with other students. While this is an important part of high school, it is not the most important part. The primary purpose of the school is to help students meet the academic goals that have been established and focus on the individual student's learning. As such, the mission statement of East Richland High School reflects that primary purpose. We want our school's main focus to be on teaching and learning. Everything else must come second to this primary purpose.</p>	<p>Family Access is the new web-based program that we are using to communicate with parents and students about topics such as class grades, attendance, class schedule, food service account balances, and other types of information. Parents that attended the Open House last month received the access code for their student, and students have also received the information to log-in to Family Access.</p> <p>Currently, students and parents have the same log-in and password. Eventually, a parent will have a log-in and password that will allow him/her to have access to any student he/she may have in the East Richland School District. This is something that is still being developed, so we ask for your patience. If you have questions about this program, you may contact the high school office during normal business hours.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Important Dates</h2>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Working with Teens</h2>
<p>October 10th—Columbus Day (No School) October 14th—End of 1st Term October 14th—Final Exams October 20th—Half-day Student Attendance (8:00—11:40 am) (Lunch will be served and busses run at 12:30 pm) October 21st—Parent/Teacher Conferences (9:00 am—1:00 pm) November 11th—Veteran's Day (No School) November 24th—Thanksgiving Day (No School) November 25th—No School December 2nd, 3rd, 4th—ERHS Fall Musical</p>	<p>This tip on working with teens comes from the <i>Parent Resource</i> from Aspen Publishers. They suggest that parents use the name, rank and serial number questioning technique before your teen goes out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where are you going?</i> Ask for specific destinations and times. • <i>Who will be there?</i> Ask for specific names of friends and adults that will be there. • <i>How are you getting there?</i> Remember, there are teen driving laws that prohibit several teens in an automobile together. • <i>When will you be back?</i> Set a specific time for your teen to return.



ERHS Fall Musical

The East Richland High School Theatre department is proud to announce the cast of their winter musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*.

Little Shop of Horrors is a rock musical, by composer Alan Menken and writer Howard Ashman, about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a plant that feeds on human blood. The music, composed by Menken in the style of early 1960s rock and roll, doo-wop and early Motown, includes several well-known tunes, including the title song, "Skid Row (Downtown)", "Somewhere That's Green", and "Suddenly, Seymour".

The cast includes Seymour played by Trevor May and Dylan Forys, Audrey played by Alice Ann Hostetter and Rachel Pampe, Mr. Mushnik played by Caleb Bent, Orin the Dentist played by Joshua Wiggs, and the Doo-Wop Girls, Claire Downes, Chloe Miller, Leighanna Miller, Ivy Benson, Maddie Bush, and Ally Brewer. Supporting cast members include Natasha Archakova, Autumn Bogard, Toree Goodwin, Breanna Henson, Shaun Hopkins, Amber Knobloch, Christian Knobloch, Erika Kocher, Chris McDowell, Jordan Morris, Abigail Padgett, Derek Sager, Alana Snider, Kayla Warren, and Kaleigh Yochum.

Mark your calendars for the debut of *Little Shop of Horrors* on December 2, 2011. Tickets will be available in mid-November.

Homecoming 2011

Homecoming Week 2011 was an exciting and fun-filled week. The week kicked off with a Pep Session on Class Color Day; the gym was filled with red, yellow, black and blue. Tuesday's Pack-the-Place Volleyball Game was well attended, with the Seniors having the greatest attendance percentage. Perhaps it was all the Senior support that led the Senior boys to a victory over a tough Junior boys' volleyball team that night. However, the teachers proved too much for the Senior boys to handle. A big thanks to all the student and teacher participants! Wednesday evening, the Senior girls held off a last minute offensive push by the Juniors to claim bragging rights in the Powder Puff game. A victory celebration was held at the bonfire after the game. Thursday, Tiger PAWS groups filled the hallway and the fence at the football field with posters cheering on our football team. Students also cast their votes for Homecoming King and Queen. A frenzy of activity took place on Friday. A sea of orange, black, and white filled the hallways, classroom, and eventually, the gym. After a loud, excited Pep Session, the students loaded onto floats and trucks for the parade. Many members of the community and students at ERMS and ERES came out to show their support for the Tigers. Austin Woods and Kenna Benton were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during halftime of the football game. Homecoming 2011 wrapped up with a dance in the gym following the game. Thank you to all students and faculty at ERHS for making Homecoming 2011 a week to remember!

