

Hornet Happenings



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Winter 2018

Principal's Letter

Dear Hornets,

Happy New Year! We have completed one half of the school year and before you know it, we will be sitting at ECHS' very first graduation on May 15, 2018! We are excited to be making history.

As the school year progresses, please be sure to reach out to your teen's teachers to support the learning. One good way is to monitor your teen's work on Schoology. If you do not have your password, please contact Mrs. McCants at nyia.mccants@ech.s.k12.de.us. Please check out page 4 to see tips for Schoology.

The 2nd Semester Parent Night for all 9th and 10th graders will be held at ECHS at 6pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2018. Please come out and meet your teen's teachers, and find out the content of their classes for the semester.

This year's flu season has been challenging. Please read page 2 for more information on flu precautions to keep your teen's and our school's community safe.

We hope that this quarterly newsletter will provide you with information about school, your teen's education, and ways that you can partner with the school.

Please enjoy reading!

Sincerely,

Dr. Evelyn A. Edney
School Leader



Please check your teen's lunch balance at www.myschoolaccount.com. Even if your teen qualifies for free or reduced lunch, please check the balance. Often times, teens take a la carte items for which they will be charged. Any questions, contact Mr. Yancy at timothy.yancy@ech.s.k12.de.us.

Check out our basketball teams at www.echssports.com

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Welcoming the Class of 2022



The ECHS Black History Month Program will be held on February 21 in the EH Theater on the DSU Campus at 1:30 p.m. Carter G. Woodson was the father of the modern -day Black History Month, so in his honor ECHS hosts "The Carters" to celebrate black history champions as part of an English 9 Project-Based Learning experience.

Please let us know if you are available to help out with these registering events. For our incoming freshmen

Hornet Hello	Date
January 24, 2018 January 31, 2018	6pm
February 21, 2018 February 28, 2018	6pm
March 8, 2018 March 8, 2018	2pm 5pm
March 14, 2048	6pm

Hornet P.R.I.D.E....Catch it!

What is the flu?

Influenza (flu) is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs caused by the influenza virus. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Children younger than 5 years old, but especially under the age of 2, and children and adolescents with health conditions are at greater risk of serious flu complications. These flu complications can result in hospital stays and even death. The best way to prevent the flu each year is to get a flu vaccine.

What are symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of the flu can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. It is important to note that those with the flu do not need to run a fever.

What are flu complications?

Most people who get the flu will recover in a few days to less than 2 weeks, but some may develop complications as a result of the flu, some of which can be life threatening and result in death. Pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections are 3 examples of complication from the flu. The flu can also make chronic health conditions worse. For example, people with asthma may experience asthma attacks while they have the flu.

How to Prevent the Flu?

Most important factor in preventing the flu is getting a flu vaccine each year in the fall. Avoid close contact with those that are ill. Wash hands often with soap and water or use alcohol based sanitizer. If using sanitizer, wash hands every third or fourth use of sanitizer. Have your child avoid touching his/her eyes, nose, mouth and use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze in. Keep surfaces in the home and toys clean and disinfected each day. Have a plan if your child should become ill.

What can I do if my child get sick?

Call or take child to the doctor if they develop flu-like symptoms. The doctor may want to begin anti-viral drugs as quickly as possible. Anti-viral medications are prescription medications that fight against the flu in your body. They will not cure the flu, but will decrease its intensity. Keep your child at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without use of Tylenol or other medication to keep temperature down. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks clear fluids (water, broth, sports drinks, and electrolyte beverages, to keep from becoming dehydrated. Remember, Aspirin should not be given to children who have the flu.

When can my child go back to school?

Your child should stay home for 24 hours past last symptoms of the flu. They should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol or Motrin. Remember a fever is determined as 100.1 degrees.

Is the Flu vaccine safe for my child? Should I vaccinate my child with the Flu Vaccine?

Yes. The flu vaccine is safe for everyone unless you are allergic to eggs. There is an egg free version of the flu vaccine, you just need to ask for it. The flu vaccine is your child's only protection from not getting the flu or getting a reduced intensity of the flu. It is recommended for all ages from 6 months to the elderly. It is especially recommended for pregnant individuals. Be sure everyone in your household gets vaccinated against the flu.

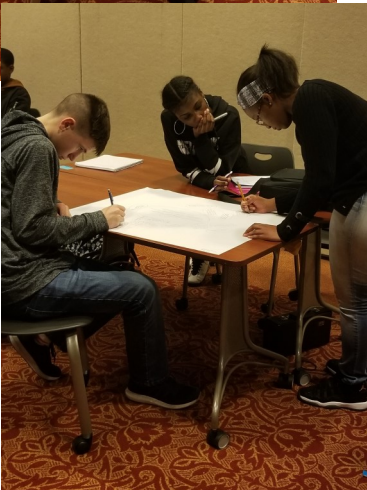
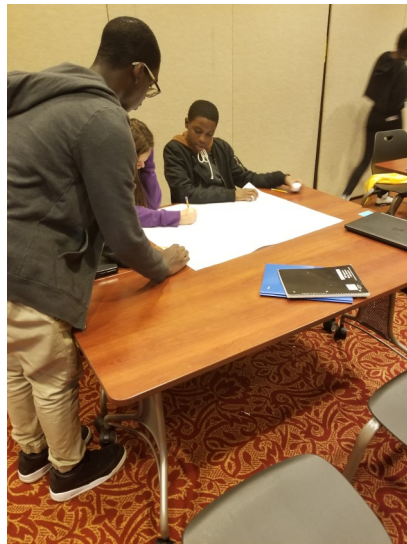
Genius Hour

Genius Hour is an opportunity for students to have voice and choice regarding their education. Students in Mrs. Savage's English 9 classes selected their topic of interest, then wrote a four-page research paper on that subject. The culminating activity was a vendor-style presentation day where students served as experts on their topic for the entire Freshman class, outside visitors, and parents. Visitors were asked to evaluate the students, and those evaluations were part of their final grade for the project.



Chart Talk

Students in Mr. Testa's Civics classes participated in "chart talk." Groups of students videotaped constitution readings. Students were given a question or opinion statement and placed it in the center of a sheet of chart paper. They then had a "conversation" about the question/statement and placed anything they would say in bubbles around the center. As the groups "talked" the sheet filled up and they ended up capturing the whole content-rich conversation. The first rule of chart talk is "We do not talk during chart talk." That way they are forced to read the responses of others before adding their own thoughts.



Schoology Tips for Parents

Parent's Guide to Schoology

Welcome to Schoology! Below you will find an explanation of the different areas of your Schoology account. For more in-depth guidance on specific Schoology features, check out the Help Center at support.schoology.com.

What Is Schoology?

Teachers use Schoology to post their classroom materials online; provide a safe forum for students to discuss their ideas and collaborate on projects; and to assign and collect homework electronically. It helps students stay organized and it keeps the class connected. A Schoology Parent Account gives you access to: The classes your child is enrolled in, your child's upcoming assignments, school and class announcements. Schoology makes it easy for parents to stay involved in their children's education.

Navigating Schoology Your Account

After logging in, you can see the top navigation bar from anywhere in Schoology. On the left side of the bar, you can navigate to the four main areas of Schoology: Home, Courses, Groups, and Resources. Clicking **Home** always brings you back to your home page, the landing page you see when you log in. This is where you see your **Recent Activity** feed.

Messages & Notifications

When you are in your own Schoology account (not your child's), icons for **messages**, **connections** and **notifications** display in the top navigation bar, on the right; you can also click your name to go to your own **Personal Profile**. Any time someone sends you a message, or does something that pertains to you or your child's school, it's easily accessible in the top-right corner of your screen. Everything is chronologically ordered and clickable to make managing them simple.

Viewing Your Child's Activity

Click on the arrow in the upper-right corner of your account and select your child's name to view his or her activity.

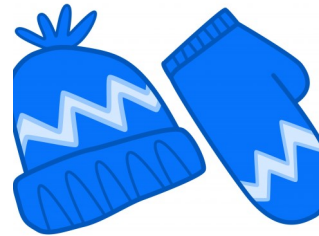
1. Use the left menu to quickly view specific information about your child's Schoology activity:
 - a. **Summary:** Click to see an overview of your child's courses and grades (**Enrollments** in the center column), or notifications about grades on individual assignments (**Student Activity** in the middle column).
 - b. **Grades/Attendance:** Review your child's grades and attendance for all courses.
 - c. **Mastery:** If your child's school aligns materials to standard and learning objectives, you can check your child's progress in this area.
 - d. **Calendar:** Click to view a calendar of past and upcoming events and assignments. Events and assignments in the near future are also listed in the **Upcoming** column on the right.
 - e. **Messages:** View your own messages on Schoology. Messages to your child are private and are not viewable from this area.
2. Select **Enrollments** in the center column to see a list of the courses your child is currently enrolled in, along with his or her grade. If the teacher or administrator has chosen not to display the grade while the course is in progress, you will see a blank value (as in the grade column for U.S. History, above). Click on an individual course to see grades received on assignments, tests, and discussions from that course.
3. Here, you can see a list of your child's Schoology **Groups**. Groups can be used for a variety of activities, from school projects to extracurricular teams and clubs.
4. The **Recent Grades/Attendance** section displays your child's recent grade and attendance information.
5. The **Overdue** section displays a list of course materials your child did not turn in by the due date.
6. The **Upcoming** section displays a list of your child's upcoming assignments and events.

Winter Holiday Season



During the weeks leading up to the Winter break, ECHS students were engaged in the holiday spirit.

- The 9th graders had a door decorating contest, and Mrs. Trabaudo's class were the winners of a New Year's Party upon arrival back from the holiday break.
- The Upperclassmen collected items for the Hornets Warming Hearts campaign. Sophomores collected socks, juniors collected gloves, and seniors collected hats. The sophomores won the contest, but the homeless folks living in shelters were the real winners!
- The staff participated in an "Ugly" Holiday Sweater Contest. Ms. Rangel was the clear winner!!!
- The ECHS School Community was treated to the sounds of the season by the band, chorus, dance, step, and even the staff at the ECHS Winter Holiday Concert.



National School Choice Week

January 22-26, 2018



PTSA Events We need you!

Event	Type	Description	What we need from you:	Date
College Readiness Incentive	Service	Sponsor the ECHS College Readiness Incentive for the 4th Marking Period Interim.	We will need donations of water ice, cups, spoons, and napkins. We will need volunteers from 2:30-3:30 to help give out to the students.	04/25/18
Office Professionals Day	Service	Present a gift to the two office professionals at ECHS.	Think of a gift and donate items/money to get the gift. People to present the gift.	04/25/18
Teacher Appreciation	Social Event	Provide Lunch and Gifts to teachers	Inquire about donating lunch and a cake from local vendors. Present the lunch for the staff on May 11, 2018. Think of a gift to give to the staff.	May 7-11
Graduation	Academic Event	Provide ECHS and DSU Staff with assistance.	Help secure donations of water and reception items. Volunteer to help with seating. Help secure donations. Help with the mailing list. **For more information, contact Dr. Edney at evelyn.edney@ech.s.k12.de.us.	05/15/18
Honoring Our Legacy	Fundraising	See donations, help with mailers, etc.	Help to secure Program Booklet Advertisements. Help to secure donations. Help with the mailing list. Be a part of a committee. **For more information, contact Dr. Edney at evelyn.edney@ech.s.k12.de.us.	06/02/18
Direct all questions regarding PTSA and donations to PTSA President Crystal Gillis-Hammond at tan1tay@msn.com .				



Did you know that you can help fundraise when you shop? Download the [Shop-a-Roo](#) app on your phone, shop at your favorite stores and restaurants, and take a photo of your receipt.

Also, ECHS participates in [Amazon Smile](#). Go onto Amazon for details and choose ECHS as the recipient and shop! It's that easy.



We are seeking parents who would like to be a part of the [Athletic Boosters](#). If your son or daughter participates in sports, we need you to help with fundraising and donating to team meals, etc. Please contact Mrs. Gillis-Hammond if you are interested.

NAACP Award



On Sunday, November 12, 2018, ECHS was honored by the Wilmington Chapter of the NAACP at their 53rd Annual Freedom Fund Banquet, an occasion when they cast a spotlight on those individuals and groups, who work around the clock to advance hope, peace and justice by promoting programs and developing opportunities to uplift others in the community. ECHS was the recipient of the Martha Evans Excellence in Education Award.



President's Scholarship Ball



Dr. Harry L. Williams hosted his final President's Scholarship Ball on Dec. 9, an affair in which he and his family were the recipients of a number of accolades that evening.

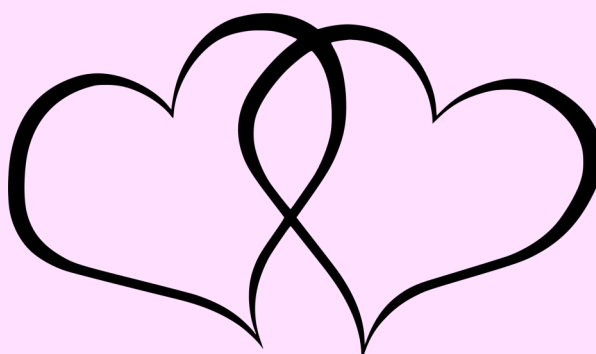
Attendees were treated to the powerful gospel sounds of Yolanda Adams, who performed a few of her songs – including an extended version of her hit “The Battle is Not Yours.” After her performance, Dr. Williams presented her with DSU's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Edney, Mrs. McCants, and Mr. Yancy with their spouses attended to represent ECHS.



February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10
National Signing Day GBB@Seaford 4pm	GBB@Christiana 4pm	3 rd MP Interims/ College Readiness Reports Distributed to Students 2 nd Semester Parent Night Grades 9 & 10 @ ECHS 6pm	DSU Founders Day GBB vs. DAPSS 4:15pm, BBB 5:30	Class of 2019 Valentine's Day Grams Sale Ends	
12	13	14	15	16	17
DSU Mid-Terms	DSU Mid-Terms BBB vs. Sussex Cent 5pm	DSU Mid-Terms Valentine's Day	DSU Mid-Terms BBB@ Del Design 5pm	DSU Mid-Terms GBB vs. First State 6:15pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24
President's Day (ECHS has school!) PTSA 5:30	BBB @ St. Georges 5:15pm	Black History Month Program: The Carter's" 1:30 p.m.. EH Theater GBB@ McKean 3:45 Boys BB vs. McKean 5:15pm Hornet Hello 6pm			
26	27	28	March 1	March 2	March 3
		3 rd MP College Readiness Celebration Hornet Hello 6pm		3rd MP Ends	



March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3 rd MP Grades/ College Readiness Due 11pm	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break	No School Spring Break Hornet Hello at 2pm & 5 pm	No School Spring Break	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Savings Begins	4 th MP Begins School Resumes		3 rd MP Report Cards/College Readiness Reports Distributed to Students Hornet Hello 6pm			St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	PTSA 5:30		3 rd MP Honor Roll Celebration	Board Meeting 5:15pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday			10 th Grade DCAS Science Test	Spring Sports Pep Rally @ DSU	Good Friday No School	First Day of Passover



Important ECHS Testing Dates



Testing Date	Grade 9		Grade 10	Grade 11
March 28	No School		DCAS Science (Biology) administered at ECHS	
April 4	Advisories go to DSU: Testa, Philmon, Savage, Ide	Advisories go to Junior Achievement Jordan, Whitley Trabaudo	PSAT 10 administered at ECHS	
April 10	Advisories go to Junior Achievement: Testa, Philmon, Huson, Ide	Advisories go to DSU Jordan, Whitley Trabaudo	No School	SAT administered at ECHS
April 18	PSAT 8/9 Administered at ECHS			DeSSA Social Studies Test at ECHS

On April 4th and April 10th, ECHS is in need of 9th grade parent chaperones to attend the Junior Achievement Business Park field trips with the 9th grade Advisory classes. Please let us know if you are interested. April 4th will be for Ms. Jordan's, Mrs. Trabaudo, and Ms. Whitley's Advisory classes and April 10th will be for Mr. Hudson's, Mrs. Ide's, Dr. Philmon's, and Mr. Testa's Advisory classes. Please contact Dr. Edney if you can chaperone!

Stay Connected!

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Dream Big Dreams

Feel the Buzz

- Students can catch the *Hornet Daily Buzz* each morning complete with announcements!
- Parents can read too! It's on Schoology

Other ways to communicate in school:

Phone calls, e-mails, Home Access Center (HAC), web, Twitter...Are you receiving Dr. Edney's Sunday Night at 8:00 p.m. calls with school news and announcements? Make sure: Call Mrs. Rodriguez to update phone numbers, addresses, etc. Stay in the know!

We're on the Web!
Website: <http://ech.s.desu.edu/>
Twitter: @ECHSDSU
Instagram: echsatdsu
Facebook: @ECHSDSU

Receive Text Message Reminders

The teachers and the principal are using a system called Remind, where text messages go out to remind students of homework assignments or events in school. Parents can also receive these messages either for classes so they are seeing the same texts as their students or from the principal to receive texts about school.

Just text to **81010** and plug in the **codes** below as a text message. Then you will start receiving reminders

For Principal Messages @ECHSDSU

For Bus-Specific Information

@ECHSB1 for Bus 1
@ECHSB2 for Bus 2
@ECHSB4 for Bus 4
@ECHSB6 for Bus 6
@ECHSB7 for Bus 7
@ECHSB8 for Bus 8
@ECHSB9 for Bus 9

Please speak to individual teachers and coaches regarding class and team codes.

Zoom in for PTSA Meetings

Topic: PTSA Monthly Meeting

Time: February 19, March 19, April 16 at 5:30 PM

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
https://zoom.us/j/389258678?pwd=UOpcI4NGn_c

Password: hornets

Or Telephone:
Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 646 558 8656 or +1 669 900 6833

Meeting ID: 389 258 678

