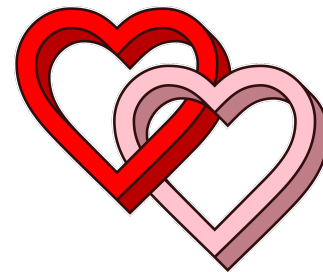


**Edgewood High School  
SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER  
February 2024**



**WHO IS YOUR COUNSELOR??**

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**Other Resources**

- ACCESS - College & Career Advising with Mrs. Smith at Edgewood High School
- Community Counseling - Social Emotional Support
- YO! (Youth Opportunities) - Tutoring & Life Skills

**Important Forms (Available Online)**

- Request to See your EHS Counselor - <https://tinyurl.com/EHSOfficeRequest>
- Transcript Request Form - <https://tinyurl.com/TranscriptsEHS>
- Schedule Change Request Form - <https://tinyurl.com/EHSCourseChange>

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**IMPORTANT NEWS**

**UpComing Events**

- **February 21** - Incoming Freshman Parent Night at EHS
- **February 22** - College Planning Night at EHS
- **February 27** - ACT at EHS
- **April 1** - Deadline to submit letter of intent to take CCP courses for the 2024-25 school year
- **April 30** - Deadline to order Yearbook

**ACT TESTING FOR ALL 11TH GRADERS**

All 11th grade students are required to take the ACT exam on Tuesday, February 27th. On February 15th there will be a mandatory pre registration meeting during 2nd and 3rd period.

**ATECH students will complete the pre-registration and take the ACT at A-tech!!!**

**COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT at EHS**

The EHS Counseling Department will host a College Planning Night at EHS on February 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. for parents and students interested in attending College.

**INCOMING FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT**

The EHS Counseling Department will host an informational meeting for parents of incoming freshmen on February 21, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Braden Middle School.

**CCP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

If you missed EHS's CCP Information Meeting but are interested in taking college credit plus courses in the 2024-2025 school year, there are two more information nights available. PVHS will host a meeting on February 15th and KSUA will host theirs on March 13th. Please review the information packet and presentation on the EHS website. Deadlines will start April 1st!. All students must follow the checklist and meet the required deadlines, or they will not be permitted to participate in the CCP program.

## **END OF COURSE RETAKE SCORES**

Results from the Fall 2023 End of Course Exam Retakes will be available on February 12, 2024. Check with your school counselor for your results!

## **SCHEDULING for the 2024-2025 School Year**

Scheduling at EHS is underway. Information is available on the EHS website. Here are things to consider when picking out courses for next year:

Are you on track for graduation? Are you thinking about attending A-Tech? - If you have submitted an application to A-Tech, you must still submit a course selection sheet. Are you thinking about doing College Credit Plus? - The deadline to submit your letter of intent for CCP is April 1st! Rising seniors must have at least 5 credits; you can have early release (7th & 8th or just 8th) or late arrival (1st and 2nd or just 1st). Rising juniors must have at least 6 credits; you can have early release (8th only) or late arrival (1st only). Rising sophomores and freshmen must have at least 6 credits and there is no early release or late arrival option. Counselors are available to discuss your questions or selections. Please sign up through the google form.

**The FAFSA Application is now open!! The priority deadline for many schools will be February 15, 2024 but it is best to double check with the school you are applying to for more specific information. Some schools have extended their initial deadline to March 1, 2024.**

## **HALFWAY THROUGH SENIOR YEAR**

The first semester is now history and hopefully you have successfully achieved your goals for the first half of your senior year. As the final semester of your high school experience begins, your education/career plans following graduation should become more concrete. The Guidance Department is ready and willing to help should you need assistance during the critical decision-making period.

Any senior who receives a scholarship or award should provide a copy of the award letter to Mrs. Rapose in Guidance. We keep an up-to-date record of scholarships and awards won by the members of the senior class.

## **TIPS FOR BORROWING MONEY FOR COLLEGE**

1. Learn the language. Sort out terms and definitions.
2. Evaluate how much you really need to borrow.
3. Evaluate how much you will be able to repay.
4. Shop around. Student loans subsidized by the government tend to have lower interest rates and deferred payment provisions; parts of some loans may be "forgiven" if you perform certain kinds of work or service after graduation.
5. Know the full facts before you commit yourself: What is the interest rate of the loan? Date payment begins? How long will it take to pay off?

## **DON'T GET SCAMMED ON YOUR WAY TO COLLEGE**

Look for six signs that a scholarship search may be a scholarship scam:

1. "This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back." No one can guarantee that they will get you a grant or scholarship. Refund guarantees often have conditions or strings attached. Get refund policies in writing – before you pay.
2. "You can't get this information anywhere else." There are many free lists of scholarships available. Check with your school or library before you decide to pay someone to do the work for you.
3. "May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?" Don't give out your credit card or bank account number on the phone without getting information in writing first. It may be a setup for an unauthorized withdrawal from your account.
4. "We will do all the work." Don't be fooled. There is no way around it. You must apply for scholarships or grants yourself.
5. "The scholarship will cost some money." Don't pay anyone who claims to be "holding" a scholarship or grant for you. Free money shouldn't cost a thing.
6. "You've been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship" or "You are a finalist in a contest." (a contest you never entered) Before you send money to apply for a scholarship, check it out. Make sure the foundation or program is legitimate.

## **YEARBOOK INFORMATION**

The yearbook is on sale now! The deadline is April 30th for all orders. Order forms are available and more information is available on the Google Classroom well as the school website for ordering.

## **SPRING SPORTS INFORMATION**

Watch the EHS Students Google Classroom and BAND app or reach out to your coaches for more information about Spring Sports tryouts. Track starts Tuesday, February 20th for anyone interested. Please contact Coach Hill or Coach Sanchez if interested.

## **SCOIR**

All EHS and A-tech students have been invited to create an account in SCOIR. SCOIR is the one-stop online system that provides students with college and career planning tools. In SCOIR, students can request transcripts and letters of recommendation, and register for upcoming college visits at EHS.

## **MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Morning announcements will be available on video every Friday. They can be viewed on the Edgewood Media YouTube account.

## **GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

All EHS and A-tech students have been sent an invite to the EHS Google Classroom to their Buckeye email. Here is the code to join the EHS Google Classroom: abtba4b. All announcements and communications will be available in Google Classroom.

## **COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS**

There are two college entrance tests – the **SAT** and the **ACT**. Check the colleges of your choice to learn which test is required. Register for these tests on the web.

If you are a junior or senior and participate in Free/Reduced Lunch, your school counselor can give you a fee waiver to cover the cost of the test - including late fees. Also, by using a fee waiver you will receive additional access to test prep materials for free. Please do not wait until the last day to register to request a fee waiver because the school counselors may not be available.

### **2023-2024 ACT And SAT TEST DATES** **EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TESTING CODE: 360-220**

#### **ACT TEST DATES**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration</b>
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024

**Register and Prepare for the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).** Visit ACT's web site or see ACT's New Student Site for a full set of sample test questions, along with complete answer explanations, test-taking strategies, and detailed analyses of each section of the ACT Assessment—all at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

#### **SAT TEST DATES**

<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Late Registration</b>
March 9, 2024	February 23, 2024	February 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	April 19, 2024	April 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 16, 2024	May 21, 2024

**Register and Prepare for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).** -Take an analogy tutorial. Sign up for Question of the Day. Learn about the SAT's format. Read explanations about the verbal and math questions. Practice with real SAT questions. Get valuable test-taking strategies.