

Eagle Valley High School Newsletter

March 2020

WISH WEEK @ EVHS

February marked a very special time at EVHS and although the picture below may be small, our school spirit, passion, and dedication to Wish Week was enormous.

From the Winter Formal to the fun sporting events, EVHS students raised over sixteen thousand dollars in support of Wish Week and Rehan!

Way to go Devils!



MARCHING FORWARD

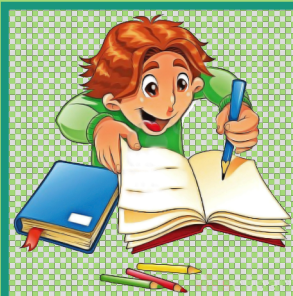
Looking forward, we are able to see glimpses of warmer weather and exciting end of the year activities at EVHS . Counselors encourage students to continue to work hard and stay focused.

There is still plenty of time in the school year to make improvements and reach out for help when needed. As always, counselors, teachers, and administration are here to help whenever you need it!



Important Dates:

- March 2nd- 6th ~ Junior Class Registration
- March 9th - 13th ~ Sophomore Class Registration
- March 10th + 11th ~ Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:30pm
- March 16th - 19th ~ Freshmen Class Registration
- March 20th and 23rd ~ Teacher Work Days (No Students)



Power Hour Study Club will be held every Wednesday this semester in Ms. Weibel's room, from 3:30-5:00pm. There will be opportunities for students to collaborate with friends, build study skills, get help on classwork, and complete assignments. All students are invited to attend, but we especially encourage the students who are vulnerable to falling behind (or are already behind). Also, did we mention that there will be snacks provided?!

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING TO TEST-OPTIONAL COLLEGES

Standardized tests have been an important piece in college admissions for a long time, but that might be changing! There's a developing trend across the country of colleges and universities that don't require students to submit a standardized test score for admission. The *National Center of Fair and Open Testing* includes over 1,000 colleges and universities that no longer require a test score for admission, though they typically do for big scholarships. Some colleges are "test-flexible" and require some standardized test results (SAT subject tests, AP). Other colleges super score, allowing applicants to combine their best subject area scores from multiple tests. And some schools no longer require the ACT or SAT essay, instead using the common app essay or a writing sample. **So why are some universities using standardized tests for admission?** The ACT and SAT score simply allows additional understanding of the applicant. GPAs, scales (4.0 or 5.0), and rank are often times not consistent across states or even districts.

Application essays are subjective and can be plagiarized or written by another individual, so test scores open up another avenue to learn more about a prospective student. **Why have schools decided to become test-optional?** For most schools, it's because of the desire to boost the number of applications received. Some schools may decide

to become test-optional because there is too much emphasis on a single test score or they believe that tests mostly measure socioeconomic status and are biased against lower-income students. With all this in mind, **who should consider submitting test scores for applications, even if they are optional?** Scholarship seekers, Division I athletes, early admission professional program students, homeschool/international students, students with above average scores, and students with lower GPAs. Excellent test scores are still one of the best ways to become a two or four year graduate with minimal debt. Given the thousands of dollars in scholarships that are available, jumping your ACT/SAT score is still the best paying job a high school student can have!

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goodall

The thought of homework can be overwhelming and often times challenging, but it's necessary for a number of reasons. Here are 5 ways homework can be made more manageable and valuable:

1. Set Priorities - this will help you maintain goals and provides you with satisfaction once they are accomplished.
2. Tackle difficult tasks first
3. Break tasks into smaller more manageable pieces
4. Build a network of support - reach out to friends, family, and teachers for help when needed.
5. Revisit goals and create new ones - reaching your goals gives you a sense of accomplishment and understanding of your potential.

LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

All of the scholarships that come through the Counseling Office are posted on Schoology and Naviance for students to access and review. To access the scholarship list on Naviance, simply login to your account and click on the "Colleges" tab -towards the bottom there is a link titled "Scholarship List." This will bring you to an extensive list of available scholarships for students to sift through and apply to, if interested. Please keep an eye out for our Schoology notifications that also include important scholarship information.

