Dear Hornets,
Welcome to a brand new school year! The beginning of the school year is always a great time for reflection—to look at what is important to us. For our students, we hope that their studies are the high priority. Between now and the winter break, students should continue to seek out their teachers for extra help even before there is a problem. Students are reminded that it is their responsibility to take charge of their education!

Parents, you can monitor students’ grades, attendance, and discipline online on our HAC (Home Access Center) system. Once teachers update the students’ grades, they can be easily accessed via the Internet at anytime, using the issued password. If parents are having trouble accessing students’ information, they should contact Mrs. Thompson at reception for assistance (Nikeia.thompson@echsl.k12.de.us). Parents can contact teachers with questions via e-mail for a quick response or to request a conference or just to talk about student progress. Remember that we are in this together!

We hope that this will be a great year for all of us as we continue to grow our school!

Sincerely,

Dr. Evelyn A. Edney

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ECHS Staff
The ECHS Summer Bridge program began on June 22, 2015 and ended on July 23, 2015. The routine each day was for students to come off of the bus and eat breakfast first. The students then rotated through three classes in the morning. Then they ate lunch and had Advisory Class before rotating through the same three classes in the afternoon.

Students in the ninth grade earned credits in the following courses: Literacy 9, a course designed to bridge the gap between 8th grade and high school; Physical Education, a 1/2 credit, state-required course to examine physical wellness; and Microcomputing, their first college course designed to help the students master the Microsoft Office applications.

Tenth Grade Students earned credits in the following courses: Literacy 10, designed to bridge the gap between high school and college, preparing them for research; Physical Education, a 1/2 credit, state-required course to examine physical wellness; and Lifetime Fitness and Wellness, a college course designed to have students learn life-long wellness techniques for a living a healthy lifestyle.
This fall semester, there are approximately 32 ECHS students who are taking courses at DSU. Each day of their classes, they hop on the shuttle bus to DSU to take classes. On off days, the students help as peer tutors or participate in a study group with ECHS students who are in their classes. While taking DSU classes, ECHS students should:
- Be sure to show up! Mark your calendars for days that DSU classes meet but ECHS has no school. You are responsible for attendance in these classes. Please be sure to adhere to the DSU attendance policy.
- Be sure to be on time for the shuttle bus
- Be sure to be on time for your DSU class
- Participate in discussions/class activities
- Be responsible. If it feels like it’s wrong, then it probably is, so do not do it.
- Make ECHS proud!

**What to do if…**
- Class is cancelled or lets out early at the University...Call ECHS to inform the office: 302-672-ECHS (3247) x 101 Mrs. Thompson x 106 Mr. Roscoe x 103 Ms. Smith x 102 Dr. Edney
- You are sick on Campus:...Go to the Health Center: The Director is Michelle Fisher, FNP-BC, (302) 857-6593 
  E-mail: mfisher@desu.edu and call ECHS to inform the office or nurse
  x104 Ms. Krieger
  • You cannot attend class...Contact your professor from your home to inform him/her (phone or email or Blackboard). Remember that you cannot miss any more than 3 absences from a DSU class or you will not receive credit.
- Students may wait in the MLK Center or the DSU Library until the shuttle bus comes to pick them up.

**Sick Day Guidelines: Making the Right Call When Your Child Is Sick**

*Should I keep my child home or send him or her to school?*

School policy (and/or state law) states a child should stay home if he or she:
- Has a fever of 100.1 degrees or higher
- Has been vomiting or has diarrhea or severe nausea
- Has symptoms that keep your child from participating in school, such as:
  - Very tired or lack of appetite
  - Cough that he or she cannot control, sneezing often
  - Headache, body aches, or earache
  - Sore Throat— It could be strep throat, even if there is no fever. Other signs of strep throat in children are a headache and stomach upset, or rash. Call your doctor if your child has these signs. A special test is needed to know if it is strep throat
  - Too ill to participate in class activities such as asthma flare-ups and colds
  - Keep your child home if he is coughing or sneezing often because this spreads the sickness to others and we want to make sure everyone is healthy to remain in school.

**24 Hour Rule:**
- **FEVER**: Keep your child home until his or her FEVER has been gone WITHOUT medicine for 24 hrs. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick.
- **VOMITING OR DIARRHEA**: Keep your child home for 24 hours after the LAST time he or she vomited or had diarrhea.
- **ANTIBIOTICS**: Keep your child home until 24 hours after the FIRST dose of antibiotic for anything like ear infection, strep throat, or a sinus infection.

*We often have many children and adults with colds coming to school, and each one is passing their sickness to others. Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home while the sickest.*

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact the Ms. Krieger the School Nurse at 302-678-3247 or you can email her at kathryn.krieger@echs.k12.de.us
# Calendar September 2015

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An Off to a Great S.T.A.R.T. (Setting a Tone of Accepting Responsibility Training) program was held for Parents, Students, and Staff to kick off the school year. The week of August 17-21 was the Staff START Program. The School Leader held a daylong workshop for staff as a kick-off to the school year. Topics discussed were Teaching and Learning, School Climate and Culture, Professional Responsibilities, and Setting Goals. The theme was “Everyday Heroes.” The staff also attended workshops on the following: The Early College Model, School Climate, Asking Higher Level Questions, Project Based Learning, and Restorative Practices.

Parents and Students attended a Welcome Back, Welcome Home Night on August 18, 2015. The night was split into two segments: Welcome Assembly and Schedule Information. The Welcome Assembly was hosted by the new School Leader, Dr. Edney; the Operations Manager, Ms. Kizzi Smith; the School Nurse, Ms. Kate Krieger; and the Drivers Education Instructor, Mrs. Karen Dickens, who shared information about school. The Schedule Information segment was hosted by Guidance Counselor, Mr. Roscoe and the entire Teaching Staff.

On the first day of school, August 24, 2015, no formal classes were in session. Instead, students attended workshops centering on goal-setting, communication, leadership, problem-solving, decision-making, and organization. The students even participated in a games assembly to promote team-building.

We are happy to inform you that ECHS is participating in the 2015/2016 Backpack program sponsored by the Food Bank of Delaware at no cost to participants. All costs associated with this program are paid for by the Food Bank of Delaware through grants from the community.

This program provides a package filled with food each Friday which includes: 4 complete non-perishable meals (things like beef stew, franks and beans, oatmeal and cereal) and 2 snacks (things like applesauce, pudding, fruit cups and gold fish) for the weekend. Once a month the Food Bank of Delaware provides, though their staff nutritionist, nutritional educational materials for you and your children to enjoy.

If you are having financial/economic hardship and are unable to provide food for the weekend, this program may be of help. You may apply if you are on free or reduced lunches. If you would like your child to be a participant in this program, please fill out a survey with the school nurse, Ms. Krieger, by September 11, 2015.

The Food Bank of Delaware appreciates the opportunity to assist your family at this time of need. If you have questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact Ms. Krieger at 302-678-3247 or kathryn.krieger@echs.k12.de.us.
Students will be given their laptop computers the first week of September. Students must have a signed Acceptable Use Policy form in before a laptop will be distributed.

Parents, please do not deliver or have food delivered from outside of the school. Students may eat the school lunch or bring a lunch.

Students will have homework from their teachers. Please be sure to help them manage their time at home to ensure that all assignments are completed.

Students are only permitted to use cell phones before school, during lunch, and after school. During all classes, students are to put their phones in their book bags and place them on their designated shelf spaces in each classroom for safekeeping during the day. ECHS is not responsible for any phones or other electronic devices.

Parent Drop-off and Pick-up is located just outside the cafeteria. If you come after 5:00 p.m., please pick the student up in the front of the school.

If you have not done so, you need to fill out your lunch applications and turn them in to Ms. Smith. Lunch Determination Letters will be given to students September 3, 2015.

When dropping your students off to school late, parents need to come into the school to sign them in.

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.

**From the Principal @ECHSDSU**

**From Mrs. Alyssa Wright:**
Integrated Science, Period 2: @isechs1
Materials Science, Period 3: @matsciechs
Integrated Science, Period 4: @isechs2

**From Mrs. Sara Gildon**
Civics/Geography: @sgild
Personal Finance: Number @sgildo

**From Mr. Barry Young**
Period 2. Earth Science. @60f574
Period 3. Earth Science @98973
Period 4 Ant and Phy. @f8e07

**From Mr. Michael Sanchez**
@IM2-1
@IM2-2
@IM2-3

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. Thompson.