Greetings!

We are pleased to announce the debut of the very first newspaper at the Early College High School at Delaware State University—The Buzz.

The students in the Publications course are responsible for all of the content for each issue. We are extremely proud of our first issue, and we have confidence that, going forward, each issue will increase in excellence. Please know that the students are working hard to grow into excellent writers. If you have a word of encouragement to share, please feel free. We hope you enjoy Issue #1, and we look forward to bringing you more issues soon!

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Interims a very good time to set new, higher academic goals for the rest of the quarter

by Williatte Snorton

What just happened at ECHS…interims! Everyone knows what that means…grades! *Cue groans* With interims, there’s pressure on the students to keep their grades up, and since high school’s way harder than middle school, earning good grades can be very difficult.

The half way point of the marking period was Friday, Sept. 18th. The interim grades were due from the teachers on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Grades were distributed to the students on Thursday, Sept. 24th. Anybody can double check this information on Home Access.

Students know how hard it is to keep good grades on a regular basis. Doing school work, paying attention in class, and most importantly studying all help to keep the grades up. With such challenging work to complete in high school, students may need to change the way they handle classwork. Here are some tips on how to keep your grades up in high school.

According to BKPO Learning Center, there are three different learning styles: visual, auditory, and kinesthetic. Visual learners are the type of people that learn better when seeing information or write it down. They are good at memorizing and have very finely tuned perception skills. Auditory learners learn better when they hear the information. They like being told how to do things, and they say things they want to memorize out loud. Kinesthetic learners learn better with hands-on activities. They’d rather demonstrate how to do something rather than verbally explain it, and are usually very good at math and science.

“Writing down notes helps me learn better,” says Kyra Maddox. Kyra is a visual learner. “Reread things and make sure you understand it,” suggests Zoé Jones. “If someone doesn’t understand things, it’ll be hard to get a good grade on something.”
ECHS Homecoming 2015
by Kyra Maddox

Homecoming is right around the corner… who will you vote for your 2015 homecoming royalty this year? The annual homecoming dance will be held on October 24th at ECHS. Last year, parents chose the theme for the dance. However, later this month the students will be able to vote for the theme for this year’s homecoming.

For last year’s royalty everyone received a list of all the students at ECHS. Then, they were to vote for one boy and one girl. After that, the votes were tallied up and the top five people in each category got into the homecoming court. The homecoming court rode on their own float at the Homecoming Parade with Delaware State.

At the dance, the king and queen were chosen using probability. “The king candidates had to randomly select an odd colored checker piece out of a box,” said Kemuel Harding. The queen candidates had to randomly select an odd colored rose out of a bouquet. However, it is yet to be confirmed how the voting process will be conducted this year.

“The dance last year actually turned out very nice,” said Kiani O’Brien. Most of the student body attended last year. The majority of 10th graders enjoyed the dance however, numerous people have commented on how we can make this year’s dance even better. Being able to choose the theme for their homecoming this year should leave students more satisfied. With students having more input with some choices, along with new students attending, hopefully even more students will be excited to come to the dance this year.

Homecoming Parade
by Zoë Jones

ECHS Homecoming parade is coming up and you have to be involved in this event! Everyone is excited and there will be a variety of people involved. If you are wanting to see your friends, have fun, and enjoy yourself, come to the homecoming parade. The date of the parade is Saturday, October 24th and the location is downtown Dover.

The previous parade was very exciting. Each group had its own float. While they were on the float they threw candy and they did a catchy dance. Everyone in Dover was allowed to attend so there was a lot of people. Kyra Maddox said, “There were a lot of people who attended last year.”

The great thing is that you can invite anyone you want to come with you. If you don’t want to go to the parade alone, you can bring a friend. They will enjoy having fun and you can have time to get out the house and enjoy yourself. They also will be throwing free candy! Who doesn’t like free things?

Kiani mentioned, “All the royalty had to attend and be on the float.” The homecoming parade can be a memory that lasts for a lifetime. You only are in high school for a few years so come out and make some great memories.

Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales

Monday, Oct. 5—Friday, Oct. 16
FEATURING ECHS’ own DJ-ZAYY
Tickets: $20 each
Tickets will ONLY be sold during Activity/Advisory each day in Mrs. Savage’s room (Room 3).

ECHS has very big goals
by Brookelyn West and Taylor Gillis-Hammond

There is a new class at ECHS called Students in Action. Students go out in to the community and do community service. The students along with teacher, Mrs. Flocco, will be participating in events all over the state of Delaware and will start in the near future. Their goal is to make a huge impact on the community and they need all the help they can get.

Students in Action is a national organization, and the group at ECHS is the only group in the country that is actually a class. “I think it is a great way to give back to the local community,” says SIA student Brookelyn West. There are many events that the students are interested in doing. One of the events they talk about is having a basketball camp to better connections with the police. They could even have some elementary, middle and high school students participate in the games.

Another event they may end up doing is holding a food drive at the school. They use those donations to make baskets for the homeless. Or rather than a food drive there may be a toiletries (towels, washcloths, toothpaste, etc.) drive where the resources given will go to families at the Ronald McDonalds house. One of the big events they could have is a 5k walk to benefit autism, cancer, juvenile diabetes, or many more.

“I feel as though there are many events we can do and we can do big things in the community,” says Nikeshia Birch. The students are very excited about giving back to the community. They want to make an impact on their society and have a little friendly competition while doing it. If the students can make a big change and help out a certain amount of people they can be nominated to win a Jefferson Award at a local competition.”

Fall sports starting up soon
by Moyai Malone

Thinking about joining any sports for ECHS? This year, we are having girls and boys basketball, track, and cross country teams. We have several students excited already to join. They can’t wait to get their hands on a ball, feet on the track and their butts in the gym.

In order to join fall sports you MUST have had your physical after April 1st.

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Club it up
by Amina Zarraad

This year at Early College High School at Delaware State University, there is a plethora of clubs to sign up for! Zentangle: Ms. Jordan; chess: Mr. Pitchett; arts and crafts: Mrs. deCastro; board games: Mrs. Gildon; Science Olympiad: Mrs. Wright; Future nursing: Mrs. Krieger; Yearbook/newspaper: Mrs. Savage; dance and step: Mrs. Flocco; and gaming: Mr. Sanchez.

Watch for feature stories on each club in future issues of The Buzz.
Flu season is coming; stay safe
by Zack Innis
Everyone needs to prepare - the cold is coming and so is the flu. The flu is a nasty virus that mutates and adapts and grows stronger every year. The flu affects millions of people every year and more then 200,000 people are hospitalized every year. The flu gets active mostly in the colder season so from September to March. To prevent this flu from affecting you, it is important to get your flu shots.

Kelsey Zeiter said, “I have taken a flu shot every year and I never had the flu.” Amina Zerrad said, “I used to get the flu a lot then after fourth grade my parents took me to get a flu shot, now I’m in ninth grade and I haven’t got the flu since.” Ethan Salisbury said, “I always got my flu shots and I never had the flu.”

The flu gets more powerful every year and it adapts to the virus from the year before. People should get their flu shot every year so we can stay healthy. You can get the shot at your normal doctor or at CVS and other pharmacies like Walgreens.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
ECHS will be holding a week-long celebration Oct 5-9
PINK OUT DAY FRIDAY, OCT. 9

Certain assaults on the rise
by Eno Abrefa and Joneesha Williams
The number of sex offenders has increased dramatically over the years. Is today’s society the reason for it? Recent reports show the number of juvenile sex offenders has increased by 40% over the last 20 years. Studies show that video games, movies, television, internet pornography, and social media have led today’s kids to be sexually aggressive.

Other studies show that in today’s society things that would be categorized as sexual offences would not be 20 years ago. Studies have also shown that all adult sex offenders admitted to starting their sexual aggression when they were young. According to StaticsBrain.com, there is a total of 747,408 registered sex offenders. Delaware has the highest rate of registered sex offenders with a rate of 507/100,000. Fellow Delaware citizen’s shared their thoughts about their home state high rate on sex offenders. 14 years old, Kysair Murphy, says, “it is quite shocking and kind of scary.” Nia Allen states, “It is just plain creepy and nasty”.

Number of reported sex offenses on Delaware college campuses

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Contacts or glasses?
by Ethan Salisbury
Whether you wear either one, it is all up to personal preference. Lifestyle, comfort, convenience, budget, and aesthetics all determine which ever you choose. There are benefits of wearing glasses over contacts and vice versa.

Some of the benefits of wearing glasses are they don’t require very much cleaning and you don’t need to touch your eyes to put them on, which can help prevent eye infections. Although these advantages seem positive, there are some disadvantages such as the vulnerability of them - they can break easily. That’s why many people wear contacts in sports rather than glasses.

Some advantages of contacts include the ability to match with any of your outfits, they can reshape your cornea and make your sight better, and you can buy colored contacts to change the color of your eyes. As before there are disadvantages such as the increase severity of dry eye syndrome by reducing the amount of oxygen that comes to your eyes.

A survey among the students at ECHS shows that nine out of 10 people prefer contacts over glasses. Madison Wright, said “I prefer contacts because glasses don’t match any of my looks.”

Bed Bugs do not equal dirt
by Kaurie Durham
Creepy, crawly, and disgusting critters—watch out for bed bugs on secondhand items! Bed bugs are such a big problem in the world. The task forces are warning people to check their secondhand items that they have purchased from consignment stores. Stores such as the Goodwill, Plato’s Closet, and more are places you should think about buying certain things.

Firsthand items are items you can buy that are brand new. Secondhand items are items that you purchase at consignment stores but are from other people, like hand-me-downs. You never know what is inside the things you buy until you get home! A full grown bed bug gets no bigger than an apple seed. “Bed bugs can happen to anyone. If you’re a living breathing, that’s a criteria that the bed bug needs to hom in on you,” said Dr. Susan Jones, from Ohio State University.

Not all secondhand stores carefully look or inspect their items that they get. To make sure you don’t get these nasty little bugs in your stuff, you must know a couple tips to help you out. Bed bugs look like ticks, but do not act the same. Bed bugs feed on your blood as a meal, almost like a vampire would. If you are not sure about an item you have bought, put it in the dryer on medium to high heat. They can’t stand the heat! Some stores are starting to take action such as the Cleveland Furniture Bank. “We unload it here and inspect the mattresses again at the lower level to make sure there’s nothing wrong with them,” says Executive Director Tom Gaghan. Everyone should be careful when shopping at secondhand stores. The workers should check their items too for their customers’ safety.

What’s the bite on the West Nile virus on Delmarva?
by Gerica Argonosa
The season has come for the West Nile Virus in the form of mosquitoes.

The West Nile Virus is, of course, a disease that is spread through the bite of a mosquito. Not just any mosquito, it’s a mosquito that taken a bite of an infected bird who has West Nile Virus. The virus doesn’t only affect humans, but animals as well.

The West Nile Virus is usually an extremely rare disease. Only less than 1% get to the encephalitis stage, 79% show no symptoms while the other 20% show mild symptoms. “Serious illness can occur in people of any age. However, people over 60 years of age are at the greatest risk for severe disease.”

Right now, there’s no cure for the West Nile Virus, but there are ways to prevent you from getting it.

Stay indoors. If you are outside, make sure to wear a long sleeved shirt and long pants for skin coverage against mosquito bites, especially at night when they are at their most active. And also spraying yourself an EPA-registered mosquito repellent.

Keep mosquitoes away from your home and eliminate any way a mosquito could possibly breed in or around your home. Drain any water that has been laying out for a while like bird fountains, pools, and buckets.

Bed bugs can survive to 113 degrees.
Homecoming to provide plenty of fun, entertainment

Royal Court Nominations: All students will be listed for Royal Court Nominations. On October 5th in Advisory, each student will vote on his/her top five boys and girls in the class (9th grade will vote for 9th grade, 10th grade will vote for 10th grade). The votes will be tallied by the staff on October 6th and announced on the Daily Buzz on October 7th. On Friday, October 9th in Advisory, the classes will vote again for their choice for King and Queen (10th grade) and Prince and Princess (9th Grade). The entire Royal Court will be announced at the pep rally on October 23rd, but the winners will be announced at the Dance on October 24th.

Pep Rally: The Homecoming Pep Rally will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 4:00-4:45 p.m. Students will sit by Advisory class with the 9th graders on one side of the room and the 10th graders on the other side. The students will compete in spirit games to see who has the most spirit. The Cross Country team will be announced. The dance and or step teams will perform. All spirit winners will be announced.

Parade: The school will participate in the DSU Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in the early afternoon. The dance will be held in the multipurpose room from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The dance is semi-formal so dress accordingly. When you purchase tickets, a list of dance decorum will be handed to students. ECHS student may bring a date from another school; however, dance guest permission forms must be filled out and handed in by October 9th. The age limit of guests is 18 years-old. A background check will be made of each guest. Depending on any criminal history, the guest may not be permitted to attend the dance. Dr. Edney will make final approval on all guests. Tickets will go on sale October 5th through the Buzz. The age limit of guests is 18 years-old. A background check will be made of each guest. Depending on any criminal history, the guest may not be permitted to attend the dance. Dr. Edney will make final approval on all guests. Tickets will go on sale October 5th through the Buzz. The age limit of guests is 18 years-old. A background check will be made of each guest. Depending on any criminal history, the guest may not be permitted to attend the dance. Dr. Edney will make final approval on all guests. Tickets will go on sale October 5th through the Buzz.

Tailgate: After the parade, students and families are welcome to come to the DSU game. We will have an ECHS tailgate in the parking lot. All ECHS Families are welcome to come. We will be asking for donations of food and drink.

Dance: The PTSA will be decorating for the ECHS dance on Saturday, October 24, 2015 in the early afternoon. The dance will be held in the multipurpose room from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. The dance is semi-formal so dress accordingly. When you purchase tickets, a list of dance decorum will be handed to students. ECHS student may bring a date from another school; however, dance guest permission forms must be filled out and handed in by October 9th. The age limit of guests is 18 years-old. A background check will be made of each guest. Depending on any criminal history, the guest may not be permitted to attend the dance. Dr. Edney will make final approval on all guests. Tickets will go on sale October 5th through the Buzz.

Laptops vs. smartphone efficiency

by Kelsey Zeitzer

The Early College High School gives out laptops to all the students who attend the school, but most of the student population has smartphones and they can be used as a mobile version of a laptop. So which one is more efficient: laptops or phones?

ECHS gives out laptops that have Microsoft programs from the 2013 version. Laptops have more battery life and can use more power. Laptops can charge cell phones and other electronic devices. The screen size is also bigger than a cellphone. With a laptop you can use a keyboard and mouse to navigate on your screen.

Smartphones are very popular these days, most kids at school have them. Smartphones can download apps that can make power points, documents, and more. Cellphones are more portable than laptops and they can also be connected to the internet.

“Laptops are more efficient because they can’t break easily,” said Nia Allen. While that is true, Javonne Johnson, said, “Smartphones are more efficient because you can search the web, go on social media, text people, listen to music, take pictures, and many more. But with laptops you can only email, go on social media, and listen to music mostly.”

While both laptops and smartphones are efficient, it really is a matter of opinion on which one is more efficient.

REMINDER:
Phones should be stored your book bags on the shelf during the school day. You are NOT to charge your devices here at school. Phones and accessories will be taken and held until the end of the day.

Top music picks from the Billboard charts

by Eli Ahiamadjie

Most of you love to dance, sing, and have fun, but you wouldn’t be able to do any of these things without MUSIC! You like to know what’s new and what’s fresh. You like to keep up with the latest music and the best sounding. Billboard top 100 shows all the latest songs and the top charts, they even shows some old songs too. These songs are nationwide and can be international. They do this for the music lovers who want to know the best music and for people who just want to know.

Country: The Top country song at this moment is “House Party” by Sam Hunt. The number two song is “Crash And Burn,” by Thomas Rhett, and that song is followed by the number three song which is, “Buy Me A Boat,” which was written by Chris Janson.

Rock: Rock is still rolling with the top rock song being “Shut Up And Dance,” by Walk The Moon. The second top song on the chart is “Uma Thurman,” by Fall Out Boys, and that is followed by the song “Renegades,” by X Ambassadors.

R&B/Hip Hop: At the top of this chart is “Can’t Feel My Face,” by The Weekend. The second is “Watch Me,” written by Silento, and The Weekend comes back again with “The Hills,” taking the number three spot.

Check the next newspaper issue if you want to know more about some other music genres like Latin, Gospel, jazz and even some international music.

Yearbooks can now be ordered online or by using the form!!
Details coming soon!
Dress code still a serious issue for many girls
by Madison Wright
School dress code: is it helping our students or making it harder? A student in Utah was asked to cover up her shoulders at a school dance because her dress straps were not two inches across the shoulder. She noted that she did NOT see the dress code being enforced to everyone wearing thin straps or dresses higher than the knee.

The message being sent is that what girls wear affects boys’ thinking and they are somehow responsible for their thoughts. This isn’t fair. People put these high expectations on girls to be who they want because they can’t express themselves how they want. They care more about coming to school to be the best dressed or even the most popular in the school, but that’s not what school is for—school is for mature people to have the opportunity to better their education. Instead of worrying so much about the children and young adults in our society to look thin enough, to be pretty enough, and to layer on top of that idea that normal body parts, like a simple shoulder, is somehow “pornographic” and will make people think inappropriate thoughts.

Now a days, it’s hard for girls to be who they want because they can’t express themselves how they want. People put these high expectations but they cannot be met. In schools today, it is fine for a male wear a tank top to school and not get in trouble. But, as soon as a female walks into the school with one she is asked to change or gets sent back home.

A mother of a troubled student says, “I do not want to give up on him. I want so much more for him out of life, but if he doesn’t want it for himself, then I’m fighting an uphill battle. I love my son with all my heart but that’s not what insurance was dropped. I am lost and need help before it is too late.”

Mr. Roscoe and Mrs. Prophet -Brinkley are here at ECHS to serve as guidance counselors for our students who may need them.

Lunch food not very tasty; need better snacks
by Kemuel Harding
Lunch isn’t the most interesting part of the day. Last year it was a highly anticipated time during the day, but no longer. With the subtraction of flavor from the food in this year’s lunch and breakfast program, more and more students are starting to dislike this down time. So what is a possible escape from this crisis? The vending machine? NO LONGER, since they have taken out the snacks that would have been the most valuable snacks (MVS). Where are we left now when it comes to having spectacular foods and snacks? What trol themselves. Girls are under so much pressure in our society to look thin enough, to be pretty enough, and to layer on top of that idea that normal body parts, like a simple shoulder, is somehow “pornographic” and will make people think inappropriate thoughts.

Inappropriate student behavior can have negative impact of future success in school; success overall
by Nikesha Birch
Have you ever been or seen a troubled teen? Ever got suspended or even expelled? Teenagers’ behaviors have definitely gotten worse. Some kids these days don’t even care about their education anymore. It’s not just in Delaware; it’s everywhere.

They care more about coming to school to be the best dressed or even the most popular in the school, but that’s not what school is for—school is for mature people to have the opportunity to better their education. On Instagram, it says that many kids have already either been suspended indefinitely or expelled—it has only been a few weeks since school started.

A mother of a troubled student says, “I do not want to give up on him. I want so much more for him out of life, but if he doesn’t want it for himself, then

These students are making good choices by paying attention in class and being responsible for their own actions.

I’m fighting an uphill battle. I love my son with all my heart and want the best for him, but if I can’t get him on the right track, then I need to know what options are out there. Handing him over to the state is not an option I want to consider. About three years ago, he was seeing a therapist, but unfortunately my insurance was dropped. I am lost and need help before it is too late.”

Selfie contest
The Daily Hornet will be running a selfie contest. Each week, we will select a different selfie theme, and the winning selfie will show on The Daily Hornet.

Be sure to watch each day for the weekly selfie challenge. ALL SELFIES SUBMITTED MUST BE TAKEN IN THE CAFETERIA DURING BREAKFAST OR LUNCH. Email your ECHS selfies to echsbuzz@gmail.com.

Please bring your own refillable water bottle to school. We will not continue to provide cups from the offices.
Texting While Driving is still a huge problem

By Kelsey Zeitler

Each day in the United States more than 9 people are killed and more than 1,153 are injured due to people looking down at their cell- phones. Most of the crashes are due to teen's texting while driving.

What most teens don’t realize is that five seconds are the minimal amount of time your attention is taken away from the road when you’re texting and driving. But what most don’t realize is that in those five seconds or more your car starts to move since your hands are not on the wheel. Teens who drive and text spend approximately 10% of their driving time outside of their lane. This makes texting while driving very dangerous and shouldn’t be done.

In a survey conducted four in ten teens have admitted to texting while driving. That makes a crash twenty-three times more likely. Even reaching for the device makes a crash two percent more likely. Two percent might not seem like a lot, but that two percent could be what saves your life.

When texting while driving, teens have the reaction time of a seventy-year-old since they are distracted. This causes three thousand annual deaths and three hundred thousand injuries nationwide.

“Texting while driving is the same as drinking four beers before driving, it is very dangerous,” said a reporter from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). Driving intoxicated is exactly like texting while driving according to the NHTSA. “Texting while driving is the same as driving blind for five seconds at a time,” said a reporter from the VA. Tech Transportation Institute. People who are blind do not drive. “Things can go so badly so quickly. That's what I think teens don't recognize. Deep down, most teens think they are invincible, but you can go from a perfectly normal situation to heading into a truck or off a bridge or into a tree within a second or two, far less than the time it takes to reach down and type 'LOL' on a text message,” said the CDC’s Frieden. This is one of the many companies that reach out and tell teens that texting while driving is very dangerous.

All in all, many people think that texting while driving shouldn’t be done because it can wait. It can wait because not picking up your cellphone can save your life and some one else’s.

Mr. Young

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College tuition continues to increase

By Kysair Hall-Murphy

College prices are increasing once again. According to College Board, college prices for attending a public 4-year college have risen 27 percent over the past five years. The prices are increasing because of higher fees for room and board. Tuition has long been on the rise, going up an average of 8 percent.

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Pope Francis, the 77-year-old head of the Roman catholic church, recently traveled on the Vatican airplane to Philadelphia for a parade and for the World Meeting of Families. His visit to Philadelphia will helped the surrounding states such as Delaware because travelers paid tolls and shopped here. It helped Pennsylvania because it was a big tourist attraction. Because so many people traveled to see him, more state troopers were even hired for the event.

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