



Hello Hornets!

July 15, 2019

Greetings Hornet Students and Parents/Guardians!

We hope that everyone is having a relaxing summer! Welcome Class of 2023 Hornets! The start of our 2019-20 school year is almost here! We want you to get ready, so here is some important information for you:

Instructional Focus 2019-20

During the course of the school year, ECHS will be focusing on mathematical practices across all curricular areas. Those eight mathematical practices are:

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively
3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others
4. Model with mathematics
5. Use appropriate tools strategically
6. Attend to precision
7. Look for and make use of structure
8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning

More information will be given to both students and parents in regard to our instructional focus.

Fall Sports Scholar Athlete-Parent Meeting

- On July 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., we will have a mandatory Fall Sports Scholar Athlete-Parent Meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room for anyone who is planning on playing a fall sport: Volleyball (Girls), Soccer (Boys), Cross Country (Boys & Girls), and Football (Boys).
- No student can participate in practice (August 12, 2019 is the first day) unless they have participated in this Scholar-Athlete meeting and **have a current DIAA physical on file** with the school nurse.
- Please contact Athletic Director, Mr. Tim Yancy at timothy.yancy@ech.s.k12.de.us should you have any questions about athletics.

Staff Professional Development

August 12-15, 2019: Staff will be in Meetings/Workshops from 7:30-4:30 pm each day. They will not be available during this time.

Welcome Back/Welcome Home Nights

- August 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Grade 9 ONLY
- August 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Grade 10 ONLY

- August 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Grades 11 & 12 ONLY
- Grade 9 will report to the Freshmen Academy Multi-Purpose Room and Upperclassmen will begin the evening in the Bank of America Auditorium on the DSU Campus
- Each grade will have a welcome for parents and students. Please come at your grade's designated date and time, as there will be special information for each grade level. Parents and Students will receive schedules, obtain supply lists for your teachers, hear about Parent Academy, be able to hand in information, fill out forms, etc.
- **(NEW) Students will be taking their 2019-20 SCHOOL PHOTOS/IDs during this evening event. Packages will be available for purchase on the www.lifetouch.com website. Please have your student "camera ready" that evening.**
- Parents will receive Home Access Center (HAC) Logins and Schoology Logins as well as demonstrations of how to use both.
- In addition, **new logistical information** will be shared regarding having 10-11-12 grades on campus this year (Sign-in, Sign-out, Drop-Off, etc.).
- **Grades 11 & 12:** There will be a special program regarding the College Application and Financial Aid process from **\$stand by Me**.
- If you cannot attend the session for your grade, the information will not be available until Monday, August 19, 2019 and not before. Please contact Dr. Edney at evelyn.edney@echs.k12.de.us should you have any questions.

Student Leadership Retreat

- On Friday, August 16, 2019 from 1:00-3:00 pm, all **officers** (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian) of Student Council, of each grade, of the National Honor Society, and of Hornets in Action (Interact) will receive leadership training and confirm school event organization.
- In addition, students who signed up to help with the Freshmen Orientation will receive training. Only those who signed up with me at evelyn.edney@echs.k12.de.us prior to August 1, 2019 should attend the retreat.
- Please contact Student Activities Coordinator, Mrs. Savage at dara.savage@echs.k12.de.us should you have any questions.

First Days of School

- All grade levels will have an orientation program on their official first day of school. This is not an optional first day of school. Attendance will be taken. Please only report on your designated day (or if you are assisting and have approval from Dr. Edney):
- 11th & 12th Grade ONLY August 19, 2019 at DSU 8-3:30
- 10th Grade ONLY August 20, 2019 at DSU 8-3:30
- 9th Grade ONLY August 21-23, 2019 at ECHS 8-3:30
- All Grades Report August 26, 2019 8-3:30
- The ECHS Parent Drop-off for the 9th graders is **outside of the cafeteria door**. We do not want cars to be near the bus drop off in front of the school, so please do not drop off in the front of the school.
- The DSU Drop-off for upperclassmen is in the lot adjacent to the tennis courts, near Jenkins Hall. Please be careful as buses drop off in the same location.
- Students should arrive at school no later than 7:30 a.m.

Summer Academic Projects

- **Seniors** (Class of 20) Capstone Summer Packets are due on Monday, August 19, 2019 when you arrive in your Advisory Class. Please be sure your name is on the packet. Electronic Submissions can be put on the Advisory Schoology site.
- **Juniors** (Class of 21) Summer Reading Project are due on Monday, August 19, 2019 when you arrive in your Advisory Class. Please be sure your name is on both your summary packet and on your project. Electronic Submissions can be put on the Advisory Schoology Site.
- **Sophomores** (Class of 2022) Study Island Math and Reading Online Projects will conclude at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 2019. You should be finished all course work and post-tests by that time.

Parking

Juniors and Seniors, please email Mr. Timothy Yancy at timothy.yancy@echs.k12.de.us to let him know if you will be driving to school this year. Parking applications and passes will first be available at the Junior-Senior Welcome Back/Welcome Home Night on Thursday, August 15, 2019. Due to the DSU Minors on Campus Policy, all ECHS students must park in the designated spaces at ECHS. IF caught parking on the DSU campus, you will lose your driving privileges and your car will be towed at the owner's expense. This will be your only warning.

Bus Transportation

Bus Lists will be posted on the school's website the first week of August. Please be sure to check your stop. A reminder that these are "Hub Stops," centralized locations usually 5-10 miles from the student's home for pick up and drop off. There will be no stops at students' homes or in front of their developments. Should you have any questions or any safety concerns, please contact Mr. Yancy at timothy.yancy@echs.k12.de.us.

School Day

Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. each day. All students should arrive by 7:30 a.m. if they are eating breakfast at school or by 7:55 a.m. to get to their first class on time. School starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. (Students should be in a seat and ready to work, not rushing in the door). Buses will drop upperclassmen off at DSU first and then will proceed to ECHS to drop off the freshmen each day. Buses will pick up at ECHS first at the conclusion of the school day and then proceed to DSU.

Technology Fees

A reminder to incoming Freshmen Parents and new tenth grade students, your \$100 technology fee is due by the Welcome Back, Welcome Home Night. All other 10th grade students will need to pay a \$50 fee. Please pay online using the ECHS website or send your check or money order made payable to ECHS, ATTN: Mr. Tim Yancy, Operations Manager, 1570 North DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Should you have questions, please contact Mr. Yancy at timothy.yancy@echs.k12.de.us or 302-678-3247.

School-wide Yankee Candle Fundraising

Each year, ECHS does a school-wide fundraiser selling Yankee Candle products. This fundraiser helps to defray costs of student activities throughout the school year. We usually hand out

catalogs in August for a sale in October for two weeks. This year, Yankee Candle is allowing us to start selling earlier. Please go on the website <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/home.htm> and plug in our Group # 990084961 and start shopping. The more you sell, ECHS gets 40% off every sale. This is a trusted name and will help immensely. We appreciate you sharing this with everyone in your circles!

Broadcasted Phone/Email Messages

My Sunday Night Calls with reminder announcements will be resuming soon. Remember that they will usually be on Sunday nights at 8:00 p.m. Reminder email blasts will also go out at times. We will also be utilizing social media and Schoology for announcements as well. Be sure we have your most up-to-date phone number and email address in our system by contacting Mrs. Amoscita Rodriguez at Amoscita.rodriguez@ech.s.k12.de.us or 302-857-3510.

Honoring Our Legacy

The ECHS Honoring Our Legacy event is an awards event to honor individuals who have made a lifetime of nurturing students in the field of education. Those individuals can be educators or friends of education whose sole purpose is to make the world a better place one student at a time. Past award recipients have been Dr. Reba Hollingsworth and Dr. Ulysses S. Washington, Jr. For the 3rd Annual Event, the Early College High School at Delaware State University will honor Dr. Bebe Coker and Norman Oliver. The event will begin with dinner and awards from 7:00-9:00pm, followed by dancing and entertainment by the band, Best Kept Soul from 9pm-12am. For Sponsorship Opportunities (Monetary & Ads), please go to www.echs.desu.edu and click on the Sponsorship Form.

Well, that is all we have for now. We will see you all soon at the Welcome Back/Welcome Home Nights in August, where you will receive all the info you need to get the year started off right. Please be sure to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn A. Edney".

Evelyn A. Edney, Ed.D.
Principal