

THE BUZZ

Faces, Places, Spaces

On January 23rd, Dr. Locklear addressed a crowd of about 200 parents of incoming 9-12th graders, all eager for information about how the 2017-2018 school year will look. Doc Loc talked about the new spaces, and how they will help teachers work collaboratively with students in large and small groups. Edina High School is serious about having students graduate prepared for college and life, with skills in collaboration, and information processing, alongside the traditional reading, writing and math core curriculum.

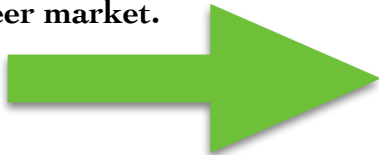
Parents were eager to understand the new schedule, and Dr. Locklear carefully presented the plan for students to take 6 classes as a standard school day. A seventh hour is allotted for student organization, collaboration and as a way for students to be able to

keep up with a demanding schedule without undue stress. Edina as a community benefits from the energy our young people bring to everything they do: sports, jobs, volunteer work and school success. He made it clear that parents play a key role in the success of the program, not only for their individual students but also as a whole community effort to help our young people succeed and connect their learning to their lives. It is clear that excitement and planning for the new spaces and new students is a huge effort that will be shaping the school and community for many years.

The power point may be viewed on the EHS website: [Faces Spaces Places](#)

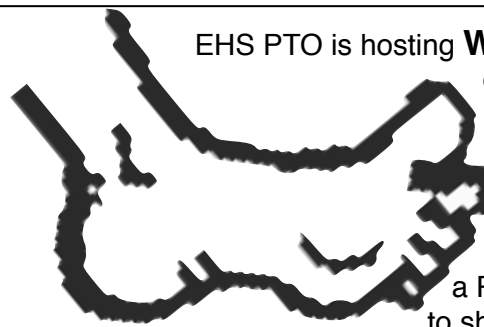


Join us for a tour of some of the newly designed learning spaces. This is a great opportunity to get a first-hand look at the innovative work that's being done. Hear more about how these changes better serve the EHS students in preparation for post secondary education and the ever-changing career market.



Our last tours will be held May 3!

EHS PTO is hosting **WALKING TOURS** of the high school.



Tours will be led by a current student, EHS Dean of Students, and a PTO board member eager to show you some of the new space and answer your questions.

Final tours Wednesday, May 3, 2017

8:30AM or 1:00PM

Current 8th & 9th Grade Parents!

plan to join us
for

Transition to High School

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

7:00-8:30 PM

EHS Edina Performing Arts Center (EPAC)

Your EHS PTO welcomes you to join an informative discussion on the practical ins and outs of high school from a panel of parents and students.

Learn the nuances of a *smooth transition* to high school.

- ☑ Navigating the first week of school
- ☑ Balancing homework & sports/activities
- ☑ Taking advantage of EHS resources
- ☑ Absences
- ☑ Naviance
- ☑ Extra Curricular Passes
- ☑ Dances
- ☑ Parking
- ☑ Q & A

EHS staff representatives will be available to answer questions.

-Be a part of the EHS PTO-

JOIN US!

Learn more about our PTO opportunities by emailing Kathryn Koessel:

kkoessel@gmail.com

EHS PTO presents

Transition to College

- ✓ summer before college
- ✓ packing for college
- ✓ personal finances at college
- ✓ fraternities/sororities
- ✓ what to expect the first few weeks

The college decision is confirmed, high school is nearly complete and graduation is around the corner.

Here comes the next big step!

Please join the **Edina High School PTO** for a parent/student panel discussing the transition to college. Recent Edina graduates and experienced parents will be on hand taking questions in a casual, open forum discussion.

Parents and students are welcome to attend.

EPAC, Door 3
Thursday, May 11, 2017
7-8:30PM

Mini Grant fulfillments:

Math Department: Mr. Noah Franske has done it again with his innovative approach in making learning memorable and fun. The EHS PTO has approved a request of financial support for a program entitled Breakout EDU. The program is modeled after the 'Puzzle Rooms' concept and consists of various mathematical "locks" throughout the classroom. This summative assessment program requires students to work together, utilizing their learning from the year to unlock the puzzles. Great team building and review of studies.

Go Green! has been approved for partial funding for tri-bin set-ups to house waste, organics, and recycle items. The goal is to have a consistent look and program throughout the high school and, eventually, throughout the entire district.

Science/Options Alternative Learning Program: Partial funding was granted to Gavin McLean in the science department, to cover a portion of the equipment costs for the Kick Starter Project, whose purpose is to create a sustainable ecosystem between land, plants, and water-based animals. This program enables at-risk students to fulfill necessary science requirements.

English Department Passion Fair:

The EHS PTO granted funding for healthy snacks for sophomore students during their upcoming Passion Project Fair as a means of lifting the program whereby students are encouraged to identify, research, serve, and explain their passion projects to other students, faculty, and families.

Coffee with the Principal Team

hosted by the EHS PTO on March 2, 2017



The EHS PTO proudly hosted over 90 parents for coffee and discussion around the high school's newly designed space, what the upcoming school year will look like, and how the schedule will work. Many great questions were answered for existing parents and incoming high school families.



We are looking for great leaders!

- Rising Junior or Senior
- Willingness to lead others
- Self-confident & self-directed
- Respect for diversity



Apply to become a **Link Crew Leader** for the 2017-18 School Year!

Attend an Informational Meeting during all lunches on
Thursday, April 6th OR Tuesday, April 11th
Room: 319 (Mr. Franske's Room)

Applications are available online at edinalinkcrew.org

Applications Due:
Thursday, April 13th
at 4:30pm



Questions?

See Link Crew Coordinators Jon Buckley, Noah Franske, Dylan Hackbarth, Ryann Longley, or Allison Ronglien

Follow Edina Link Crew on Twitter @EdinaLinkCrew
<https://sites.google.com/apps.edina.k12.mn.us/>

FOOD DRIVE

We need your help!!

Edina High School offers a program, entitled ACCESS, to support students with assistance in planning a post-secondary path.

This includes:

- College applications
- Scholarship applications
- College essays
- Finding summer enrichment programs and jobs



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Healthy snacks are offered to students as a source of fuel so they are better equipped to learn and focus on making positive present and future decisions. It's also a great way to get kids in the door and keep them coming back!

Volunteers can not keep up with demand.

At some point you will be, or have been, utilizing this invaluable program. Let's keep it going strong!

Edina High School and all it offers excels because of the community involvement and support.

Please consider contributing individually packaged nut-free snacks such as:

- Triscuits, Wheat Thins, Vegetable Thins, Ritz, Town House crackers
- Cheez-Its, goldfish, graham crackers
- Animal crackers, vanilla wafers, Kind bars
- Clementines
- Gift card, we'll do the shopping!

Donations collected at Door 3 entrance

