

# Parent/Teacher Org. \*caring dedicated Parent/Teacher Newsletter Newsletter

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Did you know you can read the latest minutes of the PTO Board Meetings? Want links to more resources? Visit <a href="https://www.edinaschools.org/edinahighschool">https://www.edinaschools.org/edinahighschool</a> Click on Families at the top, then see the PTO page link on the left bar. Have a question not answered yet? Email: edinahighschoolpto@gmail.com

CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE!

#### Feb.1 Education Fund "Cake-Off"

St. Patricks Church, choose either 7:30-8:30 am coffee or 10 am - Noon Brunch.

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### Feb. 26 Vaping Educational Forum

Fick Auditorium, 7-8:30 pm

## March 6 Up Close w/the Principal

Parents/guardians can hear from Principal Andy Beaton about the success and challenges, and new actions plus a brief Q&A. Meet in the Fick Auditorium 8-9 am.

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PTO Board Meetings: Feb. 6, April 3, 8 a.m.

# **Education Fund Cake-Off! Friday, Feb 1**

Join the Edina Education Fund Friday Feb, 1 for its annual Cake Off! Donate/Register at <a href="https://www.edinaedfund.org/events/cake/">https://www.edinaedfund.org/events/cake/</a> Spend a morning bidding on impressive, locally crafted cakes and help raise funds for all of our Edina Public School students. We will highlight the Fund's important work while you enjoy a light breakfast, time with fellow community members, and of course, CAKE! Learn more about the partnership between the Edina Education Fund and EPS. Its work is integral to our continued success as a district. Also, hear about the teacher grants awarded in 2019!

# Vaping: Alarming Warnings and What to Know

The PTO Board invites all our school stakeholders to learn why the F.D.A. is targeting vaping, alarmed by teenage use. We see it at our Edina Schools increasingly. Here's a chance to learn the facts. Join us Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7 - 8:30 pm at the EHS Fick Auditorium. Speakers include Principal Andy Beaton, joined by Edina Police School Resource Officer Joe Delgehausen, and Chris Lawler, a licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. After the formal presentations about the vaping, its prevalence among our middle school to high schoolers, and health risks, there will be time for Q&A with parents.

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### How to Access the School Directory

PTO members can access the directory for a fee of \$40, payable online on the PTO website.

- Step 1 Log on to the portal at join.myschoolanywhere.com
- Step 2 Use the Invitation Code: EdinaHighSchool (all one word, case sensitive)
- Step 3 Follow the prompts to locate your record or create a new one.
- Step 4 You'll get a password emailed to you. You can reset this at the top "My Account" link.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Zahrbock 952.913.7831 sazahrbock@yahoo.com

### **Volunteers - Openings** on the PTO Board.

Join us as an "Elect" for these spots, shadow or assist a Chair and then shine on! Here are current openings: President-Elect or Co-Prez Elect; Go Green, PCN Liaison, Board Member-at-Large. Want to know more? Email our Volunteer Chair: priya@performixbiz.com

#### **PTO Mini Grants**

Your PTO reviews each request and debates the pros and cons, particularly how the grant may fit our mission of helping and enhancing the education of a large group of students. After diligent review, we may offer partial or gap funding or full funding, or discover alternative sources of funding. Here is a brief list of recent mini grants approved recently that have an impact on students this year.

• World Languages Dept. (Latin): Purchase set of Latin novellas.



- Health Office: Purchase a Temporal Thermometer.
- World Languages Dept. (French): Purchase a specialized HDMI cable for classroom.
- Social Studies Dept. -Economics: Purchase a Quiz

Competition Buzzer System.

- Health Office: Purchase educational posters on Nutrition, Vaping, and Drinking/Driving, plus two nursing reference books.
- Fine Arts Dept. Orchestra: Purchase music library storage boxes.

**How the process works:** Teachers can apply using the form on the PTO website. After the Principal signs off on the form, it is emailed to PTO Board Mini Grant Chair: Betsy Pfeifer <a href="mailto:brpfeifer@comcast.net">brpfeifer@comcast.net</a> Next, the PTO Board discusses the request and votes whether to approve in full or in part, or pass.

### **Parent Guide to Dances!**

Learn how Chocolate Chip cookies give you a way to check on your teen's afterparty! <a href="www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfksnVZ73-0">www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfksnVZ73-0</a>

See more tips inside the EHS PTO 2019-19 Parent Survival Guide

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