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Graduation Information---Changes!!!

Graduation for this year has been changed. It will be at the O'Connell Center on June 6th at 2pm. Seniors must be there by 12:30pm. Doors open for the public at 1pm. Balloons, banners, noise makers, etc. are not allowed in the facility. Seating is first come, first served. Practice is on Friday, June 5th at 3pm. Cap and Gown pick-up is on June 4th outside the Hungry Ram from 2:30pm – 3:30pm ONLY.

Summer School

Summer School will begin on June 8th. Students should sign up now in Guidance to take summer school. It will run the Month of June. Adult Ed is also available for those needing to make-up math or science classes and students must be at least 16 years old. Students should see their Guidance Counselor to sign up for that. Adult Ed will run till the middle of July and is in the afternoons.

There will be a Algebra 1 EOC review course this summer for those students who have not yet passed the Algebra 1 EOC in 10-12th grade and for those in 9th grade who think they need a review course. See Ms. Estes in Guidance to sign up.

IB Program News

The EHS International Baccalaureate Diploma Program will be welcoming 153 new 9th graders in August. Recruiting for the Class of 2019 began in the fall and was highlighted by an Open House and IB Shadowing Day in January. In May, IB juniors and seniors will take their exams in pursuit of earning the IB Diploma. By now, they have finished and submitted the various assessments (labs, research papers and explorations) also required by IB. Junior IB students have spent time this semester being introduced to the concepts and thinking processes associated with the Theory of Knowledge (ToK) component, and will soon begin their extended essay work. ToK, the extended essay and CAS form the core of the IB curricular model.

National Honor Society News

The Eastside High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual Spring Carnival Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 18. Over \$100 was raised in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of North Florida. NHS students organized various games including ring toss, egg toss, ping pong and mini golf. NHS students have been actively engaged the past few months in tutoring, school beautification efforts and supporting the services of other school clubs. Service to community is one of the hallmarks of NHS students, along with character, leadership and scholarship. This coming April, the NHS juniors will elect officers for next year.

Foreign Language

Spanish Conferencia 2015

By Briana Fletcher

High school students from all over the State of Florida traveled to Orlando to compete in the 59th annual Florida State Spanish Conference from March 12th to March 14th this year. The purpose of the conference is to unite Florida students who have exhibited their knowledge of the Spanish language and who have communicated an interest in competing in the following areas: dramatic presentation, poetic declamation, and impromptu speeches.

This year the Eastside team swept the competition once again, as this year was the 18th time Eastside has won First Place in the state within the past 19 years. With the coaching and unwavering support of Sra. María Eugenia Zelaya, Sra. Coral Antony, Dr. Clara Sotelo, y Rosabel Ruiz-Sosa, the team earned 979 points out of the possible 1000 with 22 Sobresalientes.

The dramatic presentation titled “La Venda,” is a drama that follows the story of a previously blind woman who is anxious about seeing her dying father for the first time. With eight cast members—Camilo Moraga-Lewy, Briana Fletcher, Melody Cardec, Soomin Cho, Andrés Castilla, Ashley Hoyt, Jeffery Wu, and Patrick Rao.

All six poetic declamations earned Sobresaliente, with four perfect scores. Presenters included team members Camilo Moraga-Lewy, Tyler Miller-Jones, Samuel Cockey, Ashley Hoyt, Nicholle Stuve, and Danielle Liu.

The last competitive category is impromptu speeches, in which the team received 15 Sobresalientes with ten perfect scores.

¡Felicidades a los campeones!

Melody Cardec	Briana Fletcher	Tyler Miller-Jones
Andrés Castilla	Cade Gouin	Camilo Moraga-Lewy
Svea Cheng	Noah Hagen	Priya Pohani
Soomin Cho	Ashley Hoyt	Patrick Rao
Samuel Cockey	Daniel Koropecykj-Cox	Nicholle Stuve
Stefan Eikenberry	Danielle Liu	Jeffery Wu

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Foreign Language

Nouvelles françaises:

On March 12 and 13th, 2015, twenty-eight Eastside High School French students went to Orlando to participate in the annual Congrès de la Culture Française en Floride, a statewide French competition. Not only did they win first place in their 4A district and first overall in the state. The individual results are as follows:

Discours

I Grace Tovkach **Prix du Jury**
 II Stephanie Lampotang **Supérieur**
 III Emilie Louie-Meadors **Supérieur**

IV Camille Kima **Prix du Jury**

Déclamation

I Lily Jaeger **Excellent**
 I Elizabeth Helton **Supérieur**
 II Wendy Tan **Supérieur**
 II Zosia Caes **Supérieur**
 III Rico Mirti **Prix du Jury**
 III Brittany Fletcher **Prix du Jury**
 IV Emma Thieke **Supérieur**

IV Derek Li **Prix du Jury**

COA Charlotte Talham **Supérieur**
 COA Monica Villalon **Prix du Jury**

Lecture

I Alexandra Richardson **Excellent**
 I Emilie Davis **Excellent**
 II Liliana Valle **Supérieur**
 II Sarah Eisenstadt **Supérieur**
 III Juliana Castillo **Excellent**
 III Mary M. Hahn **Supérieur**
 IV Yong Shan **Supérieur**
 IV Jessica Lee **Supérieur**
 COA/COF Pierre Angibaud **Excellent**
 COA/COF Kelly Lampotang **Excellent**

Album (team work) **Supérieur**

Projet (Katherine Chu) **Bon**

Pièce **Prix du Jury** (Pierre Angibaud, Charlotte Talham, Mariam Mohamed, Derek Li, Rico Mirti)

Scénette (Emilie Davis, Alexandra Richardson, Sarah Eisenstadt, Liliana Valle) **Supérieur**

Casse-Tête **Supérieur (2eme place)**
 (Andrew Rollins, Kevin Peng, Jess Smith)

Mme Torres and Mme Daignault spent many hours after school and on the weekends helping the students prepare for their competitions. The students and teachers all worked extremely hard and fortunately were able to bring the trophies back home in a resounding victory.



SWAT



Kick Butts Day, recently held on March 18, 2015, is a national day of activism that empowers youth to stand out, speak up and seize control against Big Tobacco. The Eastside High School SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) club created a special display highlighting the 1200 lives lost every day from tobacco intake. Students placed red cups on a fence which is visible to all students driving in. The cups spelled out "1200", and below the cups there were posters which read "everyday tobacco kills". This activity was meant to inform others about the harmful effects of tobacco and to encourage youth to reject the tobacco industry's deceptive marketing and to stay tobacco free. While Kick Butts Day is officially held on one day each year, EHS SWAT youth hope that every day young people will stand out and speak up against tobacco. Students interested in joining SWAT at EHS should contact Ms. Juanita Nelson (nelsonj@gm.sbac.edu).

SECME



A California Finish: Eastside High School students Nazandria Burney, Brandon Morgan, Lahayshiva Searcy and Shantayvia Searcy competed in the Vex Robotics Competition for the first time during spring break, March 26-31. This was held at the National Society of Black Engineers Convention. Teams competed in several regional competitions around the world to earn points in in the area of field competition, team interviews, and display. Eastside's team "FYI" (Future Young Innovators) completed in the Sky Rise competition to try and advance to the world competition. Eastside students held their own by advancing to 2nd final round with their alliance team to show the skills of their robot. Eastside students also had a chance to learn about 3-D printing, Entrepreneurship and other STEM workshops during the convention. Nazandria Burney was also chosen NSBE Pre-Collegiate female student of year, this award was based on academics and community service. Eastside students will continue to build their robots and master the technique of programming and building techniques for upcoming Vex competitions. Go Eastside!! NSBE and SECME members!

Solar Wiz Expo

Eastside SECME team competed in the 2nd Annual North Florida Energy Whiz Expo, March 11, 2015. This Expo was a solar based competition aimed to encourage future scientists and engineers to explore science in their community and to problem solve while designing their solar car models and cookers. This expo had teams compete in three separate events the junior solar sprint, extreme solar sprint and solar cook-off.

This Expo was a day to remember with solar cars and solar ovens spread across the field at Santa Fe College. The Eastside SECME team "FYI" (Future Young Innovators"), Brandon Morgan, Lashayvia Searcy, and Shantayvia Searcy, and Nazadria Burney, Brandon Martin and Panton Todd created a parabolic solar cooker. Brandon Morgan, Lashayvia Searcy and Shantayvia Searcy competed with the solar cooker and cooked a delicious meal to be tested by the judges. This meal was created and cooked in the solar cooker. The teams were required to submit a recipe and cooker design and submit a log book in case of rain or excessive clouds. Eastside SECME was awarded the "wow" innovation award for their solar oven. GO Eastside SECME... way to go guys!



Thespian News



Gabrielle Gaither won SOLO MUSICAL THEATRE at the Florida State Thespian Festival held March 25-29 in Tampa. Gabi sang "Starting to Feel Something" from the musical Barbershop Tales by Jacob Fjeldheim. She also originated the role "GABI" in that production during its world premiere last April at Eastside High School. The writer has since been accepted to Tisch NYU into the prestigious master's program for musical theatre writers. Gabi Gaither's superior and critic's choice performance was among the 4 other superiors Eastside Troupe 6380 received.

Ram Band News

The members of the Eastside Ram Band have been busy this spring so far. Twenty-nine members of the band participated in State Solo and Ensemble, at which they were evaluated by world-famous judges. Superior Ratings were earned by Cade Gouin, Oheneba Asare, Daniel Koropecjy-Cox, Olivia Jaeger (twice), Bethany Webster (twice), Elena Newman, Hannah Friske, Annie Liang, Yewon Lee, and Zariah Brown. Kate Warren earned a Superior with Distinction for performing her music memorized!

The EHS Symphonic Band is preparing for State Concert MPA in Daytona Beach. The Symphonic Band qualified for state by earning straight superior ratings at District evaluation.

The Drum Majors for 2015-2016 are Noah Kieffer-Ashby and Tara Tovkach. They won a rigorous and competitive audition, and will represent the band as conductors for next fall's marching season

Forensics Team

Eastside's Forensics team has been hard at work this year, proving that we are a vocal force to be reckoned with! During a normal competition season that ran from September through March, Eastside students won countless awards, often placing among the top of their categories in the district. They competed in categories as diverse as they are: public speaking, dramatic interpretive readings, mock Congress, and debate. They proved again and again that, when a Ram speaks, everyone listens!

The season is still going as we prepare for nationals. Four students, Naomi Peng (Oratorical Declamation), Andrew Rollins (Dramatic Performance), and the team of NiiSoja Torto & Vihaan Mitra (Duo Interpretation) won slots at this year's Grand Nationals Tournament. Memorial Day weekend, they will be representing Eastside in Ft Lauderdale, FL. We wish them all luck and strong, healthy voices.

None of this year's success would have been possible without our fearless captains: Maria Merolle, Matthew Naranjo, and Andrew Rollins. These three amazing competitors are finishing their second seasons as co-captains. They have kept the team afloat by hosting practices, critiquing other students' pieces, and being stellar examples of what Eastside Forensics represents. Our student treasurer, Emily Pak, has been an equally valuable asset in helping to track and plan the financial side of a long competitive season. Her help has been invaluable! I couldn't be prouder of all of these seniors as their coach, and I am quite at a loss as to how I will replace them. Thankfully, they have helped raise up a younger generation of students who are going to be just as successful. I look forward to seeing that legacy in the next few years.

As we prepare to say goodbye to all of our seniors, we celebrate their future successes and the wisdom they have imparted. We end the year eagerly awaiting the success of Nationals and the bright new season that lies ahead. Go Rams!

Sports News

Finally, Eastside would like to acknowledge Megan Mathew for being selected to the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) 2015 All State Academics Teams. Megan has participated on the Varsity level in Cross Country, Soccer and Lacrosse. She will receive this award at a Special Banquet June 8th. Way to go Megan and we are so proud of you.

Tennis

Spring has sprung for Eastside's Boys Tennis and Boys and Girls Track and Field. The Boys Tennis team competed at the State Level on April 16th in Orlando and came home with a 2nd place finish. Congratulations to Hyunsoo Jo, Ben Brandt, Camille Kima, Derek Li, Samuel Cockey, Davis Washburn, Zack Brandt, Sam Van Roy and Kevin Peng. We also would like to thank and say congratulations to the Head Coach Dave Porter and his staff for their hard work, time and energy.

Track and Field

The Eastside Boys and Girls Track teams are back according to the spectators at District competition on April 7th. The Girls team came home with the first place trophy and Boys finished in third place. Now they are preparing for the Regional Championship Meet at Lake Highland Prep in Orlando on April 23rd. We have twelve 12 girls competing in Shot put, Discus, 4X800, 4X400, 400 meter run, 800 meter run, 300 and 100 meter hurdles, triple jump and 100 and 200 meter dash. This Ram's Girls team is powered by four freshmen: Destiny Bivins, Anna Tovkack, Jordynn Tyndall and Jalesia Tillman. Regional Boys' Track will consist of 11 athletes participating in 110 and 300 hurdles, Open 400 and 800 meter, 1600 meter run, 100 and 200 dashes, 4X400, 4X800. The Boys will also compete in new areas for Eastside (long jump and triple jump) with the great first place jumps by Senior Dominick Sampson. Senior Joseph Malu provided the team with a third place finish in the high jump. We are definitely looking for State contenders to follow Regionals. GO RAMS!!!

NJROTC Article for the Newsletter

WOW! This has been an outstanding year for the Eastside High School NJROTC Unit! In fact, this has been the most productive year in every category for the NJROTC Fighting Rams NJROTC Unit. As always the year begins during the summer. All Cadets are encouraged to participate in the summer programs which is voluntary, but the commitment to learning and building competitive teams requires that commitment. The first drill meet of the year is the benchmark for where we stand competitively, and we focus on improving based on the very first performance. The days are HOT, COLD, and sometimes Rainy, but the committed drilling Cadets practice and push toward the improvement desired. The unit brought home many trophies in varying categories by placing in the top four. The following is the overall Unit's placing results this drilling season:

Mitchell High School Drill Meet October 2014 - 5th Overall Athletics out of 21 schools

Lake Howell High School Drill Meet October 2014 - 8th Overall out of 21 school

Spoto High School Drill Meet Nov 2014 - 6th Overall out of 21 schools

Gaither High school drill meet Feb 2015 – 8th Overall out of 19 schools

Tampa bay Tech High School Drill Meet Jan 2015 – 8th Overall out of 23 schools

FAMU drill Meet Jan 2015 - 4th Overall out of 20 schools

In each of the drill meets the competition was fierce and EHS Cadets were up to the challenge with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishes in several categories. This overall exceptional performance especially the performance at the Florida A&M University resulted in the first ever **invitation to compete in the Area 7, State Drill Meet at Oveido High School!** EHS NJROTC drilling units went and competed admirably! The results are:

1st place individual drill – Cadet Helm; 5th place armed exhibition drill team; 8th place unarmed exhibition drill team; 5th place 200 meter relay team; 6th place 100 meter relay team; 12th place overall drilling; and 12th place overall athletics out of 21 schools.

Every year we finish the year with the NJROTC Awards ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 in the Eastside High School Auditorium at 6:00PM. You are invited! Please come out and celebrate the Cadets success this year.

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