

THE RAM NEWS



Chamber Singers Invited for Special Performances

The Eastside Chamber Singers are off to an excellent start this year with some very exciting performances scheduled. The singers were invited to perform at the University of Florida Invitational Choral Festival on Oct. 20, 2011. They spent the day working with UF choral directors and voice instructors. The singers performed two individual numbers of a concert. They also performed with five other schools in two mass choir numbers to finish off the day.

The Chamber Singers have also been selected to perform at Disney's Candlelight Processional Concert on Dec. 2, 2011. The students will travel to Orlando and perform the show that evening with celebrity narrator and Academy Award winner Geena Davis. The students are extremely excited about this performance and look forward to learning and performing all of the beautiful holiday music.

The Chamber Singers Winter Concert is scheduled for Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Eastside Auditorium.



Huge Thanks to Napolatano's Restaurant

Eastside PTSA would like to offer our thanks to one of the best Italian restaurants in town. A combination of membership funds and a Napolatano's donation created a work night meal for our hardworking Eastside staff that won't soon be forgotten.

If you stop in soon, please mention thanks to them for their generosity.

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Diamonds Visit Atlanta

The Eastside Diamonds attended The 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc. Invitational Bank of America Atlanta Football Classic College Fair. This event featured the admissions and financial aid officers from a number of historical black colleges and universities along with major colleges and universities from Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia. The Diamonds and the Platinum Stars from Buchholz High School attended informational sessions and toured the campuses of Clark Atlanta University and Spelman College.

In addition to the college fair and campus visits, the groups participated in the tradition of college football by tailgating and then attending the game between the Florida A&M University Rattlers and the Southern University Jaguars along with performances during half-time of their award-winning marching bands. While in Atlanta, the Diamonds also attended the Atlanta Classic Parade and visited the World of Coca Cola Museum. Here they sampled Coca Cola products and learned the history of the soft drink giant.



“It was a good experience,” sophomore Natalie Hill said. “I learned more about what I need to do to get ready for college. I found colleges that held my interest and scholarships that I could sign up for. Some colleges offered to reach out to me even though I wasn’t a senior.”

The Diamonds organization was established in 2007 to promote academic excellence and positive leadership among young ladies at Eastside High School. Part of the group’s goal is to provide support for freshmen girls through peer-to-peer mentoring. Young ladies who have participated in the organization have graduated from high school, and over 85% have enrolled in either a college or university.

Aries

Aries is Eastside’s very own literary magazine. It is devoted to showcasing the artistic and literary talents of our student body. Any EHS student can submit his or her work for publication in the annual edition. All forms of creative work are welcome, including poems, short stories, small plays and illustrations. We choose a new theme for the magazine each year, and we encourage that some submissions be tailored to fit this topic. This year’s theme is “Masquerade.” Aries is a great way for students to express creativity and imagination.

Band

Congratulations to the EHS Marching Ram Band. On consecutive weekends, the band performed at the Ocala Marching Band Festival and the Florida Bandmasters Association Music Performance Assessment. At the MPA, the band received an overall rating of “superior” for the second year in a row. The band is led by drum major Pieter DeWolf. Special props go out to the Emerald Dancers, who scored a “superior” rating in their caption as well.

Way to go band.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Testing

If your student is on a 504 plan or on an IEP, students can apply for standardized testing accommodations. This is an involved process for the parents. The school will help furnish required information from the 504 and/or IEP. For AP, SAT or PSAT testing, you must go to www.collegeboard.com to apply. For the ACT, you must go to www.act.org to apply. For each ACT test you must reapply. For College Board testing it usually only requires a one-time application for all tests as long as you check each kind of test you are requesting information for. You MUST have a current psychological evaluation to even apply. This is not an automatic process and must be requested by the parent. For IB testing, the parent must apply through IBO and the IB coordinator. Please start the process early. They do not waiver on deadlines, and it can take anywhere from 5-10 weeks to get an approval or denial. Please contact your student's guidance counselor if you need assistance.

ACT/SAT Information: Eastside is a Testing Center for Both Tests

Next ACT is Dec. 10. Deadline to register is Nov. 4.

ACT after that is Feb. 11, and deadline to register is Jan. 13.

Register at www.actstudent.org.

Next SAT is Dec. 3. Deadline to register is Nov. 8.
EHS and UF available for testing.

Attendance

Please be aware that if students exceed six unexcused absences in any class period, the state of Florida will revoke credit. Students can only earn credit back by passing the semester and the final exam. Notes should be turned into the first period teachers on a daily basis for missing school; this includes being checked out of school early. Students are only allowed six parent notes for the semester. If a student arrives late to school they must check into school. If they do not, the absence carries over for every period even if they are present that day.

University of Florida Dual Enrollment New Requirements Deadline for Spring is Dec. 9

Students interested in applying for entry into the UF dual enrollment program for Spring and beyond must now meet the following minimum requirements:

- A. The student must have a 3.25+ high school grade point average in academic subjects based on 4 points for an "A"
- B. Student must intend to pursue a baccalaureate degree, and must meet course requirements as set out in [The University Record](#).
- C. The student must meet minimum test score requirements on the reading, writing and math sections of the SAT and ACT (SAT Critical Reading: 460+, SAT Math: 460+ and SAT Writing: 440+ or ACT Reading: 19+, ACT Math: 19+ and ACT English/Writing: 18+)

Students who do not have a 3.25+ GPA and minimum SAT or ACT test scores at the time of application need not apply. Application packets that are incomplete will not be accepted.

Forms can be downloaded from the University of Florida CPET website: <http://www.cpet.ufl.edu/DCE/Forms.html>.

It is the student's responsibility to present his or her complete application packet to the guidance counselor. Also, be aware that a student must obtain approval from three different parties prior to being admitted to the program - the high school (counselor or administrator), our district designee (Bill Goodman) and the University of Florida Center for Pre-collegiate Education and Training office (Katie Meese).

Reminder: Flu Mist will be administered at EHS on Wednesday, Nov. 16.
Time and location will be announced.

EASTSIDE STRIDERS

Eastside Striders is a student-run organization created to promote awareness of breast cancer. Members participate in the annual American Cancer Society event Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. On Oct. 22, Eastside Striders, Breast Cancer Awareness Club and EHS Cheerleaders participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in downtown Gainesville. This year Eastside Striders were able to raise \$4,823.65 for MSABC. They received recognition as one of the Bronze Teams for this year.

The students held potlucks, bake sales and pie-in-the-face contests in order to raise money for breast cancer awareness. Striders also sold breast cancer awareness T-shirts for \$10 and donated all the proceeds.

Striders would like to thank the T-shirt sponsors: Top Notch Printing, Alachua Printing and Granny Nannies of Gainesville.



The club also organized the Survivor Brunch of American Cancer Society. This is an annual event to celebrate breast cancer survivors. For the rest of the year,

the students are planning to donate gift baskets for patients going through chemotherapy at Shands. Students will also continue with educational talks about early detection and breast cancer treatments.

From the World Language Area: Mrs. Torres' Desk

Our Major Program students in French and Spanish will be completing a semester project after a series of three technical lab sessions at school. These students will be responsible for working on a Web Quest where they pretend to be travel agents. They will “take us” to the North-Western part of France (Paris, Normandy, Brittany) and to Central/South-America. They will follow a several step process where they research information on places of interest, natural wonders, cities, historical facts, famous people, art and folklore. They will present us with maps, both local and global, and they will create a plausible itinerary. They will also write a reflection in the target language where they “convince” us about going on the trip. Students will explain why it is important to make preparations prior to taking a trip overseas. The overall project consisting of a power point presentation and/or a poster board is due Nov. 21.

Madame Torres is also taking students “across the pond” from June 13 to June 21, 2012. We will fly to Paris and visit, continuing on to Normandy and Brittany. Do not miss this opportunity to expand your horizon and knowledge. It will add substance to your résumé and your college applications. Business is global, do not be left behind. There is still room available, so please check our site at: www.eftours.com/1116250. We would love to have you come along.

Forensics

Eastside High School's Forensics Team began its season with two trophies at the second North Florida Catholic Forensics League Qualifier at Cypress Creek High School in Orlando on Oct. 8. Senior Jae Won Jang placed second in Student Congress, an event which requires competitors to compose original legislation and argue in favor of it on a mock congress floor. Sophomore Hope Pan placed second in Oratorical Declamation, a category which requires competitors to choose a famous and/or historical speech and deliver it appropriately. The next tournament for the team will be the Blue Key Speakers Tournament at the University of Florida on October 28-30, and the third NFCFL District Qualifier here at Eastside High School on November 12.

Thanks to coaches Alice Iwinski and Heather Christian.

Congratulations to the Winners of the Student Culinary Competition Sponsored by McDonald's of Gainesville

Entrée

First Place \$1,000 Darrious Camel, Apple/ Apricot Stuffed Pork Loin

Second Place \$400. Holli Manche, Steak Roulade

Third Place \$400 Sarah Waters, Pheasant W/ Sweet Potato Souffle

Dessert

First Place \$500 Abby Gilkey, Pumpkin Cheesecake With Pecans

Second Place \$200 Sarah Smith, White Chocolate Key Lime Tart

Third Place \$200 Braniesia Markham, Tiramisu Duet



Photos by Justin Duncklee Photography for HOME Magazine.

(Top): Sarah Waters

(Left): All the participants



Culinary Students Volunteer at Noche De Gala

Eighteen students of the Institute of Culinary Arts volunteered at the Noche De Gala fundraiser for the Sebastian Ferrero Foundation. The foundation's mission is "to advocate and fundraise for a full service, state-of-the-art children's hospital in Gainesville, while promoting excellence in patient safety and insuring that all families are treated with compassion, courtesy and dignity."

Students volunteered from 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 to 1 a.m. Sunday, October 23 by prepping, serving and helping chef Brit Dumas of Embers Wood Grill Restaurant. They were thrilled to be a part of this cause and its success. The event raised more than \$1 million dollars in contributions and served more than 950 guests.

Weightlifting

Lady Ram Weightlifting is underway. All interested girls need to meet with Coach Cummings ASAP in Room 2-009. You must have a completed FHSAA physical form and FHSAA parent consent/insurance form BEFORE you can be listed as part of the team. We look forward to working with you.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is still working to become a recognized club here at East-side. Prospective members please submit your names and e-mail addresses to Mr. Cummings in Room 2-009. FCA meetings are Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. Established in 1921, National Honor Society is more than just an honor roll. NHS members must demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. National Honor Society is a club designed to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character in the students who participate. By becoming a member of the National Honor Society, Eastside's students demonstrate their commitment to these ideals.

The Eastside Chapter of NHS is proud to announce our officers for the class of 2012:

President: Ashley Baros-Kabler

Vice-President: Vivian Buenge

Treasurer/Community Service Officer: Justin Mathew

Secretary: Jasmine McAdams

Congratulations to these students for their hard work and commitment.

The Eastside Chapter of the National Honor Society is getting ready to welcome its 2011-2012 inductees. On Wednesday, Nov.9 at 7 p.m. in the Eastside Media Center the chapter will meet to hold the induction ceremony and welcome our newest members. Please join us in welcoming these most recent members.

Congratulations to the Semi-finalists in the 2012 competition for National Merit Scholarships

Nicholas Abboud
Ashley Baros-Kabler
Christopher Borgert
Madhuchanda Bose
Alexandra DeBose-Scarlett
Arnav Gupta
William Hahn
Safa Kaleem

Jinsu Kim
Narayan Kulkarni
Gabriel Linn
Kayla McCarty
Kyle McCuller
Kelly Seeger
Katherine Slinn
Ajit Vakharia

Congratulations to the National Achievement Scholars

Kevin Aris
Vivian Bwenge
Alexandra DeBose-Scarlett
Jennifer Kizza
Foluke Nunn
Donovan White

Congratulations to the National Hispanic Recognition Program Award Recipients

Juan Anhalzer
Ben Antony
Chelsea Hoyt
Kasha Killingsworth
Nora Moraga-Lewy
Emiliano Valle
Ignacio Villalon

Join Eastside's Parent-Teacher-Student Association Today

Eastside's PTSA provides support to students, faculty, and parents throughout EHS. In 3 ways, you can make an impact at our school:

1. Become a MEMBER. PTSA membership dues fund school-wide spirit and teacher/staff appreciation.
2. VOLUNTEER. Experience EHS by volunteering! Any amount of time you can volunteer is welcome at EHS.
3. CONTRIBUTE to the PTSA Grant Fund. Donations directly support classrooms, teachers, and students throughout all of EHS.

Membership dues are \$20 per family. To join, send your check made payable to EHS PTSA with membership form below to:

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c/o Rosemary Bakker
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Gainesville, FL 32606

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EHS Parent-Student-Teacher Association Membership Form 2011-2012

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: (H) _____ (W) _____
Student(s) Name _____ Grade _____
Grade _____

Membership Dues \$20.00 _____

Grant Fund Contribution _____

TOTAL _____

(Make check out to EHS PTSA)

Please indicate where you would be willing to volunteer:

- PTSA Board Member - *Board meets quarterly to plan events and assess finances.*
- Monthly Teacher Breakfast - *First Thursday of each month*
- Fundraising Committee - *Plan and coordinate fundraising*
- Appreciation Committee - *Plans Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in spring and other hospitality events*
- Beautification Day Committee - *Plans landscaping projects for fall and spring Beautification Days*
- IB Parent Organizer for the classes of 2013, 2014 and 2015 – *(Circle one)*
- Office, Clerical, Media - *Volunteer in the EHS Office, media center, or other areas*
- Clinic - *Volunteer in the EHS Clinic*
- Classrooms & Reading - *Volunteer in the classroom helping teachers and students*
- Mentor or Tutor - *Volunteer as a mentor or tutor for EHS students*

Other _____

For donations, please check the appropriate category: (Make check payable to EHS PTSA)

- Ram Pacesetter: \$1,000 +
- Loyal Ram: \$500-\$999
- Ram Leader: \$300-\$499
- Ram Supporter: \$100-\$299
- Ram Patron: \$50-\$99
- Ram Friend: \$20-\$49

Please indicate (as a dollar amount) where you would like your donation to be allocated:

- General needs of the school
- Teacher mini-grant program (technology, classroom needs, projects)
- Teacher Appreciation
- Fine Arts (Art, Music, and Theatre)
- Parent Involvement/Outreach
- School Beautification
- Scholarship fund to assist needy students' participation in sports/trips/activities

Ram Country Yearbook

Yearbooks are in limited supply!
The last two years, we have sold out of yearbooks.
Buy your yearbooks early to ensure that you get one!

How to Purchase a yearbook:
Order online at www.smart-pay.com
To pay cash or check, please see Ms. Rubin in Room
04-060. Make checks payable to
Eastside High School.

How to submit photos to the yearbook:
We encourage you to submit pictures of events that
you and your students are a part of. This will help us
ensure that we have represented the entire school. Feel
free to send pictures and descriptions to
ramcountryyearbook@gmail.com.

Yearbook Prices- Personalization and Icon packages
are only available until 12/16/11. After that, you may
only purchase a Basic Package for \$75.00.

Basic Package \$75- Includes 1 yearbook
Classic Package \$80- Includes 1 yearbook with 1 line
of name personalization
Premium Package \$90- Includes 1 yearbook with 1
line of name personalization and 2 icons
Ultra Package \$300- Includes 1 yearbook with 1 line
of name personalization, 2 icons and 1 full memory
page

Memory Page/Ad Prices- (through 12/16/11*)

Full page color \$250- 12 pictures and
personalized message

1/2 page color \$150- 6 pictures and
personalized message

1/4 page color \$85- 3 pictures and
personalized message

1/8 page color/Business card \$45- 1 picture and
message OR business card

Sponsor a Page \$20- One line of text; limit
65 characters

*Memory Page space is limited and may not be avail-
able after 12/16/11

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ROTC

Fall in 5-4-3-2-1-0 FREEZE CADET FREEZE!
But NJROTC is doing much more than just freezing.
We are moving like a fire ball. We have participated in
two Postal Shooting Competitions and three Orienteer-
ing Events. These orienteering meets were attended in
September and October. We are now preparing for the
Iron Bear fun meet and the Lake Howell drill meet. Your
Eastside NJROTC also hosted the Second Annual Air
Rifle Competition on October 1. The meet was very well
attended and Eastside took home fourth place overall.
NJROTC will also be marching in the Gator Homecom-
ing Parade in November.

Greetings from NJROTC

My name is Lieutenant Commander Byers
Hickmon and it is my pleasure to say that I am the new
Senior Naval Science Instructor here at Eastside High
School. I am a native of Alachua County. I grew up in
High Springs and attended high school at Santa Fe. After
going away to college I enlisted in the U. S. Navy. After
completing a twenty-one year Naval career, I ended up
teaching and working with young people, which I love
very much. I am excited about the opportunity to assist
in the development of our youth because they are our
future. We need to do our part to ensure that they get
a firm academic foundation in their high school years.
The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start, and I
am excited to report your NJROTC program is having
a great year already. They are poised to produce great
things this year.

The Naval Science Instructor for the past eight
years, Chief Philippon, has not missed a beat in the
middle of this transition. Eastside sponsored its first rifle
shoot of the year in on Oct. 1. Over 24 Teams participated,
but more importantly, American Legion Post 16 was a
major sponsor, as well as Five Star Pizza. This year was
the beginning of a great relationship with these two spon-
sors and the Eastside High School NJROTC Program.

I want to encourage each and every student to
take part in your NJROTC program. The benefits are
tremendous. If you would like to learn more about the
program, stop by the classroom and speak to me or Chief
Philippon anytime. We look forward to speaking with
you and helping you set goals to achieve your dreams.