



East Rochester Schools
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November 9, 2020

Dear East Rochester Families,

October was a very busy month. Students and staff have settled into the new routines of synchronous and asynchronous learning, health screening and mask wearing. I thank everyone for your cooperation and your patience as we navigate these new changes this year. The mood of the students has been very upbeat and they have embraced these new challenges with a good mindset.

Veterans Day is this month and I am in the process of assembling our sixth annual ER community Veterans Day flag mural. This mural is displayed each year in the High School Foyer. Please encourage your students to submit names of family members or friends they would like to honor within this display. Forms are available in both offices.

Our fall sports season, though limited in offerings due to Covid-19, has been massively successful! Our Girls Varsity Tennis team is in the Semifinals of the Section V tennis tournament and will be matched up against league rival Lyons in the Semifinals. Our field hockey and varsity soccer teams each have two regular season games left. Both teams are having exceptional fall seasons and are looking forward to Sectionals beginning the week of November 9th.

As we continue to move into November, there are a few things I want to make you aware of:

- MLA yearbooks will be available for purchase beginning Thursday, November 5 for \$20. Parents can purchase a yearbook by clicking this link.
<https://www.balfour.com/new-york/east-rochester/east-rochester-junior-high-school>
- Information has been emailed to juniors and their families about ordering class rings. Please check your email or head to www.jostens.com for more information.
- **MLA band news:** Sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands have started up! Sixth grade band alternates every week with the seventh and eighth grade band starting at 8:10 a.m. The bands are divided into smaller groups; Group A and Group B for each band. Group A meets Mondays every other week and Group B on Tuesdays every other week. Refer to Mrs. Zito's schedule that was sent via email and/or posted on your child's Google classroom. Remote students will meet virtually at a different time during the week. Please have necessary materials for your child's instrument such as reeds, oil and cork grease. We are happy to have started lessons and jazz bands as well! Virtual performances to come!

- Report cards will be available on the parent portal on Friday, November 20 at the end of the school day.
- We strongly encourage joining the **PTA**. Their monthly meeting dates are on the printed school calendar and the [events calendar](#) on the [district website](#). Another way to be informed and involved is to attend the monthly **Board of Education meetings**. These organizations value your input and ideas, and they look forward to hearing from you.
- Seniors (Class of 2021) - Please continue to read your emails to keep up to date on deadlines and information throughout the year. There is also a link on the school website with information for seniors. http://juniorseniorhs.erschools.org/students/class_of_2021

A few reminders worth repeating:

- **I'd like to remind parents that it is important for you to call the school's Attendance Office whenever your child is absent from school, for any reason. It is particularly important this year, as we monitor and contact trace COVID-19.** When calling in an absence, appointment or a message for your student, please make sure you call the **Attendance Office at (585) 248-6321**. The attendance email is attendance@erschools.org. Please be specific as to the reason that your child is absent. Please do not email individual staff with attendance issues.
- **If your child has an appointment, please send in a note at the beginning of the day or call the Attendance Office. A note first thing allows the student to get a pass and be responsible for getting himself/herself to the office on time.**

Dates to Remember for November/December:

Tuesday, November 10 - BOE Meeting 6 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 11 - Veterans Day - School Closed

Friday, November 13 - Thursday, November 26 - PTA Online Book Fair, shop the book fair here: <https://scholastic.com/bf/erelemschool>

Tuesday, November 17 - PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m., email erpta2020@gmail.com for Zoom link

Friday, November 13 - Grades 6-12 First Marking Period Ends

Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Recess

Tuesday, December 8 - PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m., email erpta2020@gmail.com for Zoom link

Tuesday, December 15 - BOE Meeting 6 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 23 - Friday, January 1 - Holiday Recess

My door is always open – please feel free to keep in touch!

Sincerely,

Casey van Harsel, Ed.D.

Principal