



The Eagle Eye

September 2019

Principal's Message:

"I'm a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it"

— Thomas Jefferson

We are finally at the spot for which we have been planning for years. So many people have put in so much time in the past to get us to where we are now, I cannot possibly thank them all. On September 3rd 2019, our EDHS home grew by approximately 125 new faces. At this point I can report nothing but positive reactions. The 7 and 8's bring a positive energy to the building that is infectious. The staff that have joined our team have fit right in and are thriving. I am not naive that we will have challenges. No change of this magnitude is without issues. That being said, the start to the school year has been fantastic. Adaptation and overcoming challenges has been part of this school for a long time now. The shadow of school closure is no longer part of our challenge. We are back to solely focusing on the education of students with a terrific group of professionals and with the support of the community.

EDHS has personal support for each and every student. I chose the above quote on purpose. If your student is willing to work, he/she will be successful. Please contact the school at any time if you have any questions or need help in any area of your student's education.

Dan Macdonald
Principal EDHS

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

A reminder to parents of a few important items that need to be addressed:

- Be sure to send in all forms signed. The Permissions and Acknowledgment, Verification, Terry Fox and Community Walk form, and Student Fees.
- Are you a volunteer driver? We need a declaration formed signed by you!
- Would you like to be a volunteer driver? Please see our web site for the proper volunteer sign up.
- Student fees of \$35 to be paid.
- **We will be sending all future newsletters via email only please be sure to visit our website and hit the subscribe button. If you wish a hard copy please contact the school.**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We invite parents to become actively involved in EDHS through participation on School Council. This is an excellent way to enhance communication between school and home and to represent the voice of EDHS parents about a variety of school-based topics and issues. EDHS School Council members do not directly participate in fundraising. Please consider joining this group of dedicated individuals who are committed to EDHS students, the school and our broader school community. Elections will take place at our first meeting. If you are interested in a position on Council please contact the school, we will be happy to provide you with the forms via email, fax or by sending home with your student. The School Council consists of parents, the school Principal, a school staff member, a community member and a student representative. Meetings take place four to five times per year. Our first meeting is being held Tuesday September 24th we would love to see you, we will hold our School Council executive elections.

FROM STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ Thanks to our amazing students and staff, we've had a great start to the semester! Students are settling into their timetables and adjusting to their new classes. If at any time you would like an update on your son's/daughter's progress, please contact the teachers directly or Student Services to request a progress report.
- ◆ We have several students participating in the Specialist High Skills Major – Environmental program. It is so great to see students taking advantage of the opportunities available to them.
- ◆ Grade 12 college and university-bound students will be invited to a meeting on September 17. At this time they will be given a package of information regarding scholarships, post-secondary programs/options, research websites, diploma requirements, etc. Please ask them to share the material with you to help you stay informed. These students will be sent “Reminders” throughout the year. **If you would like to receive these messages, please** text @1920gr12 to (289) 212-0880. You must download the Remind app to receive messages. Alternatively, you may send an email to 1920gr12@mail.remind.com.
- ◆ A parent meeting will be held on September 24 at 7pm in the EDHS library for parents of students who are planning to attend college or university next fall. This will be the same presentation students receive the week prior and topics will include how to research college/university programs, supplemental applications, due dates, fees, scholarships, etc. All parents and their students are welcome.
- ◆ All senior students are encouraged to research their post-secondary options. Many Ontario colleges and universities have booked visits to EDHS to describe their programs. Students will receive a calendar of visits and are encouraged to sign up for these sessions.
- ◆ Local resources for graduates who intend to go to work directly from high school are available at the YMCA Employment Resource Centre in Midland or through the Employment Resource Centre Outreach services at our Springwater Library.
- ◆ The 40 hours of Community Service required for graduation is sometimes forgotten. Please see <http://communitylink.cioc.ca> for possible placements. Other opportunities are announced and posted on the board outside of Student Services.
- ◆ We are pleased to welcome several community partners to EDHS this year. Students have access to Social Workers, a Youth Counsellor, a registered nurse, and a mental health and addictions nurse, all of whom will have office time with us weekly or bi-weekly. We encourage students to let us know if they would like to access these services.
- ◆ Newpath, in various Simcoe County locations, hosts **Child and Youth Mental Health Walk-In clinics**. Children, youth and families can simply attend one of the walk-in clinics to receive a single session intervention that day. For details please visit their website at www.newpath.ca.

YOGA at LUNCH

Co-ed yoga will be starting up after fall fair with Mrs. Elliott-MacIsaac. Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Location in the school tbd. Free of charge, but students should bring their own yoga mat and wear appropriate attire.

ME TO WE CLUB

The 'Me to We' club at EDHS is back and ready to help create positive change locally and globally. This month we are selling fantastic drawstring backpacks with the eagle logo for only \$20! These bags are great quality and perfect for storing gym clothes in lockers. You can purchase them online through SCDSB Cash Online or bring \$20 cash/cheque to Mrs. Burke in the guidance office. All proceeds from the sale goes back to our community. The 'Me to We' club meets every Wednesday during lunch in room 113 and all students are welcome to join.



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Some students are required to take medication during the school year. This includes those students with severe allergies (to food products or insect stings) as well as those with asthma. A "Request for Administration of Medication" form must be completed before any school personnel can administer medication to a student. These forms are available in the main office.



STUDENT COUNCIL

This September Student's Council will be helping with many school activities. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to meeting all the new Eagles this year. We have helped with the organization of picture day, collecting students' fees, and planning grade 9 day at Bishop's park on September 13th. Following grade 9 day we hosted a carnival complete with a barbeque and movie, as well as exciting games and prizes.

We treated all our Eagles to hand delivered cookies at lunch on the first day to welcome everyone back and students can look forward to many more surprises as the year progresses. We want to make this the best year for all students attending EDHS.

STUDENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE 2019-2020

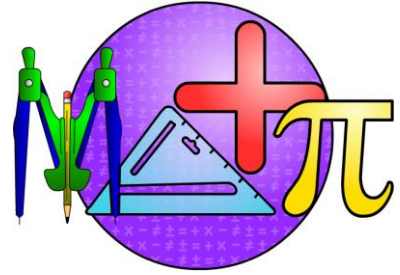
- President Rori Valendar
- Vice-President..... Sophie Garside
- Communication OfficersLauren Reid/Wesley Crittenden
- Secretary Grace Hunter
- TreasurersPayton Vanvugt
- Social Convenors Ryleigh Tabbert/Kinsey Moon
- Student Council Representative..... Mira Coulombe
- Member at Large..... Tia Sierra
- Project Manages..... Taylor Maudsley/Matthew Buchanan

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

The SchoolCash Online program is available at our school, offering parents the option to pay online for Student Activity Fees, some field trips and other school related costs. To create an online account, go to simcoecounty.schoolcashonline.com. Please contact the school office with any questions.

FROM MATH

The Math department will be offering math help to support homework and assignment completion and to enhance Numeracy skills. Extra help through the Math Support Program is available to students at lunch, Monday thru Friday 11:30 – 12:00 pm in Room 114. Student attendance and work completion will be recorded. Also, Math Homework Help offers free online math support for students in grades 7-10 at www.ontario.ca/HomeworkHelp



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

At EDHS we rely on and value the help of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in our school, please visit the main office to pick up a letter which will enable you to obtain a Criminal Background Check (CBC) and Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) from the OPP free of charge. It is also required that you create a volunteer profile on our school board website. The instructions for this procedure can be picked up in our main office or visit the board website scdsb.on.ca for more information. If you currently volunteer for our school and are on our approved list, you will need to go on-line to complete an offence declaration.

The SCDSB encourages participation of volunteers in schools. Volunteers are asked to complete an information form, provide an original copy of a Criminal Records Check which includes Vulnerable Sector screening. All drivers transporting students must file a Volunteer Transportation Authorization Form in the office, in addition to the Criminal Records Check. We are always in need of parents to drive to games etc. Students who travel with volunteer drivers must fill out a Passenger Permission Form signed by a parent or guardian if they are not 18 years old, and submit it to the office at least 24 hours before the event. **Student drivers must not transport other students including siblings in their vehicle for school sanctioned off site activities.**

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

We are excited for another amazing year of music at EDHS! Our talented students are again looking forward to our “Canadiana” Fall Concert featuring music from across the country. Performances will take place in mid-November at EDHS and promises to be another unique celebration of Elmvale's musical prowess.



Rehearsals for our musical groups; Choir, Blues band and Concert Choir begin the week of September 16-20th. Music teacher Mr. Muldoon is always looking for new members and all students are welcome. Please encourage your student to participate and get involved! The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Music Rehearsal Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:40am					
12:00-12:35pm	Music Committee	Choir	Concert Band	Recording Club	Concert Band
3:30- 4:30pm			Blues Band		

SPARK

EDHS is continuing with its SPARK initiative. In short, there exists compelling evidence that short bursts of vigorous physical activity create significant waves of brain activity. This positive impact not only wakens the human brain, it actually causes growth in brain cells through the development of new neural pathways. We believe this program has merit and so our school schedule has set aside 20 minutes per day for physical activity. SPARK activities are supported by our Physical Education staff and SAA both inside the gym and outside on the field/track. Parental support and encouragement towards participation would be very helpful. Students are encouraged to bring in their own sports equipment (within the physical education safety guidelines – **NO “real” baseballs, golf balls, lacrosse balls, or baseball bats**). This 20 minutes is not meant for students to leave school property but to engage in some physical activity, walking or game play and re-energize for the last period of the day. Parental support for this activity is greatly appreciated.

LINK CREW

The Link Crew is having another super start this year. We are here to do our best to help make the transition from elementary to secondary school a positive one for the grade nine students. We have our largest grade 9 group in years and we are so happy to be a part of their EDHS experience. Our Link Crew were there dressed in our blue shirts with banners, timetables, smiles and cookies to welcome our new students off the buses on the first day and help their day be a smooth one. The Link Crew also enjoyed a great day on September 13th when they participated with the grade nines and Student's Council members and SAA in a high energy afternoon filled with lots of activities like: slip n'slide, bubble hockey, face painting, watermelon and a pizza lunch at Bishops Park. This was followed by a very loud and exciting assembly. This day was about welcoming the grade nines into our school, encouraging them to get to know one another and having a lot of fun along the way.

Our student council president Rori Valender along with student council hosted a carnival at the school from 5-9pm with a barbecue and carnival games and finished off the night with a movie. The Link Crew are committed to celebrating our new grade nines and to help them make this year count. We will be working with them both inside and outside the classroom to ensure their success in all areas of school life. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

EDHS link crew

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE 2019-2020

You should have received a pamphlet for Student Accident Insurance. Student injuries at school, during school events, and extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, and out-of-province/out-of-country trips) are not covered by the Board or its insurance company. While every precaution is taken to provide a safe learning environment, accidents can and do happen.

The Simcoe County District School Board has selected the “insure my kids” program through Old Republic Canada as an option for students/parents/guardians to consider. This insurance offers a variety of plans and benefits at reasonable annual prices. Coverage can be purchased online at www.insuremykids.com .

Please watch for your student accident insurance package along with a letter about requirements for extra-curricular activities and out-of-province or out-of-country trips. Here is a link on our website main page where you can locate information about student accident insurance year-round. (www.scdsb.on.ca).

PROCEDURES HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE

The safety and well-being of students is our top priority. We have a number of procedures in place to keep our school safe. You can help your child understand and feel safe by:

- talking to them about the situations below
- reminding them that emergencies are rare
- telling them it's important to follow staff instructions in these situations

Parents should talk about the following emergency drills with their children:

- **Shelter in place** is used when there is an environmental or weather-related situation, like a chemical spill outside the building, or a major storm. Activities continue inside the school. Students and staff are not allowed to leave the building. The ventilation system may be shut off.
- A **hold and secure** is used when there is a situation in the community, not related to the school, like a bank robbery nearby. Activities continue, but all doors are locked. No one is allowed to enter or exit the school.
- A **lockdown** is used when there is a major incident or a threat of violence related to the school. Students and staff move to secure areas, away from doors and windows. Doors are locked, lights are shut off and blinds are drawn. Students and staff remain quiet. We practice lockdown drills at least two times per year. In the unlikely event of an actual lockdown situation, police ask that parents do not go to the school. Information will be communicated through the school board social media sites (www.facebook.com/SCDSB and www.twitter.com/SCDSB_Schools) and website (www.scdsb.on.ca), through local police and local media.
- All schools have **evacuation plans** in case of gas leaks, bomb threats or fire incidents that would require everyone to leave the school. Each school has an evacuation site. Ours is Huronia Centennial Elementary across the road with the arena bring our second option. We hold drills to practice our evacuation plan. In a real evacuation, students and staff may go to the evacuation site, depending on the situation. Parents will be informed about pick-up procedures by the school, school board and local media.
- Staff and volunteers must complete a **criminal record check** before having contact with students.
- We ask parents to contact us when their student will be absent from school as part of our **attendance** program.
- At least two staff members in every school are trained in **first aid and CPR**. All Simcoe County District School Board schools **have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)**.

When parents are at school during a drill or emergency event, they must follow direction from school staff, police, fire and/or emergency personnel. Parents may not have immediate access to their children during drills or emergencies. They may need to wait until the situation is resolved and school staff and/or emergency personnel release students into parent care.

It's important for you to know we'll always take whatever precautions are necessary to keep our school and students safe.

STUDENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Welcome back to another fantastic year at EDHS. The SAA members have already been working hard and we have a great slate of activities lined up for you to take full advantage of our new facility!



We will kick off the year with our annual Terry Fox Foundation Fundraiser. Hundreds of EDHS staff and students will enjoy a morning of running or walking at Blueberry Trails Centre in Wasaga Beach on Thursday, September 26th. This is a fundraiser for cancer research. This year we welcome our Grade 7 and 8 students to this great event.

Intramurals - With the completion of our new gym we are excited to offer a full slate of intramural activities beginning in October as Fall Fair festivities wind down. Intramurals are lunch time supervised sports activities every Tuesday and Thursday. We anticipate lots of fun activities designed to promote positive activity and geared at increasing participation in our ongoing house competition. Please encourage your student to take part and make the most of their school experience. These activities favour participation over competition although all important house points are up for grabs. We encourage appropriate attire as much as possible.

Fitness Center - The fitness center will be available for students to work out during most lunch hours as staff time permits. Students wishing to use the fitness center must be supervised by a qualified staff member at all times and must go through fitness center rules, expectations and etiquette prior to using the facility and equipment to ensure a safe environment for all. This opportunity is made available on a voluntary basis and in turn we ask that students respect the facility by following the rules, cleaning up and returning all weights / equipment to their set locations.

We look forward to another great year of activity and participation!

SAA Executive 2019-2020

Tracy Duguay, Brooke Scott, Emily Lombard, Shanea Rumbolt, Jordan Nagel, Darcy Fay, Isabelle Tsang, Meg Fay, Sean Crooker, Natalee Schors, Charlie Martin, Leah Veenstra, Olivia Whittington, Nadia Klein-Gebbinck, Angelina Emilou and Alicia Spence.

EXTRA LIFE

This year, students from Elmvale District High School will once again be joining forces to help raise money for Toronto SickKids Hospital. We will be supporting Toronto SickKids through the charitable organization Extra Life. Extra Life has been running this event since 2008, raising over 43 million dollars since then. Participants register online with Extra Life, get sponsored to play video games and then play a marathon session of 24 hours. Last year, students from EDHS raised over \$5600 during the event. This was an amazing feat, but even more amazing is that Team EDHS has raised a total over \$29,000 dollars for since we started in 2013. Students that participate must register with Extra Life and choose Toronto SicksKids as the charity. Please check out Extra-Life.org to see who's registered and consider sponsoring your child or another student from EDHS to help support Toronto SickKids Hospital. Please support the digital collection of donations. It makes it simpler for the student and provides an easy way for Toronto SickKids to supply you with a tax receipt for your 2019 taxes. Please check back on your sponsored

student to see how they do when the marathon comes around on November 2nd. This event is not about the video games. This event is about supporting Toronto SickKids Hospital by raising money for a local hospital that make a real difference in people's lives. This event is about showing teenagers, that may never have participated in a charitable event, that helping others in need can be a fun and rewarding experience. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Burns

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Bill Neily - wneily@scdsb.on.ca

Taudie McLeaming – tmcleaming@scdsb.on.ca

Things are booming in the Co-op Dept. here at EDHS. This semester's group has just completed their two weeks of pre-placement training, and as of September 16th, will be in their placements enjoying the "real world" work placement experience.

Students are involved in a wide range of career opportunities in and around the Elmvale area. Examples of this semester's placements include: computers, welding, machining and manufacturing, auto-service technician, personal support worker, dairy farming, heavy equipment operation, early childhood education, teaching, small engine mechanics, food services, healthcare, hair and aesthetics, pet grooming, building supplies, plumbing, dental assistant, fast food, museum/palaeontology, and physiotherapy.

If you are an employer, or work in a business, organization or industry that you think may be interested in the Co-op experience, don't hesitate to call us!

Interested in taking Co-op Education?

What is Co-op?

- A fun, exciting way to earn school credits and learn more about what the world of work is like
- A way to learn about a career area of your interest i.e. health care, automotive, social work, electrical, retail sales, industry, etc.
- A chance to get your foot in the door for a part-time job, a full-time job or an apprenticeship

Can I apply for Co-op?

- Are you responsible and eager to learn new things?
- Will you be at least 16 years of age sometime next year?

- Will you have earned at least 16 credits by the time your co-op begins? (8 credits per year)
- Did you/will you have passed your grade 10 Careers course?

Tell me More

- 2 credit co-ops can be taken in the morning or afternoon
- 4 credit co-ops are all day
- You can take as many co-ops as you want in any semester, as long as you are on track to receive your 18 mandatory courses, you can still participate in school events, teams and clubs!! Still not sure?

See Mr. Bill Neily or Mrs. McLeaming for more info! (ext. 4)



ELMVALE FALL FAIR – PARENT INVOLVEMENT NEEDED

Every year, the week prior to the Elmvale Fall Fair, has the four houses of EDHS involved in a whirlwind of activity. Part of the preparation includes the building of House floats for the Blizzards, Rowdies, Pirates and Trojans. In order to make this happen, parent volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of ways.

- First, each house will need a property to meet and build the float at (preferably a sheltered space in case it rains that week).
- Secondly, the donation of a flat-bed trailer is needed to build the float on (the trailer will have to be at the building location for the full week - Monday through Saturday).
- Thirdly, a fully licensed driver over the age of 21 is needed to pull the trailer (either with pick-up truck or tractor) for both the Friday and Saturday parades.
- As well, creative and skilled parents are needed to assist with building the actual float design (as often, power tools are used and need to be used safely and under supervision).



Help your child embrace the spirit of EDHS and the Elmvale Fall Fair by offering your assistance in any of these ways. Please talk with your teen about how you can help on the week of Oct 7-11. You can call and make your commitment to one of the house leaders (listed below) or you can just let your teen share that good news. All help is welcomed and appreciated.

Rowdies House Master – Mr. B. Lesage
Trojans House Master – Mrs. K. ElliottMacIsaac

Blizzards House Master - Mrs. T. McLeaming
Pirates House Master - Mr. W. Allen

IMPORTANT DATES	
School Council meeting	Sep 24
Awards Assembly	Sep 25
Terry Fox Run	Sep 26
Professional Development Day- Secondary & Elementary	Oct 4
Secondary Progress Reports home	Oct 10
Fall Fair	Oct 11
Thanksgiving Holiday	Oct 14
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Oct 17
Picture re-takes	Oct 28
Take Our Kids to Work Day for Grade 9	Nov 6
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov 11
Mid-semester Secondary report cards/Elementary report cards	Nov 15
Grade 7 Immunizations	Nov 18
Grade 8 Parent Information night	Nov 21
Professional Development Day- Secondary & Elementary	Nov 22
Grad Pictures	Nov 27-29
Fall Music Concert	Nov 28