

Class of 2017!!

Welcome to your Senior Year!

Make sure your parents and you read the EHHS Student Handbook carefully.

--START OUT ON THE RIGHT FOOT--

- Turn in assignments on time and do your best.
- Participate in class and ***ask questions*** if you don't understand something.
- Take notes, hitting the highlights of the material that your teachers present, and review them daily.
- ***Complete the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) form for computers and have your parent sign it immediately. You must have this on file to access computers at school.***
- ***See Ms. Anglin if you need a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Form. She will let you know when she has these in the guidance office. You must complete a form for every device you bring. Ms. Anglin will have to put the code in the device for you. (iPod, Tablets, iPad, laptop)***
- You must do your part to succeed. Talk to your teachers if you are having difficulty. They are here to help!
- If you don't already have an email address, please sign up for one as soon as possible, and check it often. Please ask your parents to provide an email address. Ms. Anglin and Mrs. Turpin will often communicate with students and parents via email. TN Promise/TN Achieves and some colleges will communicate with you via email.
- ***Begin applying to colleges NOW! Do not wait. Some colleges have scholarship deadlines as early as November 1 for the next school year.***

--MAKE GOOD GRADES--

- If you have a good grades, you have a better chance of getting into the school and program of your choice after high school.
- Don't limit your options by not making the grade now.
- ***YOUR BEST OPTION IS TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK IN YOUR CLASSES WITH YOUR TEACHER. DO NOT EXPECT CREDIT RECOVERY OR ONLINE COURSES TO BE EASY! THE COURSES HAVE CHANGED AND ARE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT!***
- Good grades increase your chances of earning money for college.

--GET TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY...ON TIME--

- When you are absent, arrive late, or leave early, you miss valuable instructional time. It's important to be at school every day...all day!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR~

- College Fair-September 14 in cafeteria
- College App Week-September 26 – September 30
- TN Promise application begins August 1. Deadline to apply is November 1 (More information to come regarding TN Promise)
- TN Promise meeting at school-October 20 at 10:30 a.m.(mandatory) Meet our tnAchieves Coordinator and receive your TN Promise handbook
- FAFSA Frenzy Night-November 21, 2016 EHHS library 5:00 p.m.
- TN Promise meeting-March 1 at 5:30 p.m. at Hickman County High School (mandatory)

There are several things that you will have to complete during your senior year. Start now! Begin getting your Senior Resume together. You will have to complete several applications during your senior year, whether for colleges, scholarships or future jobs. Work, volunteer experience, awards, and school/community involvement, all can strengthen a student's chances of being accepted or hired. There is still time to gain some of that experience, so get involved now.

Talk with college representatives and military recruiters as they visit EHHS during lunch and our college days. If you have not yet visited any school campuses, the next few weekends would be the ideal time to do this with your parents/guardians. If you are unable to make a trip, check online, as many campuses now have virtual tours. Finalize the list of colleges to which you plan to send applications. It is a good idea to apply to your college(s) of choice by the end of September to ensure you meet important scholarship and admission deadlines. We do have a college/military room in the guidance office. Feel free to stop by and browse all the available information.

Transcript Requests~ Once you have applied to a college, fill out a transcript request form in the guidance office and give it to Mrs. Banks. The transcript request forms can be found in the college/military room.

Letters of Recommendation ~ Please do not wait to ask for a letter of recommendation last minute. Be aware of deadlines and respectfully give the person at least 2 weeks notice or know that last minute requests for recommendations result in a last minute evaluation!

Scholarships ~ Some scholarship deadlines are early. Do not wait to begin searching for scholarships. Start today! Make scholarship searches a regular part of your day. Check the guidance office regularly. Here are a few good sites to get you started.

www.collegefortn.org

www.petersons.com

www.cfmt.org

www.scholarships.com

www.nashvillescholarships.com

www.cappex.com

www.uncf.org

www.fastweb.com

TN Promise~If interested in attending a community college or TN College of Applied Technology tuition free, go to www.tnachieves.org to see eligibility requirements and participating colleges. Seniors may start applying at www.tennesseepromise.gov. The deadline to apply is November 1. We highly recommend all seniors to sign up for TN Promise as a backup plan.

Class Rank and GPA~You have two semesters to work on your final GPA. Make every class count! Keep in mind that ranking occurs in January, which means for ranking purposes; you will have only fall semester left to work on your GPA.

Senior Expenses~Start saving now for all the senior year expenses (cap, gown, tassel, etc.). Balfour will meet with you at a later date to discuss senior items.

ACT Registration – www.actstudent.org.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 10, 2016	August 7, 2016	August 8-19, 2016
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016
February 11, 2017*	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

Check the ACT website for more information, fees, and for more test dates.

NCAA or NAIA Athletic Scholarships~If Division I or II college athletics are in your future, you must register with NCAA at www.ncaa.org or the NAIA at playnaia.org. The grade point averages and course requirements have changed and are more rigorous and strict.

FAFSA~After October 1, 2016 file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is the application for all Federal Grants and Reduced Interest Loans, the TN Lottery HOPE Scholarship AND the TN Promise Scholarship. March 1, 2017 is the recommended FAFSA completion date for financial aid consideration. (February 15 for TN Promise).

Important Information~Please update your Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or other social media pages to remove any offensive or incriminating pictures or posts. Colleges, scholarship committees, and future employers often look at your pages. ***Be smart when it comes to social media!***

Senior Newsletters~I will be doing a monthly senior newsletter. It is very important that you come to the guidance office and get one of these when they are available. I try to have them ready at the beginning of each month, but you will be notified by the morning announcements and announcements on the EHHS website when they are available.

--NEED ASSISTANCE?--

Mrs. Anglin and Mr. Coleman are here to assist you when needed. Please see a guidance counselor if you need help with:

1. Schedule changes
2. Personal problems
3. Academic problems
4. Ensuring you have earned all your credits in a timely manner
5. Credit Recovery
6. Attendance issues
7. Dual enrollment

I encourage you to share this letter and any information that we review with your parents/guardians. My advice to you is simple...plan ahead and do not procrastinate, as deadlines are very critical this year. I am looking forward to having the opportunity to work with you during your final year at EHHS.

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