

FALL 2017

ELCO Communicator

A Newsletter for the Residents of Eastern Lebanon County School District

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Eastern Lebanon County School District's Mission Statement

The mission of the ELCO School District is to prepare ALL students, K-12, to be successful for THEIR futures.

2017 ELCO HOMECOMING COURT



HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

During the week of September 25th through the 29th, ELCO High School celebrated with spirit week and annual Homecoming activities. Students participated in different spirit days which included Red, White, and Blue Day; Twin Day; Favorite Decades Day; and Blue and Gold Day. The high school students finished up the week with the annual fall lawn lunch and pep rally.

On Friday evening, the Homecoming court was introduced before the football game and at halftime the King and Queen were announced. Members of this year's Homecoming Court included: Emily Bidelsbach, Hailey Seyfert, Haille Kern, Jalissa Nolt, Katie Fields, Kayla Henson, Kelsie Salem, Meagan Yoder, Monica Arnold, Viviane Lattanze, Adam Johnson, Clark Lovell, Clayton Hain, Ethan Gregorzek, Grant Brubaker, Hunter Hartranft, Jake Heckert, Jared Weaver, Joe Ginder, and Mason Bennetch. This year's King and Queen were Mason Bennetch and Katie Fields.

On Saturday the 29th, almost 500 students danced the night away in the high school gym during the Homecoming Dance.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

C. Walter Whitmoyer, Jr.



Each year during our Homecoming festivities, we have the honor of inducting a new member into the ELCO School District Hall of Fame. Inductees must have attended school within the boundaries of the ELCO School District and are inducted because of noteworthy and outstanding accomplishments in their chosen fields.

The 2017 ELCO School District Hall of Fame inductee is the late C. Walter Whitmoyer, Jr.

Ms. Jennifer Haas (High School Principal), Mr. Craig Soden (High School Assistant Principal), Mr. John Whitmoyer (brother), Mrs. Jocelyn Whitmoyer (wife), Mrs. Julia Vicente (Superintendent) & Mrs. Barbara Davis (Assistant Superintendent).

Walter is a 1954 graduate of Myerstown High School. Walter served as class president for all four years of high school and was named King of Hearts during his senior year. In addition, Walter also obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. After graduating from Myerstown High School in 1954, Walter went on to attend Mercersburg Academy for one year prior to attending Princeton University. Walter graduated from Princeton in 1959 and then attended the University of Virginia Law School. Walter graduated with his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1962. Shortly thereafter, Walter was ready to return home, so he moved back to Lebanon County where he remained for the rest of his life to practice law and raise his family. Walter and his wife, Jocelyn, had three children together (William, Toby, and Jolie).

Walter took tremendous pride in his work and maintained a private practice here in Lebanon County for 52 years until he passed away in 2015. In addition to the civil law work that he did in his private practice, Walter also became heavily involved within the professional legal community. He was a past president and member of the Lebanon County Bar Association, a

member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and a long-time delegate to the Pennsylvania Bar Association House of Delegates.

While he was a very busy man, Walter always found time to give back to his community. Walter served on the ELCO School Board and was a member of the Myerstown-ELCO Rotary Club for fifty years. He served as the solicitor for the Myerstown Borough Council for thirty years and even received the pro bono award for his countless years of providing free legal services to the poor.

Mrs. Julia Vicente, ELCO Superintendent, Mrs. Barbara Davis, ELCO Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Jennifer Haas, High School Principal, and Mr. Craig Soden, High School Assistant Principal, all assisted in presenting the award to Walter's wife, Mrs. Jocelyn Whitmoyer, and Walter's brother, Mr. John Whitmoyer.

Congratulations!

HIGH SCHOOL FALL PLAY *HIT THE ROAD JACK*

November 17th & 18th @ 7:30 p.m.
Students & Senior Citizens - \$5
Adults - \$7

Tickets Available at the Door



“Accidents will happen,” Jack Gunderson (Junior, David Deitz) is fond of saying at work. “That’s not a good motto, Dad,” his son Trevor (Senior, Luke Reinhart) keeps telling him. He has a point, since the two run the Gunderson Driving Academy and especially because the business is just about to be closed down. When Officer Monica Palmer (Senior, Kaley Michaels) warns the father and son about their imminent loss unless they shape up, they protest that she is exaggerating. “Your last student sideswiped a parade!” she points out. As if this weren’t enough on their plate, the Gundersons also have to contend with a lovesick student (Senior, Emma Flesher), a bank vice-president who plays the horses (Senior, Nick Shanfelder) and Mac (Sophomore, Tyler Tulos), a sinister character who only Jack can see. Trevor is at his wit’s end when one of their teachers quits, but quickly recovers when Joyce (Freshman Leanna Stout), a new student arrives. Just when things seem to be picking up, the bank next door gets robbed. And guess who the major suspects are? Lines fly faster than fleeing pedestrians when the police arrive along with a news crew. And just who IS Mac, anyway?

This year’s fall play, *Hit the Road Jack* by Pat Cook, will hit the ELCO Stage November 17th and 18th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students/senior citizens and \$7 for adults. All tickets will be sold the night of the event.



ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING

The 2017 fall sports season is swiftly coming to an end, and winter sports are right around the corner. During the fall season, approximately 350 middle and high school student athletes were on the athletic fields representing the ELCO community with pride and much success. Winter sports practices begin Friday, November 17th with the first official games to begin on Friday, December 8th.

Girls’ Tennis

The girls’ tennis team finished the season with a 5-9 record. Congratulations to Grace Ginder and Allie Header who qualified for the District III Doubles Tournament, but unfortunately lost their first-round match.

Field Hockey

The field hockey team finished the season with a 12–7–1 record. The team qualified for the Lancaster-Lebanon League and the District III playoffs but lost in the first round in both tournaments. Congratulations to Kendra Bicksler, Katie Fields, Vivian Lattanze, Alicia Yoh, Kylie Stine and Abbie Keath who were all selected as Section III All-Stars. Fields and Lattanze were also named Academic All-Stars. Kendra Bicksler set a school record in saves percentage of 88%. The team set a school record of 10 goals in one game.

ATHLETICALLY SPEAKING...Continued**Boys' Soccer**

The boys' soccer team finished the season with a 9-11 record and qualified for the Lancaster-Lebanon League and District III playoffs but lost in the first round in both tournaments. Mason Bennetch, Seth Noll, Clay Hain, and Joe Ginder were selected as Section III All-Stars. Mason Bennetch was also selected to the academic team.

Girls' Soccer

The girls' soccer team finished the regular season 16-1-1 and champions of Section III in the Lancaster-Lebanon League. They lost to Manheim Township 3-2 in overtime in the first round of the league playoffs. The team was seeded 5th in the District III Tournament and won 3-2 against Hershey in the first round. They lost to #4 Lower Dauphin 4-0 to finish the season with a 17-3-1 record. Ryelle Shuey, Julia Nelson, Tinisha Grewal, Natalie Swingholm, and Jordan Rosengrant were named Section III All-Stars. Shuey and Nelson were named to the Big 11 Team. Shuey was also named Section III MVP and selected to the PSCA All-State Team.

Golf

The golf team finished the season with a 33-10 record and were winners of the Lebanon County Tournament for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to Cody Tobias who won the County Tournament, which was held at Royal Oaks with a score of 71.

Cross Country

The boys' and girls' cross-country teams finished their season with 9-1 and 7-3 records, respectfully. The boys finished second in the section only losing to Cocalico. Congratulations to the boys' team for placing second in the County Meet. Medalists were Mitchell Gray (3rd), Noah Bragunier (4th), Cole Nelson (5th), Ryan McAllister (6th), Justin Kegerise (11th), and Hunter Hartranft (15th). Lily Brubaker paced the girls team with a second-place finish along with teammate Emily Williams (11th), Brenna Troutman (18th) and Jalissa Nolt (19th). Congratulations to Lily Brubaker who placed 15th and Mitchell Gray 24th in the Lancaster-Lebanon League Cross Country Meet. Brubaker placed 5th at the District III Meet and qualified for the PIAA Meet. Lilly Brubaker, Emily Williams, Mitchell Gray, Ryan McAllister, and Noah Bragunier were named Section II All-Stars. McAllister, Jalissa Nolt, Hunter

Hartranft, Chance Leed, and Jessica Osterhouse were named to the academic team.

Football

The football team finished the season with a 2-8 record. Quarterback Braden Bohannon and wide receiver Jeff Lorah had excellent years leading the offense. Travis Weaver, and Michael Reed were the main men "up-front", leading the lineman to allow the offense to be successful.

Girls' Volleyball

The girls' volleyball team finished the season with an 8-10 record. Carli Sholl, Maddie Stone, and Gabby Luna were selected as Section All-Stars. Congratulations to Maddie Stone who collected her 1,000-career assist in her volleyball career.

Cheerleading

This year the varsity squad cheered at all football games and home boys' soccer games. The junior high squad cheered at all home football games. Alysha Burkholder is in her third year as the head coach and is assisted by Elizabeth Yearwood. Vanessa Risser serves as the junior high coach.

The daily athletic schedule can be heard by calling the athletic office at (717)866-7447. Select options 3, 4, then 1 to receive the message that will list the athletic activities, or postponements for the day. You may also follow the ELCO Athletic Department on Twitter for updates on scores, postponements, and other important information about all the ELCO sports teams. The account is [@_dbohannon](https://twitter.com/_dbohannon)

Winter sports season will begin practice on Friday, November 17th, with the first games of the season occurring on Friday, December 8th. Student-athletes are reminded to complete their physical paperwork and submit it to Athletic Trainer, Adam Zurick, no later than Wednesday, November 15.

- ❖ Congratulations to Douglas M. Bohannon, as he will be inducted into the Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on Monday, November 13th at the Days Inn in Lebanon for his career in Athletic Administration.

ELCO WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Julia R. Vicente, was most recently appointed Superintendent of the Eastern Lebanon County School District. However, prior to joining ELCO, she served as the Superintendent of the Wyomissing Area School District for the past five years. Julia joined WASD as the Director of Elementary and Secondary Education in January 2011 before becoming Superintendent in July 2012. With over 27 years dedicated to the field of education, Julia's passion for teaching and learning began in the Schuylkill Valley School District as an English teacher. While there she earned her Master's Degree in Gifted Education from Millersville University and went on to implement and teach high school gifted programs in Schuylkill Valley School District and the Spring-Ford Area School District.

She went on to earn her K-12 Principal's Certificate from Millersville University which led her to the School District of Lancaster where she served the district as an Assistant Principal, an Elementary Principal and finally as a Curriculum Coordinator focusing on Gifted Education. After leaving the School District of Lancaster, she joined a national consulting firm, Performance Fact, Inc. located in Oakland, CA. As a Senior Consultant with Performance Fact, she specialized in effective school improvement methods, leadership development and strategic planning. Prior to joining the Wyomissing staff, she served as the Director of Secondary Education in the Reading School District. Julia earned her Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from Lehigh University in 2012 and is currently finishing her doctorate.

Julia's additional leadership activities include serving as an adjunct professor with Millersville University and East Stroudsburg University, and she is currently the Chairperson of the Penn State Berks Advisory Board. Julia is listed as a contributing administrator to Leading for Literacy, a Reading Apprenticeship Approach by West Ed. In March 2017, she was a panelist for a World Affairs Council of Greater Reading's for STEM/STEAM Issues Facing Educational Institutions and Businesses for International Women's Day.

Since May 2016, Julia has been a member of the Superintendent Academy in which approximately 100 superintendents from across the state are engaging in a two-year intensive professional development experience focused on establishing systems to address the needs of students in poverty. The Academy is a part of Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera's Poverty and Student Achievement Initiative.



Barbara E. Davis has recently been appointed as the Assistant Superintendent of the Eastern Lebanon County School District. Barb most recently served as the Assistant to the Superintendent in the Tulpehocken Area School District where she worked in the Central Office for more than nine years. In that capacity, she also served as Director of Curriculum and Interim Director of Technology. Barb has more than 23-years in education. She began her career as a mathematics teacher and has taught math from 6th grade through AP Calculus. She taught in three districts including St. Mary's County Public Schools in Maryland, Wyomissing Area School District, and Tulpehocken Area School District. She, also, briefly taught reading and science and served as a gifted education teacher and Instructional Technology Coach.

Born and raised in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; Barb earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Bloomsburg University. She returned to Bloomsburg to earn a Master of Science in Instructional Technology where she also obtained a certificate as an Instructional Technology Specialist. She obtained a second Master of Science

degree from University of Scranton in Educational Administration in 2007 and a Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from Arcadia University in 2011. She is currently enrolled at Neumann University in a doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

ELCO WELCOMED THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF... *Continued*

Barb has been involved as an educational leader in Pennsylvania. For more than 15 years, she served on the Math Assessment Advisory Committee with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This committee was charged with writing assessment items for the PSSA; and most recently, works to select assessment items for inclusion on the assessment. In this capacity, Barb presented twice at the PA Governor's School for Educators and provided professional development across the state in the alignment of curriculum and assessment to standards. At Alvernia University, she served as an adjunct professor, teaching courses in child development and curriculum. Currently, Barb is serving as the President-elect for the PA Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (PASCD) which is the PA affiliate of ASCD. In July 2018, she will begin serving a 2-year term as President. She has also been involved in the Educational Leadership Team for the Career Pathways initiative with the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER:

Welcome to Officer Daniel Gonzalez. A former Pennsylvania State Police Officer, he is now serving the ELCO School District as the School Police Officer. Officer Gonzalez will work to enforce the state laws within the school and work with students, staff and administration, in an effort to enhance safety in and around the school district. Through day-to-day informal contact, he will build



positive relationships with students and will assist the school as needed by providing anything from safety lectures, to anti-bullying assemblies, to crime prevention activities. The goal is to promote a positive bond between the police and the community.



PROFESSIONAL STAFF:



Back Row: Zachary Stuart (*High School Phys Ed*), Kyler Burke (*High School Social Studies*), Robert Gantz (*1st Grade*), & Jeffrey Bennett (*Middle School Social Studies*)

Front Row: Kaila Ober (*Elementary Special Education*), Aleda Risser (*School Social Worker*), Emily Marks (*High School English*), Ruth Johnson (*Elementary Art*), & Katie Null (*High School Chemistry*).

ART DEPARTMENT NEWS



- The Art Club has been working to make the high school trash cans in the hallways more colorful by painting them with the styles and works of famous artists.
- The new chapter of ELCO National Art Honor Society has been working on the Lebanon County billboard contest and fundraising for their club with some student-designed t-shirts!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



Get into the holiday spirit! The ELCO School District Music Department will be presenting the following concerts:

- * The Middle School will follow on Thursday, December 7th at 7 p.m. This concert will feature the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands and choruses; as well as, the Select Choir, Echoes.
- * The Intermediate School will kick things off on Tuesday, December 12th at 7 p.m. featuring the beginner band, advanced band, and the 4th and 5th grade choruses.
- * The High School Music Department will round out the holiday concerts with their presentation of "GLOW" on Sunday afternoon, December 17th at 2 p.m. This concert will feature the concert band, chorus, R.O.C.S. and Jazz Band.

AG DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Reading Eagle recently highlighted high school student, Monica Arnold, in an article entitled "*Young Ag Leaders: Monica Arnold, Eastern Lebanon County High School*". Monica serves as president of ELCO FFA and has the responsibility of leading meetings, serving on committees and representing our chapter at various functions.

The article noted Monica's reason's for joining FFA, lists her proudest moment which she notes as when she participated in the Lebanon County Public Speaking Contest and qualified for the Area Speaking Contest. Monica is highly regarded by her FFA Advisor who notes his praises for her abilities. Great job Monica!



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every man has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some." -- Charles Dickens			1 HS Renovation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 6:00pm, HS LGI	2	3 No School for Students; Act 80 Day	4 Book Lover's Day! Relax and read a great book!
5 Curriculum Committee Mtg 5:00pm Board of Education Mtg, 6:00pm, HS Library	6	7 Election Day	8	9 HS Tri-M Induction and Recital	10 USMC Day	11 Veteran's Day
12 No School for Students, Parent - Teacher Conferences	13 K-5 Early Dismissal; Parent - Teacher Conferences. See website for dismissal times	14	15 HS Renovation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 6:00pm, HS LGI	16	17 HS Fall Play 7:30pm	18 HS Fall Play 7:30pm
19 Board of Education Mtg, 6:00pm, HS Library	20 HS NHS Induction 7:00pm	21	22 No School Thanksgiving Holiday	23 No School Thanksgiving Holiday	24 No School Thanksgiving Holiday	25 Myerstown Holiday Parade
26 No School Thanksgiving Holiday	27 French Toast Day	28	29	30 		

Calendar due to change; For the most up to date information, please check our website at www.elcosd.org
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December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 "December, being the last month of the year, cannot help but make us think of what is to come." -- Fennel Hudson					1 Eat a Red Apple Day	2
3	4 Reorganization Meeting & Board of Education Mtg, 6:00pm	5	6	7 MS Holiday Concert, 7:00pm Pearl Harbor Day	8 Early Dismissal; see District Website for exact dismissal times	9
10	11	12 Poinsettia Day Hanukkah	13 Ice Cream Day	14	15 Bill of Rights Day	16
17 HS Holiday Concert, 2:00pm	18 Bake Cookies Day	19	20 Go Caroling Day	21 Winter Solstice	22 No School for Students; In Service Exchange	23
24	25 No School Holiday Break Christmas Day	26 No School Holiday Break	27 No School Holiday Break	28 No School Holiday Break	29 No School Holiday Break	30 Bacon Day
31 New Year's Eve	Calendar due to change; For the most up to date information, please check our website at www.elcosd.org Preparing ALL students, K-12, to be successful for THEIR future!					

ASBESTOS RE-INSPECTION NOTICE

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Eastern Lebanon County School District has conducted inspections of all the school district buildings for the presence of Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM). An asbestos management plan for each building was developed detailing the location and condition of all ACBM along with the short-term actions to be taken to protect building occupants. These management plans are available for review by any interested person in either the District Administration Office or at the individual school during normal working hours. AHERA regulations require a re-inspection every three years by an accredited building inspector. This triennial inspection was conducted in November 2015.

DISTRICT POLICIES

STUDENT RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Eastern Lebanon County School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the District to amend a record should write the school principal clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, insurance representative, medical or educational consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the [School] to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

*Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202*

WWW.ELCOSD.ORG

DISCLOSURES WITHOUT CONSENT

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students' education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the parent or eligible student, §99.32 of the FERPA regulations requires the school to record the disclosure. Parents and eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A school may disclose PII from the education records of a student without obtaining prior written consent of the parents or the eligible student –

- To other school personnel within the educational agency or institution whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This also includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions (including, but not limited to, legal counsel, auditors, insurance carriers, educational consultants, medical consultants, and therapists), provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))
- To officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as the State educational agency in the parent or eligible student's State (SEA). Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To State and local officials or authorities to whom information is specifically allowed to be reported or disclosed by a State statute that concerns the juvenile justice system and the system's ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records were released, subject to §99.38. (§99.31(a)(5))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- To agency caseworkers or other representatives of State or local child welfare agencies, or tribal organizations who have the right to access a student's case plan and when such agency or organization is legally responsible in accordance with State or tribal law, for the care and protection of the student.
- Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11)). The District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District that it may not disclose such directory information in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

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- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets indicating height and weight of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with the following information – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

If you do not want this information released, you must send written notice annually to the office of the Superintendent before August 15. The following information regarding students is considered directory information: (1) student's name, (2) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (3) address, (4) telephone listing, (5) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (6) electronic mail address, (7) photograph, (8) degrees, honors, and awards received, (9) date and place of birth, (10) major field of study, (11) dates of attendance, and (12) grade level.

ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

Regular attendance ensures the continuity of the educational process, development of proper habits, the feeling of mastery through success, interest in school, a sense of responsibility, and those important character-building aspects, which have a positive effect upon later life. It is essential that parents and school authorities plan for anticipated absences together whenever possible. This will assure fulfillment of the school's aim to help pupils accept responsibility for their actions.

Excused Absence (*Absence due to illness, death in the family, a family emergency, or educational or family travel*): All decisions regarding family emergencies, or educational or family travel shall be made by the building principal. All family excuses must have proper written approval in order to be excused.

Unexcused Absence (*Under 17 years of age*): All absences that are not excused will be considered unlawful. Unexcused absences will include, but not be limited to, reasons such as non-approved travel, failure to attend without being ill, accumulated lateness (tardiness), non-approved work, remaining out of school to complete school work (unless given prior written approval by the building principal or attendance director), etc.

- **First Offense** (*Three [3] days of unlawful absence*): Official notice to parent.
 - **Second Offense** (*Any additional unlawful absence after first offense*): Prosecution.
- *All offenses shall be dealt with individually (case by case) by the school administration.*

REGULATIONS ON STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**Free Education and Attendance**

- A. All persons residing in the Eastern Lebanon County School District between the ages of 6 and 21 years of age are entitled to a free and full education in the District's public schools.
- B. Parents and guardians of all children between the ages of 8 and 17 are required by the compulsory education law to ensure that their children attend an approved education institution, unless legally excused. Students who have not graduated may not be asked to leave school merely because they have reached 17 years of age if they are fulfilling their responsibilities as students. A student may not be excluded from the public schools nor from extracurricular activities because of being married or pregnant.

Student Responsibilities

- A. Student responsibilities include regular school attendance, conscientious effort in classroom work, and

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conformance to school rules and regulations. Most of all, students share with the administration and faculty, a responsibility to develop a climate within the school that is conducive to wholesome learning and living.

- B. No student has the right to interfere with the education of fellow students. It is the responsibility of each student to respect the rights of teachers, students, administrators, and all others who are involved in the educational process.
- C. Students should express their ideas and opinions in a respectful manner.
- D. It is the responsibility of the students to conform with the following:
 - 1. Be aware of all policies, rules and regulations for student behavior and conduct him/herself accordingly. Each student shall assume that, until a rule is waived, altered or repealed in writing, it is in effect.
 - 2. Volunteer information in matters relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the school, community, and the protection of school property.
 - 3. Dress and groom to meet standards of safety and health, and not to cause substantial disruption to the educational processes.
 - 4. Assist the school staff in operating a safe school.
 - 5. Comply with federal, state and local laws.
 - 6. Exercise proper care when using District facilities, school supplies and equipment.
 - 7. Attend school daily and be on time to all classes and other school functions.
 - 8. Make up work when absent from school.
 - 9. Pursue and attempt to satisfactorily complete the courses of study prescribed by local school authorities.
 - 10. Report accurately in student media.
 - 11. Not use obscene language in student media or on school property.

NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

The Eastern Lebanon County School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Staff and parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify Douglas Dresch, Eastern Lebanon County School District, 180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067. Please include your email address if you would like to be notified electronically.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any staff, parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and anti-microbial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Buildings and Grounds at 717-866-4521 ext. 8514.

ANNUAL PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, SERVICES FOR GIFTED STUDENTS, AND SERVICES FOR PROTECTED HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Notice to Parents - According to state and federal special education regulations, annual public notice to parents of children who reside within a school district is required regarding child find responsibilities. School districts (SDs), intermediate units (IUs) and charter schools (CSs) are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for services via Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For additional information related to Section 504/Chapter 15 services, the parent may refer to Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Basic Education Circular entitled Implementation of Chapter 15. Also, school districts are required to conduct child find activities for children who may be eligible for gifted services via 22 Pa Code Chapter 16. For additional information regarding gifted services, the parent may refer to 22 PA Code Chapter 16. If a student is both gifted and eligible for Special Education, the procedures in IDEA and Chapter 14 shall take precedence. This notice shall inform parents throughout the school district, intermediate unit, and charter school of the child identification activities and of the procedures followed to ensure confidentiality of information pertaining to students with disabilities or eligible young children. In addition to this public notice, each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school shall publish written information in the handbook and on the web site. Children ages three through twenty-one can be eligible for special education programs and services. If parents believe that the child may be eligible for special education, the parent should contact the Director of Pupil Services. Children age three through the age of admission to first grade are also eligible if they have developmental delays and, as a result, need Special Education and related services. Developmental delay is defined as a child who is less than the age of beginners and at least 3 years of age and is

considered to have a developmental delay when one of the following exists: (i) The child's score, on a developmental assessment device, on an assessment instrument which yields a score in months, indicates that the child is delayed by 25% of the child's chronological age in one or more developmental areas. (ii) The child is delayed in one or more of the developmental areas, as documented by test performance of 1.5 standard deviations below the mean on standardized tests. Developmental areas include cognitive, communicative, physical, social/emotional and self-help. For additional information regarding Early Intervention Services you may contact IU13 at (717) 606-1601.

Evaluation Process - Each school district, intermediate unit, and charter school has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. For information about procedures applicable to your child, contact the school, which your child attends. Parents of preschool age children, age three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to the intermediate unit staff at 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Consent - School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website, www.Pattan.net or on the ELCO School District website. Once written parental consent is obtained, the district will proceed with the evaluation process. If the parent disagrees with the evaluation, the parent can request an independent education evaluation at public expense.

Program Development - Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professional and parents determine whether the child is eligible. If the child is eligible, the individualized

education program team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement. Once the IEP team develops the program and determines the educational placement, school district staff, intermediate unit staff, or charter school staff will issue a notice of recommended educational placement/prior written notice. Your written consent is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

Confidentiality of Information -

The SDs, IUs and CSs maintain records concerning all children enrolled in the school, including students with disabilities. All records are maintained in the strictest confidentiality. Your consent, or consent of an eligible child who has reached the age of majority under State law, must be obtained before personally identifiable information is released, except as permitted under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The age of majority in Pennsylvania is 21.

For additional information related to student records, the parent can refer to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

This notice is only a summary of the Special Education services, evaluation and screening activities, and rights and protections pertaining to children with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, and their parents. For more information or to request an evaluation or screening of a public or private school child contact your child's building principal or the Director of Pupil Services. For preschool age children, information, screenings and evaluations requested, may be obtained by contacting the Intermediate Unit.

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The Eastern Lebanon County School District is an equal opportunity educational institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex and handicap in its activities, programs or employment practices, as required by Title VI, Title IX and Section 504. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact Mrs. Amy Shoemaker, Title IX Coordinator, 180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067 (717) 866-7117

The ELCO Communicator

Eastern Lebanon County School District
180 ELCO Drive
Myerstown, PA 17067



HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE

December 7: MS Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ HS)

December 12: IS Holiday Concert (7 p.m. @ HS)

December 17: HS Holiday Concert (2 p.m. @ HS)

WEATHER AND DELAY INFORMATION

Information on ELCO delays, closings, and early dismissals will be available on local radio and television stations.

ELCO also uses ***“Global Connect”*** which generates a phone call to the designated number(s) when school is delayed, closed or if there is an early dismissal. If you wish to change/add your contact number(s), please notify your child’s building administrative assistant.

Early Dismissal:

HS	7:30 a.m.	12:20 p.m.
MS	7:35 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
IS	8:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Elementary	9:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
AM Kdg.	9:00 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
PM Kdg.	11:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.

**Weather Related Dismissals – no PM Kindergarten*

Two-Hour Delay:

HS	9:30 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
MS	9:35 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
IS	10:45 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Elementary	11:00 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
AM Kdg.	11:00 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
PM Kdg.	1:45 p.m.	3:30 p.m.