

January, 2018

**ELLSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELING NEWSLETTER**

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

January 3, 2018	Promo Fair
January 12, 2018	ACT postmark deadline (Feb. test)
January 12, 2018	End of Term 2
January 15, 2018	No School
January 17, 2018	Last day to add/drop Term 3 classes
January 23-25, 2018	STAR Assessment Testing
February 10, 2018	ACT Test - Retest off site
February 12, 2018	Parent/Teacher Conferences for Term 3 - 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Parents and Sophomores meeting at 6:30 p.m.
February 16, 2018	No School
February 16, 2018	ZAPS ACT Test Prep workshop for Juniors
February 27, 2018	ACT Test given to all Juniors
February 28, 2018	ACT WorkKeys given to all Juniors

2018-2019 Registration

In December, we began the class registration process for the 2018-2019 school year. The counselors met with all students to discuss and hand out registration materials. The counselors and teachers help advise students on which courses to take, however parent involvement is also essential! Parents need to approve and sign their student's course selection sheet before it can be turned in. **All students will be completing the registration on-line, independently, this year.**

NEW THIS YEAR! EHS PROMO FAIR: All students and parent(s)/ guardian(s) of 8th-11th graders will have the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Promo Fair at Ellsworth High School on January 3rd, 2018 between 1-5pm. Students will receive their 2018 registration materials during the week of December 11th and should bring the materials with them to the Promo Fair. While at the fair, students can visit a booth representing each academic department and have the opportunity to speak with teachers about the best course selection for their potential career path (and acquire signatures as requested). This is when planning for students 2018-19 school schedule will occur. We encourage **ALL** families to attend.

3rd term begins

2nd term ends on Jan. 12th and 3rd term begins Jan. 16th. This is a reminder that **students only have the first 2 days of the term to add/drop 3rd term classes!!** After that the student receives an "F" for the dropped class.

3rd term Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences at the high school will be on Thursday, Feb. 12th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. **Parents and Sophomores will meet at 6:30 pm in the IMC for a Sophomore Class meeting.** Topics covered will be information specific for sophomores.

Career Cruising

Ellsworth High School has been using an online tool available to students, called Career Cruising, for students to use for post-secondary planning. Students can access the website from any computer with an Internet connection and will have access even after they graduate. Career Cruising will help students answer the following questions:

- What occupations match my interests, skills and values?
- What education/training do I need for specific careers?
- What can I expect to earn in a specific occupation?
- Which schools have the major I am looking for?
- And *much* more! Career Cruising also has resume maker, links to school websites, and many other useful tools. You can also search for colleges by degree type, major, size, athletics offered, and more.

****New to Career Cruising: Method Test Prep** is an online course that helps students build their math, reading, writing, and ACT test prep skills so students can prepare for this important test. All EHS students can access Method Test Prep on Career Cruising. Please see the counseling office for more information.

Students should stop by the Counseling office for their log in information. We encourage *all* students to use their account for planning purposes.

Youth Options Program

The Youth Options program allows all public high school juniors and seniors who meet certain requirements to take postsecondary courses at Wisconsin technical and 4 year colleges. The program opens the door to greater learning opportunities for all students. The student does not pay for the postsecondary course if the school board determines the course may receive high school credit and the course is not comparable to a course offered in the school district.

The Ellsworth School District will pay for a maximum of 18 college credits over the span of a student's junior and senior year.

Next year's juniors and seniors interested in possibly taking a Fall semester 2018 postsecondary class must notify the counseling office by March 1, 2018 of their interest. Notification is done by signing a form that can be picked up in the Counseling office or by going out to the counseling website and printing off the "Youth Options Registration Form".

For more information, contact the EHS Counseling office.

Senior Postsecondary Applications

Many seniors still have not completed an application to any postsecondary institution! Some schools have already stopped taking applications; however, many are still accepting student applications. Seniors that are considering any type of schooling next year need to get applications turned in. Popular major's fill quickly.

ACT test - All Juniors

All Juniors will be taking the ACT test on February 27th and the ACT WorkKeys on February 28th. These tests will be taken at the high school.

Prior to taking the ACT, it is recommended that students take Chemistry, American Lit, and Algebra II.

On Monday, February 16th, EHS will be offering an ACT Prep Workshop at the high school from approximately 9:00 - 3:00. The cost is \$79.00. More information will be sent out to all junior homes. There is NO SCHOOL on February 16th. This class is NOT mandatory.

Students can sign up during Excel time to complete ACT prep courses in each subject area. This is web based so once a student signs up, they can access it outside of school.

ACT Admissions Test

The ACT is a 4 year college admissions test taken by juniors and seniors. There are 3 more **re-test** dates this year:

February 10, 2018

Registration deadline is Jan. 12, 2018

April 14, 2018

Registration deadline is March 9, 2018

June 9, 2018

Registration deadline is May 4, 2018

Open Enrollment

The window for applications for open enrollment in another school district is February 5th - April 30th, 2018. Forms and more information can be obtained from the school district office at 273-3900.

Student Opportunities

2018 Badger Girls State program: The Ellsworth and Bay City Legion Auxiliaries are once again sponsoring two female EHS junior students to participate in the summer 2018 Badger Girls State program. The program is from June 18 - 23, 2018, on the UW-Oshkosh campus. Candidates for eligibility must be: US citizens, have an interest in government and citizenship, rank in the upper half of her class, be in good health, have leadership qualities, dependability, and participation in extra-curricular activities. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about government and the political process, to meet new people and learn about scholarship opportunities. The legion auxiliaries cover the costs of the week. For more information see Ms. Bruesewitz in the Counseling office.

*Any Junior boy interested in Badger Boy State should see Mr. Stoesz. The program is from June 9 - 16, 2018 and is held on the Ripon College campus.

Engineering Tomorrow's Careers Camp: U of W - Madison and the Society of Women Engineers will be hosting a summer camp for high school girls who have an interest in

science and/or mathematics June 17 – 22, 2018. The camp allows young women to explore various engineering disciplines. The cost is \$250.00. First priority will be given to girls who are currently juniors and sophomores. For more information, please see the school counselors or see their website at: www.uwetccamp.wordpress.com/application-to-2018-camp/. Deadline for registration is midnight on March 2, 2018.

WI. State Senate Scholar Program: The Senate Scholar Program is an intensive week-long educational program offered by the Wisconsin State Senate. Admission to the program is highly competitive and is limited to 33 academically exceptional high school juniors and seniors from around Wisconsin. Each Senate Scholar receives a hands-on, up-close view of the Legislature's role in our democracy. For more information either see the counselors or go out to the following website: www.senatescholar.com

Upcoming Campus Preview Days

UW-LaCrosse	Feb. 16 th , 2018
UW-River Falls	Feb. 19 th , 2018

Financial Aid

One of the essential steps in starting the financial aid process for any student is to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The FAFSA is the most widely accepted form of applying for financial aid. **Note: Families should never pay for the FAFSA or for someone to complete it for them!**

Applications on-line can be found at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. (**not .com or .net!!**) **Be aware there are a number of false websites very close to this address.** Make sure you use the federal government website with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For more information on the Hope or Lifetime Learning income tax credits, the U. S. Dept. of Education Aid Programs, or the FAFSA look on the Internet at <http://www.ed.gov/studentaid>. **For more general information on financial aid and scholarships please check out the EHS counseling web page at www.ellsworth.k12.wi.us.**

Local Scholarships

All of the local scholarships for the Class of 2018 will be available in the Counseling office the second week of February. Encourage your student to apply because these scholarships go specifically to EHS students.

Scholarship Deadlines

Mensa Foundation Scholarship	Jan. 15 th , 2018
Foundation of the WI Automobile & Truck Dealers	Jan. 16 th , 2018
UW – Stevens Point – Trytten Scholarship	Jan. 31 st , 2018
Wisconsin Education Association Scholarship	Feb. 1 st , 2018
Dane County Farmers Market Scholarship	Feb. 1 st , 2018
Better Business Bureau/Students of Integrity	Feb. 15 th , 2018

UW - Madison Delta Theta Sigma Scholarship
Wisconsin Cattlemen/Cattlemen's Scholarship

Feb. 15th, 2018
Feb. 18th, 2018

***It is wise to contact the postsecondary institution you are planning to attend and request they send you any scholarship opportunity materials. Also find out from employers, organizations you belong to, churches, etc. to see if they offer scholarships to members or members' children.**

Wisconsin Title I Association Student Scholarship

The Wisconsin Title I Association will be awarding up to four \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors from Wisconsin. A scholarship committee from the Association will choose the student recipients. The scholarship will be awarded to the recipients at the Wisconsin Title I Association's spring meeting.

The scholarships are available to students to further their education by pursuing a two-year certificate or four year degree. Students who apply must have been in a Title I Program sometime during their Early Childhood through Grade 12 school career. Public as well as private school Title I students are eligible to apply.

APPLICANT MUST:

- Be a resident of Wisconsin
- Be a graduate of an accredited high school
- Show a sincere desire and interest in furthering his/her education
- Plan to attend an accredited university, college, or two-year technical college
- Have been in a Title I Program between early childhood and grade 12

Submit the completed scholarship form postmarked by midnight, **February 1, 2018**.

TIP Grant:

EHS seniors that typically would be eligible to apply for a TIP grant would be seniors that receive free/reduced lunch. If your child is planning to attend a 1, 2, or 4 year college in the Fall of 2018 in the state of Wisconsin they should definitely apply for this \$1,800 scholarship with the financial aid office of the college they are planning on attending.