Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

November 1<sup>st</sup>        Winona State University in Counseling Office during EXCEL
November 14<sup>th</sup>       MN State College-Southeast in Counseling office during EXCEL
November 14<sup>th</sup>       ASVAB test – Military Entrance Exam (Juniors or Seniors only)
November 14<sup>th</sup>       Army during lunches in cafetorium
November 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> No School
November 29<sup>th</sup>       St. Mary’s University in Counseling office during EXCEL
December 7<sup>th</sup>        Senior Wisdom Retreat – all day
December 8<sup>th</sup>        ACT test
December 10<sup>th</sup>       Parent Teacher conference 4:30 – 7:00
December 12<sup>th</sup>       Army during lunches in cafetorium
December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Vacation
January 11<sup>th</sup>        ACT postmark deadline for February 9<sup>th</sup> test
January 17<sup>th</sup>        End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
January 18<sup>th</sup>        No School

ATTENTION PARENTS:
The end of 1<sup>st</sup> term is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Report cards for 1<sup>st</sup> term will be handed out to students on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please ask your child for their 1<sup>st</sup> term grades.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Term 2 / Junior Parent Meeting –
Conferences at the high school will be Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Parents of Juniors will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the IMC for a Junior Class meeting. Students are welcome to attend!

Career Cruising
Ellsworth High School has a new online program 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.

Students can log on by being in their school email and then clicking on the Career Cruising link on the EHS website. We encourage all students to use their account for planning purposes.

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program –
The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Exploration Program offers both aptitude and interest assessments for students who are currently juniors and seniors. The program is designed to:
• Help students identify, understand, and organize information about their interests, abilities, and personal preferences.
• Determine which occupations best match their personal characteristics.
• Use career information resources to explore the occupations they select.

The aptitude test is a major component of the career exploration program because it is designed to predict future occupational and academic success. The military services use the ASVAB scores to help determine the qualifications of young people for enlistment and to place them in military occupational specialties. This test is required for students considering the military, however, students are NOT required to release their scores to the military.

The ASVAB will be given at EHS on November 14, 2018. Students need to sign up in advance in the Counseling office by November 9, 2018. There is no cost for the test.

ACT Aspire
All 9th and 10th graders will take the ACT Aspire test during the weeks of April 15th and April 22nd. The Forward testing for all 10th graders will be on April 25th.

EHS Daily Announcements –
We encourage you and your child to read the daily announcements at EHS. The Counseling Dept. puts in numerous items on a daily basis about student opportunities, scholarships, schedule changes, etc. Announcements are read daily over the PA before first block, are on the EHS website and also emailed to parents and students daily.

NCAA Eligibility –
Any junior or senior considering playing athletics at a Division I or II college should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. If you have submitted materials and have not heard back from the NCAA, check with your counselor. If you haven’t completed an application, they are available online at www.ncaa.org. Click on “Register to Become a Student-Athlete”. You can also find the NCAA link on the Counseling web page.
Congratulations to these students for being nominated as NHS Officers:
President – Alex Matzek
Vice President – Kailey Brenner
Treasurer – Emma Augustine
Secretary – Jack White

Student Opportunities:

2019 Profile in Courage Essay Contest: This contest provides students the opportunity to develop research, writing and critical thinking skills as they explore the concept of political courage. Students in grades 9 – 12 are eligible to apply. Seven scholarships will be awarded. For more information on this contest go to: www.jfklibrary.org Deadline is Jan 18, 2019.

2019 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 16 – 21, 2019, 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.

Campus Preview Days and Open Houses

November 13th and December 4th from 9:15am to 12:00pm
Chippewa Valley Tech College - Career Tour

November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, December 4th, 11th and 18th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m
Dakota County Tech College

November 8th
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College – WITC Career Day

November 10th
MN State University-Mankato

November 30th, December 1st & 7th
UW – River Falls

November 9th
UW – La Crosse

November 9th & 10th, 17th
UW – Stevens Point
November 2nd & 10th
UW – Stout

November 2nd, December 7th
UW - Whitewater

November 16th
UW – Oshkosh

November 2nd
UW – Green Bay

November 10th Preview Day
Viterbo

College Admissions –
Many seniors have already completed applications to post-secondary schools, however, a number of seniors haven’t applied anywhere yet. College and program deadlines are quickly approaching. Applications can be filled out on-line. After you apply, you must request to have your transcript sent through Career Cruising or fill out a transcript request form, located in the counseling office, to complete the application process.

**Check the school websites as some schools in Minnesota have free application days/weeks.

New Scholarships

Seniors should remember to check the scholarship binder in the Counseling office on a weekly basis.
New scholarships are added weekly.

Herb Kohl Excellence Scholarship – (information was emailed out to all seniors and senior parents on 9/14/18)
Due: November 4, 2018

Elks National Foundation 2018 Most Valuable Student Scholarship – www.elks.org/scholars
Due: November 15, 2018

Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin – www.wspe.org/efwi.shtml
Due: December 17, 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 2019 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.
Seniors should check directly with the college they are applying for admission to for available scholarships. Seniors should also register at www.fastweb.com for scholarship information.

Scholarship Information

Students can access scholarship information in the Counseling office and should use a number of free Internet searches including:

- FastWeb www.fastweb.com
- College Answer www.collegeanswer.com
- Absolutely Scholarships www.absolutelyscholarships.com
- Collegeboard www.collegeboard.com

BEWARE OF FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS!! A student should never pay a fee for a scholarship search or to apply for financial aid.

Financial Aid Resources

It is that time of year to begin thinking about the financial aid process. Financial aid deadlines vary greatly by college.

Where can I get more information?

1. Ellsworth High School Counseling Office
2. The financial aid office of the college you are attending
3. The federal financial aid office: 1-800-4FED-AID or access their website www.fafsa.ed.gov

**Watch carefully for imitation websites that charge a fee. (example of an imitation would be “fafsa.com”) There is NO fee for the legitimate federal application.

Tips For Applying For Financial Aid

- Apply for a PIN number now! Go to www.pin.ed.gov to sign up for a personal identification number which will allow you to sign your FAFSA electronically, review and if necessary make corrections on your application, check the status of your application and reapply for financial aid in the future. Parents can apply for their own PIN’s in order to sign their children’s FAFSA electronically. Parents who have multiple children applying for federal aid only need one PIN.
- Apply on-line! The processing is 1-2 weeks. www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Apply as early as possible after October 1, 2018.
- Use completed tax returns.
- Meet college priority filing deadlines.
- Keep a copy of all records.
• **Do not** omit the driver license or the drug conviction question.

• Be aware that information on 2019-2020 financial aid applications may be matched with data in numerous government databases.

• **Male students who have turned 18 should complete Selective Service registration prior to applying for financial aid.**

**College Goal Wisconsin 2018** – get free, on-site professional assistance completing the FAFSA. The FAFSA is the form you must complete to be considered for grants and loans to help pay for college. This program will be offered at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in New Richmond on November 5th and Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire on November 7th and at 6:00 p.m. See [www.collegegoalwi.org](http://www.collegegoalwi.org) for more info.

Financial Aid application “priority” deadlines vary from December 1st to March 15th. Check with your college.