

# EAST HIGH SCHOOL **LEOPARD NEWS**



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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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**Playing hooky. Sluffing. Truancy.** Call it what you may, at East High School there are many students who are struggling with chronic absenteeism. This goes beyond the occasional illness or orthodontist appointment—chronic absenteeism is categorized as such when a student misses school two or more times per month, or around 18 days of school in a single school year. According to the Child and Family Policy Center, more than 6.5 million students—or 13% of all students—miss three or more weeks of school per year. 9 out of 10 school districts in the United States experience some level of chronic absenteeism. When looking at data patterns, one thing is clear: across gender, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and ability, chronic absenteeism peaks in high school more than at any other time in a child's public education. This data impacts students nationwide and right here at East High School.

There are many challenges and frustrations that come with chronic absenteeism: getting behind, slowing the entire class down as teachers must catch students up on their return, in cases of intentional truancy--uncertainty of your child's safety. But the primary concern surrounding chronic absenteeism in high school: **it is the number one risk factor keeping a student from graduating.** In other words: chronic absenteeism during high school has a significant impact on a student's adult life, work, and success after they've entered adulthood. In fact, in a 2005 study by E. Allensworth and J. Q. Easton, it was found that 9<sup>th</sup> grade attendance was a better predictor of student dropout than 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores. Attendance has little to do with a student's raw academic *talent*; however, academic *performance* is always negatively impacted when classes are missed.

We at East are committed to trying everything within the parameters of best teaching practices, education research, and state and district law and policy to help our students get to class. Many of our changes in attendance policy and procedure are because of these factors. We are establishing policies based on what is proven to be best for students' overall well-being. But we cannot encourage good attendance without support from home. We all want the best academic outcomes for your child. And while high school students are often more independent and more responsible, their personal lives, schedules, social circles, and to-do lists are increasingly complex. Simply put: they are still kids who need the direction, guidance, and support of all the adults in their life. To help your child regularly attend school, and to ensure you know what happens after you drop them off or they leave the house each morning, please consider the following tips:

Ensure you have your own login and access to PowerSchool separate from your child's login to ensure all contact info is accurate and up-to-date.

- Better yet, download the PowerSchool app for the most timely information about your child's academic and attendance record.
- Pay attention to the notifications sent by East High and PowerSchool. These are often connected to your child's attendance and other important schedule information.
- Limit technology use after a certain time each night.
- Establish routines: have your child lay out clothes, pack backpacks and binders, and other items in the evening to ensure an easier morning.



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- If you notice your child has missed a class for a reason you haven't sanctioned, have a conversation with them about their attendance and the impacts of absenteeism.
- If your child seems frequently anxious about going to school, please contact counselors, teachers, administrators, or even other parents about how to best help your child feel more safe and comfortable at school.

It truly takes a village to raise your beautiful children into the intelligent, capable, responsible, accomplished adults we all hope they become. We here at East feel lucky because we see so much of who they are becoming as they transition through adolescence toward adulthood during their time with us. We also know that attending classes and learning all they possibly can is a critical piece in establishing a solid foundation of future success. Please speak openly with your children about the value of attendance. And please feel free to reach out to us if you need any help in ensuring your child takes advantage of every academic opportunity they have here.

Greg Maughan  
*Principal*



## NAEP is Coming to East High!

A randomly selected group of our 12th graders will represent thousands of others across the country on February 1, 2019. Known as The Nation's Report Card, NAEP, or National Assessment of Educational Progress is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students in the United States know and can do in a variety of subjects. Learn more at <http://1.usa.gov/1jVs1Wt>.

## Sterling Scholar Applications

Sterling Scholar Applications are now available in the Main Office. Please submit completed applications to Mrs. Arrington in room D305 by November 5. Interviews will begin November 12-15.

## Keys to Success Program

Keys to Success provides students with dozens of resources and tools to help plan for the future. Receive personalized notifications according to your interests. Explore all the opportunities and gain points by earning Key Cards, exploring internships, applying for scholarships, and then redeem points for great prizes. Watch a short informative [video](#) on the website or app to learn more. This program is well worth your student's time!

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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**Students, pick up a November Scholarship Newsletter in the Counseling Center for more scholarship opportunities.**

## NOVEMBER

### RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

CRITERIA: For African American seniors who excel academically, show leadership potential, and are involved in community.

AMOUNT: \$10,000/year

DEADLINE: Priority Nov 1. and regular Jan. 9

WEBSITE: [www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org)

### BENNINGTON YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

CRITERIA: 10, 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students submit one of the following: poetry (a group of three poems), fiction (a short story or one-act play), or nonfiction (a personal or academic essay).

AMOUNT: \$250 - \$500

DEADLINE: Nov. 1

WEBSITE: [www.bennington.edu/go/news/young-writers-competition](http://www.bennington.edu/go/news/young-writers-competition)

### PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

CRITERIA: Grades 5-12. School's top community volunteer.

Legal U.S. residents.

AMOUNT: \$1,000 and a trip to Washington D.C.

DEADLINE: Nov. 6

WEBSITE: [www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm](http://www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm)

### DAR GOOD CITIZENS SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: Seniors who demonstrate good citizenship, dependability, patriotism, leadership. One student nominated per year per school.

Submit 500 word essay to Alisa Kearn in the Counseling Center.

Topic: Our American History and Our Responsibility for Preserving it.

AMOUNT: Award of \$250.00–5,000.00

DEADLINE: Nov. 15

NO APPLICATION: Submit essay to Alisa Kearn in the Counseling Center.

### SOMOS UTAH HISPANIC BUSINESS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: Senior students in good academic standing. Must be of Hispanic/Latino descent. Demonstrated leadership and/or community service. Must be planning to attend a Utah college, university or vocational school.

DEADLINE: Nov. 15

AMOUNT: Varies

APPLICATION: [www.somosfoundationutah.org](http://www.somosfoundationutah.org)

### ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: Seniors with academic excellence based on GPA, ACT, courses taken, extra-curricular activities, and financial needs.

Suggested top 5% of graduating class.

AMOUNT: \$1,000-\$15,000

DEADLINE: Nov. 15

WEBSITE: [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)

### JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: Graduating high school student with at least 3.5 GPA.

High ACT or SAT scores. Demonstrated financial need.

DEADLINE: Nov. 20

AMOUNT: up to \$160,000

WEBSITE: [www.jkcf.org/scholarships](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships)

### DANIELS FUND SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA: Senior, US citizen with demonstrated financial need. Students with strength of character, leadership potential, academic performance.

AMOUNT: Varies according to need

DEADLINE: Opens Sept. 14, due Nov 29, 4:00 PM

WEBSITE: [www.DanielsFund.org](http://www.DanielsFund.org)



# COUNSELING CENTER

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## ACT

The next ACT exam will be on **Saturday, December 8, 2018**. Bring your admittance paper, picture ID, pencils, and approved calculator. No cell phones or pagers are allowed. See [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information.

Other ACT test dates are as follows:

**Sat., February 9, 2019** - Registration Deadline of January 11, 2019

**Sat., April 13, 2019** - Registration Deadline of March 8, 2019

**Sat., June 8, 2019** - Registration Deadline of May 3, 2019



# THEATRE DEPARTMENT

## CHANGING MINDS

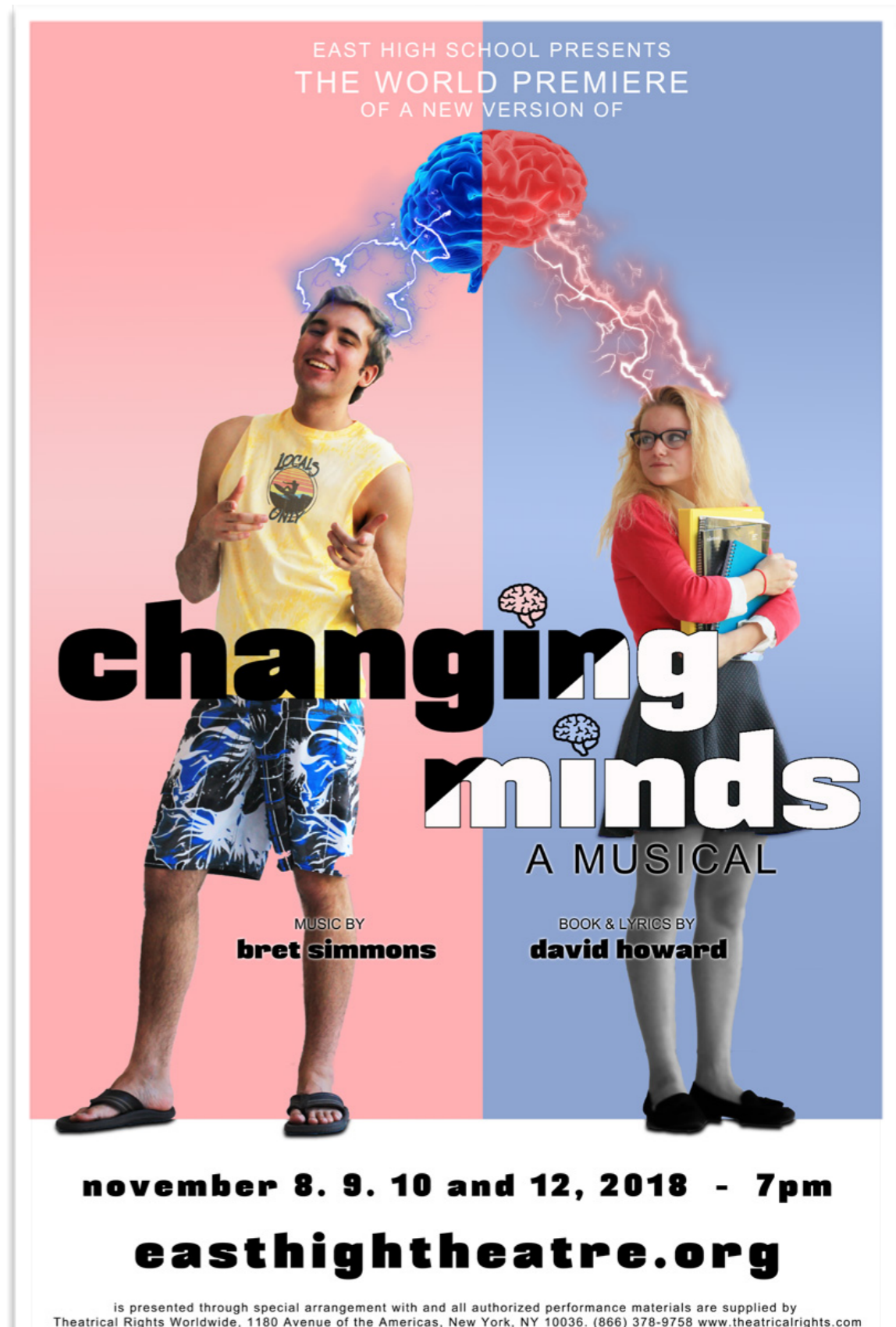
East High theatre students are enjoying the unique experience of collaborating with the original authors of their fall musical. They will present the world premiere of an updated version of the musical *Changing Minds*.

*Changing Minds* is a pop musical written in 2011, specifically for high schools, by David Howard (author of *Galaxy Quest*) and composer Bret Simmons (music director for countless film and television projects). When East's theater director Kevin McClellan found the musical, he recognized one plot event that could be problematic. In 2011 this event may have been presented as a harmless prank, but in light of recent news events, it could not be taken lightly. McClellan contacted the authors about a possible change, and they not only agreed, they decided to update the entire show.

This past summer, East High actors had the awesome experience of reading through the script with author and composer, which inspired new edits to the show. Howard and Simmons have been involved throughout the rehearsal process as well. East High teachers and students were among the first to receive the new screenplay, and the actors may actually see their suggestions, improvisations, even their in-rehearsal bloopers become part of the new script. This process has been similar to what professional actors do when they originate roles in a new work of theater.

The story: When Natalie (school brainiac) and Kyle (surfer dude) make some spiteful wishes at a magical well, they discover that they have exchanged brains. How will Kyle, inside Natalie's head, keep her from losing her scholarship? How will Natalie keep Kyle from losing his beautiful but demanding girlfriend? A large ensemble cast and pop music enhance this fun teen comedy based on a musical called, *Head Trips*.

The musical will be presented **November 8-12 at 7pm** in the East High Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at [easthightheatre.org](http://easthightheatre.org).



# ART DEPARTMENT

## ART CLUB SEARCHES FOR SUGGESTIONS

The Art Club is looking to launch a school wide art project that could merge the two East High themes of “We Are East” and student government’s theme of “All In”, and are seeking the suggestions of students, parents, and teachers as to what that project may look like and where it might be placed.

The project will be most successful if it incorporates the efforts of a majority of the student body and is located in a highly visible location. Depending on what that project might be, it could be located inside the school, outside the school, on the exterior of the building, on an athletic field, or a place we haven’t thought of yet. The project itself could be digital or hand- made, 2D or 3D, permanent or temporary. But mostly we need suggestions from you to make it happen!

We have an Instagram account to receive your ideas, Thearteast. We are placing actual suggestion boxes at several locations including an art room C105, the Library, and Student Services. The Art Club will read and log suggestions and present them to the Administration, the Custodial Department, and SIC. Some Fundraising may also be required, if so you will hear more about that in future media campaigns.

Here is a sample suggestion form, please feel free to cut this out and copy it for your suggestions.

Art Club “Theme” Project: Deliver this form to an Art Club Member, Ms. Pence, or one of the Suggestion boxes.	“Who” are you? Name: Phone #/ text: Email:	“What” are you proposing?
“Where” do you envision it being installed?	“How” can we get the participation of the most students?	



# STUDENT SERVICES

## EXCITING STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT NEWS!

East High School Student and Family Support has entered in to a partnership agreement with Smith's/Kroger, as a part of their Zero Hunger Zero Waste Initiative. Smith's will be providing the Leopard Stash with all of their food supplies for the next three years. They will also provide a summer staff position and internships, allowing EHS student and family support to help more students and families in need. East High and the Salt Lake Education Foundation will host a ribbon cutting for the **"Grand Re-Opening of the Smith's East High Leopard Stash"** on **Nov. 20 at 10:00am**. If your schedule permits, please plan to attend.



## SECRET SANTA

Secret Santa time is fast approaching and we need your help to make it a great success! This program is for East High students and families, who need volunteers like you, to make Christmas happen. For those families or companies interested in taking part by sponsoring and shopping for a family in need, please contact Liz Bell at [lizkbell@msn.com](mailto:lizkbell@msn.com) or Angela Winters at [daveangwinters@yahoo.com](mailto:daveangwinters@yahoo.com).

If you are a family in need and would like to be a recipient, please pick up a form from Kris Barta in the student services center. All applications are due November 20.



# EAST HIGH ATHLETICS

## EAST GIRLS LACROSSE

East Girls Lacrosse team has completed a great fall season getting ready to play next spring. The girls participated in the Super Sevens tournament and made it to the finals in their bracket. Don't forget, Lacrosse will be an official school sport and it will be a lot of fun for girls at the school to be involved with our fabulous team!

Being on the Lacrosse team has been a great experience for the girls and they want to get more girls involved to help build a successful team. Players from all grades are invited to play and no experience is necessary. Equipment is available too. There was a team meeting on October 30 to talk about playing next spring. Any girl who missed the meeting and is interested in joining the team should contact Ms. McCleary in Room A311.

Go East Girls Lacrosse!!

## EAST SWIMMING

East swimming season has begun and we are our first meet is just around the corner! Coach Max and his coaching team of Logan, Jack and Griffin are looking forward to a great season and welcome back all the returning swimmers and new swimmers!

This year's captains are senior Connor Rich, and juniors Magy Mayer, Michael Long and Jennie Wilson. The team parents of Bonnie, Amanda, Jenn, Maritza and Coleen have been busy planning and fundraising for the team and are excited to host some wonderful events!

The Varsity roster has been announced and consists of Connor Rich, Magy Mayer, Lily Mayer, Katya Hulse, Ashleigh Tanner while Varsity invited members are Lydia Bates, Sebastian Trias, Dominic Gannon, Aliyah Gomez, Natasha Gannon, Chesco Dorigo, Abrina Gomez, Clarie McCallum and Julia Middleton.

We are getting ready to have our first HOME meet at Steiner on **Tuesday, November 13 at 3:30pm**. Come cheer on your fellow classmates!

Please take a look on the blog [eastswimteam.wordpress.com](http://eastswimteam.wordpress.com) for the latest information. If you have questions - call, text or email Coach Max, the captains, or team parents - we are always happy to help!



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## EAST GIRLS SOCCER

The East High School Women's Soccer program had a fantastic year with the participation of 59 girls in three teams: Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman/Sophomore. The Varsity Ladies finished the year with a trip to the State tournament. Although the team lost in the first round to the eventual State champions, the coaching staff felt the outcome of that game was determined by an early injury and a couple of unfortunate events. The girls played a fantastic match where they created plenty of chances, controlled play and matched the quality of their opponent. Soccer can be a cruel game and despite the circumstances of the day, the girls continued to fight until the final whistle. The East High School Soccer Women made our school proud!

We would like to congratulate all participants in the program, and in particular, we would like to highlight the following seniors who were recognized by the Utah High School Activities Association as Academic All-Region for Girls Soccer:

- **Charlie Barta**
- **Carolyn Boyden**
- **Kate Christensen**
- **Jane Gardner**
- **Adelaide Johnson**

In addition to this fantastic honor and achievement, the following two seniors have also been recognized by the Utah High School Activities Association as Academic All-State for Girls Soccer:

- **Carolyn Boyden**
- **Kate Christensen**

The Deseret News all-state GIRLS soccer ballots for 5A are out and 12 of our girls' names have been submitted for consideration from other coaches for First Team, Second Team, and Honorable Mention. Good luck to them!

We would also like to recognize all families and friends involved in our program for their hard work in making this year fun and memorable. Thank you!!



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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**Hey, Leopards,** it's your Student Government here! We had an amazing month of October and we were thrilled with everyone's participation in **Homecoming** at Hogwarts! The Homecoming Carnival, movie and dance were a blast.

Other than the conclusion of Homecoming, the month of October brought the end of our fantastic fall sports. **Football, Women's Soccer, Cross Country, Women's Tennis, Men's Golf and Volleyball** all had amazing seasons and we loved coming out and supporting all of our student athletes. Many of these teams and individuals participated in State tournaments and represented our school very well.

We love our sports but we also love our arts! The **Harvest Moon Festival** was such a fun night to be a part of and the music department did a great job! The Student Body ended October with a bang in a school-wide dress up day, celebrating **Halloween**. The Freshman and Senior classes each won 750 spirit points!

Looking forward to this month of November, we have some exciting things happening! We are starting off the month with a **Student**

**Government and Senate Pot Luck Dinner** to introduce our families and share our favorite family foods with each other. The Theater Department is getting ready to perform, **Changing Minds!** They will be performing on November 8th, 9th, 10th, and 12th. We are SO excited to see this! On November 14th we are having our first ever **SPIRIT BURST!** This will be a school wide morning assembly in our gym, featuring all of our success in fall sports and getting everyone ready for winter athletics! It's going to be amazing! On November 15th, there will be the **Fall Music Concert** featuring several classes and members of our music department! On Saturday, November 17th, our Student Senate is planning another school **Stomp** for all grades. Plan on coming and having a blast! We'll end the month with **Thanksgiving Break**, the start of **winter sports** and the middle of second term!

Thank you for being so amazing, East High! If you ever need help or have any questions, find anyone with a red sweater!

Kate Christensen  
*SBO Publicity*



# PTSA

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## Happy November!

PTA is looking forward to meeting next **Tuesday, November 6th at 9:30am**. Please email me any issues or questions that you would like added to our agenda.

The first term has come to an end! We have had a wonderful month participating in a few meetings and events at Glendale and are enjoying the families and kids that we have met. We also celebrated with the Gear Up program bringing chips and candy to recognize the hard work going on there. Homecoming week was wonderful! We have loved cheering on so many of our incredible athletes involved in a variety of sports this fall. The fine arts fundraiser was so much fun.

We look forward to a few awesome holiday projects that are coming up. Anyone in need of holiday help, or able to give a little extra this time of year can contact me anytime.

I love our school and the incredible kids, parents, teachers and staff! Thank you for making East wonderful.

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