



ACES in the COMMUNITY 2017

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ACES in the Community is an annual event where East High School students and staff give back to the Wichita area by spending a morning doing various community service activities. This year it was on April 13, 2017. It was a fulfilling day in which our students, staff, and members of our community all benefited from the hard work and effort that was put in by everyone involved.



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973-7125**Principal's Message**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is already April and that we are making preparations to finish the 2016-2017 school year. It does not seem possible that it has been four years since our graduating seniors entered the halls of East High. They have grown into young adults we can be proud of, and it has been our privilege to play a part in their growth and development. The graduating class of 2017 will celebrate their commencement at Koch Arena on Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 pm. I would like to invite every parent to come and enjoy the evening as we honor the 139th graduating class of Wichita High School East.

As I am sure that you are aware, our students and staff recently completed their school-wide participation in our "Aces in the Community" community service projects through their ACE groups. Student and staff participated in helping the community by either staying in the building and working or going throughout the city. I couldn't be more proud of our students and staff for the work that they did in representing East High School, and I am continuing to receive thank you notes from community members on how much they appreciated the work that our kids did for them. Special thanks go to Ms. Sara Richardson, Assistant Principal, for organizing this event. She spent countless hours making sure that everything was organized and ready to go. Please enjoy the pictures in the newsletter of our students and staff working.

As we finish this school year, we are in the middle of planning the master schedule for next year. Earlier this semester students selected the courses they want to take next year. They were instructed to take a copy of their selections home and share these choices with you. If this did not happen and you would like to know which courses they selected, please call and speak to a counselor in the Student Services Center, 973-7255. It is important to select courses that will prepare them for life after high school, whether this is a university, junior college, technical education, the military, or other job training. We would encourage you to review these selections with your student; do not hesitate to call a counselor and discuss potential options or make changes to the courses that have been selected.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching, and spring weather and the anticipation of summer vacation can cause many students to "forget" an assignment here, and a test there. It always saddens me when I observe a student work extremely hard the first weeks of the semester and then "forget" about their schoolwork at the end of the semester. Please help us motivate and encourage your student to stay focused and finish the semester successfully.

Thank you for a great school year, and don't hesitate to call with your questions or concerns.

Ken Thiessen
Principal

STUDENT SERVICE CENTER (SSC)

Kim Voth

973-7264

**Personal/Social
Counselor**

Conflicts, sexual harassment,
personal problems

Sherri Elliott

973-7262

Social Worker

Kathy Byrd

973-7032

Social Worker
Special Education

Hollie Dawson

973-7297

School Psychologist

Glenna Haney

973-7247

Nurse
Health Issues

Sandra Prevost

973-7259

**9th Grade Academic/
AVID Counselor**

Academic Concerns,
Tutoring Program

Kim Gonzales

973-7229

**10th Grade Academic/
AVID Counselor**

Shari Weatherson

973-7258

11th Academic Counselor
Military contacts, NCAA

Levan Gerstner

973-7263

**Senior/Post-Secondary
Counselor**

Brenda Jansen

973-7153

**College and Career Center
Specialist**

Financial Aid,
ACT Information,
College and Career
Information

Michael Boykins

973-7206

IB Counselor



Our days are happier when we give
someone a bit of our heart.

For a list of counselors and support staff,

visit the East High Home Page, east.usd259.org / Student Services / Student Service Center.

Therapists Available

If your student is struggling with mental health issues, depression or anxiety, you might be interested in having your student work with one of the two therapists at East High School. Your student would need to have a medical card or insurance card for service charges.

You would be required to meet with the therapist once before services start for your student.

If you would like more information, you can call Kim Voth, Counseling Coordinator, at 973-7264, or e-mail: kvoth@usd259.net.

Suicide

What you need to know!

If you are ever concerned about your child being suicidal, you can take your child to the Comcare Crisis Center at 635 N. Main. It is open 24 hours. A counselor will talk with you and your child. There is no cost. Please call 911 if you are concerned about another student who is suicidal.

Please call Kim Voth, 973-7264, if your child is dealing with depression or is hospitalized because of depression/suicidal issues - so we can help provide additional support at school.

LEADERSHIP/SUPPORT GROUPS

Your student may be selected to participate in a support group that meets weekly.

Higher Ground - "Challenge by Choice" is a support group for students who need some extra support and guidance. Topics include coping with stress, anger management, social skills, violence prevention, and drug education.

Brotherhood - David Gilkey meets weekly with two groups of boys. Activities include guest speakers, field trips, discussions about violence prevention, gang prevention, anger management, choices and consequences, drug education, and developing leadership skills.

Sisterhood - Lynn Gilkey meets weekly with two groups of girls. Activities include guest speakers, field trips, community service opportunities, building confidence, and developing leadership skills.

Please contact Kim Voth, counselor, 973-7264 or e-mail: kvoth@usd259.net, if you have any questions.

COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

Brenda Jansen, College Career Coordinator

<http://east.usd259.org>,

► "Students"

► "College and Career Center"

If you would like information on scholarships, upcoming college events and visits, and ACT Prep information, join us on twitter.



@BlueAcesCareer

Junior Information:

Summertime is the perfect time to look for scholarships and college information on the College and Career page on East High's website.

It's never too early to start visiting colleges to discover the right choice for you. Take the opportunity to check out their academic programs (majors), dorms, sororities, fraternities, dining hall, and campus.

Juniors heading into their senior year must have a minimum of 15 credits. If you have any concerns about your student's academic performance, please contact our Junior Counselor, Shari Weatherson, at 973-7258.

ACT Sign-Up

Your last chance to sign up for the ACT test this school year is May 5. Test Date is June 10. You can register online at:

www.actstudent.org. Our high school code is: 173206.

All Juniors need to take the ACT at least once this year. Many colleges have a November 1 scholarship priority deadline. Without an ACT score to report, students miss out on college scholarships!

Join Twitter @BlueAcesCareer for updates and scholarship information!

How Do I Send My Final Transcript To My College?

After graduation, your transcript will be available to send to the college that you will be attending. All transcripts must be sent electronically through this website: <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/130651/account>

Make a Parchment account, if you haven't already, and then request your transcript. You will need a debit or credit card to pay for the small service charge.

Do not email counselors or staff to send your final transcript. It must be sent electronically to the college that you designate.

Senior Checklist

Complete FAFSA (Federal Application Free Student Aid) found at www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Complete applications to colleges, universities or vocational schools
- Watch for your school's enrollment dates and Housing contract deadlines
- Check your college's email account for information regarding financial documents that need to be completed
- **Need a cap and gown? Call Jostens at either 1-800-Jos-tens or 316-681-2000, or order online at Jostens.com**

If your student needs any assistance with these items, please have your student stop by the College Career Center, or you can contact me, Mrs. Jansen, at 316-973-7153 or by email at bjansen@usd259.net.

Beware of companies offering to help with financial aid. Don't be charged for services that we offer here at East for free. Please contact Mrs. Jansen if you have questions.

SCHEDULE AND CLASS ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



May 16, Tuesday

1st hour 8:00 — 9:35
 2nd hour 9:45—11:20
 Lunch 11:20—12:20
 3rd hour 12:20— 1:55
 4th hour 2:05— 3:40

May 17, Wednesday

Ace Time 8:00 — 9:35
 5th hour 9:45—11:20
 Lunch 11:20—12:20
 6th hour 12:20— 1:55
 7th hour 2:05— 3:40



West will be our district summer school site this year. They will be offering the courses listed in the summer school brochure as long as they have enough students sign up. The determination to offer the class will be made the week after Memorial Day based on enrollment. Dates/times/expectations are listed in the summer school brochure.

Please visit with your student's counselor for enrollment.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR

East will offer extended year to East students that score a 50% to 59% in the following courses:

- English 1
- English 2
- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology
- Global Environment
- Earth Space Science
- Physical Science

The dates are the same as the district summer school, and students attend from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Once a student has brought their grade up to a passing score, they are finished—in the past students have worked from an extra 2 days to the entire 3 weeks.

For more information please contact Michael Archibeque or Karen Woodson, 973-7251.

SCHEDULE AND CLASS ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Course Enrollment 2017 - 2018

Students have selected their classes for the 2017-2018 school year. Parents can call counselors towards the end of May to review their child's schedule. In July, when parents and students return for enrollment, that will be your last opportunity to discuss any changes that you want to make to your student's schedule. It is very important that you and your child come to enrollment. Students will not be able to make any schedule changes after the first day of school.

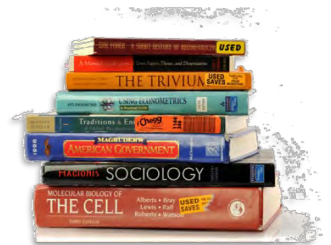
Obligations to Bookkeeper



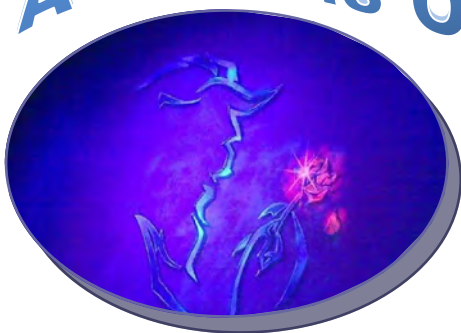
Senior obligations are due by 10 a.m. on May 5, 2017. If any other obligations are assessed after May 1, a written notice will be sent after June 9 to the address on file. Freshman, Sophomore and Junior obligations are due by May 12, 2017.

Textbooks

Textbooks need to be returned to the issuing teacher. Please do not leave them in a locker, the library, a restroom, on the floor in a hallway or another teacher's classroom. Do not ask a friend, a teacher, a counselor or any office personnel to return materials for a student. The replacement cost of all missing textbooks will be assigned to the student that has checked it out last.



A Tale as Old as Time



A Tale as Old as Time ... East High Prom will be held on **Saturday, April 29, from 8:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.** in The Hangar.

Prom ticket sales will be held the week of April 3- April 7 at lunch in the ticket booth in the gym foyer. Tickets are \$20.00. If you are bringing a guest, make sure to pick up their guest pass with their ticket in advance. Guest passes won't be handed out at the door. Tickets will be on sale one more time before the big event, on the morning of Friday, April 28 before school.

Tickets will also be available at the door, the price will go up to \$30.00

SENIOR INFORMATION



Saturday, **April 29**

Prom (8 p.m., East High Dining Room)

Saturday/Sunday, **April 29/30**

After-Prom Party (11:30 p.m.-2:30 a.m., The Alley)

Friday, **May 5**

Senior Barbecue (Lunch Hour, Sophomore Parking Lot)

Tuesday, **May 9**

Last Day for Seniors

Senior Breakfast (7:30 a.m., East High Dining Room)

Thursday, **May 11**

Graduation Practice (9 a.m., Charles Koch Arena, WSU)

Graduation (7 p.m., Charles Koch Arena, WSU)

Graduation Pictures

It's your senior's big night!

Pictures will be taken of each senior as he or she crosses the stage at graduation. Lifetouch Studios will take several poses which may be viewed online. Lifetouch will contact you via email following graduation so that you may access a link online. East's website will also have a link to Lifetouch after graduation.

How-Tos for Graduation

How To Dress for Graduation (under the gown):

Men generally wear dark trousers and a dress shirt and tie under their gowns. Women usually wear a lightweight dress or a blouse and a skirt that is shorter than the gown so it does not hang below the robe.

How To Wear a Graduation Cap: The high school graduation cap is worn flat on the head, one point of the square facing forward (like a diamond).

How to wear the Graduation Tassel: Tassels are worn on the right side at the start of the graduation ceremony, and the flipped to the left when graduates receive their diplomas.

How To Wear Your Graduation Gown: High school graduation gowns should fall midway between the knee and ankle. They are worn over regular clothing, zipped up in the front.

Need an Official Transcript?

1. Go to usd259.org/east
2. Select "Students" in the menu
3. Click on "Transcript Request"
4. Click "Sign Up" to set up your Parchment account.
5. Request student transcript



SENIOR INFORMATION

Graduation DVD



A professionally produced DVD of the graduation ceremony will be available for purchase. The DVD will be a video of the entire ceremony, including the presentation of diplomas to each student,

The DVDs may be purchased online at www.graduationwichita.com.

They may also be purchased by mail, sending payment to DPG, PO Box 1361, Wichita, KS 67201.

Orders placed by May 5, 2017, will be at \$9.95, and after May 5, 2017, \$19.95—plus \$4.95 shipping and handling.

In addition, the graduation ceremony will be streamed, live, on the Internet for family and friends that are not able to attend. Go to www.graduationwichita.com for details.

Need a cap and gown?

Call 1-800-Jostens (1-800-567-8367)

or go online to Jostens.com

To ensure the safety of all, the district's standard metal detection equipment will be used to scan all those attending the graduation ceremony.



**DO NOT BRING
balloons, beach
balls, horns,
flowers or
noisemakers.**

After-Prom 2017

This year the "After-Prom" party will be held at The Alley, 11413 E. 13th St. N., starting at 11:30 p.m., April 29, to 2:30 a.m. Last year, around 220 students attended the event.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO CHAPERONE THE EVENT.

If you are interested, please contact

**Randall Rogers, Assistant Principal, at rrogers@usd259.net,
or Alejandro Millan at amillan@usd259.net/316-973-7250.**

Parents / Guardians Response to a Crisis at School

WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING A SCHOOL **CRISIS**

1. **Do not come to the school.** You may not be able to get into the school. You may put yourself in harm's way or you may interfere with the emergency response actions of the personnel at the school site.
2. Stay where you are. Listen for information and instructions. Information will be conveyed through ParentLink, Wichita Public Schools social media, the district's cable channel, through our website www.usd259.org, and local media.
3. You will be informed of where to go to be reunited with your child. The "Reunification Site" for your school is the place where you will be allowed to pick up your child. Please be patient and follow the instructions. Several precautionary measures will be in place to ensure the safe return of your child.
4. **Do not call the school or your child** if he or she has a cell phone. The circuits you are using may be essential for the emergency response.
5. School will resume as quickly as possible. It is true that "getting back to normal" is the most reassuring response for children and adults.
6. After the crisis, talk with your child about the situation and listen to your child's fears and concerns. Share ongoing concerns with your child's teacher and/or a counselor.

HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF A SCHOOL, DISTRICT, OR COMMUNITY EMERGENCY:

- **ParentLink automated calling system** (sends both a phone message and e-mail message) from your child's school (if the emergency is an isolated incident).
 - **District and the school website and social media.**
 - **Local Media**
- * Not all of the emergency notification resources will be used for each situation. If you have questions about how you will receive notification in a particular situation, please contact your child's building.

NOTE:

It is important to keep in mind that all **emergency notification is based on information in the district's student database.** If **your contact information changes** during a school year, **PLEASE notify your child's school** of this change so records can be updated.

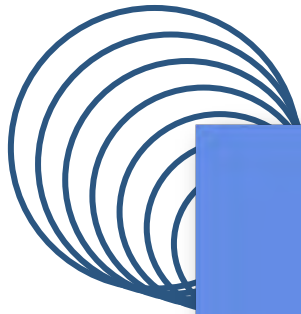
Safety Services Department
3850 North Hydraulic
Wichita, KS 67219
316-973-2260
Fax: 316-973-2261
www.usd259.org




**For assistance,
Contact your student's administrator's office:**

A-E	Katrina Green 973-7236
F-K	Karen Woodson 973-7251
L-R	Alejandro Milan 973-7250
S-Z	Stephanie Siems 973-7241
IB	Tina Sayler 973-7289

JOURNALISM



Going...going...



2017 Yearbooks

A limited supply of 2017 yearbooks remain for sale through the bookkeeper for \$65. You may call 973-7246 and pay with a credit card. The books will be delivered May 9. Seniors may pick up their books at the senior breakfast and all others may pick up their books beginning at lunch that day. Books will not be reordered when all are sold.

A **spring supplement** is currently in process and will be available in room E144 in August. The supplement will contain spring activities and sports and may be taped into the back of the yearbook. Supplements for seniors will be mailed to those who purchase a book.



Fall Pictures

The fall picture schedule is set.

Dates include:

- Fall pictures - August 30,
- Fall retakes, second chance photos - October 10, afternoon only
- Cap and gown pictures - October 10, seniors only
- Senior Panoramic - October 25
- Group pictures - November 17
- Cap and gown retakes - November 17

Prom Pictures



Formal pictures will be taken at prom, April 29, in front of a special background reflecting the theme, "A Tale as old as Time." Individuals, friends, or couples may order pictures or packages, which start at \$3. Payment must be made at the time that the pictures are taken.

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ATHLETICS

Athletic Physicals

All student-athletes who plan to participate in sports, cheerleading, or dance during the 2016-2017 school year will need a *new* physical dated after May 1, 2016, for this summer's camps, practices, and conditioning and for the 2016-17 school year.



**Take advantage of
\$10.00 physical night at East High on May 4!**

Additional information and physical forms are available at www.athletics.east.usd259.org.



2017-2018 Dance Team Tryouts

Dates: April 18-21, 2017

Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

Location: East High Small Gym

Tryout packets are available in the East High activities office as well as on East High's website under the athletics link. All students trying out must attend a mandatory informational meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be at East High in room G106. If you are unable to attend, please email Coach Blanton at Ablanton1@usd259.net.



AVID



AVID's mission is to **close the achievement Gap** by preparing all students for **college readiness** and **success** in a global society.

If you're interested in being a part of AVID and are a current Freshman or Sophomore, you should see Mr. Archibeque in the General Office for an application.

The application includes your personal information, an essay, and teacher recommendations. Grades, attendance, and behavior are also considerations for each application.

Questions about the program can be addressed to Mr. Archibeque, Mrs. Kurtyka, or Mrs. Uhls.



AVID junior Taylor Rico (left) and junior Iasia Brown (right) had the opportunity to Page for Representative Gail Finney at the Kansas State Capitol, March 29, 2017.

Way to go Aces!!!

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