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High School
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The Principal's Desk

Dear Trailblazer Family,

We are moving through February at a rapid pace. We had a busy week, but it was very productive.

Reminder - If your 10th student missed the opportunity to purchase a class ring, they have one more day. This Thursday, February 20, from 11:00 - 12:45, Herff-Jones will be here for ordering.

We will have our Annual Talent Show on Friday, February 21st at 1:15 p.m. Our juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, February 25 at Early College High School. If these students are going to miss a college class, they will need to speak to the Professor and let them know.

On Friday, February 28, we will have our EOC Luncheon. This is for the students who scored an A on the Fall End-of-Course Exam. This is always a fun time. On Wednesday, March 4, the juniors will be taking the SAT test. If these students are going to miss a college class, they will need to speak to the Professor and let them know.

As always, if I can be of assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

-Kandi Fleming, ECHS Principal

Upcoming Dates

**Thursday, February 20 - Ring Order
Make-Up Day - 11:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.**

**Friday, February 21 - talent Show at
1:15 in the B & C**

**Tuesday, February 25 - State ACT
Testing for Juniors**

Friday, February 28 - EOC Luncheon

**Wednesday, March 4 - State SAT
Testing for Juniors**

**Jr./Sr. Prom Tickets on sale NOW
through March 13th (see
attached)**

**Jr. /Sr. Prom - March 20th at Marina
Grande Dunes - 7:00 p.m - 10:00
p.m.**

**ECHS Graduation - Wednesday,
June 3 - 3:00 p.m. at HTC - CCU**



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HCS EARLY COLLEGE TRAILBLAZERS

[HCS Early College Store](#) is up and running. We are so excited to offer the opportunity to purchase ECHS Wear.



Nurse's Corner

In the spirit of **American Heart** month (February), most of us could benefit from making a few simple changes to keep our hearts healthy. Here are a few suggestions:

Simply Put:



Skip the salt; keep the flavor. Replace salt with flavorful spices and herbs like thyme, rosemary, and pepper!



Move more, make it FUN!

*** Try for 60 min/day or 10 min x 6...

it all adds up!

- Walk Faster
- Take the Stairs
 - Dance!
- Walk the dog
- Ride a Bike
- Park farther away from building entrance



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TRAILBLAZER

Pb&J uncrustable offered daily



DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS



MONDAY 2/17

No Lunch Student Holiday

Tuesday 2/18

Chicken Tenders

Chicken Taco

PBJ Grab & Go



Wednesday 2/19

Grits, Chicken Sausage, Cheese Omlet

French Toast, Sausage Pizza

PBJ Grab & Go Ham Chef Salad

Thursday 2/20

Chicken Parmesan / Rotini

Cheeseburgers

Ham & Cheese Sliders Grab & Go



Friday 2/21

Big Daddy Pizza

Chicken Filet Sandwich

PBJ Grab & Go

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February Students of the Month

2020 February Student of the Month @ ECHS



"Keep Moving Forward!"

Samantha

What has been your favorite moment at ECHS so far?
My favorite moment at ECHS so far has to be the first day of ECHS. I realized the amazing opportunity that was given to me and I knew I was ready for any obstacles that were to come.

When you get discouraged, what keeps you moving forward?

When I get discouraged, what keeps me moving forward is my family. They're my biggest support group and I wouldn't be here without them. Another strategy that helps me is thinking about my past, my future, and how far I've come.

What are your post-high school plans?

My post-high school plans are the following: go to either CCU or Duke to get my Master's in Psychology and my doctorate in Medicine. I want to become a psychiatrist that specializes in children.

What are your favorite clubs or community service opportunities?

My favorite club by far is the Student Council because it has shown me I like to be the leader and help better our school. My favorite community service is Parent's Night Out at my church. You watch over kids with disabilities while their parents are able to go out for the night.

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LeeAshia

What has been your favorite moment at ECHS?

My favorite moment at ECHS so far is being with my advisory family on Fridays and doing team activities with them when we go against other advisories. At the end of the week, I just need time to have fun.

When you get discouraged, what keeps you moving forward?

What keeps me from giving up is the award that pays off at the end. I always strive for determination at my weakest moments.

What are your post-high school plans?

What I plan to do after high school is to go to a four-year college and major in something in the medical field because I love math and science. I would apply to some internship jobs while I am at college to help me get a head start on my career.

What is your favorite club?

My favorite community service opportunity is helping make sandbags for people after the hurricane with my dad and with fellow church members.

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Jair

What has been your favorite moment at ECHS so far?
My favorite moment at ECHS so far has been able to do the Summer Reading assignment. By doing so, it allowed me to enjoy one of my favorite hobbies, which is reading.

When you get discouraged, what keeps you moving forward?

When I get this discouraged, I ask myself; Why would I let them win? I know what I'm worthy of and I know that people will knock me down. But I feel as though as long as I have that mentality of keeping going and proving them wrong, nothing can stop me.

What are your post-high school plans?

My post-high school plan is going to college. I would like to attend the University of South Carolina and become a nurse.

What are your favorite clubs or community service opportunities?

My favorite community service project is Baby Animal Day and River sweep.

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Demontait

What has been your favorite moment at ECHS so far?
My favorite moment at ECHS is when Ms. Fleming spoke to the class of 2020 about realizing our "WHY?" Since that speech, it allowed me to realize what I am trying to pursue and why I am trying to pursue it. It also let me know that I'm here for a reason, and that is to make a difference and to be the difference.

When you get discouraged, what keeps you moving forward?

When I get discouraged the thing that keeps me moving forward is the mindset that I have to know that I shall become. I shall become great, I shall become powerful, and I shall become mighty. I have to keep my hearts posture right and set on determination, and personal integrity.

What are your post-high school plans?

After High school, I plan to attend Piedmont Technical College to take up Mortuary Science and Funeral Services. When I am done with that schooling, I plan to take full charge of my Cosmetology business and pursue my career as a Mortician and Funeral Director.

What are your favorite clubs or community service opportunities?

My favorite club is the Disciples club of ECHS. Most of the community service I do comes from ministry.

These students exhibit critical thinking, communication, and personal & social responsibility skills that make a strong Trailblazer. Congratulations!

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- **Mr. Chappell - Room 221 - Social Studies - High School and College - Thursdays from 2:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**
- **Mrs. DeCerbo - Room 210 - Social Studies - any subject
Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month - 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
- **Mr. Hunt - Room 228 - Mathematics (including college)
Wednesdays - 2:45 - 4:15 - Other days by appointment**
- **Ms. Rautsaw - Room 222 - Geometry and any math
Wednesdays 2:30-4:30**
- **Ms. Woodard - Room 223 - Algebra 1
Thursday from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30p.m.**

Note: Please ensure your child is picked up by 4:30 p.m.



Please make sure you note the Make-Up Day Announcement. The days that we will be making up our missed time are:
February 18th, 2020.

[Guidance Google Classroom](#)

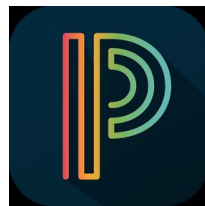


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HCS Early College Prom 2020

Dear Juniors, Seniors, and Parents:

We are excited to announce our 2020 Prom. We hope that this prom will be an occasion of happy memories for you. The prom will be held on March 20, 2020 from 7 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at Marina Grande Dunes.

The restaurant will serve heavy appetizers, ice cream bar, and tea/lemonade/water. The following are reminders of opportunities and rules for this event.

A junior or senior must meet the eligibility requirements stated below in order to purchase their ticket(s), and the purchaser must be able to provide proof of eligibility for their guest; all attendees will be verified. Any tickets purchased under fraudulent terms or conditions can and will be revoked at any time, with NO REFUND.

Tickets will be available:

- Now through March 13th***
- Up to February 14 - \$60.00***
- February 17 – February 21 - \$65***
- February 24 – February 28 - \$70***
- March 2 – March 6 - \$75***
- March 9 – March 13 - \$80***

No Sales after March 13th

Sales Locations: Monday – Friday - 8:30 – 4:30 in Mrs. Debbie McAdoo’s office or online at the Mypaymentsplus. No tickets will be sold at the door on the night of the event.

Eligibility Requirements:

- ALL School Fees MUST be paid to be eligible to purchase a prom ticket. This includes: café, textbooks, calculators, library fees, athletics fees, HGTC fees, etc.
- You must submit the name of your guest and a copy of a driver’s license or state issued id when you turn in your permission form.
- You MUST attend school until 11:30 a.m. on March 20th. If you plan to leave school early, the attached early dismissal form must be signed and returned when you purchase your ticket.
- ***Signed permission slips are due prior to purchasing a ticket.***
- All guests must not be more than 20 years of age and no younger than 9th grade.
- The ticket purchaser is responsible for their guest and all behavior thereof. Any misbehavior will result in the student and guest having to leave the event.
- Guests must be in good standing with the public school system. Students who have been expelled, attending Alternative School, etc. are not eligible to attend.
- January Completers are ineligible to purchase a Prom ticket; however, they may attend as a guest.
- Homebound and Home-based students are not able to attend prom in any capacity.
- You must arrive and sign-in with your guest. The guest you bring to the prom MUST match the name who is listed on permission form.
- Tickets are not transferrable.
- If you leave the Prom, you may not re-enter, and you and your guest must leave.
- **No Refunds for any payments will be given.**
- Non-ticket holders (such as parent, guardian or family member) will not be admitted to the Prom.
- Students need to be dropped off no earlier than 6:30 pm and picked up no later than 10:00pm.

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Prom Dress Code

The Prom is traditionally an opportunity for students to dress in formal attire. Young men typically dress in suits with ties or tuxedos. Young women typically wear formal dresses or evening gowns. At the ECHS Prom, students are allowed some creative freedom to express their personal style in their attire; however, there are a few basic attire guidelines to which all ticket holders must adhere in order to attend the event.

- **The length of skirts or dresses should provide appropriate modesty when dancing.**
- **Female dress/top bodices should appropriately cover the chest area.**
- **Male students should wear dress slacks and dress shirts with sleeves, with or without ties and jackets. Dress or casual shoes are allowed.**
- **Shorts should NOT be worn.**
- **Jeans should NOT be worn.**
- **Athletic attire should NOT be worn.**
- **HCS D guidelines prohibiting clothing with profanity, referencing or depicting alcohol, tobacco or weapons, will apply to Prom attire.**
- **Any student who has a concern about arranging appropriate attire to adhere to these dress code guidelines should speak with the ECHS school administration prior to the week of the Prom. No dress code conversations will be held at the door.**
- **Students will be required to acknowledge their understanding of the Prom attire guidelines before purchasing their ticket(s). Students and guests who arrive in attire not in compliance with the guidelines **WILL NOT** be admitted into the ECHS Prom and the ticket price will not be refunded.**

Ticket Pick-up

- Seniors may pick up tickets on Thursday, March 19th during the day from the front office.
- Juniors may pick up tickets on Friday, March 20th after 11:30 am from the main office.

Photos

Lifetouch Photography will be the official Prom photographer. Brochures for picture packages will be available with ticket pick-up. Pictures will be taken from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**** Photo booth pictures will be available from 7:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.**

Kandi Fleming

Principal and ECHS Faculty Prom Members

843-349-3131

Permission to Attend Prom

Form is due prior to purchasing a ticket.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS OR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY ISSUES.

Ticket Purchaser (please print): _____

Purchaser Signature: _____

(by signing you agree to all rules and expectations.)

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone # of Parent/Guardian: _____

Guest's name: _____

Guest's Address or School Attended: _____

Guest's Parent's Phone: _____

Parent Signature of Ticket Purchaser: _____



Copy of Guest driver's license/state issued id or current HCS student id.

Early Dismissal – Voluntary

Early Dismissal Permission must be completed and turned in when ticket is purchased.

The last day to purchase a Prom Ticket is March 13, 2020.

_____ Permission is given for my son/daughter (who is attending the prom) to be dismissed at 11:30 on March 20, 2020.

I am aware this is an unexcused absence.

_____ I DO NOT give my child permission to leave early on March 20, 2020.

Student's Name: _____

Time of Student's dismissal from school on March 20th, if after 11:30 a.m. _____

Parent's Contact Phone Number: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

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ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance – General Statement on Horry County Schools Policy

The South Carolina Attendance laws and policies are in the *Horry County Schools Parent Student Handbook*. ECHS will use the following procedures and policies to process student attendance. SC Truancy Law is defined in the handbook, as well.

High School Class Absences - Students will be allowed five (5) unexcused absences in a semester class, which meets every day to receive credit for the course. The Truancy Law states: A child who has accumulated three (3) consecutive unlawful absences or a total of five (5) unlawful absences in a school year is considered Truant.

Lawful absence - Lawful absences do not count against the student's total number of allowed absences and they include:

- a) Illness or medical appointment; documentation must be provided upon return
- b) Late bus
- c) Administrative or guidance reasons
- d) School sponsored trips or activities
- e) Extenuating circumstances approved by the principal
- f) District Approved Religious holiday

*On the morning of the student's return to school following an absence (excused or unexcused), a written excuse must be turned into the school secretary, in the main office. Students are cautioned that notes and excuses will be verified by the office, and forgeries will be dealt with as an administrative disciplinary matter.

Exceeding 5 absences - You WILL have to repeat the course, attend afterschool make-up or attend Summer School. SC attendance policy state, "Students who have absences in excess of those allowed by law and policy will be denied credit regardless of their grade."

ECHS tardy policy - Students who are tardy to school should report to the main office.

- 1st Tardy – Warning;
- 2nd Tardy - Students will be required to take the tardy policy home and have it signed by a parent/guardian
- 3rd Tardy – 2nd Warning
- 4th Tardy – Letter to parent
- 5th Tardy – Administrative Detention – 30 minutes
- 6th Tardy – Administrative Detention – 1 hour
- 7th Tardy – Administrative Detention – 2 hours

Sign out early - Prior to the start of the school day, a note signed by a parent/guardian that includes the following information should be submitted to the school secretary: student's name, date/time, phone number where parent can be reached to verify request, reason for early dismissal, and parent/guardian signature. If a student wishes to leave early without a note or without a parent/guardian physically present, permission must be verified by the school secretary before the student can leave. Arrangements will be made to dismiss the student at the appropriate time. If parents come to sign students out, we request that they do so during the change of classes so as not to interrupt instruction. The early dismissal does count as an absence unless it is for an excused reason as listed above. If a student misses a college class, the professor will count it as an absence regardless of the cause.

School Tardy due to Late Bus - All students who arrive on a school bus after the 7:55 class start time will be issued a late bus pass from the main office. It is the student's responsibility to obtain this pass and present it to the classroom teacher. **The only excused tardy is for bus riders on a late bus or students with a medical or legal note.**

Excused pass - Students that arrive to school with a medical or legal note should report to the office upon arrival for an excused tardy pass.

Do traffic and/or car problems count as an excused tardy? No, traffic and mechanical issues are not excused reasons for tardiness. Be aware that some college courses will count excessive tardies as a full absence regardless of reason. Check your syllabus and plan accordingly.

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DRESS CODE

Our dress code has been developed to help students prepare for the world of work/college. The dress code has been developed with modesty and appropriateness in mind. According to the Horry County School District Policy, student dress must conform to the following regulations:

1. Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety. (This prohibits the wearing of chains and studded clothing or accessories.)
2. Hats/Headwear, sunglasses, headphones/earplugs, sweatbands, combs/picks, hoodies, headscarves, bandanas, headgear, head coverings, and sunglasses are prohibited inside school buildings.
3. **The possession of all bandanas is prohibited at ECHS.**
4. Shoes must be worn at all times. No bedroom shoes/slippers are allowed at any time.
5. **Pants & shirt must overlap at all times.** Clothing should be worn so that undergarments are not visible.
6. Attire must not display any sexual behavior, sexual innuendos, or ethnic derogatories.
7. Items such as spiked jewelry (including body piercings), padlocks, chains, and metal heel plates are not allowed.
8. No vulgar, obscene or otherwise inappropriate symbols, language, pictures, or wording will be permitted on clothing or accessories. Clothing or accessories (ex. Bookbags, jewelry, hats, etc) that display weapons, alcohol, tobacco, or other drug symbols are not permitted. Clothing must not display any information about, representations of, or advertisements for alcoholic beverage(s), tobacco, controlled drugs, illegal drugs, or paraphernalia associated with the foregoing. Clothing which is controversial or disruptive is not allowed.
9. Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive.
 - a. Shorts, skirts, and dresses, even with leggings, jeggings, etc. must be longer than the student's fingertips when in a relaxed standing position. Slits/holes in clothing must also be no shorter than the student's fingertips when extended in the relaxed position.
 - b. See-through clothing, bare midriff tops, backless blouses, shirts/tops with low necklines, halter-tops, spaghetti-strap tops, muscle shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. All shirts must cover the undergarments. It is never appropriate to show undergarments.
 - c. Gym shorts, cutoffs, bathing suits and short shorts are not appropriate at school.
 - d. Appropriate undergarments should be worn and should be covered by outer clothing.
 - e. No pajamas or pajama bottoms/pants are allowed.

** The ECH community asks that students follow the spirit of the policy and not just the letter of the restrictions. Questionable clothing will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the administration and teachers.*

Consequences of breaking the dress code:

1st Offense: Student will be asked to come to the office and requested to change the inappropriate clothing, reverse the offending garment, or call parents. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation is corrected.

2nd Offense: Student will have to correct the dress code violation, parents will be notified, and the student will be assigned to afterschool administration detention. Additional discipline action will include, but not be limited to OSS and parent conference.

You must follow the instructions of the teacher or administrator regarding your dress. If you fail to do so, you will be written up for insubordination, which makes the issue worse. If you feel that your dress was unfairly criticized you may appeal to the principal.

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ELECTRONIC DEVICES – CELL PHONES*

Cell phone use at school - Students may use cell phones and other electronic devices before 7:55, after 2:25, and during the student's lunch period. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off and put away before entering the classroom.

Headphones and ear buds are not to be worn on the head, neck, or be visible during the times of 7:55 a.m. until 2:25 p.m.

The following consequences are in place for a violation:

1st offense: The phone will be confiscated, discipline infraction entered into PowerSchool, and a letter mailed to the parent.

2nd offense: The phone will be confiscated, discipline infraction entered into PowerSchool. The student's parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device.

3rd offense: The phone will be confiscated, discipline infraction entered into PowerSchool. The student's parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device and the student loses cell phone privileges at any time while on school grounds. ECH is not responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of any personal technology devices students choose to bring to school.

ECH students who violate this policy while in a college classroom will be dealt with at the discretion of the college instructor and HGTC policy.

- *The unauthorized use of cell phones and other electronic devices to communicate or access information during classes or testing is prohibited.*
- *The use of cell phones and other electronic devices in locker rooms or restrooms is prohibited.*
- *The use of audio or video recording capacity of any cell phone and other electronic devices is prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, or during regular school hours without prior permission from the building administration.*

Note: Refusal to obey any staff member who asks for a cell phone/ electronic device will result in an additional disciplinary infraction including an assignment of another day of OSS.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES - MUSIC

When can I listen to my Electronic device? These devices may be used before school, during lunch, and after school. Students may not use them in the hallways between classes.

This includes any type of ear buds or headphones.

* ECHS administration recommends that no items of value be brought to school. If any items are lost or stolen, the school will not be responsible for them.

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Thank you. We wish you and your children all the best for this year and beyond.

Sincerely,

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