

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

JANUARY 29, 2010

### CONFERENCE

### FACULTY

### DINNER

### SCHEDULE

TEACHERS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE DURING DINNER BREAK.

Communication Arts, Math, Foreign Language, and Physical Education will be unavailable from

4:45 — 5:30 p.m.

Social Studies, FACS, Fine Arts, Special Ed, and Science teachers will be unavailable from 5:30 — 6:15 p.m.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The staff, faculty, and administrators would like to invite you to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, February 11 from 2:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.**

During this time, you may pick up your child's Progress Report outside the Counselor's Office.

High school students perform better at school when parents and guardians take an active role in their education.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to visit with the teachers. This will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in that particular class.

### PARENT -TEACHER CONFERENCES

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**2:00P.M. — 8:00P.M.**

### HELP YOUR STUDENTS

Staying "in touch" with your student's work at school is very important. All the research shows that the more involved a parent is in their child's education the greater success that child will have.

Here are some things parents can do:

1. Find a quiet, uncluttered place for your child to work on homework/projects/study for tests.
2. If your child is involved in school activities, encourage him/her to use ELT to get their work done
3. Ask your child lots of questions about what is going on in school
4. Call or e-mail your child's teachers often.

# SPRING SPORTS AND TRYOUTS

Students planning on participating in a sport this Spring are required to have an updated physical on file in the Activities Office BEFORE Spring Sports practices begins on Monday, March 1st.



**Tigerette** tryouts March 1 thru March 4 at Excelsior Springs Middle School 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Cheerleading** tryouts March 8 thru March 12 at Excelsior Springs Middle School 5:00-7:00 p.m.



## “PIE” NIGHT (PARENT INVITATIONAL EVENING)

**Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug among youth today.**

Join us for a FREE dinner and inhale the truth about marijuana on Thursday, February 18th at Excelsior Springs High School.

Dinner—sponsored by Wabash B-B-Q—will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the high school Commons.

Please RSVP to: [Laurab@tri-countymhs.org](mailto:Laurab@tri-countymhs.org) OR call 877-0498.

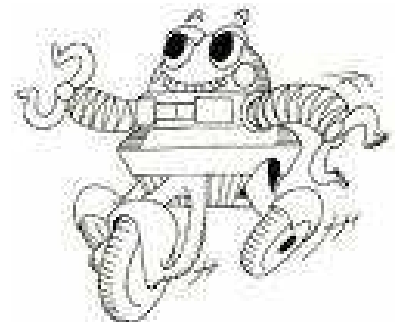


## ROBOTICS

Project X (robotics team) is hard at work in the middle of the build season.

We received the rules for this year's game Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Currently we are 3 weeks into the 6 week build time.

This year we are building a robot that can kick a soccer ball, roll over steep one foot high bumps, and attach to a 7 foot high bar and pull itself up. Our competition this year is at Hale Arena (American Royal) in Kansas City on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.



## STUCO BLOOD DRIVE

As a service to the community, Excelsior Springs High School Student Council coordinates two blood drives per school year. The first one was held in September. We collected over 73 units of blood and registered 89 volunteers.

The second **Blood Drive will be Friday, February 19, 2010**. It will be held on the deck of the gymnasium from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Students sixteen and older can donate as well as adults. Parent permission is required for those students who are sixteen. If a student is interested in donating, there will be a time during lunch to sign up for a time slot the week prior to the drive. Students who donate should be well hydrated and eat well prior to the donation.

If you have questions please contact Student Council sponsors, Susan Hevalow or Danielle Hankins

## MATH TEAM

The Math Team took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Louisburg Math Relays on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Math Team will attempt to defend their title at Smith-Cotton HS on Saturday, January 30. Last year's team received 1<sup>st</sup> place in this competition last year.

We are always proud of the team's effort especially considering that they will be getting on the bus at 5:45 am to take up to 5 math tests all before lunch. We have a great time doing all things mathematical during competitions and stu-

dents many times see questions that they may have not seen before. This is a great opportunity to get exposure to challenging math concepts which create great teachable moments.



## ACADEMIC TEAM

The Academic Team is entering the busiest part of the season. Halfway through the MRVC Quad meets, the Varsity team is currently ranked ninth in the conference and

the JV is ranked second. The team has the two final Quad meets at Holden on Feb. 3 and at ESHS on Feb. 17 and three upcoming tournaments at Holden, Mar-

shall High School, and Truman High School.

In March and April, the team will participate in the conference and district tournaments to round out the season.

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 11 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
12 NO SCHOOL  
15 NO SCHOOL  
18 PIE Night  
26, 27 *Medea*, presented by ESHS Theatre

19 NO SCHOOL

### APRIL

- 2 NO SCHOOL  
5 NO SCHOOL  
23 Report Cards mailed home

### MARCH

- 1 Spring Sports Begin  
12 Report Cards mailed home

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**" ONE TEAM .  
ONE FIGHT . "**

**WE WANT TO  
HEAR FROM  
YOU!**

We are looking at moving  
**Graduation** in **2011** to a  
Saturday or Sunday.

How would you feel about  
that?

Please e-mail your opinion  
to Mr. Spallo or call and  
leave a message at the  
high school.

## HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	Mr. Vincent Spallo
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Asst. Principal, L-Z	Dr. Chris Lake
Activities Director	Mr. Jesse Hall
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Guidance Counselor, L-Z	Mrs. Heather Grove
A+ Coordinator	Ms. Nancy Pinzino