



# Evan Hardy Collegiate

April 2012 Newsletter



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## Principals' Message

Spring has arrived and although we had a very mild winter, it is good to see the snow gone, hear the birds sing, and get ready for our final quarter of the 2011-2012 school year!

Our basketball season has ended and our Senior Girls' and Boys' teams had terrific seasons. Both of these teams finished in the top 4 in city playoffs and went on to Provincial playoffs in Regina in mid-March. Also, our Cheerleading team finished well in city playoffs and earned a third place in provincials. Our badminton teams are well into their seasons right now and soon our Track and Field teams will begin after the Easter break.

On the Arts front, our student-directed One Act plays competed in the festival at Walter Murray in March and they finished in third place. Our full-length play production, "The Mouse that Roared" will be taking place on April 26th- 28th. I encourage you all to come to the school to see the amazing cast and crew in action!

On the academic front, I am extremely proud to report that two Grade 12 students, Kate Morrison and Connor Anear, have each been awarded the Loran Award on behalf of the Canadian Merit Scholarship Association. They each received a scholarship valued at \$75 000.00! I also want to publicly acknowledge a third Evan Hardy Soul, Mark Anderson, who was also nominated for the same award! To have three nominees out of a total of 76 from the same school is extremely rare, but to have two award winners from the same school, is unheard of! Congratulations to all three of these students on their excellent academic efforts here at Evan Hardy!

Report Cards will be issued to students on Thursday, April 26th. My hope is that all of our students will be doing their best work, and if they are struggling, there will still be plenty of time to make some course corrections so they can finish strong!

I want to wish all of you a restful and relaxing break from April 5th until April 15th! My family and I will be traveling down to Phoenix, AZ to take in some sun and fun! For those who are traveling, I wish you safe travels!

Our followers of the school Twitter and Facebook accounts continue to grow! For those who are following and subscribing - thanks! For those who are not yet following, the websites are as follows:

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ehcisouls](http://www.twitter.com/ehcisouls)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EHCISouls](http://www.facebook.com/EHCISouls)

On behalf of our staff and students,

Mr. Njaa - Principal

## Performing Arts

**One-Act Play Festival:** On March 22-24, our Drama 30 students were involved in the Saskatchewan Drama Association's one-act play festival held at Walter Murray Collegiate. During the festival, the students attended various workshops on acting, voice, script writing and more. They also went on a tour of the University of Saskatchewan's Drama Department and participated in a masking workshop. We submitted two student-directed plays into this festival that were professionally adjudicated: Mirrors directed by Jenn Wood and Check, Please directed by Connor Brousseau. Both plays had their best performances and our students received many accolades from the adjudicators, as well as from students and directors from other schools. Mirrors received the runner-up to the Best Visual Production of the festival and Jenn Wood was commended for her choices in sound design. Kendall Knuttila received Most Promising Stage Manager. Acting awards went to Max Stefaniuk, Jesse Aitken, Emiley Hugo in Mirrors, as well as Lance Dolman, Connor Brousseau and Shelby Jeanneau for Check, Please. Congratulations to **all** of the students involved in these two shows--you represented what the Souls are all about and made Hardy proud! We plan to perform these plays in our Arts & Souls Theatre soon and hope to see you there!

**The Mouse that Roared:** Students have been working hard, rehearsing for the big spring production of the full-length comedy The Mouse that Roared. Performances will be on April 26-28, and tickets will go on sale the week before. See this hilarious comedy set during the cold war era about a microscopic country near bankruptcy that declares war on the United States of America in hopes of receiving aid and relief. However, things don't go quite as planned and silliness ensues! We hope to entertain you in our Arts & Souls Theatre with this rib-tickling comedy filled with delightful characters and memorable scenarios.

## Japan Exchange 2012

The following Evan Hardy Souls were selected to participate in the Japanese Exchange Program 2012 - **Sydney Newton, Delaine Wapass, and Marco Willis**.

Twenty-two students from our Saskatoon Public High Schools were selected to participate in the 2012 Exchange (April 4th - April 16th) The students and chaperones will have the opportunity to live with Japanese families and experience the culture and traditions of Japan first hand. The Delegation will also attend Japanese High Schools, teach lessons about Canada, experience a traditional hot spring, visit World Heritage sites, eat amazing food, have a chance to perform, and even meet the Japanese Mickey and Minnie!!!

The Japanese Exchange Program is open to all students in grade 10, 11, and 12. **The application forms for the Japanese Exchange Program 2013 will be out the beginning of June.** If you want to apply for this experience, please see **Mrs. Matisz (Japanese teacher) in Room 202**. This is a truly amazing opportunity!

Sydney, Delaine, and Marco - we wish you a great trip to Japan!

### Library

The Library catalog webpage is very helpful to students not only for locating just the right book, but also for homework help and study tips. When on the Destiny catalog webpage, click on Webpath Express in the left side bar for online help and carefully selected websites on your topic.

### Golf

There will be information about spring golf near the end of April. Listen to the notices for updates.

## Synchrotron Club

Students have spent the last few months working at the College of Agriculture and Bioresources Greenhouse growing their own lentils and exposing them to different concentrations and forms of selenium. They have worked hard preparing their samples and at their beamtime on March 7<sup>th</sup>, students (and adults) were very excited to find some interesting results. Currently, students have been meeting with their assigned Synchrotron scientist to analyze their data and make sense of the information. We will be presenting our results at an upcoming date to interested parties in May or June. We are looking forward to sharing our results very soon!

The Synchrotron Club at Evan Hardy is an award winning club (National Science Poster Prize in 2010). Students in Grade 11 and 12 work together with an assigned Synchrotron scientist to develop and execute their own science experiment. Students who are interested in joining the club next year MUST join in September as our research, experiment, beamtime and presentations require a great deal of commitment the entire school year. Students interested in being a part of this club must display an avid interest in science and be prepared to dedicate much time into research and group work. Any students interested in becoming a part of our research team for the 2012-2013 school year should present a letter of interest to Ms. Rioux.

## KEY GRADUATION DATES

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17 – FRIDAY, APRIL 20**

**GRADUATION BANQUET AND DANCE TICKET SALES**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18  
3:45 – 7:00 PM  
EHCI CONFERENCE ROOM

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 20  
NOON HOUR  
EHCI CONFERENCE ROOM

**TUESDAY, JUNE 26**

**GRADUATION EXERCISES**  
THEATRE – TCU PLACE  
CEREMONY STARTS AT 10:00 AM

**BANQUET AND DANCE**  
GRAND SALON – TCU PLACE  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM ~ DINNER PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM  
PROGRAM AND DANCE TO FOLLOW



## Coming soon...

### Mumps Immunization for Grade 12 Students

In 2007, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health authorized the provision of a second dose of MMR vaccine for youth in response to a nation-wide outbreak of mumps.

#### Who is eligible?

Students in grade 12 are eligible if they did not receive 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) in childhood. This will be approximately 75 % of grade 12 students.

#### What about children in other grades?

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Health has also authorized a second dose of MMR for Grade 8 students. Students will continue to receive vaccine in either Grade 8 or 12 until all students have received 2 doses of mumps containing vaccine.

#### When will students be immunized?

Public Health services will be reviewing immunization records to determine students who are eligible for this vaccine. Public health nurses will immunize at Evan Hardy Collegiate on April 18, 2012.

#### What is Mumps?

Mumps is a highly contagious disease caused by a virus. It causes painful enlargement of the salivary glands and is spread by saliva. Complications of mumps infection may include testicular and ovarian inflammation. About 1/1,000 with mumps develop inflammation of the brain and 1/10,000 with mumps will die.

#### How are children protected from mumps?

Children born today receive 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine at 12 and 18 months of age. Children currently in grade 12 would have received 1 dose of MMR at 12 months of age but some students would not have received a second dose.

**Our goal is to** ensure all grade 12 students have 2 doses of MMR vaccine for maximum protection.

This action is being taken as a preventative measure to protect the health of our student population.

For more information contact Public Health Services at **655-4709**.



### Outdoor School Adventures

Hello to everyone as the Outdoor School welcomes a new semester! To kick off the semester the students spent time gathering information about camping gear and winter ecology. However, this was not done in a typical classroom setting as the whole city (and more) is our class room! At the end of the first week we took a day to Brightwater to experience first hand winter ecology, as well as get a sneak peak of what it is like to live outdoors in the winter. After learning and preparing for winter we had our first camping adventure at Blue Mountain where we learned fire building, compass reading, skiing, and much more. This camp was three nights and each one we slept outside under the stars and we were even lucky enough to see the Northern lights. After the trip one student commented, "I wasn't too sure about sleeping outside, but the stars and Northern lights blew my mind!" Its safe to say this whole class has loved every minute so far, and is looking forward to the rest of the semester.

By Martha Fowlie Neufeld

### Book Club

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. We are currently reading John Grisham and John Green novels. New members are always welcome. Come join us for some book chats, muffins and juice. Congratulations to Morgan Murphy on winning a Hunger Games poster and to another lucky Soul on winning the Galaxy Theatres gift card.

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## Talking to Children about Sexuality...Let the Conversation Begin

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Sexuality Education begins at home and parents are key educators in their child's life. Conversations regarding sexuality are often postponed or delayed because of not knowing where to begin or what to say. Parents can inform themselves on the topic of sexuality, but of even greater importance is that they are viewed as being "approachable".

To prepare for these all important conversations, parents should be comfortable with their own thoughts, morals, religious and cultural beliefs about sexuality and be prepared to share them with their child. There are numerous everyday opportunities to have these discussions and to explore values and beliefs that will affect sexual health decision making.

In order to form healthy sexual relationships, children need the following. They need accurate information, skills in communication and decision-making, a clear set of values and a strong sense of self-worth.

Parents can help their teenagers in the following ways:

1. **Start talking about this topic early.** Parents have a unique opportunity to talk with their children before they become misinformed through friends or media messages. Questions such as, "How do you feel", are good conversation starters.
2. **Inform yourself.** Parents can benefit from continuing education on teen health issues. There are many great websites specially geared to support parents on this topic.
3. **Answer questions honestly and accurately.** Together you can seek out information you don't know. Don't expect to have all the answers.
4. **Admit if you have discomfort with the topic.** Acknowledge the discomfort and explain it to your child.
5. **Listen to your teen intently.** Your teen may share more with you this way.
6. **Be relaxed and non-judgmental.** This will lead to mutual trust and respect and your teen will share with you more freely.

7. **Communicate your values.** Children will want and need moral guidance from their parents.
8. **Discuss the consequences.** The range of consequences includes such things as pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and HIV, but try to balance this with positives such as, "Sex is a positive life force, when the time is right".
9. **Use "teachable" daily moments.** Everyday opportunities present themselves while driving or watching television during which you can talk to your teen regarding sensitive issues.
10. **Encourage healthy choices.** Encouraging the postponement of sexual activity is a healthy choice. We know that most teens are not sexually active, in spite of the myths that "everyone is doing it". Discuss with your children how to say, "no", and how they can stick to their beliefs and values so that if they encounter a situation under pressure, they know what to do and what to say.
11. **Discuss "safer sex" choices.** If and when they are ready for this adult activity, you will have discussed the use of latex condoms for disease prevention and some reliable form of birth control.
12. **Remember you are their guide and resource in this important aspect of their life.** Do not tell your teen what to do, rather, encourage conversation, be supportive and listen.

Empower your children with accurate sexual health information. Be supportive and guide them to make responsible decisions about sexuality. Trust your instincts and begin the conversation.

For more information, please call the Sexual Health Program at 655-4642.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### April 2012

April 5 Period 3 & Period 4 (Grade Alike,  
Blood Donor Clinic)  
Early Dismissal - TLG Mtg.

April 6 Good Friday Holiday

April 9 Easter Monday Holiday

April 10-13 Spring Break

April 16 Track & Field begins

April 17 Euclid Math Contest

April 19 Period 1 & Period 5 (Just Read)  
Early Dismissal - Staff Mtg.

April 25 Gr. 12 Art Show

April 26 Period 2 & Period 4 (Pin & Watch/  
Valedictorian Elections)  
Early Dismissal - Dept. Mtg.

April 26-28 Full-length Play Production

### May 2012

May 2 ESIS (am)

May 2-3 Badminton City Championship at WM

May 3 Period 3 & Period 5 (Just Read)  
Early Dismissal - TLG Mtg.  
Track & Field #1  
AP Studio Art Portfolio

May 4 Staff PD/Planning  
Students do not attend

May 9 Track & Field #2

May 10 Period 1 & Period 4 (In Motion)  
Early Dismissal - Staff Mtg.  
Drama 30 Performance

May 12 Badminton Provincials in Melfort

May 15 Track & Field #3  
7pm School Community Council Meeting

May 16-19 Sr. Band and Choir Trip

### May 2012 (continued)

May 17 Period 2 & Period 5 (Pep Rally)  
Early Dismissal - Grad Awards Mtg.  
School Dance

May 21 Victoria Day Holiday

May 23-24 Track & Field City Championship at Griffith

May 24 Period 3 & Period 4 (Grade Alike and  
Leader Elections, Gr. 12 Just Read)  
Early Dismissal - TLG Mtg.

May 31 Period 1 & Period 5 (Just Read)  
Early Dismissal - Dept. Mtg.

### June 2012

June 1-2 Track & Field Provincials in Saskatoon

June 5 Music Dept. Concert

June 6 Performing Arts Showcase & Awards

June 7 Period 2 & Period 4 (Grade 9-11 In Motion,  
Gr.12 Meeting)  
Early Dismissal - Staff Mtg.  
Athletic Awards

June 14 Period 3 & Period 5 Just Read  
Early Dismissal - Dept. Mtg.

June 15 Colour Day / SRC Bar-b-que  
Last day of classes for Grade 12s

June 18 Grade 9-11 classes (a.m.)  
1pm Period 5 GRADE 12 FINAL EXAM

June 19 PERIOD 1 FINAL EXAM  
7pm School Community Council Meeting

June 20 PERIOD 2 FINAL EXAM

June 21 PERIOD 3 FINAL EXAM

June 22 PERIOD 4 FINAL EXAM

June 25 PERIOD 5 FINAL EXAM

June 26 Grad

June 28 9am Grade 9 Orientation

June 29 Report Cards distributed