



South Washington County Schools

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Dear East Ridge Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s):

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year and East Ridge High School. Our staff is diligently preparing for our upcoming school events and our first day of school.

East Ridge High School, established in 2009 strives to uphold the ISD 833 Mission, “We are committed to igniting a passion for lifelong learning.” Upon East Ridge High School’s inception, it has been grounded with the vision, “All graduates will achieve college and career readiness supported by the four pillars: academic rigor, activities, relationships, and technology.” Our school community also holds strong to our core values: character, community, critical thinking, excellence, and lifelong learning. The district mission, our East Ridge vision and core values will drive our continuous improvement model.

As we venture into the 2018-2019 school year, our staff will continue to focus on creating relationships with our student body and uphold our expectation that all students feel welcome and safe. We will also continue to strive toward earning positive trusting relationships with our community. My personal goal with the East Ridge staff and students is to support them, help them to continue to be self-reflective with a growth mindset, and to give them the time and support to develop a collaborative culture.

The new school year will bring enthusiasm and anxiety for parents and students. Pertinent information to help with the transition to the 2018-2019 school year will be posted on our website and included in this mailing. Please visit <http://erhs.sowashco.org> for information regarding the preparation for this school year.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Smokrovich
Principal



We are committed to igniting a passion for lifelong learning.
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Back to School Events and Information

College Application 101- Monday, August 20, 2018

Our counseling staff will be hosting College Application 101 from 4:00-5:00 pm on August 20 for any interested seniors and their parents/guardians. If you are ready to begin your college application(s) and/or have questions, please plan to attend. Sign-up information will be available in the near future.

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available to be viewed in Student/Parent Portal on Wednesday, August 22 at 4:00 pm. Please keep in mind that student schedules are in DRAFT form until August 30 after 4:00 pm at which point student schedules will be in their final form. Please bring a printed copy or have access to your schedule for Raptor Round Up. Paper copies will NOT be provided.

Should you need to request a change to your schedule, please complete the Schedule Request Form, available August 20 on our website. A counselor will process your request and get back to you with a response. Please consider the following guidelines when requesting a schedule change. The last day for change requests will be September 5.

My schedule will be changed if...	My schedule will not be changed if...	My schedule change request will be reviewed if...
-I already took this class -I did not pass the prerequisite	-I want to have A lunch -I want Mr. X for my teacher -I want to be in class with my friend -I need to leave early for sports	-I want to change the level of my course -I want to change a trimester elective

Juniors and Seniors interested in Senior Study and/or a Student Aid opportunity will need to complete an application. Applications can be found on the ERHS website or in the counseling office after August 20.

Raptor Round Up (for students in grades 10-12) - Thursday, August 23, 2018

We welcome all incoming 10th-12th grade students to attend our Raptor Round Up. On this day students will be able to access lockers, take school photos, check out textbooks and take care of other business items such as parking permits, athletic passes, immunization forms, etc. Suggested times are listed below in order to accommodate the crowds. Students should attend Raptor Round Up according to the schedule below:

10th grade 8:30-10:00 am

11th grade 10:00 am-12:00 pm

12th grade 1:00-3:00 pm

**9th grade students will go through all of the checklist items on their first day of school (Tues, Sept. 4) during their 9th grade orientation. Please note that 9th grade students will be the only class in school on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, with the first day of school for all students being Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Parking Permits can be purchased via our online at <https://sowashco.feepay.com/> starting August 16. Search for "2018-19 ERHS Parking Permit". If payment is made by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 22, the pass can be picked up at Raptor Round Up. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/erhsparking> for more information.

Athletic Passes Starting in the 2018-19 school year, all district sport/game passes will be on your phone. Purchase a pass for yourself, student, family member. Each person will have a pass that can be used via their phone. Visit <https://gofan.co/app/school/MN72377> to purchase an athletic pass.

Attention Seniors! The \$15.00 Naviance Transcript fees are paid online. Payment instructions will be posted on the counseling website on August 22. **12th grade photos taken at Raptor Round Up are for your transcript and student ID. Please refrain from costumes and props!

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR RAPTOR ROUND UP!

This event cannot happen successfully without extra help from our parents!
To volunteer, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/RaptorRoundUpVolunteers18>

Open House - Tuesday, September 11, 2018

Please join us at our East Ridge High School Open House on **Tuesday, September 11 from 5:00-7:00 pm**. You will have the opportunity to greet your child's teachers in their classroom during our mini schedule. Teachers will be prepared with course syllabi, contact information, classroom material lists, and content specific information.

Schoology

Beginning the 2018-19 school year, all secondary schools will use Schoology for classroom learning purposes. Schoology is an online learning platform, or learning management system (LMS), that allows teachers the opportunity to post assignments, classroom resources, and a course calendar with due dates and deadlines. Going forward it also has the capability to be used for formative and summative assessments. Schoology can also serve as a forum for communication between a student and teacher, and the parent and teacher. Throughout the course of the year teachers will increase their knowledge and implementation of this tool. We expect varied levels of use throughout this first year as professional development continues and teachers/students grow more comfortable with its functionality.

Please visit <http://www.sowashco.org/schoology-district-833> for more information.

School Communication

We will send all important communication to students and families via email. Please make sure your contact information in Student/Parent Portal is correct. **“Primary” parental contacts listed in the Portal will receive a weekly communication email sent each Friday.** Emails will show in your inbox as EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL (email@blackboard.com). For more information regarding updates to your Portal account, please visit the following link <https://tinyurl.com/studentparentportal>.

Student Planners & Raptor Gear

New ERHS 2018-19 school planners are available for purchase in the main office for \$5.00. Our Raptor Ridgewear school store is going online! We will no longer be operating a traditional store in our building. To order your Raptor gear, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/raptorridgewear>.

Raptor Time (NEW Student Advisory)

Raptor Time is a student advisory period that was designed over the last year and a half, to meet the needs of students and staff during the school day. The primary goal of this time is to enhance relationships with and amongst students and staff while providing time in their day to get organized, stay current on their course work, receive additional support and have a little fun. Raptor Time will be a 30 minute period three days a week (Mon/Wed/Fri), between 2nd and 3rd period. For more information, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ERraptortime>.

Transportation Information for 2018-19 to be available on Infinite Campus' Parent Portal in August

Starting with the 2018-19 school year, student bus route information will be accessible only on Infinite Campus' Parent Portal. Families can expect bus route information to appear in Parent Portal around the third week of August and will be notified via email when it is available. Special Education students will continue to receive busing information via a phone call or email.

Parent Portal is a multi-use, secured system that improves communications between South Washington County Schools and parents. Parent Portal is an important resource for student contact information, report card grades, class schedules (when they are available), unofficial transcripts, lunch balances, student username and passwords, locker numbers and combinations, and access codes to sign up for School Café, FeePay and Schoology.

District 833 encourages families to be proactive and create a Parent Portal account before August to avoid any delay in receiving important information this fall. To create an account, please email your student's name, school grade and home address to ICSupport@sowashco.org. Once the information is verified, you will be sent login information. Please note, requests for new accounts may take up to 48 hours to process. Processing time could take as long as one week if the request is received in August. Requests will be processed Monday – Friday, during regular business hours. Please make sure to check your spam or junk folder if you do not see anything within 48 hours of registering – some email providers won't accept the ICSupport@sowashco.org as a trusted site.

For more information on Parent Portal [click here](#). To log in to Parent Portal [click here](#).

School Policies & Procedures

Please take a moment with your ERHS student to review our School Policies & Procedures at <https://tinyurl.com/ERpolicies>.

ERHS Parent Representatives

Each grade level is represented by an ERHS parent. We encourage parents and families to reach out to them with feedback and questions as the administrative team meets with the parent reps on a monthly basis.

Grade 9 - Denise Bertotto & Uyen Campbell	erhsgrade9@apps.district833.org
Grade 10 - Jodi Gager & Jennifer Benjamin	erhsgrade10@apps.district833.org
Grade 11 - Joe Johnston	erhsgrade11@apps.district833.org
Grade 12 - Mats Heimdahl	erhsgrade12@apps.district833.org

ERHS Contact Information

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