

# ERHS Student/Parent Weekly Update

**October 9 - October 16**

Please check out East Ridge High School's web page for updates school announcement information at <http://erhs.sowashco.org>

[District Calendar 2020-2021](#)

[Calendar A/B Days](#)

## New Information:

### 20-21 District Calendar Changes Approved by 833 School Board

Below is a summary of the changes:

- 19-Oct Change from K-5 prep day to a K-12 Prep day
- 15-Jan Moved end of Tri 2.1 to Jan 21
- 22-Jan K-12 Prep Day
- 8/9-Feb Flipped PD Day and Day Off for Staff - K-12 No School
- 16-Feb Cancel K-5 Prep day and move to K-12 Prep day on January 22
- 19-Feb Change from F/A to K-12 A
- 22-Apr End of Tri 3.1
- 23-Apr K-12 Prep Day

## OCTOBER 2020

			1 B	2 F	
5 A	6 B	7 A	8 B	9 F	Oct 14 end of mid Tri 1
12 A	13 B	14 F	15	16	Oct. 14 PSAT, Pre-ACT & Practice ACT test for Gr 10 & 11
19	20 B	21 A	22 B	23 A/F	Oct 15-16: MEA-No Students
26 A	27 B	28 A	29 B	30 F	Oct 19: K-12 Prep Day, No School K-12
					Oct 23: K-5 A Day: 6-12 Flex Day

**Save the Date: Registration to Change Learning Models for Tri. 2 Begins Next Week**

South Washington County Schools will open registration from Oct. 12-25 for families who wish to change learning models for trimester two.

Families will have the opportunity to change from:

- The district learning model (hybrid) to the [Virtual Learning Academy](#) (distance learning only) or;
- The Virtual Learning Academy (distance learning only) to the district learning model (hybrid)

The district learning model is currently in [hybrid](#), but could change to in-person learning at school or distance learning at home based on COVID-19 infection rates and other factors related to staffing, illness and classroom space.

Once registration opens, only families who want to change learning models for trimester two will need to complete the form. Families who are happy with their current learning model do not need to do anything.

All families will receive more detailed information next week through email and online at [sowashco.org/fall2020](http://sowashco.org/fall2020).

## 20-21 Yearbooks

It is time to order your copy of the 2020-2021 yearbook! So far this year's book is shaping up to be like no other. We have been very busy documenting sports, athletics, academics and student life in the past month and things are looking great! **Back to school pricing of \$70 ends today (10/9)! – order your yearbook now to get the best deal @ <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01103476>**

## ERHS Families With Current and/or Past US Military Service Members

ERHS will be hosting a virtual Veteran's Day program on November 11th at 2 pm and we would love to have a photo of your US military veteran or active duty family member to include in our slideshow! Please send photos to [Jason Gonnion](#) and include the individual's name, branch of service and who they are related to at ERHS.

## Oct. 14 Pre-ACT, PSAT

On Wednesday, October 14, all sophomores (including A group, B group, and virtual students) will report to school and take the Pre-ACT, unless they previously registered to take the PSAT.

Student should plan to arrive to their testing room as early as 8:35 AM with a couple #2 pencils and a photo I.D. if one is available.

Testing should wrap at about 12:15 PM for the Pre-ACT and 12:45 PM for the PSAT. Students will be able to leave the building upon the conclusion of their test. Students that need to use district bussing to get home will gather in the cafeteria until busses arrive at their usual time. They will have the option of eating lunch via our school cafeteria.

## School Pictures Are Rescheduled!

**Hybrid A Group:** October 21st, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

**Hybrid B Group:** October 22nd, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

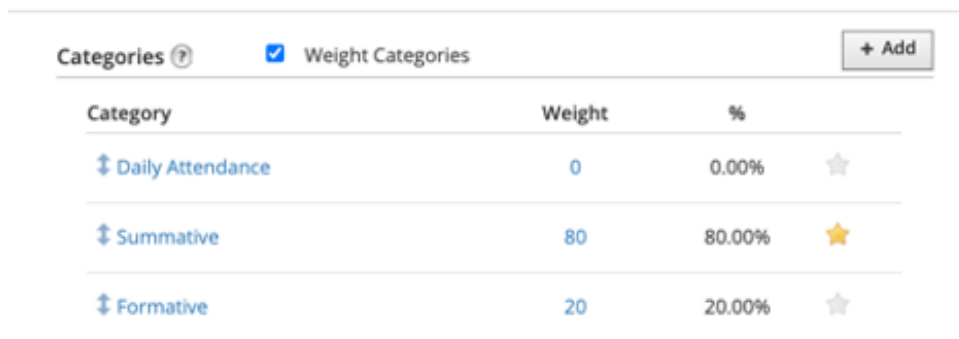
**VLA Group:** Students can choose either October 21st, 7-8 am or October 22nd, 2-3 pm

Retakes are scheduled for December 2nd and December 3rd

Click [here](#) for the updated Jostens flyer. You are encouraged to set up an account so you can order online.

## Term 1.2 Attendance Protocols for Students:

Beginning Oct. 20, all teachers will roll out an attendance protocol that is common building-wide. Attendance will be listed in each course as a grading category valued at 0%. This will allow each teacher to create a daily attendance assignment that will appear on our students' task calendar and to do list **but will not factor into the students' grade**. As a reminder, students must check into all of their classes prior to 3:00pm in order to be marked present for the day.



The screenshot shows a user interface for managing grading categories. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Categories' (with a question mark icon) and 'Weight Categories' (which is selected and has a blue checkmark). To the right of the tabs is a '+ Add' button. Below the tabs is a table with three columns: 'Category', 'Weight', and '%'. The table contains three rows of data:

Category	Weight	%
↕ Daily Attendance	0	0.00%
↕ Summative	80	80.00%
↕ Formative	20	20.00%

Upcoming · 

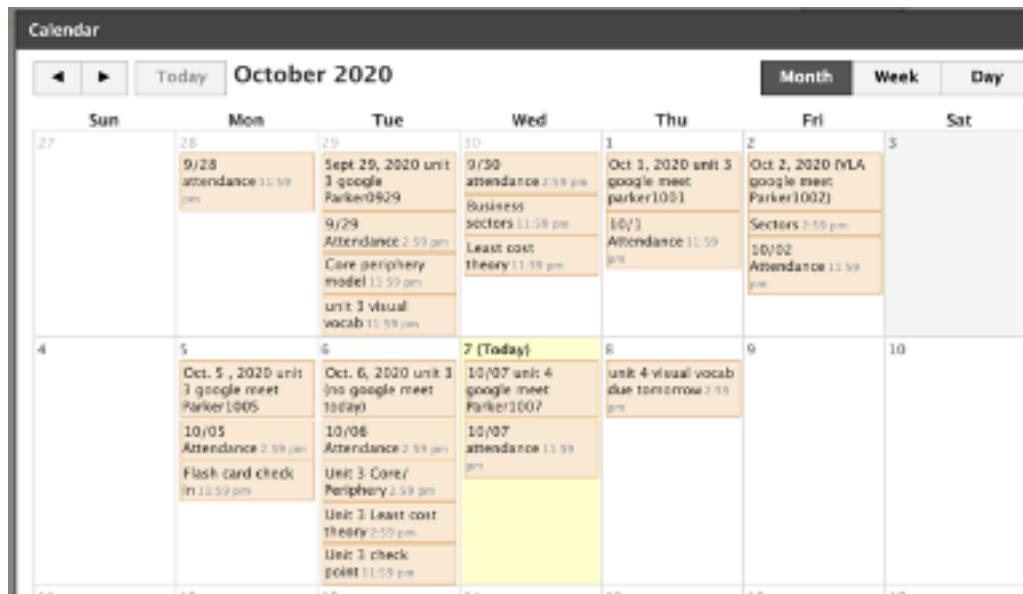
[Add Event](#)

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

 10/07 attendance 11:59 pm

Thursday, October 8, 2020

 unit 4 visual vocab due tomorrow 2:59 pm



## Term 1.2 Flex Friday Support:

Beginning Term 1.2, teachers may request students to attend in-person on Flex Learning Fridays. This time may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to extra support, re-teaching of material, make-up assessments or re-take assessments. Arrangements for attendance on these days must be pre-arranged between the teacher and student by midday on Monday of the same week. District transportation will be provided as needed with an arrival at 12:30pm and a departure at 2:30pm.

## Counseling Corner:

### Attention student-athletes- NCAA Eligibility

The NCAA Eligibility Center is hosting a webinar for college bound student-athletes and their families on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am Eastern. Click [Here to register](#).

### Parents of 11th grade students:

We have an exciting opportunity for your child. For the 3rd year in a row, East Ridge High School is partnering with College Possible, an organization that helps high school students get into college including free ACT prep, applying for college, paying for college, and succeeding in higher education. Your student may be eligible to join this program this year!

By joining College Possible, students receive a coach who mentors them on ACT prep, choosing a college, drafting applications, and much-more, using all tech-based resources. I hope you will encourage your student to apply for this program so they can take advantage of this great opportunity.

College Possible is looking for students who:

- *Currently Juniors*
- *Have a GPA of around 2.0 or higher (if between 2.0-2.4 a teacher recommendation is required)*
- *Are income eligible (website application provides more info)*
- *Are interested in attending a 4-year college*

The application and more information can be found in their Schoology, Class of 2022 folder or apply by [clicking here](#). The deadline is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Online Practice ACT - Announcement for Juniors Only**

Here is your opportunity to take a free online practice ACT test from The Princeton Review, and receive your score right after the test. Students are encouraged to take this test on October 14th and will need to take it at home. Please view the Online Practice ACT Info PowerPoint prior to October 14th to learn about the what/ why/ when/ and how you can take the online practice ACT test:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JgbRtwvTqFFTg5Q\\_59YGiHh3nR6io9Z72bFqzaSbJo/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JgbRtwvTqFFTg5Q_59YGiHh3nR6io9Z72bFqzaSbJo/edit#slide=id.p)

The PPT can also be found in Schoology/ Class of 2022 folder/ October 14, 2020 folder/ Online Practice ACT folder.

### **Parents of 12th grade students:**

October is College Knowledge Month! That means MANY Minnesota AND Wisconsin schools are waiving their application fee. See the list of the schools under "EVENTS" in their Class of 2021 folder found in Schoology! There are many resources for searching for colleges and the application process in their Schoology Class of 2021 folder as well.

## **ERHS Activities/Athletics:**

### **Winter Sports Registration**

Winter sports registration will be opening on Friday, October 16. Families will find all the registration information on our [activities website](#). Students will need to have an up to date sports physical on file to register. Please contact the activities assistant Steph Kaczmarek [skaczmar@sowashco.org](mailto:skaczmar@sowashco.org) with any registration questions.

Below are the dates of when each winter sport will begin its season:

- Nov. 16: Dance, 15-week season, 11 contests
- Nov. 23: Boys Basketball, 17-week season, 18 contests
- Nov. 23: Boys Hockey, 16-week season, 18 contests
- Nov. 30: Adapted floor hockey, 16-week season, 18 contests
- Nov. 30: Girls Hockey, 14-week season, 18 contests
- Nov. 30: Boys Swimming and Diving, 13-week season, 11 contests
- Nov. 30: Wrestling, 14-week season, 16 contests
- Nov. 30: Nordic and Alpine Skiing, 14-week season, 11 contests
- Dec. 7: Girls Gymnastics, 14-week season, 11 contests
- Dec. 7: Girls Basketball, 17-week season, 18 contests

### **Fall Spectator Expectations**

#### **Football - Outdoor**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has established guidelines that limit attendance to 250 spectators in the outdoor stadium for football, 125 tickets for the home team and 125 for the visiting team. All South Washington County Schools will not sell general admission tickets to football games this year. Parents will need to follow school protocol for ticket/pass list guidelines.

- Varsity level players on the roster will be issued two 2 tickets for their family.
- The ticket holders must sit together. You may not move around and a student section will not be allowed.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Face coverings will be required when entering and exiting the stadium. They may be removed once seated.
- Parents will not be allowed to drop off their elementary or middle school students to watch the game.

- Concessions will not be provided.
- Gathering outside the stadium, in the parking lot, outside the fencing or other areas of school district property in order to view the game from afar will not be allowed.

### **Volleyball - Indoor**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) along with the MSHSL have established guidelines that allow a limited number of spectators for indoor athletics, 2 tickets per athlete on the roster if the facilities can accommodate the specific guidelines from MSHSL, MDH, and district.

- JV/Varsity-level players will be issued a maximum of two tickets per family.
- Lower level spectators will be determined by the host school and their gym structure
- The student's two ticket holders must sit together. You may not move around and student sections will not be allowed.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Face coverings will be required at all times with no exceptions.
- Concessions will not be provided.
- No outside food is allowed into the gym

ERHS cannot control the away venue and expectations for those schools... Here are the recommended [spectator guidelines](#) as schools can be more restrictive if needed.

Our school is working to provide live-streamed video for matches and games for fans who are not able to attend based on these restrictions. [Prep Spotlight TV](#) will be our main streaming partner. Individual games cost \$5.99 and a season pass for all sports, games and events \$59.99.

### **Minnesota State High School League Approves Winter Sports, Finalize Fall Postseason**

On Thursday, Oct. 1, the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Board of Directors made several decisions regarding fall sports postseason and the regular season for winter sports.

MSHSL decided there will be no state tournament for fall sports this year and the season will conclude with the section championships.

As for winter sports, the MSHSL Board of Directors decided they will proceed with the regular season, but with a 30% reduction in contests and a maximum of two contests per week.

A decision on how the postseason for winter sports will proceed was not made at the Oct. 1 meeting. Direction from MSHSL could come during their next scheduled meeting on Dec. 3.

Under the current [COVID-19 guidelines for youth sports](#) set by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), ***no spectators will be allowed at indoor events in school facilities. A maximum of 250 fans will be allowed at outdoor facilities.***

## Football and Volleyball Approved to Return to Play

The MSHSL approved on Monday, September 21 to return Football and Volleyball to the Fall season. There are many specific guidelines and protocols that will need to be followed to be compliant with the MDH and District COVID guidelines. Here is updated information from MSHSL: Please realize that the season will look different and we are so excited that the athletes are getting the opportunity to play!

All athletes must be registered to participate in any sports activities. All information for registration can be found on the [ERHS activities website](#).

[Football](#)

[Volleyball](#)

## Sports Updates & Schedules

Visit [www.suburbaneast.org](http://www.suburbaneast.org)

Information regarding activities/athletics can be found on the East Ridge High School Activities website: <http://www.erhsactivities.com/>

### **This Week's Calendar:**

**October 9** - Flex Friday

**October 12-13** - Final Assessment for Term 1.1 Classes

- Trimester 2 Enrollment

**October 14** - [Fall Testing Day](#)

**October 15-16** - No School, MEA Break

**October 19** - No School for ALL Students, K-12 Prep Day

## Looking Ahead:



**October 20** - Term 1.2 Begins, Group B In Person

**October 21**- Group A In Person, Picture Day!

- Trimester Two Schedule Request Changes begin!

**October 22** - Group B In Person, Picture Day!

**October 23**- K-5 A Day, 6-12 Flex Friday

**November 5**- Term 1.2 Parent and Teacher Conferences, 4:30-6:00pm

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To view the update, click the link below:

<https://learn.sowashco.org/school/1139887320/update/3180065799>