



# EHHS Student Culture Update

January 2017

## EHPS Theory of Action #2: Build a Rich and Vibrant Learning Culture

### Big Hornet Program

Unfortunately our snow days have impacted our first meeting with the Little Hornets their mentors. However it has been rescheduled for Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> during Connections time in the lecture hall. The Big Hornets will have breakfast with their Little Hornet and complete a questionnaire to get to know one another. Our event for February will be a motivational speaker on building and achieving life goals.



### Student Leadership

In January, 18 Connections + students facilitated short activities for the 450 8<sup>th</sup> grade visiting students. These leaders volunteered their time after exams to help the future 9<sup>th</sup> graders feel more comfortable with their upcoming transition to the high school. After the activities our students led a Q & A to flush out some of the fears or questions they may have about EHHS.

### Student Council

Where did you study for exams? EHHS StuCo hosted Cookies, Cocoa and Cram, a quiet study for those catch up on work or study. Members of the National Honor Society offered peer tutoring and some staff met with their students in study groups. In the 3 days of CCC, there were 188 students who remained after exams for some Cookies, Cocoa and Cramming. A big thanks to Ms. Edmonds and her library staff and Mrs. Gay for providing baked goods. Next event - Mr. EHHS on 2-1-18.

### School Connect

This month our Connections Council staff role modeled "Speed Rabbit" for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade advisors. This activity will be used in January.

Our staff groups met on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to review this month's School Connect activities:

- 10<sup>th</sup> grade- Coping with Stress
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – Thinking about Life after High School
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade- Motivating Yourself & Moving Forward



### Service Learning

Exciting new opportunities for community outreach are ready and waiting. Currently, students can speed up the winter months by volunteering at the Hall of Fame bowling Alley; handicap bowling hour is every Friday night! Students can also sign up to volunteer at Goodwin College's annual Winter Kids' Fest. In addition, helpers are needed for childcare during Adult Education classes at New Covenant Church. Interested? Details are available through connections flyers and with Ms. Cote in guidance.

### Student Awards & Celebrations

#### December Students of the Month



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### Office of Family & Community Partnerships

The Office of Family and Community Partnerships works to help support both students and families to get the most out of their education. Specifically, the Office of Family and Community Partnerships focuses on four key components for success with in the school district. We provide resources for our most vulnerable students that will help them succeed in maybe some of the most difficult circumstances. Data collection keeping track on how well our office is impacting our school district. Support Partnership teams by sitting on committees that are at the heart of our schools. Support Teacher outreach by implementing programs that contribute to our teachers continued success.



### School-Wide Data Team

The School Wide Data Team continued its work to examine November's Scholar Hour. The team determined the next steps for February's Scholar Hour – communication to staff, attempting to revamp the Hornet Report and creating questions for students that are more grade level specific. The team also looked at the student feedback and brainstormed how to get this information to all staff and which improvement we can immediately make. It was decided to create a resource for teachers that summarizes the student feedback and to create a lesson for Connections that will help students utilize PowerSchool as a resource.

### Family Involvement

#### January Announcements/Student Involvement

In the beginning of January we continued to receive donations for the Hat and Glove drive. We have dropped off all Hats and Gloves to our local shelter in town. They were thrilled. Thank you again to those who took part. The Family Engagement Committee parents are signing up to take part on the NEASC committees that will begin in February.



### PBIS

In December the PBIS Team hosted a successful holiday gathering which included a hat and glove drive for the community. 50 hats and 40 gloves were collected. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Timothy Roberts** was chosen as our December student of the month for his maturity in mentoring a fellow teammate through a difficult interaction with an adult.

In January we will be looking at the ARC data for semester one and determining how we can be of assistance to the staff and students in helping to improve working relationships at EHHS.

### Security Team

As we reach the mid-point in the year the security team would like to remind the EHHS team to review their safety folders. Within these documents, you will find overviews of school-wide drills, daily safety expectations and applicable resources. For full-year courses, it is always a good idea to provide a "refresher" to students about exiting procedures from the classroom, drill responses, and the purpose of our security process. If you teach a half-year course, these students have yet to be informed about the procedures within your classroom, so doing the same is imperative as they begin your course. As always, please report any concerning activity to the security or house office and let Mr. LeRoy know in house 10 if you have any ongoing facility needs.



### Staff Awards & Celebrations

#### December Honor Roll Event: Principal's Bingo



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