

# East Coweta Daily News

Friday,  
November 20, 2009

## Sports

- **Upcoming Indian Sporting Events:**

DATE	TEAM	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/20/2009	Swimming	TODAY	LaGrange High School Invite	Mike Daniel Recreation Center, Lagrange	5:00 PM
11/20/2009	Wrestling	TODAY	Lovejoy/Newnan	HOME	5:00PM
11/21/2009	Wrestling	TOMORROW	AlexanderDuals	Alexander High	8:00AM
11/28/2009	Wrestling	Saturday	Tiger Duals	Archer High	8:00AM

- **The 2nd Annual ECHS Talent Show** benefiting the soccer program will be held **January 26, 2010**. Be on the lookout for audition dates and times!
- **Varsity Baseball Camouflage Hat Fundraiser** - The Varsity Baseball Team is selling camouflage hats for \$15.00 each. Order yours today by emailing [eastcowetabaseball@gmail.com](mailto:eastcowetabaseball@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support of your Indians!
- **THINK GREEN!** Each year 350 million cartridges are discarded in our landfills. The **Baseball Team** is still collecting used **printer cartridges** and your continued help is appreciated! Thank you to all of you who are participating. Please bring your used printer cartridges from home, relatives, friends, neighbors, work or church to school and put them in the blue and yellow Cartridge World recycle bin located in the main building, front office. Seventy percent of used printer cartridges throughout the world are currently being thrown out. *Please help us save the environment!*

## Clubs

- **Tickets** are on sale now for the **Faculty-Student Basketball** game! Buy your ticket today from your 3<sup>rd</sup> block teacher or Mrs. Stefenelli in 316. Cost is either \$5 or 20 cans (or any combination of both). All proceeds go to the East Coweta Can-a-thon! **Game time is 4<sup>th</sup> block TODAY!**
- The **Red Cross Blood Drive** sign ups will be in the main cafeteria starting **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. The blood drive will be in the Thrower Gym lobby from 8:00am-1:00pm on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. You must be 17 to sign up AND you have to have a signed form by a parent/guardian and a photo ID to give blood. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lovewell in room 601.
- **Senior dues** are \$30 if paid before **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Mrs. Elder in BY301.

## Miscellaneous News

- **Student Attendance – It's the Law!**

*The Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law requires that every parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child between his or her 6<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> birthdays shall enroll and send such child to school. Both parents and students are in violation of the Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law when such students accumulate more than 5 unexcused absences. On the sixth unexcused absence a complaint will be filed through the courts against the parent or guardian and*

the student. Penalties may include fines up to \$100.00, imprisonment for 30 days, community service or a combination of these penalties.

According to Coweta County School Board Policy, students who accumulate excessive unexcused absences, **regardless of age**, are subject to progressive disciplinary procedures that may include after school detention, loss of course credit, loss of opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, and, in the case of high school students, loss of driving privileges. As required by the Teenage and Adult Driver Responsibility Act (TAADRA), when a student of driving age has ten or more unexcused absences in the current or previous school year a Certificate of Non Compliance will be issued to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the student will lose his or her driver's license.

Excused absences are those due to emergencies such as serious illness or death of a family member, religious reasons, court summons, approved school activities, or student illness. Students must present a note upon returning to school for an absence to be excused.

- The **2009-2010 ECHS Indian Princess Pageant** will be held at the Centre for Performing and Visual Arts on **Saturday, January 16** at 6pm. The funds profited from this event fund annual Homecoming costs as well as the Purple Blitz, the annual school-wide, Georgia High School Graduation Test tutoring effort. **Applications and fees are due by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.** Please see Kelli Williams (room 503), Elizabeth McFadden (room 309), or Missy Padgett (9<sup>th</sup> grade office) for entry forms or information. **Or you may print the attachment.**
- **Juniors:** Juniors dues are \$40 if paid before Christmas break. Dues increase to \$50 in January. These dues pay for the prom for your **JUNIOR year only.**
- **Junior/Senior Prom** will be **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Georgia International Convention Center.
- An email address has been established for parents to voice any concerns or issues to our **School Council.** The address is [echsnews10@gmail.com](mailto:echsnews10@gmail.com). All correspondence will be kept confidential.
- **Yearbooks** are now on sale in RD1001. **Pricing Information: Yearbooks: \$70 Student's Name in Foil: \$5 Icons: \$3.00 per icon (4 maximum) Deadline for name stamping is January 8<sup>th</sup>. Payment Options:** [www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com) (online) or pay in RD1001. You may pay in full or in installments. Final payment due **May 10<sup>th</sup>.** **See the attachment for more information regarding senior pages.** For **ONLY** an additional \$25, you can get a **full-size, full-color print of your child's senior ad**, perfect for framing or scrapbooks! **See the attached order form. Senior ads are due by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**
- **Parents:** The 9<sup>th</sup> grade campus is offering **tutoring Monday-Thursday** in the computer lab for all **first year 9<sup>th</sup> graders.** **Please see the attached schedule for the subject dates.**
- **Is your teenager's life worth two hours of your time? Georgia Teens Ride With P.R.I.D.E. (Parents Reducing Injuries and Driver Error)** is a **FREE, National Award-Winning** two-hour course designed to help parents and their new (or soon to be) teen drivers, ages 14-16, learn what they need to do during the 40 hours of supervised practice driving time required by Georgia law. There are no attendance restrictions. You may attend P.R.I.D.E. anywhere a class is offered. Visit [www.ridesafegeorgia.org](http://www.ridesafegeorgia.org) for more information. **Registration form is attached with NEW DATES.**
- **Seniors:** Here are some important dates for this year. **See the attachment for more details.**
  - **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Senior yearbook ad orders/pictures due to Ms. Hart-Garcia, room RD1001.
  - **January 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>** – Place orders for **caps/gowns** during lunch. Cost is \$50.
  - **February 10<sup>th</sup>** – Senior cap and gown pictures.
  - **February 11<sup>th</sup>** – Makeup date for ordering **caps/gowns.**
  - **March 25<sup>th</sup>** – Delivery of **announcements.**
  - **April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Delivery of **caps/gowns** and class panoramic photo.
  - **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Baccalaureate Service at the Performing Arts Center
  - **May 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** – Graduation practice.
  - **May 29<sup>th</sup>** – Class of 2010 Graduation!

# From Guidance

- **End of Course Tests (EOCTs)** will be given **12/7-12/11** in the following subjects: **Biology, Physical Science, US History, Economics, 9<sup>th</sup> Lit/Comp, American Lit/Comp, Math 1\*\*, Math 2\*\*, Algebra I (includes Concepts of Algebra) and Geometry.** Please plan any appointments around your students' test time(s). This test counts for **15%** of your student's **SEMESTER** average. The schedule is below.

**Monday (12/7/09)- 1<sup>st</sup> block** testing (1, 1, 3, 4 -no 2nd block)

**Tuesday (12/8/09)- 2<sup>nd</sup> block** testing (2, 2, 3, 4- no 1st block)

**Wednesday (12/9/09)- 3<sup>rd</sup> block** testing (1, 2, 3, 3 (alternate lunch schedule)- no 4th block)

**Thursday (12/10/09) – 4<sup>th</sup> block** testing (1, 2, 4, 4 (alternate lunch schedule)- no 3rd block)

**Friday (12/11/09) - Regular Schedule- Make-up's**

**\*\*Math I & II EOCTs will be given in two sections on 12/3 and 12/4 during students' normal math block.**

- **Testing Calendar 2009-2010:**

- **December 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** - Winter EOCTs

(Monday-1<sup>st</sup> block; Tuesday-2<sup>nd</sup> block; Wednesday-3<sup>rd</sup> block; Thursday-4<sup>th</sup> block; Friday-Make-ups) Subjects that Test: Alg. 1, Geometry, Math 1, Physical Science, Biology, 9<sup>th</sup> L/C, American L/C, US History & Economics

- **February 24<sup>th</sup>** – GHSGWT re-takes

- **February 25<sup>th</sup>** - GHSGWT re-takes (make-ups)

- **March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** GHSGT main administration - **ALL Juniors**

(Monday-Science; Tuesday-ELA; Wednesday-Math; Thursday-Social Studies; Friday-Make-ups)

- **April 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Spring EOCTs

(Monday-1<sup>st</sup> block; Tuesday-2<sup>nd</sup> block; Wednesday-3<sup>rd</sup> block; Thursday-4<sup>th</sup> block; Friday-Make-ups)

- **May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** – AP Testing

## Scholarship/Open House Information:

- **Columbus State** has a **Servant Leadership Program** for students who want to develop leadership skills. They are offering a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 per year. Apply online at [http://www.colstate.edu/future/cost/scholarship\\_servant.asp](http://www.colstate.edu/future/cost/scholarship_servant.asp). The deadline to apply is **January 31, 2010**.
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities** has a **scholarship program** that offers 4 scholarships- one for Hispanic students, one for African-American students, one for Asian students, and one for any student with financial need. Applications are available online at <http://rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships/> and the deadline is **February 16, 2010**.
- The **Better Business Bureau** is giving six **\$1,000 scholarships** to seniors in the Metro Atlanta area. The criteria are: leadership, community service, academic, and a 500-word essay on "The importance of trust in your life and in business". Applications must be postmarked or hand delivered by **January 31, 2010**. For more information and a copy of the application form, go to [http://atlanta.bbb.org/student\\_scholarships](http://atlanta.bbb.org/student_scholarships).
- **Gates Millennium Scholars Program** offers thousands of **scholarships**, renewable over 5 years to students who are of minority status, have a minimum 3.3 GPA, have demonstrated leadership abilities through community service or extra-curricular activities and have financial need (by meeting Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria). Applications can be found online at [www.gmsp.org](http://www.gmsp.org) and must be submitted or postmarked by **January 11, 2010**.
- **Burger King** is offering **\$1,000 scholarships** through their **HAVE IT YOUR WAY Foundation**. Seniors with a 2.5 GPA who work part-time an average of 15 hours a week and can demonstrate financial need are eligible. Apply online at by **February 1, 2010** at [http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger\\_king\\_scholars\\_program.html](http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html).
- **Marist College in New York** is offering **12 full tuition and room/board four-year scholarships** to students majoring in **Computer Science and Information Technology and Systems**. For more

information and application please visit [www.marist.edu/nsfgrant](http://www.marist.edu/nsfgrant). Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2010**.

- Any high school student is eligible to enter the 2010 Profile in **Courage Essay Contest**, sponsored by the JFK Library. Essays must be about an elected official in the US since 1956 and demonstrate understanding of President Kennedy's definition of political courage. First-place winner receives \$10,000. To see complete guidelines go to <http://www.jfklibrary.org/> and visit Profile in Courage Award. **Deadline is January 9, 2010**.
- The **National Commission for Cooperative Education** is offering **National Co-op Scholarships** to students who attend one of the following colleges and participate in their co-op programs: Drexel, Johnson & Wales, Kettering, Pace, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Any senior who is interested can complete an application on-line at [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu). Deadline is **February 10, 2010**.
- **MetroPCS** is offering **\$2,500 scholarships** through the **MetroPCS Community Scholars Program**. Seniors who plan to attend college and who have demonstrated exceptional involvement in volunteerism and community service are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at [www.metropcs.com/scholarship](http://www.metropcs.com/scholarship). Application materials must be postmarked no later than **November 25, 2009**.
- **\$1,000 scholarship** for seniors from **SunTrust Bank**. One winner will be chosen by a drawing every two weeks until **May 14, 2010**. Enter online at [www.offtocollege.info](http://www.offtocollege.info).
- The following scholarship opportunities are available in Guidance from Mrs. Williams:
  - **Dr. Seuss "Oh, the Places You'll Go"** \$5,000 scholarship (deadline in **February 15, 2010** and requires 1 page essay)

### **Check out these websites!**

- For clear and updated **financial aid advice** visit: [www.finaidfacts.org](http://www.finaidfacts.org)
- To register for the **SAT**, please pick up a mail-in packet in the Guidance Office or visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register online. The high school code for East Coweta is 112-723.
- To register for the **ACT**, please pick up a mail-in packet in the Guidance Office or visit [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register online. The high school code for East Coweta is 112-723.
- **SAT** question for the day: <http://apps.collegeboard.com/qotd/question.do>
- Visit [www.financialaidtips.org](http://www.financialaidtips.org) for **financial aid tips**.
- Visit [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) for free **online tutorials** for SAT and ACT!
- Visit [www.Gacollege411.org](http://www.Gacollege411.org) for information on **careers, GA colleges, applications and transcripts, GA College Savings Plan, and scholarships, grants, and student loans**.
- Need help deciding on a major? Check out this site: <http://www.MyMajors.com>.

## **Wisdom of the Day**

*“You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, ‘I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.’ You must do the thing you think you cannot do.”*

*-Eleanor Roosevelt*