

# EVHS OCTOBER NEWS

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# IMPORTANT DATES

- October 4: Elementary Cross Country Meeting at EVHS
- October 9: Indigenous Peoples' Day: NO SCHOOL for students or staff!
- October 13: Coffee with Superintendent @ EVHS
- October 26: Spaghetti Social School Family Association @ LANL
- October 27: Parent/Teacher Conference @ EVHS



# CELEBRATIONS AND CHALLENGES

It's been a challenging start to the 2023-2024 school year, but with your continued patience and support, we're starting to experience some signs of relief. We started the year with the following vacancies: nine teachers, two administrators, and six support staff. To say that managing each day was a challenge doesn't come close to explaining our staff's tireless efforts to create the best possible learning environment for our children in the midst of making sure every class was covered every period, every day. Teachers gave up planning periods, counselors and auxiliary staff covered classes, dedicated substitutes committed to long-term tasks, janitors took on additional tasks, office staff stepped up to fill various roles when needed, and we persevered. We still have several openings, including a social studies teacher, band director, janitors, security guards, assistant principal, and educational assistants, and we are expecting our PE and Spanish teachers to arrive at any time, but over the past two weeks, we have been able to unravel some of the chaos created by understaffing and are starting to focus on the challenges that remain. We invite you to join us on October 26th to begin having a conversation about how we can improve our efforts to increase student attendance, decrease vaping use, minimize conflicts caused by social media that often lead to physical conflict, and create a plan to increase community engagement!

# STUDENT DRESS CODE AND CELL PHONE POLICIES

I hope we can all agree that the purpose of students attending high school is ultimately to earn the appropriate credits to graduate on time with their peers. It is also the intention of teachers, administrators, and staff to support students in achieving this challenging task and ensure that students follow school policies. Please support us in our efforts by ensuring that students respect school policies related to cell phone use and the current dress code policy. We have been building relationships and providing guidance related to both policies and have seen significant improvement in both areas, but as we move into the 2nd Nine Week period, those students who continue to ignore either of these policies will be subject to discipline, including school community service, lunch stopping, school suspension, and for repeated infractions even outside of school suspension. We would like to avoid these measures, so please encourage your students to do the right thing!

# EXTERNAL FOOD AND DRINKS

Commercial food and beverages are not permitted in hallways, classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, or any other area of campus during the regular school day. This includes fast food, soda, energy drinks, coffee drinks, etc. The reason for this is that it violates guidelines related to federal funding that support our Free Breakfast and Lunch Program. So please consume these items before entering the building and put your trash where it belongs: in the trash can!



Join us for an EVHS Family-School-Student Partnership

# SPAGHETTI

## Social

Thursday, October 26TH at 5 PM

**Location To Be Determined**

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Community and Student  
Presentations and Conversations  
.....

**Door Prizes and Giveaways**

**Be The Change You Want to See**

Contact Kelly Miller at 505-927-1546 or  
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questions, to volunteer or to  
contribute a doorprize!



# ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**PRESCHOOLERS**  
build skills and develop  
good habits for showing  
up on time



**ELEMENTARY  
STUDENTS**  
read well by the  
end of third grade



**HIGH SCHOOLERS**  
stay on track for  
graduation



**COLLEGE  
STUDENTS**  
earn their degrees



**WORKERS**  
succeed in  
their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



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new Mam*

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NEED  
YOUR  
HELP



Items:

**Newborn to 1 Year  
old**

- Diapers
- Pampers
- Wipes
- Glubbers

From September 1st  
until November 1st  
M-F 9am-5pm with your  
Lunch/Dinner from  
4-5pm

Drop off at: 101  
Jaco Industrial  
Road, Escondido,  
CA

Organized by  
Gabby Abeyta



# VAPING CRISIS

**Scary stats: 66% of teens think the only thing in their vape pen is the harmless taste of candy. But they have been deceived. E-cigarettes are loaded with cancer-causing chemicals, heavy metals, dangerous toxins, and far more nicotine than a cigarette.**

**Students who are in possession of a vaporizer will receive a suspension outside of school, even if the vaporizer "is not theirs and they are just keeping it for someone."  
Nicotine is a 3-day suspension and THC is a 5-day suspension. Talk to your teen and make sure they don't bring these devices to school.**



# HOMECOMING SNAPSHOTS



