



Ridge Lines

A newsletter for parents, students and friends of ERHS

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FROM THE FRONT DESK

Dear Jag Nation,

I am so excited and humbled to be your principal and hope that your summer is going well. As we prepare to return I am constantly reminded, most often by those around me, that the start of a new school year is the perfect time to dream big dreams. Every September students, parents, and teachers are given a swift gust of new aspirations. In September anything and everything is possible. By now, we have had an opportunity to put the previous year in perspective, "recharge our batteries" with time spent with family and friends, and plan for all of the opportunities that a fresh start will surely provide.

Our new administration team is extremely talented, highly motivated, but most important, eager to serve our community and make a positive impact in your child's life. Michelle Fox comes to us from the Bethel School District, but is no stranger to the Puyallup School District. Michelle is very knowledgeable and full of positive energy and excitement. Richard Lasso is joining us from the Federal Way School District. Richard brings a wealth of knowledge and experience. And finally Kamrica Ary-Turner also comes from the Bethel School District. Kamrica is dynamic and passionate about serving those around her. Each administrator seems to bring a specific trait to our team, but at the same time, they are very well rounded and talented.

Emerald Ridge has a rich tradition of excellence that, I pledge, will not only continue, but will be strengthened by our concerted efforts. We have been busily planning, preparing, and working to continue the positive work that has already been put into motion AND to make 2015-16 a truly "breakthrough" year for each of our students.

The Puyallup School District's mission is to educate and inspire students to reach their full potential. We strive to not only equip our students be knowledgeable and competent in their required subjects, but produce students who are critical and innovative thinkers, able to solve complex problems. This challenge includes successful completion of the state assessment (SBA, HSPE, and EOC), but goes well beyond. We will work hard to ensure each student is challenged to take Pre AP and Advanced Placement courses, is involved in upper-level world language, health and fitness, and the visual and performing arts.

We will continue to focus on rigorous academics for each student with the goal of helping each student be academically, socially, and emotionally prepared for post-high school college and career opportunities, skilled in making life choices that are healthy and socially responsible.

Our focus will also include student involvement outside the classroom. I believe strongly that Emerald Ridge's athletic, activities, clubs and arts programs will continue to develop and achieve at very high levels. We will strive for perfection and aim for excellence. "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." –Albert Einstein

It is only by working together that we can accomplish this. Please take a few moments to peruse the contents of this newsletter and to reinforce with your students the incredible dreams you have for each of them. Know that we are here to serve you. Please let us know how we can better support you and your students this school year. Here's to an outstanding school year. **Go Jags!**

Sincerely,
Kevin Hampton



Our Vision

Emerald Ridge High School

- 1. Every student will be well-known, both personally and academically, by at least one adult staff member.*
- 2. Every student will be challenged to meet rigorous academic standards in an appropriate educational program.*
- 3. Every student will be provided with opportunities to experience the benefits of community membership and to develop and practice leadership skills.*
- 4. Every student will be prepared for whatever he/she chooses to do after graduation, with a strong transcript, a career pathway, a plan and a portfolio.*

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS



AUGUST

- 17 Football/JAG Crew Clearance (8 to 3:00)
- 18-21 Athletic Clearance (8 to Noon)
- 19 Football practice begins
- 24 All Fall Sports begin practice
- 27 Student Orientation, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 27 New Parent Orientation, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 8 First Day of School; *Modified Schedule*
- 12 ACT Test
- 14 Make-up picture day (ASB, ID cards)
- 15 2015 Running Start Students Mtg; 11:00 am
- 16 Fair Day, Early Dismissal for Students
- 20 College Fair at the Fair, WW Fairgrounds
- 22 9th Grade Commit to Graduate
- 25 Homecoming Game; ERHS vs. PHS
- 26 Homecoming Dance; 7:00 to 10:00—Commons
- 30 Senior Class Meeting/Jostens; Auditorium 9:30 am

OCTOBER

- 1 Back to School Night
- 2 King of the Hill Game; ERHS vs. RHS
- 3 SAT Test
- 6 Jostens Order Day; during lunches
- 8 PSD Supplemental Day - No School
- 9 State In-Service Day - No School
- 14 PSAT Test; sign up with ERHS Bookkeeper
- 14 Choir Concert, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
- 20 Orchestra Band Fall Concert, 7:00 pm, Auditorium
- 20-21 Student Led Conferences; 2.5 Early Release
- 21 Student Led Conference Evening
- 24 ACT Test
- 28 Picture Re-take Day; Lunches
- 28 2015 Daffodil Princess Selection; 7:00 pm

RIDGELINES ALERT!!!

Emerald Ridge Newsletters are always
available online on our website!

Go to:

<https://www.edline.net/pages/>

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Click on the link to Ridgelines

STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR 2015-2016

Student orientation for the 2015-16 school year will be as follows:

August 27

- Seniors (A-L) 8:00 am
- Seniors (M-Z) 9:00 am

August 27

- Juniors (A-L) 11:00 am
- Juniors (M-Z) 12:00 pm

August 27

- Sophomores (A-H) 2:00 pm
- Sophomores (I-P) 3:00 pm
- Sophomores (Q-Z) 4:00 pm
- Parent Orientation 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Student athletes who are participating in fall sports can complete their orientation on August 17 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, or August 18-21 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Students will receive their schedule for next year when they attend orientation on the 27th.. Please fill out the Enrollment Verification Form completely and bring it to orientation with you.

ASB cards will be on sale during orientation. They entitle students to participate in ERHS clubs and athletics. They also provide free or reduced cover charges to school activities such as dances and sporting events. During orientation you may also purchase your parking pass and yearbook. If you plan to purchase school pictures, be sure to include a check payable to the photographer. All other expenses can be combined and made payable to Emerald Ridge High School. Payment can also be made online again this year with a credit card, check out the form included in this packet!

Items for Purchase 2015-2016

(fees can be paid online or at Student Orientation)

ASB Card..... \$40.00
(mandatory for students participating in activities/athletics)

Yearbook \$50.00
(if purchased by December 18, 2015)

Parking Permit \$30.00

Athletic User Fee \$75.00
(per season)

School Pictures
(see order form sent directly from photographer)

JAGUAR PARENTS ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Mark your calendars for August 27, 6:00-7:30 pm. That's when the Emerald Ridge Site Council will sponsor our annual New Parent Orientation Program. While the program has been designed with parents of sophomores in mind, all parents are welcome to attend.

The orientation program will begin with a general session in the auditorium where we will provide an overview of our school and its programs. The agenda for the evening will follow this schedule:

6:00-6:15 pm	General Session in the Auditorium
6:20-6:40 pm	Break-Out Session #1
6:45-7:05 pm	Break-Out Session #2
7:10-7:29 pm	Break-Out Session #3

During the break-out sessions, parents have the opportunity to choose three different workshops conducted in smaller settings. The workshops will focus on the following topics:

- The Advisory Program: Finding out what it's about and how to make it work for your student.
- The Culminating Project: Supporting your student in completing this graduation requirement.
- Options for Honors Students: Meeting individual needs.
- Sophomore 101: Steps to Success.
- The Power of Parent Involvement: Learning about opportunities for getting involved at ERHS.
- Activities and Athletics: Extending learning beyond the classroom.
- Jag Crew/Tour of the building: Sharing how we will transition your student from junior high to high school.

At Emerald Ridge, we recognize parents as essential partners in the business of educating young people. The task is too big and too important for us to approach it in isolation from one another. We need to work together, and we need to trust one another. For our kids' sake, we need to build positive partnerships with one another from the very beginning. For these purposes, we have planned this orientation program. We know that common information and understanding provide a critical foundation for positive partnerships, and we are anxious to get to know you and have you get to know us.

We hope you will join us for this great informational evening!

SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS

Student schedules will be distributed to students at orientation in August and will reflect their courses for the full year, not just for first semester. They are based upon the selections that were made during the registration process last spring. In some cases where scheduling conflicts occurred, students may receive their second-choice, rather than first-choice electives.

Although no master schedule ever works out perfectly for over 1500 students, we have done our best to get all students enrolled in the classes they need to take as well as the ones they told us they want to take. There will be very few exceptions to make schedule changes. These include: (1) they do not have a full schedule of six classes; (2) they are missing a required course such as Spanish 2 or English; or (3) they are misplaced in a course that is either significantly above or significantly below their ability level such as the wrong math class. We will not be able to make schedule corrections to accommodate specific teacher, time-of-day, or time-of-year preferences. We will not make adjustments to accommodate changes of heart either, as most of our classes are full.

Students needing schedule corrections should plan on taking care of this during orientation. Administrators and counselors will be available to help clear up any schedule problems.

**First Day of School
Wednesday,
September 8, 2015**

**Sophomores Only
7:50 - 10:00 am**

**Classes Begin for Everyone
10:10 am**

**A revised bell schedule for the
first day is included in this packet.*

CULMINATING PROJECT

Students worked hard through advisory all last year to stay on track with their Culminating Project. As the new school year approaches, it is vital that *all* students realize the importance of staying on track and to seek assistance from the Culminating Project Coordinator.

All seniors should have the following components completed to be on track with their senior project:

- An approved and/or completed 20 hour community service plan (*a 20 hour approved plan is required to obtain a parking pass*)
- Graded assignments in Math, Science, English, History and pathway electives.
- A research project

All juniors need to have the following completed in order to be on track with their senior project:

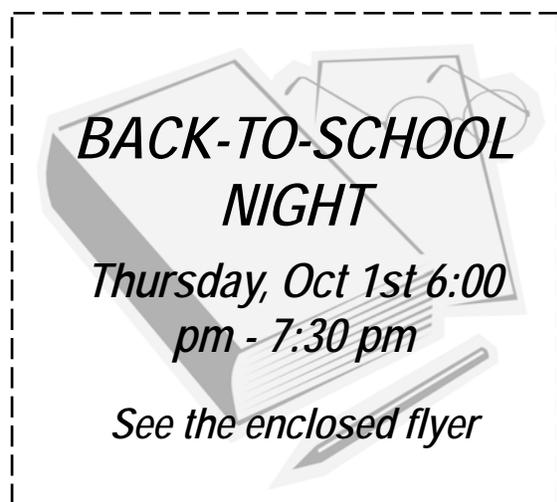
- An approved and/or completed 20-hour community service plan (*obtain their parking permit on their orientation day*)
- Graded assignments from across the curriculum.

For further information or if you have any questions on these requirements, please contact Patti McMullan at mcmullpl@puyallup.k12.wa.us.

ATTENTION: Full Time Running Start JAGS

There will be a Running Start Meeting on September 15th at 11:00 am in the CCC with Mrs. McMullan. At that meeting we will cover the following:

- ◆ Culminating Project
- ◆ Jostens information (for Senior class)
- ◆ Communication



ADVISORY: A CORNERSTONE AT ERHS

Advisors at Emerald Ridge play an important role in communicating information, matching students with opportunities, tracking progress, providing educational guidance, assisting with the development of high school portfolios and career plans, and generally serving as student advocates. The advisory program is a primary vehicle through which we work to achieve the number one goal of our school community, which is to make sure that we know each of our students, both personally and academically, so that we can serve him or her well. At Emerald Ridge, we are not willing to lose any student through the cracks in a too-large, too-impersonal system. We are committed to success for all. Advisors will play a key role in making this happen. We hope you will encourage your sons and daughters to make the most of the opportunities afforded by advisory. We also hope you will take time to get to know your child's advisor yourself, since he or she will be your primary partner in Jaguar territory.

PARKING AT ERHS

Parking is a privilege at Emerald Ridge High School. Safe, responsible driving habits are expected at all times. Students who leave campus without permission could forfeit parking privileges. Parking fines start at \$5 and are assessed daily for not following parking protocols. ***All past fees and fines must be cleared in order to purchase a parking permit.***

Permits are required to park on ERHS campus. When students come to purchase a permit they need to bring:

- Proof of Insurance (current expiration date)
- Vehicle Registration
- Valid Driver's License
- Current ASB Card

Black (Central) Lot

- Running Start students
- Work-based Learning students
- Driving a sibling who attends Glacier View JH

Green (West) Lot

- All other ERHS students

Silver (Staff Only) Lots

- East Lot
- Back of ERHS

Students should *never* park in Staff, visitor or Handicapped parking spaces.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

SAT

October 3, 2015
November 7, 2015
December 5, 2015
January 23, 2016
March 5, 2016
May 7, 2016
June 4, 2016

ACT

September 12, 2015
October 24, 2015
December 12, 2015
February 6, 2016
April 9, 2016
June 11, 2016

Seniors who still need to take the SAT or ACT or who want to take one of them again in hopes of a better score, should sign up for a date in the early fall in order to have results back in time for college applications.

For the SAT, register online at www.collegeboard.com.
For the ACT, register online at www.act.org.

Smarter Balance Testing

Juniors — November 2 through 20, 2015

HSPE Dates

Writing Nov. 3 and 4, 2015 Reading Nov. 5, 2015

EOC (End of Course) Exam Dates

Dates will be determined.

PSAT—Oct. 14th—ALL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT test at Emerald Ridge High School. The PSAT/NMSQT measures the critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills that students have been developing throughout their lives. The PSAT/NMSQT also gives them firsthand practice for the SAT. In addition, it is the only opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. This year all sophomores will take the PSAT, test will be purchased by the Puyallup School District.

So Why Take the PSAT/NMSQT?

So you can . . .

- Compare yourself with other college-bound students around the country.
- Find out what the **SAT** is like. (The PSAT/NMSQT includes actual SAT questions.)
- Assess your verbal, math, and writing skills.
- Forecast your **SAT** scores.
- Participate in the [Student Search Service](#)® to get mail from colleges.
- Enter [NMSC](#) scholarship competitions.

To take the test, you must register in late September and early October with the bookkeeper. Additional information on the PSAT, test preparation, and college planning advice can be found at: www.collegeboard.com, or contact Ms. Hepworth in the CCC. Cost last year was \$23.00. More information will be available in the Fall.

SITE COUNCIL SETS DIRECTIONS

The Emerald Ridge Site Council is made up of 21 parents, students, teachers, support staff, community members and administrators. First established in the fall of 2000, the Council has four broad goals:

1. To facilitate open communication among all members of the Emerald Ridge community.
2. To provide opportunities for parents and community members to become involved in the school.
3. To assist in the evaluation of the school's programs.
4. To establish areas for improvement and set future directions for the school.

Positions for parents, community members, students, teachers, and support staff will be open on the Emerald Ridge Site Council for the 2015-2016 school year. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the application form included with your registration materials and return it to our school office by September 11, 2015.

COLLEGE FAIR

Western Washington Fair is hosting a College Fair on September 20th from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm in the Education Pavillion. If you're in high school and getting ready to head off to college or if you're already working and looking to change careers or broaden your horizons, you'll want to stop by our College Fair.

In past years, over 35 universities, colleges and technical schools have been on hand to discuss curriculum, tuition, running start, financial aid, activities, campus life and more! This exhibit is housed in the Pavilion and offers a series of 29-minute information sessions. Topics include financial aid, essay writing, NCAA athletics and more.

More information will be available in the Counseling and Career Center here at ERHS.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS

District Post-High Planning Night

For students and their parents to learn more about options after high school, including application forms, timelines, and available resources.

Monday, September 22nd

6:30-9:00 pm (at Pierce Community College)

PREPAREDNESS + UNDERSTANDING = SMOOTH START

As we prepare for the beginning of a new school year, I'd like to share some ideas that I think go a long way toward protecting your property, pocket book and personal welfare. Hello to everyone I have not yet met. My name is Deputy Jeff Papen and I serve the Puyallup School District as a School Resource Officer with the Pierce County Sheriff Department. I am proud to be part of the Emerald Ridge family and look forward to working with ERHS and the surrounding communities.

Emerald Ridge High is situated at a dead end County roadway adjacent to Glacier View Jr. High, and near a large housing development. With approximately 800-1000 commuters coming and going each day it is helpful to remember the following. **Traffic congestion is to be expected.** Plan to leave early before school so that you don't feel rushed as you arrive near the parking lot. Realize that the stop and go traffic for arriving students, parents and staff can be very frustrating and dangerous. Driving is a social task and requires patience and courtesy on the road and especially in parking lots. As you negotiate intersections, entrances and exits, be sure to make eye contact with other drivers in an effort to communicate clearly who has the right of way. Where it makes sense to do so, take turns allowing other drivers to go before you. Be watchful and take care of the bicyclists and pedestrians who will be sharing the same space as your car in the parking lot and intersections. If you must use your horn, do it in a way that warns others of a hazard and not as a means of aggravating drivers.

Each school is like a city and with thousands of students, staff and visitors it makes sense to safeguard your property. Unless it is completely necessary, **leave valuables at home.** If you must bring them to school make sure they are not left in the car in open view. Lock them in the trunk or glove box and don't tell others they are there. At the very least hide them out of sight. It is quite common to see purses, store bags, electronics and other valuables left lying on the seat or console area where a thief is happy to find them. If you must bring your valuables into the school, keep them locked up or with you and do not leave them unattended (not even for a moment).

These are issues every community faces. I know the Jaguar way is to look out for each other and take good care of yourselves. If we take a few extra minutes each day to adopt some of these practices I am confident our school year will have a smooth start and an even smoother finish. I look forward to seeing you in Jag Country.

Sincerely,

Deputy Jeff Papen, SRO Puyallup School District

WORK-BASED LEARNING PROGRAM

Washington State Career and Technical Education define Work-Based Learning as a learning experience which connects knowledge and skills obtained in the classroom to those needed outside in the business world. Blending school and work site experiences motivates students to acquire high-level academic and in-demand workplace skills that can lead to rewarding employment and future learning opportunities. Work-Based Learning programs also transform how businesses recruit employees, train entry-level workers, profit from hiring decisions, and compete in the global economy.

The benefits for all students have become more apparent with increasing changes in the workplace, emphasizing the need for highly skilled employees whose training includes practical work experience. Encompassing many different strategies, Work-Based Learning is made possible through the development of partnerships between schools, employers, and the community. A quality Work-Based Learning program provides benefits not only to students, but to the business community as well.

To be eligible for Work-Based Learning a student must:

- Be a Junior or Senior
- Be currently employed at a work site related to the student's pathway or where the student can learn pathway related skills
- Be able to document 180 hours (.5 credit) or 360 hours (1.0 credit) of work through copied pay stubs. (Approximately 10-12 hours per week)
- Work at a location that actually produces a paycheck and pay stub
- Have two semesters of related Career and Technical Education pathway classes completed or one pathway course completed and enrolled in the second class at the same time during the work experience

For more information on the Work-Based Learning Program at your student's school, please contact Felicia Kerns for more information, or email at kernF@puyallup.k12.wa.us.



FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

Apply online www.EZMealApp.com! Get your approval before school starts! Benefits of this new application process are:

- Immediate Response Time
- Electronic Communication
- No lines
- Printable confirmation letter for school

PRACTICE SCHEDULES FOR FALL ATHLETIC TEAMS



On Monday, August 24th, practices will begin for most fall sports teams: girls' soccer, boys' and girls' golf, girls' swimming, boys' water polo, boys' tennis, boys' and girls' cross country and volleyball. Football will begin on Wednesday, August 19th.

No athlete can turn out with any ERHS school team until he or she has completed in full all paperwork: athletes must have a current physical (this cannot expire during the sport season), parent permission, evidence of insurance coverage, emergency contact information, previous school year information and a current ASB card. All fees will be paid prior to being cleared for non-cut sports and athletic fees will be collected for cut sports as soon as rosters are posted (ASB Card - \$40 and PSD user fee - \$75). Our Athletic Director (Jesse Kase) will be available in the main office to collect cards and issue clearances on:

August 18th through August 20th, from 8:00 to Noon.

9th Grade Athletes will need to purchase an "enhanced" Jr. High ASB card at their home junior high. Their ASB card will have an ERHS Sport Sticker to allow access to athletic contests and events. Students who purchase a Jr. High ASB card, then decide to play on the High School team will pay a \$20 user fee for each sport.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Students who want to participate and/or compete in sports or selected extracurricular activities in fall 2012 must pass a minimum of five classes and maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average this spring.

In 2009, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) toughened its stance on athletic and activities eligibility by requiring every junior high and high school student in Washington to pass a minimum of five classes in a semester.

The Puyallup School Board raised the academic bar even higher by requiring students to earn at least a 2.0 ("C") grade point average to be eligible for sports and extracurricular activities.

Students who sign up for cheer or dance and drill will be held to the same standards as those participating in athletics. If ineligible to "compete," they will not be able to perform at athletic events or other WIAA-sanctioned cheer, dance, and drill competitions.

Drama, forensics, and music program students who are ineligible to compete will be excluded from WIAA-sanctioned events such as state solo ensemble contests and debate competitions.

PRIDE!! DO YOU HAVE IT?

What does "PRIDE" stand for?

Parents and community members who provide support and resources

Recognize accomplishments

Inspire involvement

Develop new programs and possibilities

Encourage excellence

GET INVOLVED! The ERHS PRIDE Booster Club has a full calendar of events and functions that we are sponsoring for the 2014-15 school year. There are many ways to be involved and we invite you to share in the experience of helping our Emerald Ridge students make the most of their high school years. We encourage your membership to PRIDE! Look for our Booster Club table at orientation. For information on PRIDE memberships or volunteering with PRIDE, watch for further information at the Parent Orientation. Please get involved! Your help is greatly needed and appreciated. Our first general membership meeting is September 9th at 7:00 pm in the ERHS library. Please join us!

JAG GEAR: The new jag gear will be available for sale on August 28th at orientation and also at the first home football game. Buy early!! Jag gear sells out fast. Jag gear will also be available at Back-to-School Night and at all the home football games.

THANK YOU!! PRIDE would like to thank all its volunteers over the past year. Without your help ERHS students and staff would miss out on so much. You are so appreciated and such an essential aspect of PRIDE. We couldn't function without your generous donations of time, energy, and goodies.

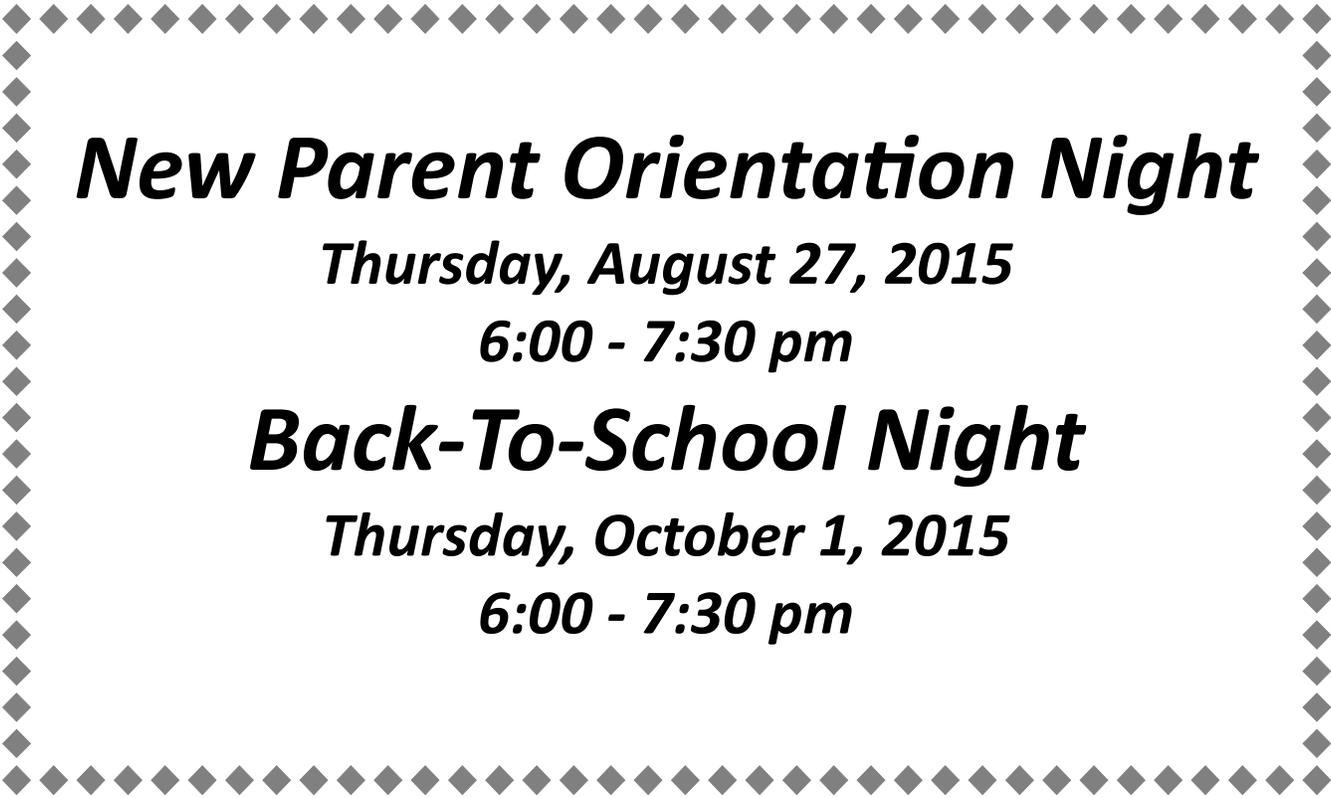
Emerald Ridge PRIDE is a non-profit booster club. It is our sole purpose to support the students, staff, and organizations of Emerald Ridge High School. PRIDE is bound by IRS laws of a non-profit 501c3 organization. Our donations and contributions to PRIDE are tax deductible.

Just a reminder ~ PSD Transportation implemented a new software system in 2011 related to your child's bus stop. This web-based system enabled parents to more easily access their student's bus route, bus stop location and a variety of information regarding the transportation of their child. If you have any questions regarding this system please call the Transportation Dept at 841-8775.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



New Parent Orientation Night

Thursday, August 27, 2015

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Back-To-School Night

Thursday, October 1, 2015

6:00 - 7:30 pm