

MESSAGE FROM THE H.S. PRINCIPAL Ryan Faris

As Principal of ELGHS, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great school year. I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer that was filled with quality time with your family and friends. The ELGHS staff has been working hard to prepare for the new school year and we are looking forward to the excitement in the hallways, the enthusiasm in the classrooms, and the return of the students and friends. Teachers and administrators have been busy over the summer preparing for the 2017-18 school year.

Our goal at ELGHS is to promote student growth and improve student learning. Our focus is to move students forward and allow them to grow intellectually, physical, emotionally, behaviorally and to challenge each student to grow in his/her academic abilities and skills to be college and career ready when they graduate from ELGHS. As a community of parents, teachers, and students, it is essential for all of us to build positive relationships that support academic, emotional, and social growth.

Another area of focus we will continually be discussing is "good character". When we think of good character we often think of people who are kind, generous, compassionate, and thoughtful. These are all great characteristics for people to have, but there are aspects of good character that pertain to the learning environment as well:

- **P**ositive Attitude: looking at the bright side and remembering to say please and thank you
- **R**espect: taking responsibility for your actions and treating people with compassion and dignity
- **I**ngenuity: being clever, original, and exploring different ways to complete tasks
- **D**etermination: mental perseverance through challenging situations
- **E**ffort: showing enthusiasm and ownership for learning and always doing your best work

Please take time to discuss what "good character" traits make a person successful. I truly believe individuals that possess these characteristics are more likely to succeed in school and more importantly life.

As we venture into this new school year, I invite you to attend as many school events as possible. This fall over half of our students are involved in athletic competition. In the future, we will have performances by our choral and music departments, and our students are also involved in many academic and co-curricular clubs.

Parents can keep track of academic progress on the Skyward software grading system. I invite you to check student grades on this system repeatedly to stay up to date on student progress. If at any time you have a question about what is occurring in your student's class, please

contact your student's teacher. Your child's classroom teacher is always the place to start.

Lastly, I firmly believe education is about teamwork. Parents, support staff, teachers, administrators, school board members, community members, and students must work together to provide the best possible education for the children of the district.

I know, as high school principal, that I will continually strive to focus on student learning in this district. Please feel free to email me at rfaris@elgs.k12.wi.us, call at 876-3381, or stop in to talk about the exciting environment we have at Elkhart Lake Glenbeulah High School.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, September 22 nd	Homecoming vs. Port Edwards
Saturday, September 23 rd	ELGHS Homecoming Dance
Monday, September 25 th	No School (Teacher In-Service)
Monday, October 9 th	Freshman Parent/Teacher Conferences
Monday, October 23 rd	No School (Teacher In-Service)
Tuesday, October 24 th	High School Picture Retakes
Friday, November 3 rd	End of 1 st Quarter
Friday, November 3-5 th	High School Fall Musical
Thursday, November 16 th	Early Release, HS P/T Conferences