

## **MESSAGE FROM THE H.S. PRINCIPAL**

### **Ryan Faris**

Congratulations to all the students for the completion of a very successful school year. The 2016-2017 school year was full of academic, athletic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular achievements, success, and most importantly fun. At the end of every school year, there is a sense of pride and accomplishment and this year was no different.

I would like to thank our resigning staff member for her years of service and dedication to our students and community. Best wishes to Ms. Janice Hannon. You will be truly missed.

It is difficult to believe how quickly time goes in the summer months. I hope students and families are enjoying their last several weeks of summer vacation before the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

On behalf of the staff at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School, I would like to welcome the students back to school. We believe the beginning of school is an exciting time for students, staff, and families as preparation for learning is an integral part of student success.

The high school is going through a few transformations this summer. The front entrance will very different by the time school starts, as the new safe and secure entrance will be completed. The kitchen floor tile has also been replaced among many other summer projects.

There are a few important dates to remember as the upcoming school year draws near. Registration is Thursday, July 27 (12:00pm-7:00pm) and Monday, August 7th (8:00am-5:00pm). Please remember to register on one of these two dates. The annual leadership conference for club leaders, class representatives, and club/class advisors will be on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Fall sports begin in early August for fall athletes. In an effort for better communication between students, parents, coaches, and administration we will be having several mandatory meetings for athletes involved in fall sports. On Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have an athletic code meeting from 6:00-6:30 p.m., and a football player, parent, and coaches meeting from 6:30-7:00 p.m. We will have another athletic code meeting on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-6:30 p.m., followed by a volleyball and cross country player, parent, and coaches meeting from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Before a high school student is allowed to participate in school sports, the student must have a WIAA Physical (or alternate year) card, paid a \$30.00 athletic fee, attend one athletic code meeting before you participate in high school athletics (must attend one meeting in a four-year athletic career), and have our athletic trainers perform a baseline concussion testing each summer.

The high school wants to assist in the transitional period for incoming freshmen students, as well as new students along with their parents to the district. In order to help, there is a freshmen/new student orientation scheduled on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Orientation will run from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will discuss with the students what they can expect on the first day of school and throughout the year. There will be time for the students to open their lockers and ask questions. I am hopeful

freshmen students, new students, and parents will attend this important event.

For most teenagers, summer is about going to the beach, working, family vacations and having fun with friends. Sometimes the lack of a daily routine can make starting school difficult. I encourage you to help your child start a daily routine before school starts in order to make a successful transition. Continue to encourage healthy activities such as volunteering in the community, working a summer job, participating in a fall sport or school organization, or reading a book. Encourage your son/daughter to put down or limit their screen time and get out and enjoy the Wisconsin summer. Finally, continue to discuss the traits of "good character" that will help make your child successful. Thank you for all you do to support your child's education. Strong parent involvement, support, and a strong partnership between home and school will help create success for your child.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to the Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah administration, school board, staff and community for your support of education and your hospitality in my first year as principal. I am looking forward to the upcoming school year. As a school, we are in the business of serving people, and as a school leader – servant leadership is my focus. Going into my second year as principal of ELGHS, I will continue to strive and grow as a leader to serve students, parents, staff, and our entire school community by doing what's best for students. Our top priority will be to continue having a growth mindset for the whole child (intellectually, socially, emotionally, behaviorally, and physically) and we will continue to live by the mantra of "ensuring success of every student, every day, whatever it takes." I truly believe we have an outstanding school, staff, students, parents and community. Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah School District is a great place to be!!

### **Important Dates**

July 18th	Athletic Code Meeting, 6:00-6:30
July 18th	Mandatory football meeting, 6:30-7:00 (coaches, players, and parents)
July 27th	High School Registration, 12:00-7:00
August 1st	Earliest Day for Football Practice
August 7th	High School Registration, 8:00-5:00
August 8th	Earliest day of practice (Girls Swim and Diving)
August 9th	Athletic Code Meeting, 6:00-6:30 Mandatory CC and Volleyball meeting, 6:30-7:00 (coaches, players, and parents)
August 14th	Earliest day for practice (Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball)
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Football (H) vs. Maranatha Baptist, 7:00
August 22nd	ELGHS Leadership Day, 9:30-1:00
August 29th	New Student & Frsh. Orientation, 6:00-7:30
September 5th	First Day of School