



HOME OF THE TIGERS

# School News

Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

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- **EHS adding new teaching staff**
- **Library & study halls expanding support for student achievement**
- **Academy of Engineering & Aerospace building partnerships**



**Photo of the Week:** Mrs. Todd's biology classes begin with rapport building activities to start the school year.

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School Hours:  
7:25 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Office Hours:  
6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Principal:**  
Matt Buchler

## Featured Announcement

EHS's Academy of Engineering & Aerospace is developing industry partnerships with leaders in the aerospace and engineering fields. On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Digital Globe will re-task its WorldView-2 satellite in order for it to fly over EHS and photograph our engineering students. We are excited about this opportunity.

For more information on the WorldView-2 satellite, visit this link: <https://goo.gl/UQ2Udm>

## Principal's Update: Taking Excellence to the Next Level

In St. Vrain, Superintendent Haddad's leadership lessons to principals always stress the importance of understanding excellence as a continuous pursuit rather than as a fixed point. At Erie High School, taking excellence to the next level has become a motto for how we approach education. I am extremely proud of the work of our staff and teachers, as well as the commitment of our students and families to the pursuit of excellence. At the start of this school year, these innovative programs have been added in order to expand choice, support, and academic rigor for students:

- Advanced Placement Capstone program
- Academy of Engineering & Aerospace
- Enhanced programming for students with disabilities
- College prep English for seniors writing scholarship & college application essays
- Expanded study halls for underclassmen
- Extended library hours and the transition to a twenty first century library/digital work space
- Addition of hundreds of Chromebooks and desktop computers in preparation for next year's transition to 1:1
- Tiger's Den, Captain's Council, and other new mentoring and leadership programs
- Live broadcasting of sports and performing arts events through the Erie Tiger Network\*

We are fortunate to live in a vibrant, growing community that supports excellence in education both philosophically and financially, and this includes the significant support Erie High School receives from the St. Vrain Valley school system. Without exception, the parents of our new students tell me that the quality of the schools in Erie's K12 system were a major influence on their decision to move to the area.

Excellence in education is the result of planning, attention to detail, a competitive spirit, good old-fashioned hard work and collaboration with parents, students, and our larger community. As we move deeper into the 2015-16 school year, I can say with confidence that the future of Erie High School's students looks very bright.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have questions or suggestions. Thank you for your support of Erie High School and GO TIGERS!

Best Regards,

--Matt Buchler

Principal

*\*Read more about these new programs and developments on our school website.*

## Events Calendar

Wed., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m  
Back to School Night  
Meet teachers and staff.  
Develop new friendships  
with other families.

Tues., Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>:  
Picture Retake Day

Wed., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>  
(3:45-5:45 p.m.)  
Parent-Teacher  
Conferences

Sat., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>:  
EHS Homecoming Dance

Fri., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>:  
NO SCHOOL

## Academy of Engineering & Aerospace

### Building Partnerships

The EHS Academy of Engineering & Aerospace is building partnerships with engineering and aerospace firms on Colorado's Front Range. We are currently developing partnerships with Digital Globe (see featured announcements on page one), AirComm, Zachry Engineering, and AirSquared. We hope to expand these partnerships and provide students with guest lectures from engineers and field trips to these firms' engineering/manufacturing facilities. If you are a parent working in an engineering or aerospace field and think your firm would be interested in a partnership, please contact Matt Buchler, Principal, directly by email or phone (buchler\_matthew@svvds.org / 303.828.4213).

### EHS Adding New Teaching Staff

The growth of our community has brought several benefits to Erie High School. St. Vrain has granted additional staffing to EHS, meaning we are able to hire four additional teachers in math, English, social studies, and special education as well as add sections of classes to those areas and Spanish.

### Libraries and Study Halls Expanding Support for Student Achievement

This year EHS expanded study hall options for underclassmen. Freshmen and sophomores now have the flexibility of using a class period as a non-credit study hall. The vast majority of EHS students are involved in many co-curricular activities (athletics, drama, music, work, etc.), so having the opportunity to get homework done during the school day is beneficial. Additionally, the EHS library has extended its afternoon hours to 4:00 p.m., giving students a quiet place to complete their studies for an hour and a half after the school day.

## Teacher

### Spotlight

Meet Mrs. Liz Russell

English Department



Mrs. Russell joined the EHS English Department this summer. She is a veteran teacher with experience in a variety of school settings. In college, Mrs. Russell was a varsity soccer and rugby player. High expectations, bright smiles, and excellent pedagogy are indicative of Mrs. Russell's classroom interactions with students. We are excited to have her join our staff.