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INTRODUCING *new* EHS PRESIDENT KEVIN REA

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The Edgewood High School Board of Directors announced April 21 that Kevin Rea, a highly regarded and respected Catholic school administrator from Rhode Island, will be filling the president role previously held by Mike Elliott '77. Elliott announced his retirement last October after nine years of service in the school's top leadership position. Kevin began his role July 1.

"I feel deeply honored and thrilled that I will be joining the Edgewood High School community as President at such

an exciting time in its history," Rea said. "I loved every moment of the interview process and my visit to Edgewood. I look forward to working with the Board, Principal Jerry Zander, and all the faculty and staff of Edgewood to continue the leadership, dedication and commitment demonstrated by Mike Elliott during his tenure as President."

Most recently, Rea served as President of Wyoming Seminary School from 2015 to 2021 before returning to Rhode Island for family reasons. Prior to that, he was assistant head of school at Hackley School in Tarrytown, New York, and has also served in various education and administration roles in the United Kingdom.

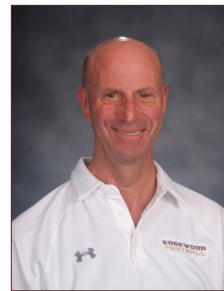
Marykay Zimbrick, Board Chair and a member of the President Search Committee, noted the high caliber of candidates the committee met during the process.

"We feel very fortunate to have had so many qualified and impressive candidates during this thorough search process," Zimbrick stated. "We are extremely grateful to our search committee and to all members of the Edgewood community who participated in the search to find the best match for our next president.

"We are confident Kevin will be an excellent fit for our Edgewood community," Zimbrick said. "He is well-positioned to help us build on the strong foundation that Mike Elliott and previous presidents as well as our Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa sponsors, faculty, staff, students and families have built throughout Edgewood's history."

See page 2 for reflection
from outgoing President Mike Elliott '77.

Crusader Athletic Director Chris Zwettler retires



Edgewood High School Athletic Director Chris Zwettler has announced his retirement as a teacher, boys' varsity basketball coach and athletic director effective at the end of 2021-22 school year.

Edgewood athletes and EHS athletic programs have flourished under "Z." Annually, 75% of the student body participates on one or more teams and our 21 sports have achieved great success. Since joining the WIAA in 1999, Edgewood teams have captured more than 100 Badger Conference Championships, and have been State Champion or Runner-up more than 50 times in 15 different sports. Each year, many Edgewood athletes move on to compete at the college level. ***Thank you Coach Z for your many years of service and dedication to Edgewood!***

See next page for a reflection by Coach Z.

See page 7 for introduction of new AD Ben Voss '95.

"Thrilled to join the Edgewood community"

by Kevin Rea, EHS President

Bang! I looked at my son. My son looked at me. We both looked at our dog who tilted his head and looked back at us! Pulling our U-Haul truck off the highway into a layby, I quickly realized that a burst tire had just transformed a six-hour drive into a "who knew how long" drive. Waiting for the repair service, my son and I opened the back of the truck and broke out some snacks. When the owner of the tow repair service pulled off our truck's left rear outer tire, he showed us that its bursting had sheared off the top of the valve stem of the inner tire. In no time at all, he mounted two new tires (they gleamed in the sun together), and we were on our way again, heading for Madison with a story to tell our family.

The more I reflected upon these two tires, the more wisdom I found in them. In Ecclesiastes 4,

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Mike Elliott "forever grateful and honored"

There is a saying that "time flies when you're having fun." I have to say that the past nine-and-a-half years that I have had the honor and privilege to serve as the President of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart have been some of the best times of my life.

I do have to admit that running a school during COVID, raising the funds and managing construction of \$25,000,000 worth of projects, and fighting the City of Madison for the right to be treated the same as the public schools with a lighted athletic field did bring its challenges and frustrations.

We accomplished a lot together because we worked in partnership and as a community. You were always there for me. I will remember all of you who helped along the way and will always be thankful for the time and treasure you shared. My success was possible because of you, the Edgewood High School Community.

There is another familiar saying that "all good things must come to an end." My full-time role as President ended on June 30. I now want my full-time role to be spending more time with my wife Sue, my daughters, my grandkids and my Mom with a part-time role at Edgewood to continue to help where and when I can.



"Edgewood has played a significant role in my life and in the lives of my family," Elliott said. "It has been my great honor and privilege to serve as Edgewood's president for the past nine years.

"Together, we have addressed many challenges and celebrated many milestones and I'm so proud of where Edgewood is headed."

By now you know I have had some favorite sayings during my years as President. I promise not to bore you with all of them, but there is one I have to share one last time because it comes from my heart each and every time I say it to you. "Edgewood is a special place where special people come together to do special things." That is why we are more than a high school, we are a community for life.

Let me conclude by thanking the current students, current parents, current faculty and staff, alumni, past parents, past faculty and staff, the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, my family, and my wife Sue. Your support has been essential in all I've been able to accomplish during my time as President.

I am forever grateful and honored to have been President of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart. Thank you for the opportunity.

We are Edgewood!

Michael Elliott '77

Coach Z "thankful and proud"

As I reflect on my 33 years at Edgewood, I think about when I was about to be a freshman in high school and I wanted to go to Edgewood in the worst way; 52 of my 54 classmates from Queen of Peace school were going to EHS. Well, my parents sent me to West; I begged and begged them to send me to Edgewood, but to no avail. Look at me now, 33 years later. Funny how things have worked out! God works in strange and mysterious ways sometimes, doesn't he?

I have many people to thank, so I am not even going to start with individuals. Except I do need to thank President Tom Shipley and Sister Kathleen Phelan for taking a chance and hiring me in 1989. To be hired as the 4th A.D. in school history is/was an honor! The foundation was laid by Earl Wilke, George Chryst and Joel Maturi. I just tried to carry on the strong values, fantastic culture, traditions and trust that were already at the root of this very successful program!

Thank you to all of the coaches I had the pleasure to work with... in my tenure we have had very little coaching turnover, for that I am very grateful. That's a sign in my mind that our coaches loved coaching here.

Next, I want to thank all of the wonderful faculty and staff who I have had the privilege to work with. These people are the heart and soul of this institution. Thank you for caring so much about the youth of America!

You will always have a special place in my heart.

To the alumni and parents of Edgewood: I have had the blessing to be able to build many wonderful relationships over 33 years. Thank you for the vocal, emotional, spiritual and financial support over the years. You are all very special!

Finally, my family. My wife Bernie, our children Callie, Eliza, Alex and Jack. Without their love and support I couldn't have gotten to do what I loved to do; I am so thankful and proud of all of them! I will always cherish the memories at EHS!! God Bless you all and GO CRUSADERS!





MUSINGS *from* DENNIS MCKINLEY '63



THE SENIORS WHO SET THE TONE

Eighty! They're turning 80 this year. How can that be? It seems like only a short time ago I was a freshman, and the SENIORS were a group of mature teens who were my role models. I was 14, they were 17 going on 18. Think back on your own experience and how important and grown-up the seniors seemed when you were a freshman in high school. Somehow, though, when I became a senior, I certainly didn't feel like I thought a senior would feel. Yet, I was a senior to those freshmen three years younger than I was.

I was fortunate to know several seniors because that was my sister Sharon's class and I had come to know some of them – mostly girls. How important it made me feel when I would be walking down the hallway between classes and have one of them greet me. Wow! A senior girl saying hi to a freshman boy.

And then there were the seniors in band with me: Dave Wagner, Al Decker, Rosemary Daggett, Sally Duffy, Peter Haas, Marlen Junck, Jane Kleiner, Jim Olson, Dave

Osborne and Jean Pfeifer. They were a special group of people who were accepting to all the grade levels in band – even the freshmen! Band was perhaps the only class at that time where all four grade levels combined to form a cohesive unit under the direction of Mr. Richard W. Wolf. The seniors who I admired and respected set the tone (no pun intended) for the rest of us. They were our leaders showing us how to work hard, practice consistently, and just enjoy being with each other. The impact they had on this freshman has lasted a lifetime. They made me want to be like them.

When I first started doing alumni work at Edgewood and the

Class of 1960 had a reunion, I was to give them a tour of the building. When they walked into the hallowed hallways of Edgewood, it was like I was transported back to 1960 and here were the SENIORS again, and I felt a bit like the freshman I was back then. All these years later and they still are impressing me.

But, they're turning 80 this year!



Class of 1960 reunion in October 2021

Dennis McKinley '63 receives 2021 Rabin Artistic Achievement Award

Congratulations to Dennis McKinley '63, winner of the 2021 Rabin Youth Arts Award for artistic achievement by an individual!



The award was to be presented a year ago but had to be postponed, so the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras (WYSO) chose to "present the award in front of one of the biggest and most gracious audiences we could muster: families, fans and members of WYSO's Youth Orchestra" on March 19 at the McFarland Performing Arts Center. The award was presented by Diane Ballweg '71.

Read more about the award and the tremendous impact Dennis has had over many years in the arts community in Madison: <https://wysomusic.org/our-programs/rabin-youth-arts-awards/>

Diane Endres Ballweg '71 at Harvard

Diane Ballweg, EHS class of 1971 and former EHS board member and faculty member, has been teaching aviation to her cohort (ALI - Advanced Leadership Initiative Program) at Harvard. ALI, in its 14th year at Harvard, selects experienced leaders from around the world who are in "Chapter 3" of their lives, and challenges them with how they can contribute their experience, talent, knowledge and skills to make the world a better place. Only 50 are selected from nearly 1,000 applicants. Diane was in the 2021 Cohort with colleagues from 13 countries and 11 states; she was the only member from Wisconsin. The ALI has full access to the Harvard courses, campus, and professors. They have two ALI sessions each week with guest speakers, government officials, authors, professors and business leaders, and share very diverse discussion time concerning world issues and problems.



(See page 12 for follow-up on Diane's EHS aviation alumni!)



John Tefft '67 former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine and Russian Federation

John F. Tefft is a retired United States diplomat. He was a career Foreign Service Officer for more than 45 years, completing his service as the United States Ambassador to the Russian Federation from 2014 to 2017. Tefft earlier served as the United States Ambassador to Lithuania from 2000 to 2003, Ambassador to Georgia from 2005 to 2009, and Ambassador to Ukraine from 2009 to 2013. He worked from 2004 to 2005 as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs responsible for U.S. relations with Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova.



Tefft originally retired from the Foreign Service in September 2013 and served as Executive Director of the RAND Corporation's Business Leaders Forum from October 2013 to August 2014 until his recall to duty and confirmation as U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation from September 2014 to September 2017. Tefft is currently a Senior Fellow at the RAND Corporation.

From 2003 to 2004, Tefft was the International Affairs Advisor at the National War College in Washington, D.C. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow from 1996 to 1999, and was Chargé d'Affaires from November 1996 to September 1997. His other Foreign Service assignments include Jerusalem, Budapest and Rome.

Tefft holds a Bachelor's Degree from Marquette University and a Master's Degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Among the awards he has received are the Secretary of State's Distinguished Service Award in 2017, the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award in 1992, the Deputy Chief of



John and Mariella with former President of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev 1985-1991 (right)



Russian President Vladimir Putin greeting John Tefft in 2014 as he became the new U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation.

Mission of the Year Award for his service in Moscow in 1999 and the Diplomacy for Human Rights Award in 2013. He received Presidential Meritorious Service Awards in 2001 and 2005.

Tefft and his wife Mariella Cellitti Tefft, a biostatistician and nurse, have two daughters, Christine and Cathleen; they all live in the Washington, D.C. area. (academyofdiplomacy.org)

John spoke to Crusader Connection staff in late May. Read his comments about the current situation in Ukraine: edgewoodhs.org/alumni/tefft

"What's happening is just tragic. What the Russians are doing is barbaric, there's no other word to describe it."

"I was always fascinated by Russian history and literature, and Edgewood was a big part of that. From 1966 to 1967, I took a two-semester Russian history course at Edgewood with Sr. Marie Michel. She taught us all of the basics of Russian history, but she also introduced me to the culture of Russia.

"There's an emotional connection to Edgewood. It's one of the many things that Edgewood gave me."



John and Mariella Tefft (right) with former Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko 2005-2010 (second from left) and wife Katya



EDGEWOOD SERVICE

EHS and Habitat for Humanity

by Joan Rundhaug-Witz

Edgewood High School has been partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Dane County for the past several years. Every second Saturday of the month during the school year, Edgewood faculty, students, alumni and parents work together with Habitat volunteers in building homes for families in need.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County builds and rehabilitates safe, quality homes with the help of partner families to provide affordable housing. Habitat’s mission includes “seeking to put God’s love into action in bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope” and Edgewood volunteers are excited to be a part of this work! Habitat for Humanity of Dane County is currently building in Madison, Sun Prairie and Stoughton. Edgewood volunteers are working on various homes painting; installing flooring, cabinets and siding; and doing the final cleaning before a family moves in.

Serving others has always been an integral part of an Edgewood education. To graduate from EHS, all students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of service.

“The service program at Edgewood mobilizes the energy and compassion of our students and empowers them to take action,” said Joan Rundhaug-Witz, religious studies teacher and coordinator of the service program. “It’s a way they can serve in mission with the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters and live out the values of Truth, Justice, Compassion, Partnership and Community. Partnering with Habitat in building a house that becomes a home is a powerful experience for our students, faculty, parents and alumni. We are excited to be a part of this meaningful project!”

Valerie Renk, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County CEO, said, “We are so grateful to partner with Edgewood High School and have students come out on the build sites each month. Currently in Dane County, many residents don’t have a strong roof over their head or a safe place to tuck their children into bed at night. One in eight people in Dane County lives in poverty, including 16 percent of Dane County’s children. To see Edgewood High School students putting their faith into action to help families in need is so inspiring. We are thrilled to offer students a closer look into the construction industry. Whether they would like a future career in the trades or just learn some real-world homebuilding skills, we love providing a hands-on experience to the next generation of leaders.”



Thanks to teachers (l-r) Bob Shannon, Julie Brand, Ann Pegg, John Hylkema, Kate Shannon and Joan Rundhaug-Witz, who gave up a beautiful sunny Saturday in April to work at a Habitat for Humanity work site in Sun Prairie. They knocked out a “punch list” for a new homeowner, installing a garage panel and bathroom mirrors, painting floor and door trim, washing wood floors, and wiping down countertops and kitchen cabinets. It was great experience helping make someone’s house a “home”!

STAR celebrates 20 years

STAR (Sisters Taking Active Roles) is celebrating 20 years in 2021-22. The STAR mission statement, written 20 years ago, reads: “As Sisters of STAR, we encourage each other to be examples for females in our community and world. Through a warm, welcoming and respectful environment, we challenge one



another to thrive as individuals and as a community of young women. We build confidence by strengthening ourselves in mind, body and soul.”

STAR is open to all young women

at EHS and activities include service projects; movie nights; and professional presentations on topics such as women’s wellness, self-defense, and college expectations.

STAR was started by EHS faculty member Mekel Wiederholt-Meier, who says, “I started STAR (with the help of three EHS students) out of my basement 20 years ago. We only had 14 members and now usually have 40-50 members each year!”

Alumni!

Find the local Habitat for Humanity organization and bring the gift of EHS service to your area!



CRUSADER ATHLETICS

INDIVIDUAL STATE TITLES

Track and Field 2022 State Titles

Boys: Caden Thomas - High Jump
 Girls: Amber Grosse - 300m Hurdles
 Girls 4x200m Relay (Brookelle Ternus, Gillian Koning, Amber Grosse, Nikita Lebbie)

EHS wins WSN Cup for 3rd consecutive year; 9th win overall!

EHS All-State Athletes

Zeke Boos, boys golf, 3rd team	Nate Ruprecht, boys soccer
Al Deang, boys golf, honorable mention	Kate Stigsell, lacrosse honorable mention
Mikala Feller, dance team	Jackson Trudgeon, football
Aidan Lenz, boys hockey, 1st team	Rowan White, boys hockey, honorable mention
Cody Menzel, boys hockey, 1st team	Alex Weiss, boys golf, 2nd team
Parker Murn, boys hockey, 1st team	J.J. Wiebusch, boys hockey, 1st team
Maddie Reuhl, dance team	

EHS Academic All-State Athletes

Maisy Andes, girls soccer	Andrew Koziar, football
Zeke Boos, boys golf	Stella Raichle, girls soccer
Andrew Budzinski, football	Jacob Sheahan, baseball
Al Deang, boys golf	Isaac Thelen, football
Joe Hartlieb, baseball and football	Jackson Trudgeon, baseball and football
Finn Jaeger, boys golf	Ellen Weinstock, girls soccer
Ella Johnson, girls soccer	Alex Weiss, boys golf, honorable mention
Thomas Kinney, boys golf	

EHS Boys Golf Team was recognized with honorable mention "Team Academic All-State" award.

EHS School Records

Track and Field athlete Junior Nick Gehring broke the school record in the 400m Dash, a record that had stood since 1962. He ran 49.87 to better the previous record.

Boys Hockey:

Cody Menzel - set all-time record for career points at Edgewood with 245 points

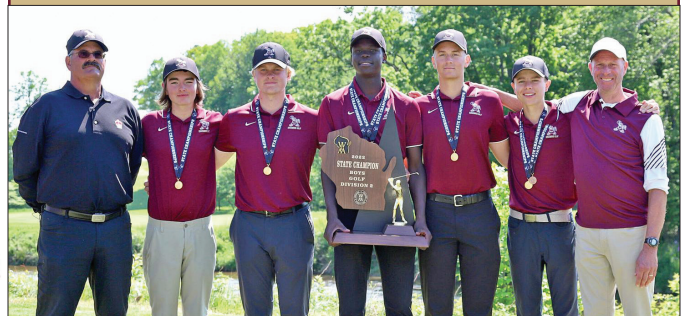
J.J. Wiebusch - set all-time record for single season points at Edgewood with 101 points

Parker Murn - set all-time record for single season points by a defenseman at Edgewood with 52 points

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS



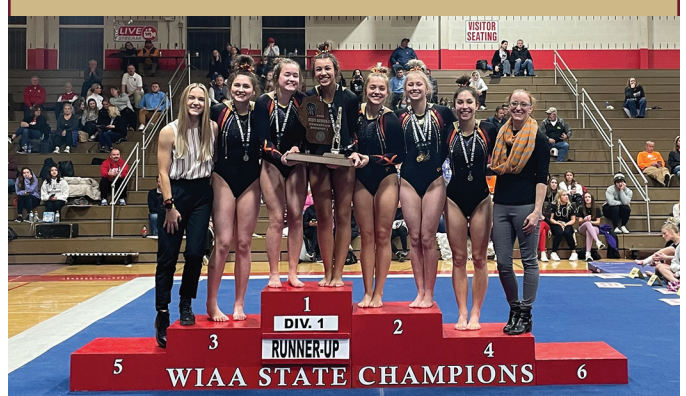
Boys Swim and Dive State Champs



Boys Golf State Champs



Boys Hockey State Runners-Up



Verona Edgewood Girls Gymnastics State Runners-Up



CRUSADER ATHLETICS

Welcome Ben Voss '95 as new Crusader Athletic Director



Edgewood High School is happy to welcome Ben Voss, EHS Class of 1995, as the new Athletic Director, effective July 1. Ben takes over for longtime EHS Athletic Director Chris Zwettler, who announced his retirement in the spring.

In addition to overseeing Edgewood's highly successful athletic program, Ben's duties as Athletic Director will include developing

curriculum, providing professional learning, submitting state and federal reports, and preparing and monitoring the program budgets. The Athletic Director is the school liaison to the WIAA.

Ben was a three-sport athlete in all four of his years at Edgewood participating in soccer (fall), basketball (winter), and baseball (spring). He has experience as a teacher, administrator and coach, most recently as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Wisconsin Heights Middle and High School in Mazomanie. His experience as a teacher and coach includes James Madison Memorial High School in Madison and Waunakee Area School District. Ben was a member of the Wisconsin High School Boys and Girls Soccer Advisory Committee for two years.

"My family has a rich and proud history with Edgewood High School and I am honored to be coming back to serve in a leadership role," said Ben. "I am excited about the new relationships I will form with staff, coaches, students, families and the Crusader Nation. Edgewood is a special place and it's great to be home and be a part of the Crusader family again."

Ben's honors and awards include the Madison Downtown Optimist Club All-City Boys Soccer Sportsmanship Award in 2010, 2011; National Federation of High School Coaches Association State Soccer Coach of the Year, 2010; and Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association State Division One Girls Coach of the Year, 2009; and Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association State Division One Boys Soccer Coach of the Year, 2005. Ben has coached several girls and boys soccer and basketball teams to state championships.

Ben earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999 and a Masters of Arts teaching degree from National Louis University in Chicago. He also completed the Educational Leadership Program - Principal 5051 License at Viterbo University in 2013.

Congratulations to EHS student athletes pursuing their sport at the next level!

- Anna teDuits - Swimming - UW-Madison (Winter signing)
- Cam Fane, Football - UW-Madison
- Joe Hartlieb, Football - Michigan Tech University
- Chase Koch, Football - Michigan Tech University
- Nikita Lebbie, Track and Field - Minnesota State Mankato
- Naomi Singer, Softball - Macalester College
- Caden Thomas, Track and Field - UW-Milwaukee

Boys hockey athletes Aiden Lenz, Cody Menzel Parker Murn and J.J. Wiebusch are going on to play junior hockey.

Congratulations Chris Martinelli on 25 years as Head Girls Soccer Coach!



Peggy Kelly Gierhart '86 inducted into Madison Sports Hall of Fame

Former EHS Girls Golf Coach Peggy Kelly Gierhart '86 was inducted into the Madison Sports Hall

of Fame in June. Peggy coached Crusader Girls Golf for 18 years as the head coach, after two years as an assistant. Under her direction, Edgewood won 13 WIAA Division 2 championships and finished as runner-up three times. Peggy retired after the 2021 season.

"During her playing career, she competed on the first Edgewood girls golf team, winning numerous local and state junior golf tournaments, and went on to play at Pepperdine University.

"She won five Madison City women's golf tournaments and also participated in the U.S. Amateur and Women's U.S. Open championship. Gierhart was the Madison Sports Hall of Fame Madison sportswoman of the year in 1991 and 2006."

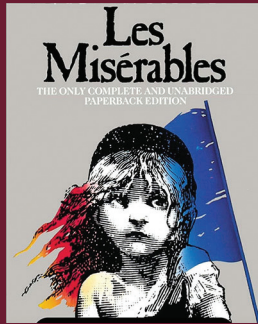
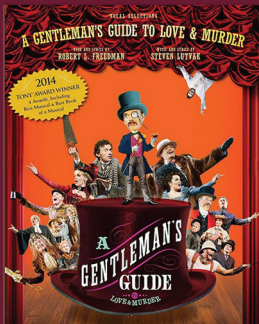
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DRAMA

Fall 2022

Spring 2023

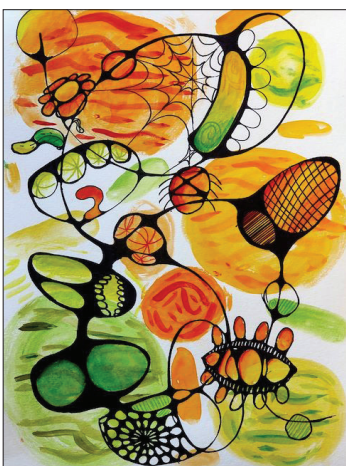
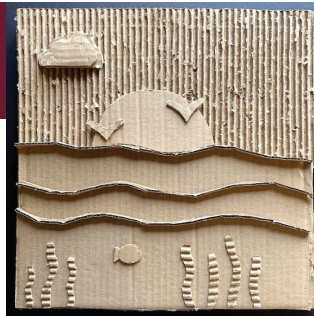


EHS Drama presented “Mamma Mia!” in March to large, appreciative audiences. We had so many interested student performers that we were able to double cast the show and present six performances! Ticket sales produced the first-ever (and second) sellout of the McKinley Performing Arts Center! Approximately 2,100 total tickets were sold! Our community is happy that in-person theatre productions are back!

“I loved working with everyone in this cast! We were all so supportive and kind to each other, which created such an amazing community to come to each night! We really created a masterpiece and I couldn’t imagine doing it with another group of people!” - Brookelle Ternus: Donna, Money Money Cast

EHS Drama Department is excited to announce our 2022-23 productions! The Fall 2022 production will be the musical comedy “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” and the Spring 2023 show will be the epic period musical “Les Misérables”! Join us to support EHS Performing Arts!

EHS Student Artwork
Emma Reed
Sunset at the Beach



EHS Student Artwork
Benjamin Roe
waterfallmountianriverdragonice
magicwizardcereal

Phil Fabian receives Herb Kohl award



Phil Fabian was named a 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Initiative Scholar.

Initiative Scholarship recipients, chosen by their schools, have overcome significant obstacles or adversity, have demonstrated exceptional initiative in the classroom, and have shown strong promise for succeeding in college and beyond, but have not yet received other academic-based scholarships. Phil has won awards for his artwork and was costume designer for the EHS spring musical “Mamma Mia!”



Coach Stav elected to Hall of Fame

EHS Girls Basketball Coach and teacher Lora Staveness has been elected to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame! She has also been named a Wisconsin Coaching Association Bell Cow Coach, recognizing her for leadership and the “longitudinal relationships she forges with her players.”

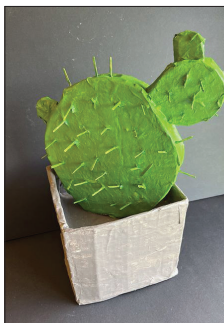
Edgewood Library adds new Digital Media Lab

Edgewood has added some exciting new tools in the library’s new Digital Media Lab for student/teacher/staff projects.

The Photo Lightbox is an ideal way for students to practice taking professional grade product photos from 360-degree angles. The lightbox has the option to photograph from above, making it easy to take stable photos. A camera, tablet or smartphone can sit right on top and record overhead. Options include a solid backdrop to ensure the focus is on the essentials and the lighting will guarantee a clear photo. The optional green-screen space and adjustable lighting make it idea to record stop-motion animation, claymation, brickfilms, object animation, etc.



The Digital Audio Workstation include a Snowball iCE Microphone to deliver crystal-clear audio, ideal for interviews, voice-overs, sounds effects and podcasts.



EHS Student Artwork
Henry Anderson
Papier Mache Plant

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AARON CRABB
REFLECTION

2022 All-State MVP for Rocket League
2021 State Champion for Overwatch
2021 All-State MVP for Rocket League
2020 State Champion Captain for Overwatch

COWBOY/WIDOWMAKER

GAMES

SEASON ★★★★★
GRADE ★★★★★

EHS Esports Senior Aaron Crabb was awarded D3 All-State MVP for the second year in a row!



Esports D3 State Runners-Up

Aaron Crabb (sr)
Angel Chamorro (so)
Coach Ben Mund '07
Tavis Willox (so)



EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS NOTES

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1952

Beverly A. Enerson Bailey and husband William are parents of four children and live in Richfield, Minnesota.

1954

A. Raymond Kehm is retired VP of human resources at Ameritech. His volunteer work includes Milwaukee Art Museum, Friends of the Gardens, Guest House, St Vincent de Paul Meal Program, and St. Alphonse Parish and School.

John F. Markham was in the U.S. Army for 27 years, retiring as a Colonel in 1986. He earned BBA, University of Wisconsin, 1959; MBA, University of Kentucky, 1966; National Commerce Honorary Society. His volunteer work includes several ministries at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Virginia Beach where he and his wife Nancy live.

1959

Elizabeth A. Bergemann Drape earned a BS in physical therapy at Marquette University. She volunteers at Landmarks Foundation in Mt. Horeb, where she lives with husband Vernon.

Jeff J. Hill, Sr., retired from TWA pilot training in January 2017. He and Sharon, his wife of 55 years, live in Woodstock, Illinois, and have three sons - two airline captains and a fire/rescue chief.

Harold (Hal) J. Joyce retired in 1997. "Since then I've gotten better at Scrabble, Sudoku, pool and piano. I've gotten worse at dancing, volleyball and guitar. Regardless, life is good and God is good to me and my wife Ann."

1963

Peter F. McWilliams, is retired from his banking position and lives with his wife Glenna in Cottage Grove. where he participates in a Retro Swing Band.

1969

Maureen K. Fahey Baker retired in 2018 from her position as Director of Nursing at Regency Place Castleton.

1973

Patti J. Shea Bates is a women's fashion stylist with cabi. She and husband Rob enjoy "semi-retirement in sunny Arizona during the freezing midwest winters!"

1978

Debra A. Hansen is semi-retired and living in the Keweenaw peninsula in Michigan's upper peninsula, enjoying looking for agates and other rocks along the shores of Lake Superior.

1982

Montgomery Kronos TimeMaster Ambrose, PhD., successfully defended his doctorate dissertation "An examination of employee engagement and embeddedness of full-time, part-time, and contract workers with the values of pay, promotion, job satisfaction, and supervisory relationships," which will be published in 2023 with Columbia Southern University. He will graduate in October 2022 with high honors.

1985

Michael J. Moore, was named chief operating officer of M3 Insurance. Mike joined M3 in 1994 as an account

executive, became executive vice president in 2001 and executive vice president of insurance operations in 2004. Mike earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and served for 12 years on active duty with the United States Army and Wisconsin National Guard.



1986

Barmak Kusha, MPH, is Director of Infection Prevention and Control at HCA Florida Trinity Hospital, a 340-bed acute care hospital in the Tampa area. Barmak had joined Trinity Hospital as Infection Preventionist in 2019.

1997

Christopher W. Ehlers is COO of Veridian Homes, award-winning home builder serving Southern Wisconsin.

2000

Christopher W. Canty recently became an account director with the Talent Solutions sales team at LinkedIn. Chris resides in Madison with his wife Jennifer and children Lincoln and Marlowe.

Angela T.R. Olson is a producer, cinematographer and editor with Hungry

Calvin E. (Cal)

Beyer '79 is the Vice President of Workforce Risk and Worker Wellbeing at Holmes Murphy and Associates, an independent insurance brokerage. Cal was recently announced as the winner of the 2022 NAHB "Excellence in Mental Health Advocacy Award – Industry Advocate" as part of the Safety Award in Excellence (SAFE) awards program. Cal says "it continues to be imperative to reduce stigma associated with mental health, substance misuse and addiction, as well as suicide." He works nationally while residing in Washington State.



Crusader alumni recognized in *InBusiness Madison's* "40 under 40"



Connor Meloy

The 2022 "40 under 40" honors up-and-coming businesspeople anxious to "press on" after the struggles of the pandemic.

Peter Lewandowski '02 (right) is the director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Madison.

Connor Meloy '08 (left), a member of the EHS Board of Directors, is COO of Automation Components Inc., a family-owned manufacturer of air quality sensors.



Peter Lewandowski



CLASS NOTES

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Lion Productions. She is known for “Harry Houdini: An American Patriot” (2023), “Roller Life” (2016) and “The Latimer Legacy.”

2006

Kiley M.B. Hearn Leonardo and her husband, Matthew, welcomed daughter Caroline Molly Leonardo in January 2022.

2007

Patricia C. Pawelski Conohan is administrative specialist at Tri-North Builders. She and husband Corey and their two children live in Fitchburg.

2008

Laura R. Hiebing is Indigenous Student Services Coordinator with Academic Coaching and Tutoring Services (ACTS) in Division of Diversity, Equity & Educational Achievement at UW-Madison. She is also a lecturer in the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work.



2010

Edward F. Skaife is an advanced security operations analyst with the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Enterprise Technology, Army National Guard, and officer candidate at Wisconsin Military Academy 426th Regional Training Institute. He earned a B.S. in computer science from UW-Madison.

2011

Samuel J. Daniels (pictured center) is COO of Daniels Construction in Madison. He is the third generation of Daniels in the business, working with his father Jerry ‘79 (left), and uncle Joe ‘68 (right).



Jessica A. Rentmeester Grube is human resource director at Lost Boys Interactive, a game development studio in Madison.

Celeste M. Lourigan married Jake McGinnis in June 2021. She works in higher education administration at University of Notre Dame.

Emily R. Neal was the speaker at the AIA Symposium on Architecture where she also received her certification from the AMP (Architect Mentor Professional) Leadership Institute.

2012

Jason T. Arnold is in Ecosystem Strategy and Grants at Terraform Labs in Miami. He recently spoke at the Harvard University Blockchain Conference HBC 2022. Jason graduated as a pre-law scholar with a bachelors in computer science and a minor in business administration from Marquette University.

John D. Darcy joined the U.S. Army after EHS graduation and spent three years in the 82nd Airborne. He returned to Madison and graduated from Edgewood College in 2019. He spent two years at the MFA program in creative writing at Virginia Tech and moved to Los Angeles in 2021 to pursue writing. He is currently an editor for a startup company and has received a Pushcart Prize and a PEN America grant. www.johndarcywriter.com. John appeared on “Jeopardy!” in March.



Walter T. Grosenheider is in Consolidated Edison’s Leadership Program in New York City. He earned his undergraduate degree in 2016 and an MBA in 2019 from Seton Hall University.

Khuaten Maaneb de Macedo graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School in May. She graduated from Carleton College in 2016 and was profiled in the *Carleton College Voice* as a “Resident in Action” after she helped treat injured protestors in the wake of

the George Floyd murder, and was identified as a “tireless advocate for racial equity in the health care system.” Read her story here: <https://tinyurl.com/mvk57dmc>



Bridget M. Walker is completing a residency in zoological medicine at the University of Florida.

2013

Navdeep Singh Bamrah studied at Carroll University and UW-Whitewater, and is a senior staff engineer with American Family Insurance.

Natalie A. Meicher is an accounting advisory consultant at CFGI in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Natalie has provided accounting and consulting services in power and utilities, construction, consumer products, and manufacturing.

2014

Thomas J. Zimbrick earned a finance degree from Notre Dame in 2018 and works as a restructuring advisor in Chicago.

2015

Grace A. Wall earned a bachelors degree from Seattle University and works as executive support for the Enterprise Shared Services Officer for Total Administrative Service Corporation (TASC). Her volunteer service includes the National Ski Patrol; she is Crew Chief with Cascade Mountain Ski Patrol.

2016

Andrew M. Frucht is associate consultant at IQVIA.

Francis (Frank) T. Hearn is a lab service engineer at Exact Sciences.

Cosette J. Smith earned an MBA from Edgewood College and is now business development representative for Eigan Technologies.



EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

EHS ALUMNI GET THEIR FEET OFF THE GROUND



Diane Ballweg '71 taught aviation at Edgewood High School from 2000-2020. During that time, many juniors and seniors were introduced to the world of flight! We thought we'd check in on some of her former students to see where their love of flying has taken them!

Brandon Herbert '02 is Aviation Technical Lead at Strand Associates, consulting firm in Madison. He said he appreciates the aviation class at EHS as an "introduction to an area I wouldn't have had. Still telling stories about it!"

Griffin Stangel (right) came to the EHS Aviation class from West High School and graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2012. Lt. Stangel was recently selected as an officer for the 2022 Blue Angels air show season. He is an F/A-18 pilot currently assigned to the "Flying Eagles" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 122. To Mrs. Ballweg, he said "Thank you for getting my feet off the ground!"



Jake Jerzewski '08, (left) who was the first EHS student to get his pilot's license, is now an officer in the Air Force with the code name "Shadow." He even invited Mrs. Ballweg to his wedding last summer!

Kelli Wahlin Dailing '14 (right) went to UW-Whitewater and joined the aviation club there, where she said they went on many fun trips and connected with area airports. She met her husband Nate in that club and they worked at the Watertown airport together. Kelli says she hopes to finish her private pilot's license one day, with about 30 hours under her belt so far. She recently started a successful event planning business - Whitetail Events LLC.



Noah Forcier '20 (bottom right) is attending the University of Dubuque, majoring in flight operations and minoring in aviation management. He completed his Commercial Pilot Certificate in February and is now training to become a flight instructor, which he hopes to complete by the end of June. "I am very grateful that I was given the opportunity to fly through the aviation class at Edgewood and the mentorship of Ms. Ballweg." Noah received the Ray Scholar scholarship from the EAA Chapter 93 Club in Middleton.

Joseph Albright '21 recently earned his Instrument Rating. He is on the National Intercollegiate Flying Association 2022 SAFECON Team from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and traveled to Columbus, Ohio, to meet and practice with the team.



(continued from page 1) ...New EHS President Kevin Rea "thrilled to join the Edgewood community"

we learn how "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: if either of them falls down, one can help the other up." Once restored, those new tires had to work together to get us to Madison. Noah also chose two animals of every kind as part of his world restoring vision. When Jesus calls his first disciples he "sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go."

In my first few days as President, I have been inspired by many examples of dynamic partnership. The exciting construction of the new student commons is a visible manifestation of great partnership and support. Our coaches are advancing the skills of our student

athletes in our summer athletics camps. Our administrators, office and maintenance staff, on and off campus, are working hard to move our community forward in preparation for the 2022-23 school year.

I am thrilled to join the Edgewood community as President and to partner with our talented students, faculty, staff, administrators, parents, alumni and board members to build on the work of Mike Elliott to continue to advance the mission of our Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. My family and I are also excited to settle into the greater Madison community. There are so many special people and places with tremendous opportunities for strong partnerships across the city. I look forward to meeting you and to an exciting year ahead!

CRUSADER CONNECTION



EHS PARTNERING *for* OUR STUDENTS' SUCCESS

by Monica M. Johnson, Development Director

Staying connected and giving back is part of what makes our Edgewood community so special. This year, our parents, alumni and friends stepped up to help us *surpass* our 2021-22 fiscal year fundraising goals! Although pandemic-related restrictions caused uncertainty, our first year of bringing back our traditional in-person Crusader Kick-Off and Spring Fling social events was a success.

On April 2, the Edgewood community came together to support the Mazzuchelli Fund, dedicated to providing financial aid to 40% of our current Crusaders each year. With the help of a generous \$125,000 match, we far exceeded our \$200,000 goal. Attendees were entertained with a live music show by **Piano Fondue** while sampling **Blue Plate Catering** global offerings, desserts from **Craig's Cake Shop** and a variety of drinks courtesy of **Wisconsin Distributors**. **Celebrations Entertainment** kept the crowd motivated during our most successful paddle raise ever. Thank you to all our generous donors and sponsors and to the volunteers who donated their time and energy to this event. We could not have done it without you!

Crusader Community Kickoff event and raffle Saturday, August 27, 6 to 9 p.m.

We are excited to kick off the 2022-23 school year at this adults-only social benefitting our Crusaders. Please join us to reconnect, meet new friends and welcome incoming families to the Edgewood community. Look for more details in emails, social media and on our website in the coming weeks.

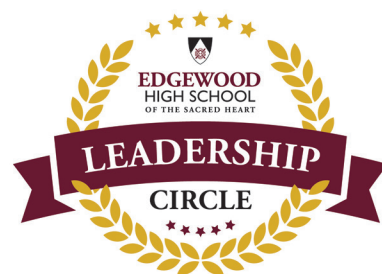
Thank you again for your continued support of Edgewood. We look forward to partnering with you to provide the most meaningful, values-based high school experience for our students. Your contribution makes an impact on our Crusaders now and years to come. Go Crusaders!

Better Together. Edgewood Strong.

Watch for our updated Support Brochure!

Learn why we fundraise!

Available at Summer Registration in August and at edgewoodhs.org/support



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Remember Edgewood in your estate planning

Join the Heritage Society and make a difference to future Crusaders by including EHS among your beneficiaries in your estate planning.

Become a Recurring Donor

Recurring gifts are a great way to support Edgewood High School. It's easy, saves time, and can make a large impact on our school while fitting into your monthly budget. Please show your strong commitment to an Edgewood education by becoming a recurring donor. Go to "Make a Donation" page under www.edgewoodhs.org/support and click the box to "make this a recurring gift" to schedule your gift as a monthly, quarterly or yearly automatic payment.



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EHS ALUMNI - A COMMUNITY *for* LIFE

Be a Lifetime Member of the EHS Alumni Association

For your one-time payment of \$250, Lifetime member benefits include:

- Commemorative insulated beverage mug
- Children of lifetime members receive a \$250 one-time discount on freshman tuition
- Buy one/get one free general admission tickets to home athletic events

FUN FACT

We have nearly 500 Lifetime Members including 30% of the Class of 2022!

Become an Alumni Ambassador to help your class stay connected to EHS!

With more than 10,000 alumni worldwide, Edgewood relies on our most passionate graduates to be engaged with their peers as Alumni Ambassadors. These alumni volunteer to serve as a liaison for their graduating class on behalf of the EHS Alumni Association (EHSAA).

For more information on class ambassadors, or if you are planning a reunion for your EHS class, please email us at ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org

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If you have changed your name, phone or email, or if you have moved recently or plan to move, ***please be sure to update all information*** including:

- **Full name** (including maiden name if applicable) and grad year
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If you prefer not to receive solicitations, just let us know and we will make note of that, but we'd love to keep you on our mailing list for EHS news.

**Edgewood never shares contact information with outside groups.*

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NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING ALUM for LIVING THE MISSION AWARD

Please return form and supplemental materials to to EHS Alumni Office, 2219 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711

Every year Edgewood honors outstanding alumni who give back to their communities through the Living the Mission awards. If you know an outstanding alumnus/a, fill out the form below or submit an application online by clicking the Living the Mission tab at edgewoodhs.org/alumni. Award categories include: Dominican Award for Service to Humanity, Mazzuchelli Award for Service to Christian Education, Alumni Appreciation Award (non-alum recipient), EHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame, EHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nominee Name: _____ Nominee's Class Year: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____ Nominee's Email Address: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Your Name: _____ Your Phone: _____

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Ruth Domack passed away January 12. Ruth was the stage-manager for the Edgefest Follies for 20 years followed by 10 years of lighting design and teaching stage-management in productions with Pamela Hanson-Stewart (aka “ PH,” Drama Director, 1981-2005). The students loved Ruth, calling her “Chief.” Ruth’s son, Tim, is a 1995 EHS alumnus and her husband, Denny (Fr. Dennis Domack at the time), taught at Edgewood

in the 1960s and was a member of the Board of Trustees. Ruth said “I believe in educational theatre. I teach the kids to run the show backstage as professionals.”

PH said, “I will always have the highest personal and professional regard for Ruth Domack, lovingly known as ‘Chief.’ Ruth exemplified the qualities of community and partnership so prevalent in the EHS Mission statement. Her commitment to the Theatre program was remarkable and unparalleled.”

Memorial donations honor Crusaders

Honor deceased Edgewood alumni, family members and supporters with a memorial donation.

Contact: 608-257-1023 ext 182; development@edgewoodhs.org



Former EHS assistant principal Anna McManus

died on May 4. Anna served as assistant principal at Edgewood High School for over 16 years. Anna’s full heart, solid constitution, shoulder to lean on, laughter, dedication, advice, warmth and sweet Alabama roots will be missed by many.

Please notify us of EHS alumni deaths

Please email us at ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org if you become aware of the death of an EHS graduate. Please include as much of the following information as you can:

- Full name of deceased (including maiden name if applicable)
- Graduation year
- Date of death
- Copy of or link to an obituary

Names of deceased alumni are published in the newsletter when we are notified about the death; the list below represents deaths we were informed of by our publication date.

** indicates a former student who did not graduate from EHS.*

in MEMORIAM

1935	Marie L. Himley Sartori.....	6/5/2022	1957	Barbara A. Chryst	4/15/2022
1944	Gloria L. Lumina Accardo	6/6/2022	1958	Richard P. Versace	2/25/2022
1944	Russell J. Weber	2/8/2022	1960	Michael J. Kurowski.....	4/17/2022
1946	Virginia (Ginny) A. Esser Faust.....	1/30/2022	1960	Mary Catherine Sullivan McGuire	4/28/2022
1947	Betty J. Ponti Harkins.....	6/13/2022	1960	Ann L. Opgenorth	2/16/2022
1948	Agnes L. Greenheck Sutter.....	6/28/2022	1961	Barbara J. Carey.....	2/18/2022
1949	Josephine (Jo) V. Alighieri Cassidy	3/15/2022	1964	John P. Bass.....	2/12/2022
1950	Audrey A. Paff Griffiths.....	3/30/2022	1965	Gail T. Lemberger Aldridge.....	3/30/2022
1950	Joan H. Fagan Kuypers	6/6/2022	1965	Linda M. Martinelli Brokish	5/3/2022
1952	Paul M. Downey, Sr.	4/2/2022	1967	William R. Cross	5/5/2022
1952	Dolores C. Crapp Groff	9/11/2021	1967	Stephen J. Dohm	5/10/2022
1952	George F. Jacobs Jr.....	5/26/2022	1968	Theresa (Terry) M. Foss.....	1/30/2022
1952	Carol L. Blaney Kais	11/13/2021	1968	Jane E. Breitenbach Stenske	1/28/2022
1952	Margaret J. Kahl Skolaski.....	5/22/2022	1971	Michael P. Gahagan	1/27/2022
1953	John L. Cavanaugh	3/4/2022	1971	George M. Hitt.....	4/5/2022
1953	John P. Connell.....	5/16/2022	1971	Kevin W. Sweeney.....	5/21/2022
1953	Phyllis I. Sullivan Rude	3/2/2022	1971	Steven J. Sweeney.....	5/22/2022
1954	Mary Ann Groth Connors.....	4/15/2022	1973	Jeffrey A. Romens	4/5/2022
1954	Nancy L. Sweeney Rasmussen.....	5/23/2022	1974	Colleen Leary Durst.....	3/31/2022
1954	Mary Joan Rubadeau Spahr	5/26/2022	1979	Lt. Col. David J. Lofgren	2/28/2022
1955	*Thomas F. Moore	3/8/2022	2015	Jacob E. Schmitz Lynn.....	4/9/2022



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