

# Excelsior High School Newsletter



**WASHUGAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
2011/2012**

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## Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year at Excelsior High School.

We hope that you enjoyed your summer and had an opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends.

We were pleased to see so many returning students, as well as new students joining us this school year. In fact, we met our enrollment goal of 60 students and started a waitlist for new

students.

We are proud of our many accomplishments last year including graduating 25 seniors with both WA state Diplomas and Washougal School District diplomas.

This school year we will continue to focus on student achievement to ensure that all of our students are reaching their full potential.

We want to take this opportunity to remind you of some ways that you can help your son/daughter reach their academic full potential.

- Please ensure that they are attending school daily and on time.



- Check Parent Skyward computer program to monitor academic progress.
- Communicate with teachers by phone or email with any questions or concerns regarding your student's progress in school.

Thank you parents for your support of our students and your ongoing partnership. We look forward in continuing our work together this year to all of our students be a success



## Staff Information

**Aaron Hansen- Principal**

954-3169

**Trudy Tkach-Math/Science Teacher**

954-3304

**Ali Miller-English/Social Studies Teacher**

954-3312

**Lemecia Lindsey-Counselor**

954-3301

**Linda Green-Secretary/Registrar**

954-3300

**Betty Millington-Ed Technician**

954-3302

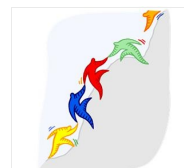
**Sherry Lorenz-Hunt-**

**Ed Technician**

954-3303

**Tere Gustafson-Ed Technician**

954-3303



## Important Dates

**First Day of School 8/30**

**Labor Day No School 9/2-9/5**

**Senior Credit Checks w/ EHS Counselor 9/10-9/30**

**Senior Parent Night at WHS in the Auditorium at 6:30-8:00 p.m. 9/28**

## Excelsior High School

### News From the Teachers...

EVER UPWARD...



Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member Linda Green.

Linda has worked for the Washougal School District for the last 18 years as a special education secretary. Linda has replaced Mina Custer as the EHS secretary/ registrar as Mina has moved to Texas to be closer to her family.

Linda and her husband David have two grown sons, 4 grandchildren, and a dog and a cat. She enjoys family time, attending church, reading, traveling (especially to Hawaii) and country living.



You can reach Linda at: 954-3300

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

B.B. King

### News From Trudy

I hope everyone had a great summer. Summer was fun and now I am very happy to be starting a new school year. The wonderful world of math and science awaits you. I will be teaching an Environmental Science course. This will include projects in the community garden. For math, I will be teaching Geometry. Also, we will be working with math buddies again at Gause Elementary. You will also notice a new look to the classroom and the garden. Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces.

### News From Ali

I'll be teaching an English Literature class that will pair-up with Gause 4th graders from Mrs. Vernon's class one day each week. We will be working with English as well as computer literacy skills—creating Powerp points and imovies using EHS students as mentors with Gause curriculum. I'll also be teaching a CWI class that focuses on The Constitution and teen rights specifically. We hope to have guest speakers from WSU and take a field trip to Clark County Court House to observe a trial and have a tour.

Our advisory class will be a full period and we'll focus on career planning, all-school novels, service learning projects and seniors will have break-out time to work on their papers and projects and practice for panels. We are offering more extensive contract options and 5th and 6th periods will be time for contracts, classes at WHS and Aventa online learning.



EHS is a great place to learn!

## News From the Teachers...

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Students:

As we continue to strive to meet the needs of all of our students we are always looking for ways for our program to improve. Therefore, there will be several changes this year to our schedule at EHS.

The first change to be aware of is our daily schedule. We feel fortunate this year to be able to partner with Mr. Yee (WHS art teacher). Mr. Yee has been teaching art classes at WHS and in other buildings in the district for years. Our students will be attending a art class with Mr. Yee daily during 1st period. This class is made up of mostly EHS students and enables our students to earn art or elective credits. Students will also receive small group and individualized art instruction. Students with special circumstances or whose schedule does not allow them to take art 1st period will have a alternate class at EHS.

The second, change this year is related to our, A and I Days (Academic Intervention Days). Our A and I Days have changed slightly. Previously, students who were successful in their courses were not required to attend the weekly A and I Days. This year we are offering less A and I Days and will be having more regular school days instead. Students who are struggling to pass one or more classes will be required to attend on A and I Days and will receive individualized and small group academic support, assistance with their High School and Beyond Plan, senior projects, learning portfolios and post high school planning. Students struggling to pass courses will be required to attend A and I Days during three hour early release days, as well as the additional days listed below:

9/28  
10/5  
11/2  
12/14  
1/18  
2/15  
3/21  
4/25  
5/23

### WELCOME BACK NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

We love teaching, and have worked at Excelsior High School for many years.

Excelsior is great place to teach and to learn.

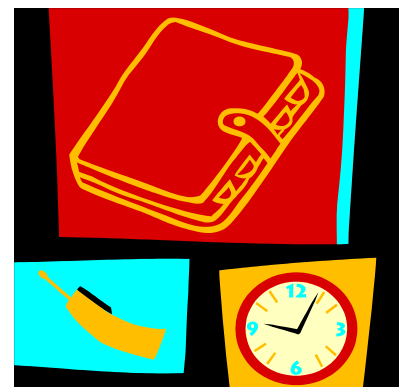
**We are here for you!**

**EHS STAFF**



*"Education is not  
the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a  
fire".*

*William Butler Yeats*



## Counseling Section

Dear Parents and Guardians:

My name is Lemecia Lindsey and I am the counselor at Excelsior High School. I would like to give you a brief summary of the services available to your son or daughter. The School Counseling Program is designed to assist your student with academic, career, and personal/social development. The following services will be offered for the 2011-2012 school year at EHS:

- ◆ Group sessions for students focusing on: life skills, study skills, social skills and career/college awareness.
- ◆ Individual goal setting sessions to help students succeed at school.
- ◆ Classroom lessons with emphasis on personal/social skills, academic and career development.
- ◆ Referral assistance to community resources and programs.

I am available each week on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If I can be of any assistance to you or your student or if you have any questions regarding our counseling program, please contact me either at 954-3301 or [lemecia.lindsey@washougal.k12.wa.us](mailto:lemecia.lindsey@washougal.k12.wa.us). Working together helps to ensure your students success in school. Best wishes to you and your teen for a successful school year!



Sincerely,

Lemecia Lindsey

# Congrats 2011 EHS Grads

We are so proud of our 2011 graduates.

Information for our 2012 seniors will be distributed throughout the year.



### SAT Test Dates

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

October 1st

November 5th

December 3rd

January 28th

March 10th

May 5th

June 2nd

### ACT Test Dates

[www.act.student.org](http://www.act.student.org)

September 10th

October 22nd

December 11th

February 11th

April 14th

June 9th

