

Raider Review



October 2011 Issue

From the Principal's desk:

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the 2011-12 school year and to the first issue of the Raider Review! As we approach the end of the first month of school, both students and staff are settling in to their new classes, schedules and routines. I am very excited about the great start to the school year and positive things happening throughout our building every day.

One of the most exciting additions to the building has been the introduction of Ipads to students in specific classes. During the first week of school, over 200 of the devices have been issued to students to use as a class resource, e-textbook, research tool, and document writer. Students also have individual gmail accounts at school this year. Student login and passwords were handed out at registration and are identical for the gmail, student network access and student PowerSchool access. We will also have a mobile lab of Ipads for use by other classes for specific projects in school. As always, the library has additional resources like laptop computers and e-book readers for student use. A complete list of district plans, projects and initiatives can be found on the district website.

PowerSchool passwords for parent access were recently handed out at Open House and mailed home to those who did not attend that evening's program. If you have not received this information, please stop in the office to get the passwords or contact the school office at 414-773-2000 to request a duplicate copy.

Logins and passwords cannot be distributed over the phone or via email. The East High School website is being updated on a regular basis and has a great deal of valuable information about our school. Please visit our building page to learn more about our school at:

www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/schools/high/east/

There is also a very powerful link from the athletic department page that can provide online access to schedules and directions to the all of our athletic events:

www.greatermetroconference.org/g5bin/client.cgi

As a service to families, there is breakfast served every day at school from 7:10 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Cost of the entrée meal is \$2.35 and the free and reduced meal standards apply for breakfast. Monthly menus are available on the district website.

Though it seems the year has just started, Homecoming is already here. This year's theme is *Glowcoming*, and we will again have a week full of spirit days: a pep rally, flag football game and parade down 76th Street to Hart Park before the Red Raiders face Brookfield Central on October 7th. Saturday night's dance will be held in the large gym from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nick Hughes'.

Nick Hughes
Principal

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

<http://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/schools/high/east/east/guidance.cfm>

College Scholarships

Be sure to check out national scholarship information on the Guidance page of the Wauwatosa East High School web page. There are many scholarship opportunities available.

College Visits

Colleges and universities visit Wauwatosa East throughout the fall to speak with interested students about their school. Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about their programs, services, admission requirements, housing, financial aid and campus life. All college visits are held in the Career Center. Students need to get a pass from Guidance or Mrs. Cristan and then obtain teacher approval prior to attending college visits. This unique opportunity places the student in a face to face conversation with the admission counselor that will be making an admission decision about the student.

Rotary Breakfast

The Mayfair Rotary Club of Wauwatosa invites Junior students to be guests at a future breakfast meeting. At the meeting, you will have an opportunity to talk with professional men and women in a field that you might be considering for your future.

This is also an excellent opportunity for you to learn about the operation of a volunteer service organization in our community and to have questions answered about your potential career. You will be asked to tell them a little bit about yourself. Relax -- this is very informal.

The Mayfair Rotary provides significant scholarship money for our students. This is a great opportunity to get to know the Rotary members. The Rotary Club's meetings are held at the Radisson Mayfair Inn, 2303 Mayfair Road. The meetings are on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. You will find a sign-up sheet with available dates listed in the Career Center. On the morning that you will be attending meeting, please ask your parent or guardian to call our Attendance Office (773-2002) and excuse you. Transportation to and from the breakfast is the responsibility of the student. **You are expected to wear appropriate casual business attire on the day of your scheduled meeting.**

If you have any questions, please contact your guidance counselor or Mrs. Cristan in the Career Center at 414-773-2031.

Wisconsin Education Fair

The WEF program gives you an opportunity to talk with representatives from approximately 90 colleges, universities and other institutions. You will be able to gather great information about post secondary schooling that will help you make informed decisions about your future education. Your student should register for the WEF at www.wefs.org . When students complete the registration process, they will be given a barcode to use at the fair.

National College Fair

The National College Fair will be held in Milwaukee on Sunday, October 9th. More information is available at: www.nationalcollegefairs.org

ACT Testing date

The next ACT test (that you can still register for) will be administered on Saturday, December 10, 2011. You must register for this test by November 4, 2011. NOTE: Wauwatosa West is one of the testing sites for this date. Check out www.actstudent.org for more detailed information about this test.

Students applying to colleges, universities and scholarships should follow this information.

A Guide to Transcript Request from Wauwatosa East High School

Unofficial Transcripts :

These are transcripts that can be printed from Guidance at no cost. A student, parent or teacher can request these at any time. They are not signed and sealed.

Official Transcripts:

An official transcript is often requested for college applications, scholarship applications or even job evaluations. These transcripts are not to be directly handed to the student. They are sent from a secure website after a request is made to our Guidance Office. To request an official transcript, please use the following steps. *This on-line transcript system is the preferred method of sending your transcripts by the State of Wisconsin, the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the Wisconsin Technical College System.*

- Students must create an account at www.parchment.com. This is where you create an account that is easy, secure and available 24/7. You will be asked to use a valid e-mail address.
- Students will select where the transcript is to be sent. If the requested site is a participating institution, the cost will be \$2.55. If the site is not listed, (college or scholarship program) the student can input the address of the site where the transcript is to be sent. This transcript will cost \$4.25. (Financial assistance is available to students meeting certain criteria. See your School Counselor for more information.) After the request is made, Wauwatosa East is notified and we upload the transcript to Parchment.
- ***IF*** you are sending a transcript to a school where you applied by using the **COMMON APPLICATION**, please know that you need to make note of your Common App ID number. Once you have that, you can go back to your Parchment account and select the Common App tab. Provide your Common App ID when prompted; confirm that your information (i.e., name, colleges applied to and counselor name) are correct. Your transcript will be sent directly to the Common App Online system where it will be matched to your counselor with your school forms and submitted on your behalf. Once you have submitted your transcript to the Common App, your transcript is ready for submission to ALL of your Common App colleges. You do not need to submit one for each Common App college.

- Once your transcript has been sent, you will receive an e-mail that they have gone out. Additionally, if your college accepts an electronic transfer, you will even receive a confirmation that they have received your transcript. College and Universities where a student will be attending in the Fall of 2012 will require a final transcript at the end of this school year. This **must be** sent by the student using Parchment. Wauwatosa East does not send these transcripts.

PSAT Test Date: Wednesday, October 12

Registration for the PSAT will take place during the lunch hour on Tuesday, October 4, Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 6. The cost for the exam is **\$14**. Checks can be made out to **Wauwatosa East High School** or Cash will be accepted.

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and [National Merit Scholarship Corporation \(NMSC\)](#). It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT[®]. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:

- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

You have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn't require you to recall specific facts from your classes.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:

- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

Junior Conferences

Beginning in the month of October, School Counselors will be contacting junior students and their parents regarding their individual student conference appointments. Each junior will have the opportunity to meet with their parent/guardian (if they desire) and their school counselor to review their high school progress, discuss their plans for the future and information about steps that must be taken prior to graduation. These conferences take place during the school day and will last approximately one class period. Counselors will first be looking to utilize a student's study hall to schedule these appointments, or classes where the student is showing success. Be patient, the process will take a couple of months to complete and counselors will try to accommodate conflict in scheduling.

Greetings from the PTA

Our first PTA meeting of the school year was held on Thursday, September 22nd. It was wonderful to see so many new faces. I am hopeful that as the year goes on, we continue to see more new faces as well as returning familiar ones. Everyone's ideas are very important and it is always a great way to find out what is happening at East.

We are off to a great start with a PTA membership increase of more than 10%. We also have had an impressive response from parent volunteers. Thanks to everyone who turned in your volunteer availability sheets. We are always looking for more parents to help, so if you have not completed a form with your volunteer interests it is not too late. You can pick one up in the office.

The principal's forum which followed the PTA meeting in September was a great way for freshman parents and parents of new students to find out more about our school. I hope you will attend the next principal's forum immediately following the PTA meeting on Thursday, November 17th. The topic is School Goals and Standardized Testing.

Wauwatosa East Student Directories are in the process of being created. They should be ready for pick up around conference time. Mr. Hughes will make an all school call to let you know when they arrive. If you have not pre-ordered, you may still do so by filling out an order form in the office. The cost is \$5 per directory. Special thanks to Kim Mihelich and Kate Stramowski for taking on this time-consuming job for the second year in a row. It is truly appreciated by so many of our families at East.

Kind regards,

Carla Cummings
Wauwatosa East PTA President

RAIDER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The next Tosa East Athletic Booster Club Board Meeting is November 7th at 7:00 pm in the Tosa East Library.

Also:

The Tosa East Athletic Booster Club will be walking in the Homecoming Parade this Friday, October 7th – the meeting place is Longfellow at 5:30 p.m. with a 6:00 p.m. start time – we will be passing out candy along the route – it's a lot of fun so please consider joining us. I am looking for both **parents and athletes** to walk in the parade – if you can join us please e-mail me.

Thank you,
Beth Strohbusch
bstrohbusch@wi.rr.com

GO RED RAIDERS!!!!

CARDINAL PENNANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Attention Tosa East Senior Parents:

It's hard to believe your child's high school career has almost come to an end; however, one of the most important and exciting items left to complete is getting his/her senior picture taken. The 2011-12 yearbook will be publishing **full-color** senior portraits. **The deadline is Thursday, December 1st.**

Also, don't forget that Baby Ads are due at school on or before December 1st. The cost is \$35 for a 1/8-page ad which includes the use of one picture as well as a 30 word message. **If received after the December 1st deadline, please add a \$10 late fee. No ads will be accepted after January 3rd. No exceptions will be made.**

Specific details about the senior portraits and the baby ads can be found online on Tosa East's school website or feel free to contact Mrs. Katie Larson (Cardinal Pennant Advisor) via email at larsonka@wauwatosak12.wi.us.

Wauwatosa East Orchestra New England American Heritage Tour

The Wauwatosa East Symphony Orchestra is pleased to be travelling to New England for a performance and educational tour from October 20th – 26th. By special arrangement with the University of Southern Maine and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, the Wauwatosa East Symphony will study with, and perform for music student and artist faculty. Dr. Douglas T. Owens, former East High band director and current Music Chair at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, will host the Wauwatosa East Symphony for our educational and performance experiences while at UMass. In addition to standard concert repertoire, the orchestra will also be performing a piece, Boston Sketches, written for the Wauwatosa East Orchestra New England Tour by composer TJ Hull. Student learning opportunities will include American Heritage sites at Concord, Lexington, and Boston Massachusetts. Additionally, the group will visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Salem Witch Museum, Plymouth Rock, and the Mayflower Replica.

The New Red Raider Supply Store

Tosa East is proud to present the new Red Raider Supply Store.

The process to open the supply store began early last year when Mrs. Plaisted, Special Education Teacher, and student, Jake Voss, wrote a business plan, which was presented to Mr. Hughes and the PTA. The Red Raider Supply Store is designed to teach students with special needs the much needed job skills necessary to run a small business, including budgeting, ordering, cash handling, customer service, stocking, inventory, and team work. Each “employee” filled out a job application and resume and interviewed for a position late last year.

The Supply Store opened on the first day of school. The Red Raider Supply Store has most of the supplies that your child will need on a daily basis. In addition, the PTA offers a variety of apparel as well.

The main goal of the Supply Store is to teach the employees job skills that will help them to transition successfully into a post-high school career. Please support the Red Raider Supply Store by encouraging your child to visit.



The FTA. was organized by parents and friends of the Wauwatosa East High School theatre program. We support the program with volunteer and financial assistance.

WINTER FUNDRAISER: February 11, 2012

DONATE: To make a tax deductible donation please download the donation form found on our website www.tosaeastfta.org Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the high school.

THEATRE PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Putting together a world class production takes a lot of hands. From audition to the final performance we often look to parents and patrons to provide support where they can. We will communicate our needs in the upcoming months through the newsletter at www.tosaeastfta.org

If you have any questions regarding production support or would like to help please contact:

[Barbara Hayes-Dineen hayesdineen@yahoo.com](mailto:hayesdineen@yahoo.com) or

[Judy Titera jtitera@tds.net](mailto:jtitera@tds.net)

Production Support Co-chairs

EDUCATION: One goal of the FTA is to provide meaningful educational opportunities for the Players. We would love to cover all areas of the theater, with workshops in technical and acting skills. If you have any connections or any ideas for workshops, please contact [Liz Armstrong](mailto:armstrong1012@yahoo.com) at armstrong1012@yahoo.com.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK The Friends of Theater Art has a facebook page.

[Like us!](#)

Red Raider Band Booster News

Competitive marching season is in full swing!

This year the Red Raider Marching Band has been performing and fine-tuning their Field Show; *Still Strong*, a tribute to Sarah Pease, Wauwatosa East band student who lost her battle with cancer this summer and to the victims of the 9/11 attacks on America. Thanks to Libbey Hallanger-Bernstein for the show concept.

In addition to performances at football half time shows, the band has performed and competed at the Waukesha South and Wisconsin Lutheran band festivals. Yet to come is the the WSMA State Championships at UW-Whitewater on October 15th. Spectators are always welcome and admissions are reasonable.

The RRBB would like to thank all the parents who help us with fund raising and the behind the scenes manpower as we mobilize the band.

We meet the *second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM* in the band room. All parents with a student in the Wauwatosa East HS band program are welcome

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 13th! For more information, please contact us.

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2011-12 Co-Presidents

Tosa East Players Announce

the 2011-2012 Season

Fall production: Cyrano de Bergerac

Premiered in 1897, *Cyrano de Bergerac* remains one of the most romantic adventures in world literature. Dramatist Edmond Rostand mixed humor, romance, and heroic action that has captured audiences for almost 100 years. Cyrano, the ski-nosed poet, philosopher and swordsman, falls for the beautiful Roxane, but is too ashamed of his large nose to reveal his true feelings. Instead, when Cyrano learns that Roxane loves the handsome but ineloquent Christian, he befriends the young cadet and helps him to woo Roxanne by composing love letters. Living his love vicariously through Christian, Cyrano's adventure unfolds.

This heroic comedy can be seen on the Tosa East black box stage with limited seating on November 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13.

Tickets are available online at seatyourself.biz/wehs or by calling 773-2111.

Spring production: Aida

Aida is a musical with music by [Elton John](#), lyrics by [Tim Rice](#) and produced by [Walt Disney Theatrical](#). It is based on Giuseppe Verdi's Italian opera that was first performed in Cairo, 1871.

Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida premiered on [Broadway](#) on March 23, 2000, running for 1,852 performances. It won four [Tony Awards](#) in 2000, including Best Musical Score and Best Performance by a Leading Actress. *Aida* was also named one of the top ten theatre productions of the year by Time magazine in 2000.

Tickets for Tosa East's production of *Aida* will be available February 1, 2012, online at seatyourself.biz/wehs or by calling 773-2111.

Dates of the production are March 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS REGARDING EITHER OF THESE PRODUCTIONS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED WITH PRINCIPAL, NICK HUGHES, BY OCTOBER 18, 2011.

Vocal Music News



The Tosa East Choirs hosted the Easy Days Barbershop Quartet on September 27th. As a part of the Youth in Harmony program sponsored by The Society for the Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQA), Rich Kirwin and members of the Easy Days quartet shared barbershop music, singing, history and instruction about why barbershop quartet singing is so fun and so important to our musical heritage. Our students had the opportunity to sing with the Easy Days quartet as well. The quartet's enthusiasm for singing for and with our students was infectious!

The gentlemen in Chamber Choir had the opportunity to learn a popular BBQ tune – I'm Sittin' on the Top of the World – and sing it with the Easy Days quartet. The energy displayed by our Tosa East singers was amazing. For many, this was the first time they had the opportunity try their hand at BBQ singing. I have discovered that it took them to a completely new performance medium which we will continue to work on throughout the school year. The ladies in Chamber Choir joined and sang with the guys at the end of class. What a great way to end the class period!

We hope to maintain our partnership with the Easy Days quartet in the coming years. Between the members of the quartet, they have a total 265 years of singing! AMAZING. They were an inspiration to our students. Special thanks to Raymond, Dick, Bo, Frank, Bill, and Rich for sharing their music and inspiring us all.

Wendy Traeger
Vocal Music Director
Music Department Chair

FAMILY MATTERS

Attendance is critical to high school success!

Consistent attendance is one of the most important habits to develop for academic achievement and later success. To help you monitor your child, East provides attendance records along with grades on PowerSchool. As a courtesy, East also will send you an automatic message each day at 6:00 p.m. if your child was absent for one or more class periods that day. This message goes to the primary phone contact listed on your registration form.

If your child begins to accrue absences, you have support available at your request to help you proactively correct this pattern. There are a few common reasons for school absences. Students sometimes refuse to go to school because they are trying to avoid negative feelings such as sadness, fears, and worries. Students also may refuse school to avoid social situations, tests, or other evaluations. While we want to honor a child's painful experience, allowing them to avoid their fears can quickly get out of control and lead to school failure.

Students also sometimes refuse to go to school to get attention or achieve some sort of reinforcement (e.g., sleep, hang with friends, play games all day, defy parents). Finally, medical conditions may also hinder consistent attendance. Each of these situations often improves when parents and the school work together to come up with a behavioral plan at home and school.

If you find that you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact your principal, guidance counselor, or the school social worker. We are happy to help.

The **Raider Review** will be available on-line at www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/schools/high/east under **Newsletter/Announcements** for the remainder of the year.

Below are the deadlines for submitting articles to the Raider Review. Please send your submissions to Anne Case Urban at urbanan@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us.

1. October 18 for the November issue
2. November 15 for December/January issue
3. January 17 for February/March issue
4. March 13 for the April/May issue
5. May 8 for the Year End issue

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Fri, Oct 7</p> <p>Sat, Oct 8</p> <p>Mon, Oct 10</p> <p>Tues, Oct 11</p> <p>Wed, Oct 12</p> <p>Thurs, Oct 13</p> <p>Fri, Oct 14</p>	<p>HOMECOMING 2:10 Pep Rally 3:30 Powderpuff Game 6:00 Parade 7:00 Football Game</p> <p>East Marching Band Competition at Cudahy</p> <p>Homecoming Dance 8:00 – 11:00 pm</p> <p>School Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Fisher</p> <p>Staff Meeting – 3:15 pm</p> <p>East PSAT test 8:00 am</p> <p>East Parochial Student Shadow Day</p> <p>Picture Re-takes 11:45 – 1:15</p>	<p>Sat, Oct 15</p> <p>Thurs, Oct 20</p> <p>Mon, Oct 24</p> <p>Tues, Oct 25</p> <p>Friday, Oct 28</p> <p>Mon, Oct 31</p>	<p>East Marching Band at WSMA State Competition</p> <p>Evening Conferences 4:30 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>School Board Meeting 7:00 pm at Fisher</p> <p>Evening Conferences 4:30 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>No classes K-12</p> <p>District Staff Development/ Teacher Work Day</p> <p>Happy Halloween!</p>
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