



EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL GAUCHOS' WEEKLY BULLETIN

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To view the school's academic calendar dates, please click [HERE](#)

El Cerrito High School's College & Career Center - To View, Click, [HERE](#)

Please Note: New items to the weekly bulletin will be in **RED**. Items from previous bulletins will be in **BLACK**. Items in **PURPLE** will be removed from the next bulletin.

Have some news you'd like to share in the weekly bulletin?

All info must be school-related. Please email Negar Souza echsetree@gmail.com by noon on Friday.

Monday (09/24)	Tuesday (09/25)	Wednesday (09/26)	Thursday (09/27)	Friday (09/28)	Saturday (09/29)	Sunday (09/30)
% 2019 Buy your Senior Activity Card before prices go up @ the Cashier	Voter Registration Drive in Quad @ Lunch School Site Council Meeting 4:00 pm ECHS Library % 2019 Buy your Senior Activity Card before prices go up! See the Cashier ASAP!!	Voter Registration Drive in Quad @ Lunch WCCUSD School Board Meeting 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm DeJean Middle % 2019 Buy your Senior Activity Card before prices go up! See the Cashier ASAP!!	% 2019 Buy your Senior Activity Card before prices go up! See the Cashier ASAP!!	% 2019 Buy your Senior Activity Card before prices go up! See the Cashier ASAP!!	Senior Boat Cruise 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm	Senior Class Fundraiser @ Gold Gate Fields 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Please Note: To make an appointment for Senior Portraits, go to mylegacymatters.us

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, October 1st, from 3:15 pm to 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 2nd, from 3:15 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 17th, from 3:15 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday, October 18th, from 3:15 pm to 6:30 pm

Sports Schedule for this week:

Day	Date	Sport	Visitor	vs	Home	Location	FROS H TIME	JV Time	Varsity Time
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Football:

Fri	28-Sep	Football	St. Pats-St. Vincent	vs	El Cerrito	El Cerrito	NA	4:30 PM	7:00 PM
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Volleyball:

Tues	25-Sep	Volleyball	El Cerrito	vs	SPSV	SPSV	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Weds	26-Sep	Volleyball	Concord	vs	El Cerrito	El Cerrito	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
Thurs	27-Sep	Volleyball	Hercules	vs	El Cerrito	El Cerrito	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	7:00 PM

- Wednesday is Senior Night!

Tennis:

Tues	25-Sep	Tennis	Richmond	vs	El Cerrito	El Cerrito		3:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thurs	27-Sep	Tennis	El Cerrito	vs	Jesse Bethel	Jesse Bethel		3:30 PM	3:30 PM

Cross Country:

Thurs	27-Sep	Cross Country	Jesse Bethel	vs	El Cerrito	TBD			4:00 PM
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Cross Country Practice Times: M/T/Th/F 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm & W 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

The ECHS Mountain Bike Team

Registration is now open and can be completed online at <https://echsmtb.com/riders-and-parents/> .
Registration will close on October 5th (September 28th for students needing to use a team loaner bike).

- The MTB team is all-inclusive, meaning we are a co-ed team with no prior experience required - you can join the team and have a lot of fun on the trails without experience. We'll train you! Not everyone earns a podium spot, but we've seen some amazing growth in our new riders. A Sophomore girl last year and a senior girl the year before were 1st in league and 3rd in the State Championships, and neither had prior mountain biking experience! We start with strength training

and spin classes and work our way towards on-bike practices 4 days a week. Our practices start in mid November and the season ends in May.

- We can accommodate riders who don't have a bike. We have a fleet of loaner bikes, but they are first come, first serve, so if you will need a loaner bike sign up early. Full and partial scholarships are available for anyone who needs them. More information can be found on our website, at www.echsmtb.com.
- Questions about the team can be sent to echsracing@gmail.com. We look forward to riding with you!

Quick Links:

- [James Morehouse Project](#)
- [New ECHS Bell Schedule for 2018-19](#)
- [ECHS Campus Map](#)
- [PowerSchool Login](#)
- [WCCUSD 2018-19 Calendar](#)
- [ECHS Admin Team Duties & Responsibilities for 2018-19](#)
- [2018-19 WCCUSD Parent & Student Handbook](#)
- [ECHS Website - Please note, a new website is currently under construction](#)
- [ECHS Fall Sports Schedule Calendar 2018-19](#)
- [2018-19 SAT & ACT Test Dates](#)

- [Senior Class Webpage 2019](#)

CLASS OF 2019 NEEDS & INFORMATION:

[ATTENTION SENIORS- CLASS OF 2019. CASH FOR COLLEGE NIGHT \(FINANCIAL AID\)](#)

Dear Class of 2019 Parents and Students,

We are in need of a convertible for homecoming to drive our Homecoming King & Queen around in the parade. Do you have one we can borrow or better yet, would you be willing to help drive for this event on October 19th.

We are also in need of a place to build our float. Does anyone want to loan us their Backyard?

Lastly, our annual Boat Cruise is just around the corner! For seniors, this is a memorable night to celebrate the beginning of their final year in high school with peers. The Fume Blanc yacht offers the finest waterfront views, services, and entertainment, so purchase your tickets as soon as possible individually or through the Senior Activity Card at the cashier's window during lunch or after school. Please keep in mind that the funds that we raise through boat cruise tickets are crucially important in our other event planning. General Information-

- When: Saturday, September 29, 2018
- Where: 2394 Mariner Square Drive, Alameda CA., 94501
- Boarding Time: 7:45 PM
- Cruise Time: 8-11 PM

The senior class needs volunteers for our Golden Gate Fields fundraiser on Sunday, September 30. To cover all of our Senior year events, we will need to raise nearly \$50K. This is a quick and easy way for our leadership class to raise \$1,000 to put toward that fundraising goal. We need a total of 12 volunteers (per shift) over the age of 18 to work a booth inside Golden Gate Fields selling beer, soda, water, and hotdogs. The first shift will last from 10:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M and the second shift from 12:30 P.M to around 5:00 P.M Please help us make this year as memorable and enjoyable as possible for your seniors. To sign up, contact Anna Ortiz at Anna.S.Ortiz@hotmail.com or 510-421-1164.

- [Junior Class News & Happenings 2018-19](#)
- [Sophomore Class News & Happenings 2018-19](#)

News, Notes, & Reminders

- [Math Department Tutoring Schedule for Fall 2018 - 19](#)
- Follow us on Twitter! @ECHSGauchos
- Follow us on Instagram! @InstaGauchos
- All students MUST wear their lanyards and IDs at all times on campus
- The most diverse school in the Bay Area is El Cerrito High School, the sixth-most diverse school in the state. To see the article, click [HERE](#).
- [Writer Coaches Needed For The Fall Semester](#)
Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the ECHS community but don't have a lot of time to spare? WriterCoach Connection (WCC) is a rewarding experience working one-on-one with students at every level of writing ability on their English writing assignments. In partnership with teachers, trained writer coaches help students strengthen their writing and critical thinking skills by giving them constructive feedback, challenging them to think more deeply, and building their confidence as writers. The time commitment is only one class period, two to three times per month. All coaching takes place during the school day. You don't need to be a writer or teacher — WCC's free, in-depth training will give you strategies and practice to work effectively with students, including your own. If you are

unable to coach right now, please tell someone you know who might be interested. For further information and to sign up for a September orientation, go to:
<http://writercoachconnection.org/volunteer/orientation> sign-up. Please choose ECHS as your coaching site. As a first time volunteer, we ask that you attend a short orientation to be sure the program is right for you. If you have previously been a writer coach either at ECHS or another school and would like to coach again, please contact ECHS WCC Site Coordinator Lynda Frank,
atechs@writercoachconnection.org

CALLING ALL STUDENTS!!!

Here is a chance for you to celebrate your local Hero !!
The PTA Reflections contest is an opportunity for students to create an artistic piece that represents those who inspire them.

The Theme for 2018-2019 is "Heroes Around Me."

Here is a link to the National Reflections promo video for this year:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=TSvo7vS4Hgg

Some rules to know:

1. The art must be Student Directed. Inspiration from Characters is ok but no exact known characters, ie Batman, Wonder Woman, etc.
2. Dance- it can be danced by others but must be Student choreographed. Not group lead.
3. Film- student can star in film with parents or professional camera crew doing the filming OR student can be behind the camera with cast acting out story, as long as the Student is the director and creator.
4. Music- no copywritten material accepted. Changing words to known melody is not allowed. Submit lyrics.
5. Visual Art- with the Heroes theme, we expect a large amount of superheros. Images must be Student created, no exact known character.
6. All entries must be new, not a graded project or previous contest submission- it can however be extra credit toward class per teacher initiative.
7. Submissions must be created with theme in mind.
8. Child can submit multiple applications per category.
9. Only one division per entry. No changes after entry.
10. Only one submission per category moves forward per division

Remember that the artist statement is important - REALLY IMPORTANT - and that every entry must have a title too.

Please see attachments for your use and for more information, check out this link:

<https://capta.org/pta-leaders/programs/reflections/>

Due Date:

October 17, 2018

Items can be turned into the main office

Reception will be Oct. 22 in the ECHS Library

Want to learn more about this great program? Have a question? CONTACT: Tammy Garretson at tammylou@sbcglobal.net



The Gaucha Dance Company performed in downtown Richmond on September 15th, at the Spirit and Soul Festival

Tune into keCg as our daily announcements are broadcast and streamed daily...

- via FM's 88.1 keCg 97.7
- OR via [tunein](#) freeapp (or tunein.com website) search " kecg " or " worldoneradio "

Assistant Principals & Counselors Caseloads for 2018 - 2019

Assistant Principal Caseloads for 2018-2019

Last Name A-F: Ms. Charlotte Betson

Last Name G-O: Mr. Jay Eirvin

Last Name P-Z: Mr. Eric Mapes

Counselor Caseloads for 2018-2019

Last Name A-E: Ms. Monica Ng

Last Name F-J: Mrs. Yecenia Campos

Last Name K-Q: Mr. Yen Kong Moua

Last Name R-Z: Ms. Christina Rios

Counseling Corner

Hello Gauchos ,on Wednesday, October 10th ECHS will be participating in the district-wide College Day event. All 12th grade students will be taking the SAT. All 10th and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT NMSQT (National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test). All 9th grade students will be participating in planned college and career activities.

PSAT NMSQT practice guide and test booklets are available now in Student Services. Please stop by and grab one!

More information will be sent out when we get closer to the event.

If you have any questions, reach out to Mr. Eirvin at jeirvin2@wccusd.net.

- **Choice Sheets & Courses Available by Grade Level for 2018 - 2019**
- **ECHS College Handbook**
- **Counseling Related Links Page**
- **NCAA Guide for College-Bound Athletes**
- **A - G Requirements for Cal State University & UC System**
- **RICHMOND PROMISE LAUNCH**
[The Richmond Promise](#) is hosting its [2019 Scholarship Launch](#) on Monday, Oct. 1 from 4:30 pm-8:30 pm at the Computer Lab located at 450 Civic Center in Richmond. Students and families can start on their 2019 FAFSA/CA Dream Act and Richmond Promise applications. There are two sessions one at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm. The event is free, but you must RSVP. Additionally, the [Richmond Promise's Scholarship Application](#) also opens on Monday, Oct. 1.
- **KQED SEEKING YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**
KQED Radio in San Francisco is accepting applications for its 2018-2019 Youth Advisory Board. Deadline is Sept. 9, 2018. Applications and information [available here](#). Questions? Contact KQED at youthmedia@kqed.org.
- **U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM INVITES NOMINEES - INFORMATION**
The California Department of Education invites high schools to nominate two juniors or seniors to to participate in the 57th Annual United States Senate Youth Program. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 5. More information at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr18ltr0816.asp>
Staff Contact: [Marcus Walton](#)

Announcements & News from ECHS Associated Student Body Leadership

EC Club News & Happenings



The El Cerrito Mock Trial will hold its first practice this Thursday at 3:30 pm in Room C 201. There are still openings for positions as attorneys, witnesses, clerks and a bailiff. No experience necessary. We will teach you what you need to know to participate in Mock Trial. It should be another exciting season, so come out and see

what's up! Contact Pat Jimenez for more information or any questions. pjimenez@wccusd.net Thank you!

Click [HERE](#) to view this year's El Cerrito High ASB Clubs

New Staff at ECHS Introductions

Over the next few weeks, the bulletin will introduce a few new staff members to the El Cerrito High School Community. This week we introduce Principal, Patricia Crespo, Athletic Director, Jacob Rincon, and Math Teacher, Genard Buco . Last week we introduced, English teacher, Samuel Davis, ASD, Inclusion Specialist, Susan Sigge, and Eric Mapes, Assistant Principal.



Ms. Crespo was born and raised in Los Angeles and moved closer to the Bay Area when she was accepted to UC Santa Cruz, where she double majored in Psychology and Sociology. In her HS yearbook she wrote that she would one day become a teacher and in 1998, she embarked on the journey to accomplish her dream by attending Columbia University's Teachers College in NYC. After teaching English for 7 years at James Logan HS and starting a chapter of the Puente Project, she realized she could reach more students and impact positive change by becoming an administrator. She attended UC Berkeley's Principal Leadership Institute (PLI) and landed her first administrative job as an assistant principal at El Cerrito HS. After working at various schools as an VP, Ms. Crespo spent the past five year at Jesse Bethel HS, where she helped implement Wall-to-Wall Academies. While at JBHS, Ms. Crespo decided to fulfill her academic dream of acquiring her her doctorate degree. She is in her third year at UC Davis' CANDEL program and hopes to finish her doctorate within the next two years. Ms. Crespo spends her

much-valued free time with her beautiful daughter, July, who just started Kindergarten, and her husband.



My name is Jacob Rincon and this is my 4th year at El Cerrito High School. This year is my first year as a physical education teacher and athletic director at El Cerrito High School. I have been teaching for the past 6 years. I have my Master's Degree in Sports Management from Texas A&M University and received my Bachelor's Degree from Cal State East Bay in Kinesiology. When away from El Cerrito High School I like to workout and spend time with my family. My wife's name is Ashley and I have three little boys name Jacob Jr, Matthew, and Caleb.



Mr. Genard Buco has a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education - Major in Mathematics and a Master of Arts in Teaching Mathematics. He has over 28 years in the Field of Education; 10 years in the Philippines and 18 years in the United States. He is a member of the California Mathematics School Council (CSMS -South), California League of School (CLS), National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), South East Asia Council of Mathematics Education (SEACME), WASC Visiting Committee Member (Visited 4 schools already), and has presented three times at the California League of Schools (CLS) State Conference..



Samuel Davis grew up in West Marin, and later in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas just below Kings Canyon. He spent the last 16 years teaching at Balboa high school. He graduated from Cal Berkeley in '94, and later received a credential and masters in English literature from San Francisco State. He lives here in El Cerrito with his long-time partner and their five-year-old boy, Jaehwa Pak-Davis, who has just entered first grade. Major interests and hobbies include brewing beer, fly fishing, playing tennis (consider this a challenge to all tennis players out there), classical guitar, figure drawing, and cooking. He once upon a time, aspired to be the great American poet, but it did not pay as well as he expected. He is happy to be

part of this new school community.

Susan Sigge holds a BA and Masters in Music. For many years she has performed professionally throughout the Bay Area and in Japan and Canada as a soloist and as a chamber and orchestra musician. For 13 years and using school curriculum, Susan produced, wrote and performed shows for her trio for elementary schools in Vallejo, Vacaville and Benicia. Students especially loved her versions of Sponge Bob Squarepants and her own Raps. Susan was a sought after private teacher and clinician, and adjudicator for competitions and auditions. Susan received her Education Specialist and Multi Subject Credentials from CSU East Bay and has taught at Oakland Tech and in MDUSD. She enjoys helping students succeed and is looking forward to many years at El Cerrito High. Susan loves to hike, garden and bake and loves animals (she has 3 cats and a dog). She is married to her handsome husband and has a daughter (a senior) and a son (21).



Mr. Mapes joins the Gaucho Family after spending the last five years as an assistant principal at Piedmont High School, and two years as the assistant principal at Piedmont Middle School. Prior to becoming an administrator, Mr. Mapes spent fifteen years teaching. He began his teaching career in San Lorenzo, and has taught in Albany, Beijing, China, Silver Spring, Maryland, and Washington DC. Mr. Mapes grew up in Albany, and now lives with his wife and three children in El Cerrito. He is an avid sports fan, loves to travel, and enjoys spending time with friends and family. Mr. Mapes comes from a family of educators; his mother was an

elementary school secretary and his sister is a first grade teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

ECHS Time Management Tool Worksheet

As we prepare to begin the new school year, we want to share a time management worksheet that we hope your student(s) may use.

- [ECHS Time Management Tool Worksheet 2018-19](#)

Attendance

We ask all parents/guardians to please make sure to call the Attendance Line: **510-231-1437 ext. 26422** or bring in a note. Please see the procedure below.

If you are absent from one or more periods, you will save yourself a lot of grief if you take the following steps: If you are absent all day, or any part of the day the following is required:

- A parent or legal guardian must excuse your absence within 3 days by note or phone call
- Your note or phone message must include first and last name, specific period(s) and date(s) missed, and the reason for your absence.
- Oversleeping is not an excused absence.
- Absences of three or more consecutive days requires a note from your student's doctor if your student is not attending due to illness.
- It is violation of academic integrity policy for students to miss a class to do work or study for another class.
- An absence must be cleared within 3 days or it will become an unexcused absence. If you need to leave school for any reason you must:
- Bring a note to the attendance office before leaving campus. You will receive a Permit to Leave to give to your teacher. Do not tell your parents to call to excuse you from class for doctor, dentist, personal reasons. A note is required to be excused.
- Call a parent/ legal guardian from the office before going home ill.

Please click [HERE](#) to see the list of excused absences allowed under California Education Code.

Note: A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit. The teacher of the class from which a pupil is absent shall determine which tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

Please understand that for students and El Cerrito High School, clearing an absence is very important, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Students who do not clear their absences will, as a result, have those marked in the system as "unexcused". Unexcused absences can result in disciplinary action by the school, and our faculty do not have to offer make-up work or assessments for unexcused absences.

In either case, El Cerrito High School and West Contra Costa Unified, do NOT receive money from the State of California for excused and unexcused absences.

Athletics

If you transferred from another high school and will be attending El Cerrito High School and plan on trying out and playing one or more sports, you must click on the following two links. If you have any questions please contact our ECHS Athletic Director, Jacob Rincon at jacob.rincon@wccusd.net or the Admin liaison to ECHS Athletics, Eric Mapes at eric.mapes@wccusd.net.

- [WCCUSD Student-Athlete Eligibility Packet 2018 - 2019 - Please Open](#)
 - This packet must be completed, along with the medical clearance form by a physician in order for students to be eligible to play a sport at ECHS
- [NCS/CIF Athletic Eligibility for Transfers form 2018 - 2019](#)
 - If your student is new to ECHS as a 10th, 11th or 12th grader, and has transferred from another high school, where they played a sport(s), this form must be completed and turned in to Mr. Rincon. This is very important to the ECHS Athletic Program.

Fall Sports Coach Contact Information:

Cross Country:

David Robinson

Email: Davidvwireless@yahoo.com

Tennis:

Barbara Lewis

Email: barb2@sbcglobal.net

Cheer:

Audra Williams

Email: pastoraudra@gmail.com

Volleyball:

Scott Bishop

Email: cantdigme@gmail.com

Football:

Jacob Rincon

Email: jacob.rincon@wccusd.net

Below are the sports programs we offer our students at El Cerrito High School for the 2018-19 school year:

Fall Sports at ECHS	Winter Sports at ECHS	Spring Sports at ECHS
Cross Country	Girls Basketball	Badminton
Football	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Girls Tennis	Girls Soccer	Softball
Girls Volleyball	Boys Soccer	Boys Tennis
Cheerleading		Boys Golf
		Swimming
		Track & Field

		Boys Volleyball
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Everyone needs a sports physical asap and their doctor to sign the district form and uploaded.
Click here for the form and the location to upload it. Click [HERE](#) if you need a close place to get a quick physical.

El Cerrito High School PTSA News

You can now join the PTSA online--students can join too!

<https://jointotem.com/ca/el-cerrito/el-cerrito-high-ptsal/join>

Questions? Please contact: elcerritohighptsal@gmail.com

Does your student participate in any school activities? AP courses? The Student Activities Fund (SAF) provides financial support to student clubs and ECHS teachers through monetary donations and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

What is the SAF?

Student Activities Fund (SAF) is the nonprofit (EIN 91-1935426) that supports enrichment programs for the ~1600 students enrolled at ECHS. The SAF ensures student club leaders, teachers, and staff get the resources they need to fund academic, extracurricular, athletic, graduation, and other school-related activities. Examples include art, athletics, AP and other special class offerings, field trips, and various other student clubs and activities.

Why should I donate?

If we don't collect enough funds, we will not be able to support all the great activities at ECHS for our students. We will, no doubt, face many changes and challenges this year, but if you contribute via this appeal you will have done your part to bring financial stability to our Gaucho family.

We raise these funds through this annual appeal and then distribute through a grant process. The first round of grants needs to be completed in October, so time is of the essence - donate now and keep student enrichment alive and thriving at El Cerrito High.

How do I help?

It's easy to contribute in one of the following ways:

- 1. Make out a check payable to ECHS SAF and mail to:**

ECHS SAF

P.O. Box 2376

El Cerrito, CA 94530

- 2. Drop off the check in an envelope at the front desk.**
- 3. Contribute online, donate via PayPal (email account echssaf@gmail.com)**

If your employer has a matching program, please indicate ECHS SAF as the beneficiary. We're hoping for donations of \$75 or more, but donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please give what you can. Contributions are tax-deductible (EIN 91-1935426)

On behalf of the students of ECHS, I thank you for your support,

Rula Craner

SAF President