

Principal's Report

September 2025

EOHS Items

Population

- At last count our population is approximately 634 (612 in the core highschool and 22 in the Learning Center)

New Staff

- Elaine Shultz (EA)
- Jessica McKnight (EA)
- Gaige Weseen (Humanities)
- Melissa Kemp (Math/Science)

Athletics

- Girls volleyball - grade 9 with Shelley Sayers and Meaghan Reist, JV - Carter Hammer and Jason Locke, and Senior Girls with Blake Machan and Jessie Stoddart
- Boys volleyball - JV with Crystal and Rob Geier, and senior boys coached by Angie Dowland and Duane Lowe.
- Cross Country - zones are coming up on October 1st. Coaches Grace Martin and Mike Brown
- Football - we have an interim coach
- Golf - coached by Gaige Weseen and our team of 4 attended zones on Sept 18th. Wyatt McDonald came in first. He and Evan Ellis are both moving to provincials. Our team as a whole came in second overall.

We have a senior volleyball tournament on Sept 26-27th.

Quad retreats

- Our quad retreats were a success! Gold, Blue, Green went to Camp Harmattan .

Reconciliation and Reconcili-action

- EOHS is applying for an Indigenous Student Culture Connection Support Role. This would allow for an Elder or Knowledge keeper to come to EOHS weekly to work with interested First Nation, Metis and Inuit students to learn more about language, culture and history. There are only 4 roles available and we are hoping to be one of the schools selected.
- EOHS has partnered with Moccasin House to bring the live theater production of "Where Have All the Buffalo Gone" with two performances during the day on September 29, 2025 and a community showing at 7:00pm. The summary provided by Axis Theatre is as follows: We bear witness to the emergence of the Métis nations across the plains, the robust colonization that arises from the fur trade, the disappearance of the buffalo and the political uprising of the Métis Association of Alberta.

Career Connections and Dual Credit

- We have 96 students enrolled in a Dual Credit Program, 80 of these are onsite at Olds College and the other 26 are online options through RDP and Olds College.
- Fire cadets interviews are happening this week and we will have interviews for the SkyWings program coming up in the next few weeks.
- Our Post-Secondary night hosted by Mr. Hronek and Mrs. Hamilton on September 11 was a great success as we had a great attendance from grade 10-12 students and their families.

Parent teacher interviews

- October 23rd: Parent Teacher Interviews Night #1 - 3:30pm - 8:00pm (in person)
- October 30th: Parent Teacher Interviews Night #2 - 3:30 - 5:30 pm (phone calls)

Division Initiatives

Sept 19th - High School Professional Learning Day

- The entire CESD division staff joined us at Olds High for our first Professional Learning Day of the year.
- Staff gathered for learning at multiple locations including the Pomeroy, EOES, Horizon, Olds Koinonia, EDMS, Olds High and are continuing work on assessment creation, but also the important discussion and work around EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES.
- This work will continue on our other professional learning days throughout the year with instructional practice as the focus of this year.

Celebrations

Course Completion Data - Out of 246 diplomas written in June , 244 were EOHS students writing (minus 2 exams which were not written)

241 /246 = 99% course completion (99% of students who wrote a diploma, no matter the diploma mark, successfully achieved the course credits.

50/246 = 20% excellence range as a diploma mark (80% and higher)

202/244 = 87% acceptable range as their diploma mark (50-79%)

32/246 = 13% unsuccessful range (<49%)

Provincial Achievement Exam Celebrations

- Although our official data won't be in until later this fall, our Grade 9's did exceptionally well on their PAT exams last year.

Inclusion & Student Services Celebrations

- We had 1160+ checkins/regulations/supports provided in the Connections Room last year
- We supported over 200 students with accommodations and learning support
- We are building supports for English as Additional Language students (We had 20 coded EAL students last year)

Other Celebrations

- We hosted a UNESCO conference, a Horizons conference, and badminton zones. We sent kids to Connections and to CSLC and hosted our first ever Unified Sports tournament.
- We proudly presented MAMA MIA as our play production
- We hosted Santosh Korthiwada , an artist in residence for students in our fine arts and humanities classes.
- We were awarded the Innovation Grant through CESD and the TC Energy Grant for a Thunder Bolt Laser Printer that we will have in our shop. It has been ordered.
- We began discussion and education surrounding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and created a beautiful art installation with symbolic connections and personal connections to students and staff as well.
- We had unexpected expenses last year, particularly in sub budgets, and still came in narrowly under budget.
- We finished timetabling by our deadline, and handed out timetables to grade 12s, 11s and 10s But we also started MAKING ADJUSTMENTS in June!!!
- We saw more visibility of our staff in our quad spaces and our hallways, and as such better use of our learning spaces overall. And students began to ask where "those posters" were (Who's Who Flex Time) to gain additional subject support from various teachers when their's was not available.

EOHS GOALS (and associated work)

Goals

Academic Excellence, Social Emotional Wellness, Career Connections

Our “ONE THING” as a team goal for staff this year

Communication - “of learning” and “of culture”

QUESTIONS FOR PARENT FEEDBACK

1. For parents who attended our grade 8 to 9 transition meeting and had new grade 9s join us, can you provide us with things you appreciated about the processes and ways we could improve for future grade 9 students and families of EOHS?
2. For parents who attended our NEW Dual Credit information meeting and our NEW grade 11 to 12 transition meeting, can you provide us with things you appreciated about the processes and ways we could improve for students and families of EOHS?
3. Our staff word of the year is COMMUNICATION, and as such we'd like our parents and guardians to pay close attention to ways we are successfully communicating, and areas of growth we should consider. We would like feedback on this at a future meeting as we are implementing a few new communication processes.