

September

Good evening everyone!

Unfortunately I do not have anything new to report from student forum, since we do not have a meeting until next Wednesday.

East students have been adjusting to new routines and schedules, myself included, and I am excited to be back for my first report of the school year!

I would like to start off my report by talking about our fall sports. All of our athletes have been working very hard this season, with practice, matches, relays, and games almost every day. I asked for updates from our captains: To start off, Girls volleyball has been thriving! At a tournament last week, they won all of their games and placed 1st, where they also beat Grand Rapids for the first time since 2012! Our girls tennis team is currently 14-3, and are currently ranked 10th in the state which is a huge accomplishment! Both boys and girls cross country teams have been rocking at their meets so far this year. Boys Captain Nathaniel Bateman said that “something unique about cross country is how competitive we are with each other while at the same time being each other's best friends, and we all push each other to succeed and the team culture is really special, this goes especially for this year”.

Boys soccer is currently 7-0-1 where they tied our rival, Blaine, for the first time in years. The girls team has their next game tomorrow night at Denfeld. We are looking forward to the next home football game this Friday, before our Welcome Back dance, now called “Overtime”, that was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The cheer team consistently shows up to support all of our athletes, while they lead cheers in the student section at all sorts of events, and we love seeing their routines and stunts at assemblies.

All of our athletes have been doing very well this year, and we wish them luck for the rest of this season!

Moving on to some club updates: The drama club ran auditions for their fall musical—The Prom—last spring and started rehearsing at the end of August. Since coming back to school, they've been in the theater almost every day. The show will run from October 29-31, and we're excited to see them bring this musical to life!

Climate club has been working very hard so far. They are composting and using reusable utensils at breakfast just like last year. Throughout this school year, they plan on researching and using observations to incorporate this into our cooking classes as well as lunch.

The rest of our clubs will be starting up very soon next week during PAWS day! I am looking forward to hearing more about them later this month.

Student Government has also been very busy so far this year. We have thought of new ideas to bring to East, one being “Chalk the Lot” where seniors can get together with friends on October 4th to eat snacks, listen to music, and color a parking spot using chalk! REastCycled is being brought back this year, but this time, we will be doing it in the fall as well. We will be accepting donations until October 28th for this event, and I will be looking forward to telling you more about it next month! Last Friday, seniors were at Brighton Beach at 6 am for our senior sunrise event, which featured pictures, yard games, and lots of doughnuts. It's been a busy start to the year, and we are in the middle of planning for all of our Homecoming events. STUGO announced our theme just last Friday, which is: ‘Galactic Greyhounds’. We also revealed our 10 Homecoming candidates who were nominated by the Senior class for exemplifying positive qualities and school spirit. I am excited to see who our 3 winners will be at the end of our Homecoming week!

My first Student Forum meeting will be next Wednesday and I am hoping to get some feedback about how the first couple of weeks have been going for students. Tomorrow I plan on meeting with Mr. Flohaug to discuss how POV is going to look this year and I am getting into contact again with Staci Almaras to talk more about the Intra-City Council.

Lastly, I would like to talk about our Parking issues at East this year. As I am sure many of you know, we lost access to our Church lot this year, due to the bottom of 40th avenue being closed from construction, which caused Superior street to be packed with traffic. This negatively impacted our students at East, since we lost about 50 parking spots. We only have roughly 300 available at school for kids. Students are struggling with getting to school due to some living far away, not having access to a school bus, and parents not being able to bring them to school. Staff members are coming together to think of alternatives and I am hoping we can think of something before winter comes along.

That is all I have for tonight! As always, thank you for this opportunity and your time!