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Calendar Items

August 30

PM kinder/B day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out

September 2

NO SCHOOL

September 6

AM kinder/A day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out

September 13

PM kinder/B day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out

September 20

AM kinder/A day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out

September 27

PM kinder/B day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out

October 3

AM kinder/A day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out
Parent-teacher conferences

October 4

PM kinder/B day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out
Parent-teacher conferences

October 10

Vision screenings (some
grades)

October 11

AM kinder/A day MS
12:55/1:00 pm early out



From the desk of Mr. Marsden

Excelsior Academy Families,

This has been an exciting beginning to a new school year! As I have spoken with many students, they are loving being back at school and getting to meet new teachers and new friends. In preparation for this year, teachers spent a number of days receiving training. As part of our training each year we review the school's Mission Statement. Excelsior Academy's *mission is to educate students with a broad classical foundation of knowledge, assisting them with opportunities to learn at their challenge level, in an intentionally inviting environment to help students acquire a life-long love of learning.* The school's mission identifies three areas of focus. These areas are a classical education, challenge-level learning, and fostering a life-long love of learning.

A classical education is one that fosters the development of a well-rounded student with a broad academic exposure, and is done through a language based approach. Students are exposed to the aspects of a classical education in most subject areas.

Our leveled learning approach is what allows us to support students at their individual challenge levels. Students are assessed and placed individually in both ELA and Math. This approach allows teachers to meet the needs of both struggling students and advanced students.

Applying these two approaches of education allows teachers to foster the life-long love of learning. Teachers and staff look for many opportunities to expose students to the excitement of science, math, literature, art, and music.

Because of the mission on Excelsior Academy, we as a school community have developed a school that ranks in the top 7% of schools in Utah. This year we have added an additional 300 new students, thus allowing more Tooele County children to access what Excelsior Academy offers. We continue to add new students daily. We encourage all families to spread the word about Excelsior Academy and encourage families to register in our amazing school. We currently have openings in a number of our grades. If you have anyone who still wants to join our school, please share with them the link to our enrollment application. <https://secure.excelsior-academy.org/>



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Hello friends and neighbors!

Science is in need of newspapers. Would you save and bring in old newspapers for the science program? Any questions, contact Mr. Hendershot at bhendershot@eautah.org

Thanks a million!

Attention all middle school runners!

It's not too late to join the cross country team!
Please read through the top 3 reasons to join us and look for the information about our practices and meets.

3- We Run for FUN in the Hot, Hot Sun!

2- There is no "bench" in cross country. We need EVERY runner to do their best at every meet. We win based on how fast we run but we grow as a team based on how we push each other in practice. WE NEED YOU!!!!

1- Every runner can have a "win" at EVERY meet. Personal records are set every time you do better than the last time. You will learn how to challenge yourself and those around you and HAVE FUN while doing it:)

Our first meet is Tuesday, August 27th at 4:30 at Clarke Johnson Junior High in Tooele.

Please JOIN us!!!!

Practices are MON, WED and THURS. Meet in the music room after school by 3:45 dressed in your PE uniform. Practices end at 4:30 in front of the middle school.

(see below for more info)



Welcome to Excelsior XCountry Running Club!

Our primary goal is to nurture a love of running for life!

Key points:

- Meets are EVERY Tuesday in Aug, September and first week of October. (they begin at 4:30)
- Practices are after school MON, WED, THURS from 3:45-4:30 (please have them run on their own Fridays and Saturdays!)
- The fee for XCountry is \$20. This needs to be paid before the 2nd meet.
- Students will need parent transportation to and from meets. Please see the schedule for addresses and please carpool as much as possible. (We're all friends here, we just need to get to know each other).
- Please arrive to meets by 4:00 so I can walk the course with our runners. Meets are generally less than an hour long, sometimes very short.
- Uniform for now will be the PE uniform. Please wear supportive running shoes.
- I will communicate by text and email. I can be reached by text at 801-512-1047 and email: jsciortino-shades@eautah.org
- If your child has asthma, please have them bring an inhaler. I need to know about ANY health concerns.
- **Students MUST bring their own water bottle to practice.** Please pack an extra snack (i.e. apple, banana for after school).
- Please sign up for a meet to bring extra water and fruit. I need a team mom or dad to lead this and follow up with emails.
- Thanks for your support and enthusiasm! XCountry is FUN! But it's even more fun with AWESOME parent support :)



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Lunch! Lunch! Lunch!

Welcome back to school! Did you know your school ID is also your lunch number?

The lines at lunch go so much faster when these numbers are memorized!

Please memorize your 4-digit number!

Gettysburg and Washington D.C.!

Hi, I am Rebekah Christensen and I was in charge of the endorsed trip by the school last year. The trip last year was to New York and Boston. It was a lot of fun. We saw a lot of amazing things such as the statue of Liberty, Staten Island, a Broadway show, and many more. The school can't endorse a trip due to new state rules, but I didn't want this type of experience to end. So I decided that I am going to endorse a trip myself this next year. We are going to Gettysburg and Washington D.C. with a Civil War extension, which means we are going to two extra civil war battlefields. We will be leaving May 26, 2020, the first week after school gets out. Students who are in 6th grade or older next year can go, adults as well. This trip is not just for our school. Any students of the right age and adults may come.

I do have some rules that I want read before signing up so everyone knows what is expected. You can find them at this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QuFrT1oQq2ZOaSMRO-a_xcZzWvNanf4M_ZXSpq8rWOg/edit?usp=sharing

If you agree to the rules, I would love to have you. Here is the link if you would like to check it out:
<http://www.explorica.com/Christensen-2697>

Also, for the trip I am using a different email address. It is rebekah.christensen.rc@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please let me know.

That is it. Thanks, Rebekah Christensen

QUIDDITCH

In PE, one of the most exciting things is to introduce a new game or activity to the students. One of those games this year is Quidditch. If you are unfamiliar with Quidditch it is a game from the Harry Potter series in which students from Hogwarts fly around on brooms and try to either score by throwing a ball through hoops of differing heights, or by catching the Golden Snitch. Now, we won't be flying around on brooms but students will be running around with "brooms" while trying to score points. However, this is where we need your help. If you're interested in either donating some time or materials or both, we need help with our goals "hoops". If you are interested in helping in some way, please let me know. I have included several pictures and specifications of what we need. jsoto@eautah.org

Thank you for your continued support of Excelsior Academy and the Physical Education program.

SEE BELOW



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Hoop Specifications

The quidditch hoop is the upright and self-supporting structure through which the quaffle must pass to score a goal.

Hoop Composition and Construction

- A. Each hoop must be made up of a post and a circular loop attached to the top. These parts of the hoops may be made of any material other than metal or concrete and must not be dangerous to players.
- B. A hoop may include a base to keep the hoop upright.
 - 1. This base should not affect the hoop height.
 - 2. Other than metal fasteners, the base must not be made of hard metal or concrete.
- C. Hoops must be freestanding and able to withstand play.
 - 1. Referees must disallow any hoops that they believe are dangerous to the players.

Hoop Shape

- A. Each set of hoops must have posts of three different heights.
 - 1. These heights must be 3 feet (.91 m), 4.5 feet (1.37 m), and 6 feet (1.83 m).
- B. A loop must be fastened to the top of each goal post.
 - 1. The inner diameter of each loop must be between 32 inches and 34 inches (81cm and 86cm)
 - 2. The attachment of the loop must not make the height of the post exceed the measurements listed above.

Middle School Sports

Sports are in full swing at the middle school! See below for schedules:



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BOYS SOCCER SEASON

Tuesday, August 27	@ Dual Immersion	4:30 pm
Thursday, August 29	@ Spectrum	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 3	vs. West Valley	4:30 pm
Thursday, September 5	@ Draper APA	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 10	vs. Monticello	4:30 pm
Thursday, September 12	vs. Dual Immersion	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 17	vs. Spectrum	4:30 pm
Thursday, September 19	@ West Valley	4:30 pm
Tuesday, October 1	@ Monticello	4:30 pm

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SEASON

Wednesday, August 28	@ Summit Draper	4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 4	@ Providence Hall	4:00 pm
Monday, September 9	vs. ICS	4:30 pm
Wednesday, September 11	@ Monticello	4:00 pm
Monday, September 16	vs. Dual Immersion	4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 18	@ West Valley	4:00 pm
Monday, September 23	vs. Spectrum	4:00 pm
Wednesday, September 25	vs. Summit Draper	4:00 pm
Monday, September 30	vs. Channing Hall	4:30 pm
Wednesday, October 2	@ ICS	4:30 pm

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

Tuesday, August 27	Clarke N Johnson	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 3	Grantsville Jr High	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 10	Stansbury High School	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 17	England Acres (Behind Macey's)	4:30 pm
Tuesday, October 1	Dow James Park 438 W 400 N Tooele	4:30 pm
TBD	Cottonwood Complex 4325 S 1300 E Millcreek	4:30 pm



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If you want to buy school uniforms from French Toast, we have an online store! Go to frenchtoastschoolbox.com and shop under Excelsior. Basic uniform items are in the store, as well as the debate sweaters for our middle school debaters! They also offer embroidery of our logo. One of the best things about it is that we get cash back from French Toast through our store. Happy shopping!