



EAST TROY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



LEARNING is DIFFERENT HERE



District Goals

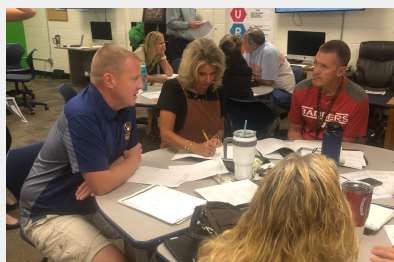
- Ensuring a year to a year plus of learning growth for each child, each year.
- Ensuring programming opportunities through systems and practices that develop the talents of each child in an era of globalization.
- Ensuring individualized learning by empowering students with a personalized learning environment.
- Employing the highest quality professional staff.
- Adapting facilities for current and future educational needs.
- Demonstrating fiscal responsibility through efficiency and effectiveness.



Our ETHS students in Mr. Mass's *How to Make Anything in the Fab Lab* course proudly show off their introductory sticker projects!



At the beginning of this school year, all four buildings held a fun and successful kickoff of their PBIS programs.



Our educators district wide have been hard at work throughout the summer to prepare a different learning experience for our students!



Recently our ETHS girls golf team competed in regionals for the state tournament finishing fourth and qualifying to compete in sectionals.

Dear ETCSD Community:

Learning is Different in the East Troy Community School District! These are not just words to us. We have an unwavering belief in the ability of each student to achieve success by creating conditions that allow them to be inspired, invested, interested, kind, caring, and respectful people. By focusing on the right work, we will continue to move from educator-driven environments—in which learning is personalized *to* the learner—to learner-empowered environments, in which learning is personalized *by* the learner.

As we continue forward, we are focused on all sides of our educational system:

- Ensuring a year-plus of learning growth for each child, each year.
- Ensuring programming opportunities through systems and practices that recognize the talents of each child in an era of globalization.
- Providing individualized learning by empowering students through personalized learning environments.
- Employing the highest quality professional staff.
- Adopting facilities for current and future educational needs.
- Demonstrating fiscal responsibility through efficiency.

We recognize the challenges that lie ahead. We also believe we must view these challenges as opportunities to improve our systems and practices to keep student learning at the center of all we do. We must create conditions to support the learning and emotional well-being of each child. This statement has never been truer than right now, as we take the necessary actions to provide students with opportunities to meet their learning, overall well-being, and personal interests.

We also must create conditions that help children become good learners, rather than just good students. We should never sort and select students. They must develop skills that reinforce a strong understanding of what they are to learn. They should be able to reflect and seek feedback—and to know what to do if they understand or do not yet understand a concept. To make this happen, we must set the conditions that support empowering our learners via student voice and choice, thus leading to an environment that's personalized by the learner.

Another way of reflecting upon this idea is: Do we provide assessments *to* our students or *with* our students? By focusing on the learning process and the learner, we enhance authenticity, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, depth of content, and curiosity. It's not about doing more work, but rather doing the right work more. This empowers students to take ownership of their learning.

Finally, I will leave you with five quotes: "Education is not about learning facts, but the training of the mind to think" – A. Einstein. "Our job is not to prepare students for something; our job is to help students be prepared for anything" – A. Julianna. "Students wait to be assessed while learners assess themselves" – A. Julianna and J. Spencer. "Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children" – W. Disney. "A year from now you may wish you had started today" – K. Lamb.

These quotes reflect what we are working to achieve here in ETCSD.

Respectfully,

Dr. Christopher G. Hibner, District Administrator



Our ETHS girls tennis team defeated Sun Prairie 7-0 in their annual 9-11 Patriot Day Tribute match. The East Troy girls tennis program donated \$343, one dollar for each firefighter that gave their life on 9-11-01, to the East Troy fire department. They also donated \$100 to the 9-11 Memorial.



Girls Tennis Coach Dave Lindow was selected by the Wisconsin Tennis Coaches' Association as the recipient of the 2020-21 NFHS Girls Tennis Coach of the Year for Wisconsin.



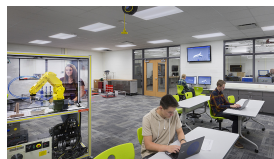
During the spring 2021 Kids Heart Challenge, our Little Prairie and Prairie View students raised a total of nearly \$30,000 for the American Heart Association.



The ETCS D had a successful summer school experience with over 410 students participating.



Over 16% of ETHS students participated in Youth Apprenticeships or Work Experience during the 2020-21 school year.



Our state of the art Fab Lab, as well as the ETHS Fitness Center, will once again be open to the public this year! View our website for info.



ETHS teacher, Colleen Heitl, was presented the Impact Influencer Award by the US Navy in August 2021. She was nominated by her former student, Alexander Grenier.



ETCS D was awarded one of the school based mental health (SBMH) grants for the 21-22 and 22-23 school years totaling \$150,000 of funds.



112 ETHS students took 166 AP exams with 77% of those students earning a 3 or higher in 2020-21.



ETCS D was awarded \$33,501.04 from the Career & Technical Education Incentive Grant for the 42 ETHS students who received professional certifications during the 2020-21 school year.



Over 24 transcribed courses are currently offered at ETHS for the 2021-22 school year.



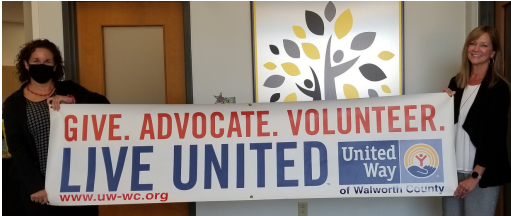
ETHS currently offers 22 Varsity interscholastic sports stressing participation and excellence.



Between the 19-20 and 20-21 school years there was a 78% decline in discipline referrals at elementary school levels.



81.4% of 5th graders, 91.8% of 8th graders, and 100% of 12th graders "strongly agreed" or "agreed" that they had positive relationships and/or connections with adults at school (School Perceptions Data).



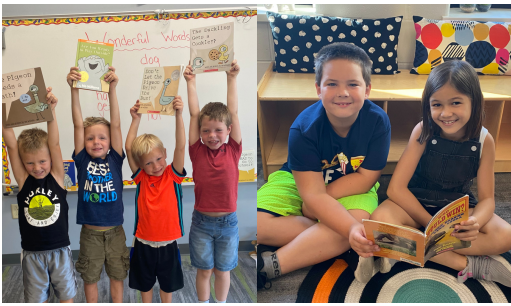
School district staff members have been long-time supporters of United Way of Walworth County and its 40+ local nonprofit agencies. At the beginning of the 2021-22 school year district staff donated \$2,728 to support the United Way mission.



Our ETHS Jazz Ensemble performed this summer with the band Montage on the front lawn of the ETHS as part of the ET Community Band summer series.



All four of our schools earned Silver level recognition from the WI RtI Center / PBIS Network for Behavior related to our PBIS implementation and practices for the 20-21 school year.



LP & PV promotes good reading habits year round with different learning experiences such as Monthly Reading Calendars, buddy reading, summer Popsicles in the Park, and more!

See More Photos and Celebrations!

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10 Kelly Geisert, Mary Brehm & Julia Storandt (Not pictured: Lacy Gomez)



15 Linda Dodge, Kelly Wojcik, David Murphy, Lindsey Harris & Katie Fetzer



20 Megan Zielinski, John Rash, Ryan Manske, Ronald Jordan, Rick Brandner, Cathy Trader & Ryan Holle (Not pictured: Gary Neumann)



25 Gina Whipp

Employee Service Awards

Learning is different here...and we have our amazing educators and staff to thank for it! We are honored to recognize their years of hard work and commitment to both our students and community.

THANK YOU for all that you do for East Troy!



35 Years

Darcy Kiesow & Sue Winiarski

Welcome to Our Newest East Troy Educators & Staff

East Troy is dedicated to pursuing our district goal of employing the highest quality staff. We are pleased to announce all the new educators and staff joining us for the 2021-22 school year as of October. WELCOME!



Little Prairie Primary

- Gordon Freudenstein Jr - Custodian
- Autumn Glenzer - Custodian
- Allysa Hoffman - Special Education Aide
- Katie Jeske - 2nd Grade Teacher
- Anna Marie Nowak - Special Education Aide
- Kaitlin Steffen - Special Education Teacher
- Karrie Stouff - Classroom Aide

Prairie View Elementary

- Brady Johnson - Custodian
- Stacey Langreck - PV/LP Sp Education Aide
- Jillian Schroeder - Special Education Aide

East Troy Middle School

- Matthew Burdt - Program Support
- Grace Christiansen - ELA Teacher
- Laura Feider - Special Education Teacher
- Kimberly Frazier - Math Teacher
- Jean Freund - School Counselor
- Rebecca Parsons - Food Service & Van Driver
- Lissa Peterson - Math Teacher
- Marilee Rickert - Food Service

East Troy High School

- Cole Blandin - Social Studies Teacher
- Jessica Brown - Custodian
- Veronica Faz - Special Education Aide
- Maria Flores Rios - Food Service
- Erin Friemoth - Library Aide
- Jeauan Karpinski - Food Service
- Jill Lehnert - Special Education Aide
- Kathryn Lenarchich - Food Service
- Trisha Matz - Special Education Aide
- Mattea Schlender - Social Studies Teacher
- Ashley Smith - Food Service

District-Wide

- Lukas Beilke - Bus Driver
- Vincent Beilke - Van Driver
- Michelle Cuenca - Van Driver
- Gregory Equi - Van Driver
- Brian Fredlund - Bus Driver
- Jennifer Giera - Physical Therapist
- Cathy Herman - Bus Driver
- Jessica Larsen - Bus Driver
- Andrea Sautbine - Bus Driver
- Michael Schaenzer - Van Driver



East Troy Community School Board



Ted Zess
President



Anna Janusz
Vice-President



Bob Dignan
Treasurer



Stephen Lambrechts
Clerk



Dale Ames
Board Member



All board meetings can be viewed live online, or viewed later on our district YouTube channel.

Learning is different at the East Troy Community School District, and it takes a lot of planning and decisions to make that happen. We are thankful for our School Board who works hard to steer our district towards our goals, and for our community members who are aware and involved with the many things that happen behind the scenes.

Haven't been able to catch the Board Meetings? Check out a few of the most recent topics of discussions below. All of these discussions can be reviewed within meeting minutes posted on our district website (www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/district/meeting-minutes) or by watching recorded meetings on our district YouTube page (www.youtube.com/easttroyschools).

Budget Cuts

Since the cost of goods and services to the district has continued to increase at a faster rate than district revenue, the district has implemented \$8.2 million in budget balancing efforts over the past fourteen years and addressed another \$780,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Unfortunately, April of 2020 and April of 2021 held unsuccessful capital and operational referendums to assist with ongoing maintenance needs and operational structural deficits.

State Budget *\$0 Revenue Limit Increases for 2021-22 and 2022-23*

Despite the recent increases in State aid for education, it is important to understand that the revenue limits have stayed the same. Revenue limits do just what they say - limit a school's revenue. Revenue limits = state aid + property taxes. This means that East Troy will not be receiving an increased amount of funding, but rather a change in where we gain the funding, generally decreasing property taxes but not giving public schools more spending authority. As a result, the district is projecting an additional \$372,864 deficit beyond the already projected \$588,500 deficit for the 2022-23 school year.

In September our staff and community participated in a safety presentation by Carly Posey and the I Love U Guys Foundation.



School Safety



Our ETCS D received recognition by the National Weather Service with the designation of "Storm Ready".

Utility Savings & Project Updates

Our district's utility related costs totaled \$430,323 for the 2005-06 fiscal year compared to \$389,495 during the 2018-19 fiscal year. We will continue to seek opportunities to reduce energy consumption using the data from the 2018-19 school year as a benchmark. Our energy reduction plan and recently completed projects such as exterior LED lighting upgrades and boiler plant upgrades at PV and the HS will support our goal of consuming less energy than in the 2018-19 SY. We intend to compare the KWH and therms used throughout this year to the amounts used during the 2018-19 SY in our reduction plan rather than costs as prices are continually on the rise.

Other recent projects completed in the ETCS D include: Domestic hot water system replacements and water softening system upgrades at the HS and PV, asphalt replacement on the south side of the Middle School, and the completion of the exterior LED lighting upgrades districtwide.

Stimulus/ESSER Funds

(Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief)

The Trump and Biden administrations at the federal levels have authorized three separate rounds of COVID related stimulus funds for schools nationwide: to mitigate learning loss, restore and maintain high-quality learning environments, and to safely reopen schools. ETCS D used funding so far to install bipolar ionization systems at all buildings, reopen school on time for the entire 2020-21 school year with mitigation measures in place, and hire additional temporary staff such as full time substitutes and health aides. At this time, the ETCS D is also discussing the strong possibility of the remaining funds to be used toward helping to assist with the improved MS HVAC.

Congrats to our 2021 Graduates

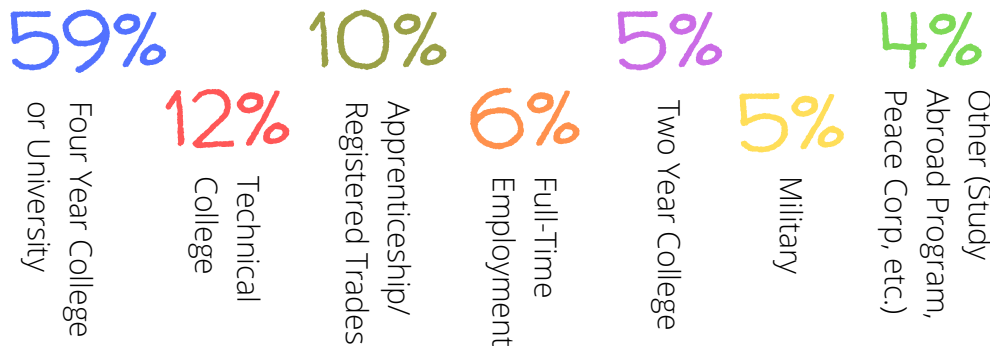
Congratulations to all of our East Troy High School Graduates from the 2020-21 school year! One hundred and thirty-eight students received their diploma last spring at a memorable outdoor ceremony. We are proud of our students for so many reasons, but we are especially proud of their ability to adapt to a changing world and circumstances while successfully completing their high school careers.

Learning is different at East Troy, and we believe the ability of learners to take charge of their education prepares them for success no matter which path they pursue and what the future brings!

138 Number of ETHS Graduates from the 20-21 school year



Where are our 138 graduates going?



Our ETHS graduates were awarded approximately **\$55,000** in scholarships.

Our ETHS leads the area in percentage of students participating in Youth Apprenticeships. Over 16% of our ETHS students participated in either Youth Apprenticeships or Work Experience during the 20-21 school year. Nineteen of those students were seniors!



The class of 2021 was the first to have the opportunity to complete **7** seven years of Robotics courses.

Our ETHS currently offers over 24 transcribed courses. This allows students to gain college credits while still in high school! Prior to receiving his High School Diploma this past spring, Hunter Orlowski was able to receive his Associate's Degree from Gateway Technical College!



ETHS Alumni Spotlight

Rudi Batzell
ETHS 2005 Alumni



Where are you now?

I am an Assistant Professor in the History Department at Lake Forest College.

What is your favorite memory from the ETCS D?

Some of my best memories are in the Art Honors Society and art classes I took. Other highlights were getting to play running back in two seasons...including a 60+ yard rushing touchdown in our Homecoming Game. I also played in the jazz band and did Battle of the Bands several times.

How did your teachers influence you?

There were several fantastic teachers who made all the difference...I had many of my best experiences in English classes with Kristine Weir-Martell, and above all, with Claudia Felske who became a real mentor and has remained a friend after graduating. Learning how to read challenging texts, evaluate ideas and evidence, and then to organize your own thoughts and arguments in writing is such an important life skill, and ETHS English classes made this process a joy.

How did the ETCS D help prepare you for your future?

I entered college with a real excitement and curiosity about learning. Many students I encountered had attended very rigorous private prep schools and were already burned out...I was grateful that ETHS allowed room for creativity and diversity in my education while also providing a solid foundation to build upon.

What would you like to say to current students at the ETCS D?

It is easy to remain confined to the safe and familiar - people, clubs, activities, academic areas you already know. While risky in the short run, in the long run it is far more rewarding to be creative and adventurous and explore a diversity of experiences and challenges.



Local Awards & Recognitions

Join us as we thank our local businesses and community members as they support our ETHS Seniors, as well as recognizing our students for their awards and accomplishments!

- **AAUW Award:** Emily Stern
- **Allan Integrated Control Systems, Inc. Engineering and Technology:** Nathan Gross
- **American Legion/Billy B. Gray Award:** Kiley Komperud, Maggie Donegan
- **Aurora Lakeland Medical Scholarship:** Abigail Bruce, Erin Sperle
- **Beulah Wolline Trust Award:** Hannah Meyers
- **Brad Mysliwski Memorial Scholarship:** Maggie Donegan
- **Brad Mysliwski Nubbinz Scholarship:** Isabella Atkinson
- **Bret Miller Scholarship:** Michael Schaefer
- **Career and Technical Education Scholarship:** Aurelia Evrard, Emma Theys, Isabella Atkinson, Claire Labecki, Samuel Friemoth, Carson Whiting
- **Citizens Bank - Warren E. Hanson:** Emily Aleckson
- **East Troy All Sports Booster Club:** Emily Aleckson, Abigail Bruce, Laci Cesar, Jordyn Gulig, Kiley Komperud
- **East Troy FFA Alumni:** Isabella Atkinson
- **East Troy High School Achievement Award:** Nicole Kuzniar, Ryan Lamping
- **East Troy High School Alumni Scholarship Fund:** Laci Cesar, Olivia Egle, Tara Mikes, Kyle Nelson, Zachary Rongstad, Megan Verbeten
- **East Troy High School Alumni Alice Ludtke Memorial:** Austin DePuydt
- **East Troy High School Alumni Leona Doubek:** Gracie Moker
- **East Troy High School Student Cabinet:** Gracie Moker
- **East Troy Lions Club:** Isabella Atkinson, Conner Erdmann, Nathan Gross, Tara Mikes
- **East Troy Music Boosters Club:** Lillian Geuder, Alyssa Gordon, Nathan Gross, Joshua Gruber, Sylvia Percifield, Erin Sperle, Owen Strerath
- **East Troy Schools Employee Scholarship:** Joshua Gruber, Hannah Meyers, Sierra Schroeder
- **Elaine Peterson:** Lillian Geuder
- **Elizabeth J. Voght Award:** Natalie Bertschinger, Samuel Friemoth, Jack Lehocky, Lauren Meehan, Alexander Reyes, Emily Stern, Owen Strerath
- **Howard/Cox Memorial Scholarship:** Kiley Komperud
- **James R. Taylor and Sons Scholarship:** Mason Widener
- **Jeffrey Clyde Kreft:** Isabella Galluzzo
- **Julius Garber Scholarship:** Nathan Gross, Daniel Miller
- **Key Club/Kiwanis District Foundation:** Maggie Donegan, Gracie Moker
- **Kiwanis Club:** Claire Labecki, Taylor Olejniczak
- **Kiwanis Rische Service:** Sylvia Percifield
- **Knights of Columbus:** Maggie Donegan, Jordyn Gulig, Chloe Williams
- **Laflin/St. James Masonic Lodge #247:** Erick Seiler
- **LaFlin/St. James Masonic Lodge #247/Harold & Charlotte Koeffler Award:** Tristen Rhode
- **Lakeland Officials Association Scholarship:** Michael Schaefer
- **Lavonne Schroeder Memorial Scholarship:** Aubrey Erdmann, Brandon Rintleman
- **Manley Memorial Scholarship:** Kyle Nelson
- **Martin's Hardware Rental & Pet:** Laci Cesar, Mason Widener
- **SC 43 Scholarship:** Kiley Komperud, Michael Schaefer
- **Triangle Sportsmen's Club:** Kiley Komperud
- **VFW Most Improved Award:** Alyssa Gordon, Theodore Graser, Gabriel Johnson, Ian Newhouse
- **Wisconsin Oven Scholarship:** Mayson Fox

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School Board Meetings

Oct 25 - 6pm | Little Prairie Cafeteria

Nov 15 - 6pm | Prairie View Cafeteria

Dec 13 - 6pm | ETMS Multipurpose Room

Jan 17 - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

Feb 14 - 6pm | ETHS Commons (Rm 300)

Mar 14 - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

Apr 11 - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

May 9 - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

June 6 - 6pm | ETHS Cafeteria

*Additional/Special Board Meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Watch Board Meetings LIVE

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www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/district/board-of-education

Join Our Team!


Join the small school community that is delivering BIG on education! We have opportunities for YOU to serve our students alongside our talented and supportive staff. A variety of full time positions as well as substitute positions offer FLEXIBLE options to fit personal schedules and goals.

- **Licensed Positions**
- **Substitute Teachers & Aides**
- **Bus & Van Drivers**


Need more information? Please view our employment page at www.easttroy.k12.wi.us/district/employment-opportunities.cfm or contact our district office: (Phone) 262-642-6710 x1221 (Email) carter@easttroy.k12.wi.us


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