

EAST HIGH SCHOOL

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EAST HIGH PRINCIPAL

Vision and Innovation

On April 26 and May 10 we are inviting the entire community to join us at East Side High School for a light meal provided by our food service classes, and to engage in the establishment of our vision for East Side High in 2012. In 2012 East Side High School will turn 90 years. It is important for us as a community to discuss and establish where we want to be in regards to meeting the needs of students, parents, community and our building.

Since I began my work at East High the most frequently asked question is about my vision. My belief and answer is that WE need to have a vision. We need a vision that is spoken frequently and shared by the community. To that end, we are inviting you to join us on both evenings to share your perspectives and listen to others. In the end we hope to have the vision we share.

As I learn more about this proud community a golden thread is the innovation that has and continues to exist at East High School. On April seventh we will celebrate the re-naming of our guidance and counseling center. From 11:00 – 3:30 there will be a reception in the newly named,

“Arthur C Nelson Guidance and Counseling Center” followed by a brief ceremony and 3:45. Mr. Nelson’s family will be in the counseling center and we look forward to special occasion. The naming of the center serves as a hallmark of the type of innovation that has occurred at East High. Through Mr. Nelson’s leadership and vision the guidance center was created to serve students. It continues to that very well.

It is this type of innovation to meet the needs of students that East High Staff and community members have

**East Side High School
Vision 2012
Community Forums**
April 26 & May 10
6 pm
East High Cafeteria

repeated over time and continue to do today. In the late Fall, thanks to the organization efforts of Will Rogers from the University of Wisconsin English department as well as

Kurt Gundlach and David Krause, we began the Madison Academic and Athletic Exchange - MAAX program. This is a curriculum-based collaborative and research program, designed to bring together Madison East and university students interested in the relationship between academic and athletic practice.

This is one of many different initiatives and innovations that have begun this year. From Week of the Young Women, to invigorating the Tower Times to Art Murals and many others, the spirit of creation and innovation is alive and well. It is one of our strengths at East Side High School and an important part of our future.

East Side Pride – Own It!

All That Jazz: benefit brings in \$14,000



Photo & caption by Jeanette Riechers

The 2nd Annual East High School Jazz Band Dinner/Dance drew hundreds of music lovers together for a high-energy evening of fun and fundraising on March 24 at the Masonic Temple. The popular event, hosted by band parents, featured the East High Jazz Band and Jazz Combo, the Harley Street Brass Quintet, and the Highway to Heaven Gospel Project. There was music for listening and dancing, as well as a lively raffle and silent auction. The standing-room-only crowd helped raise more than \$14,000; the funds will help support the band’s trip to a national music competition in Orlando and will also help replace worn-out instruments and uniforms. The next Jazz Dinner/Dance will be April 20.

**Students sponsor silent auction
East High theater benefit on May 15th**

By Kirsten Jones
East High Student

As a student at East High School, I can personally attest to how badly the theater at our school needs renovations. I have sat in the bright orange chairs for countless presentations, played concerts there hearing the echo of our music the entire time, and watched as more seats and lights break and become unusable.

I have watched the deterioration progress for four years now, and as a senior, decided I want to leave a lasting impact on my school. Brainstorming ways I could best accomplish this goal with my friends, organizing a silent auction seemed like the best way to raise money.

After talking with many teachers and getting amazing support, I decided this was something I wanted to invest time, effort, and money into. Many of my friends felt the same way and joined

me in the effort.

As a result, we are happy to announce that we will have a silent auction and bake sale May 15th at East High located at 2222 E. Washington Ave. The silent auction will begin at 6:30. Bidding will end at 7:30 when there will be an amazing band concert featuring the East High Sinfonietta Band, and then the winners will be announced following the concert.

We are currently soliciting donations for the silent auction and our goal is to raise \$2,000.00 in one night. Everyone from the community is welcome and encouraged to come and support East High. So if you want to have amazing food, hear fabulous music, purchase great items, and help our school out tremendously, we would love to see you there!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me, Kirsten Jones at 244-8208.

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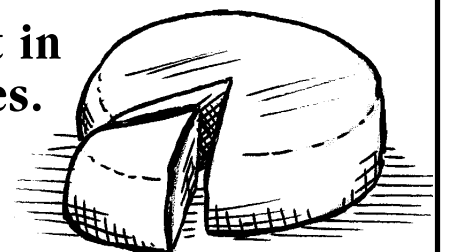
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