



Welcome to Blue Hawk 101

Class of 2021

Thursday, Feb. 2, 6:15 - 8:00

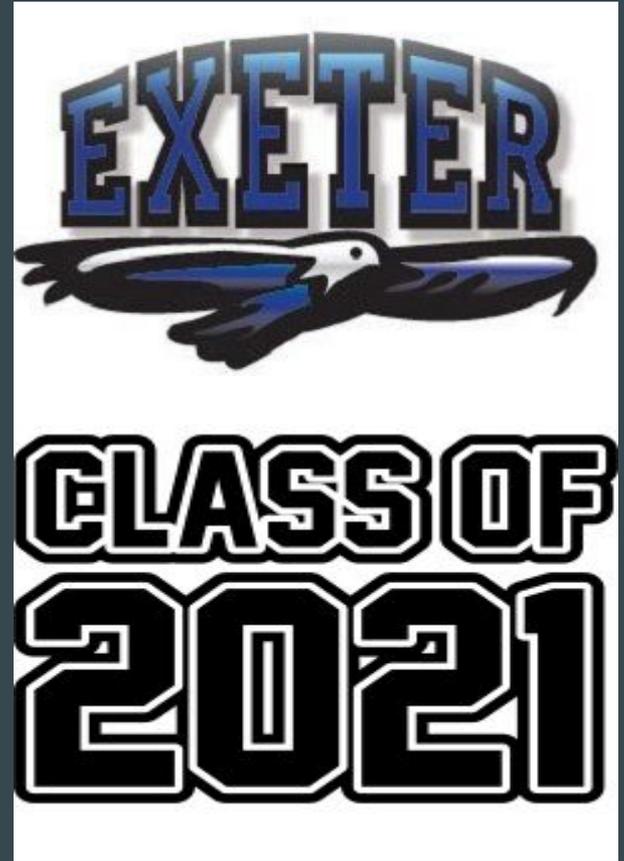
Tonight's Agenda

6:30 - 7:15: Presentation in the Auditorium

- Introductions
- A Day in the Life of a Freshman
- Transition program
- Student life
- School counseling presentation

7:15 - 8:00: Tours, info session in cafe

- Self guided tours available
- Teachers, students and counselors in cafeteria for individual questions



Important Dates

- Through February 11: 8th grade teachers make their 9th grade recommendations on Powerschool
- February 7-8: Freshman Counselor Jim Legere and Asst. Principal Marcy Dovholuk meet with individual CMS teams
- February 10 - 20: Online registration opens
- February 13 - 24: 8th graders meet with their CMS counselors to confirm course registration completion



How do we support our incoming freshmen?

- Freshmen specific counselor and administrator
- Hawk Crew student mentors and faculty advisors
- Blue Hawk 101
- Transition Day, June 8 (tentative)
- Orientation Day, Aug. 23 (tentative)



EHS Commons Model

- Freshmen use Green Commons
- Assistant Principal: Marcy Dovholuk
- Freshmen school counselor
- Function: Attendance, dismissals, contact, support, interventions, any and all questions
- Upperclassmen use Red, Blue or Purple Commons (assigned alphabetically)

Transition Day in June

Goal: Introduce 8th graders to Blue Hawk Country

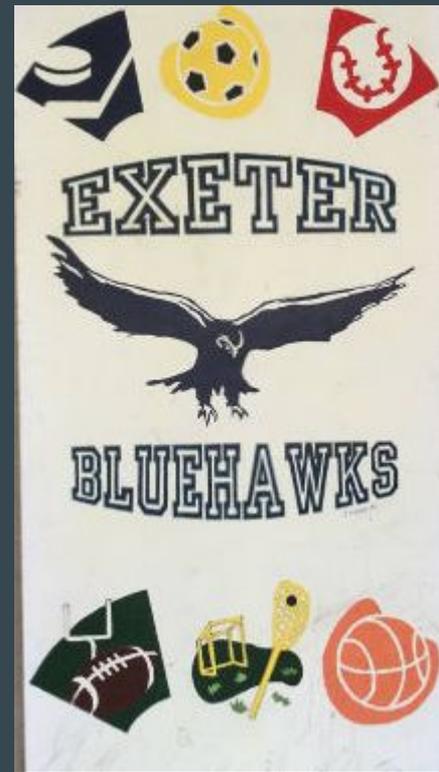
Morning: Leave CMS and arrive at EHS

Welcome: EHS administrators, faculty and Hawk Crew student mentors greet rising 8th graders

Program: Student-centered activities led by Hawk Crew

- Lunch in EHS Cafe
- Sign ups for fall sports
- Pep Rally

Afternoon: 8th graders return to CMS



Orientation Day in August

Goals: Introduce freshmen to EHS and each other in order to alleviate stress and encourage a positive atmosphere

7 - 7:30 a.m.: Freshmen arrive by bus or car

Welcome: Hawk Crew officially welcomes Class of 2021 to EHS

Program: Student-centered activities led by Hawk Crew

Students walk their schedules, including lunch schedule

11:30 a.m.: Dismissal by bus or pick-up

Academic Supports

Academic supports include:

Peer tutors: Student tutors assist with schoolwork, available for specific subjects, such as math or Spanish.

Commons Labs: Usually manned by faculty to assist students during their study halls..

- **Social Studies:** Red Commons
- **English/ World Language:** Green Commons
- **Math:** Blue Commons
- **Science:** Purple Commons



Red Commons Lab, photo credits *The Talon*.

Commons areas can also be used to work on test retakes and projects/coursework.

Extracurriculars

Athletics

- Three seasons with many sports having freshman teams
- Fall signups happen on Transition Day

Service/Community Clubs

- Key Club (extension of Builder's Club)
- Interact Club
- Equality Club

Academic Clubs

- Latin Club
- Model UN
- Government Club

Art/Music/Drama Clubs

- Art Outreach Club
- Beatbox Club
- *Inkwell*, online literary magazine
- *The Talon*, school newspaper
- Drama Club

Just for Fun Clubs

- Fencing
- Cribbage
- Magic the Gathering

**...and many,
many more**

A Day in the Life of a Freshman



What will be familiar? What will be new and different?

PowerSchool for Grades

- Updated twice a month
- Weekly email updates available

Online Presence for Homework

- Individual teacher sites, not a “Team Calendar”

Communication

- Contact individual teachers/guidance with questions and concerns

Independence

- Increase student autonomy
- No late bus

Perseverance

- Freshmen will face challenges here, but there are lots of supports available
- Students who self-advocate are more successful. Let *them* try to resolve it first!

What is course registration?

- Course registration is the process of selecting core courses based on recommendations from a student's current teachers
- Recommendations based on academic performance, standardized test scores and work ethic



Core courses

Semester One		Semester Two
Course Name	Course Name	Level (Honors, CP (college preparatory), Academic) **
1. Freshman English (yr)	Freshman English (yr)	
2. Physical Science (yr)	Physical Science (yr)	
3. Math (yr)	Math (yr)	
4. World History (yr)	World History (yr)	
5. Freshman PE	Elective	No Level
6. Elective	Elective	World Language, other
7. Study Hall	Study Hall	No Level

How do I earn credit?



- Successful completion of a course results in credit
 - Semester classes = 2 credits
 - Full year classes = 4 credits
- Completion of 80 credits earns a diploma

Course Selection Guide

Available online prior to course selection at ehs.sau16.org

What's inside?

- Course offerings & descriptions
- Graduation requirements
- Course level descriptions

Competencies and Grading

EHS has spent the last 18 months adapting how we instruct and assess students.

- Grades are “traditional” at EHS: 90-100=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, <60=F
- All courses have defined competencies with learning targets
- Grades provide feedback on a student’s progress towards demonstrating learning targets (content-specific skills and knowledge) to meet competencies
- Grades are, at minimum, 80% summative evaluation (tests, projects, papers, labs)
- Students complete formative work to prepare for summatives (homework, classwork, small quizzes, etc.). Formative assessments are, at maximum, 20% of a grade
- Relearning and retakes
- Students also measured on *NH Work Study Practices* (**Communication, Creativity, Collaboration, and Self-Direction**) and *21st C. Expectations* (**Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Literacy**).

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What's next?

Parents and students are welcome to head into the cafeteria to:

- Meet faculty, ask questions, find information
- Meet with upperclassmen students to get a sense of EHS life
- Pick up information about clubs

Or, feel free to take a self-guided tour of the building. Pick up a colored map of the school to guide you

**Thank you so much for coming! We look forward to having you
join the EHS community!**