



## **Super Saturday by Lauren Donahue**

On Saturday February 11th, Essex County High School is hosting a Super Saturday in the library. This will give all students and any person in the community interested in financial aid for college an opportunity to work one-on-one with three financial aid counselors from the area. The event will be from 9 am - 2 pm

\*Free Assistance completing the FAFSA

\*Free Financial Aid Workshops

\*Register to win a \$100 Book Scholarship

Students & parents must bring: ID like SS or driver's license. 2011 W-2 forms and 2011 Tax return documents.

For a complete list of materials and participating sites visit [www.vasfaa.org](http://www.vasfaa.org).

For any students who are interested in finding scholarships, guidance will have a lot of scholarship forms also available.

## **Book Collection By Nicole Kelley**

Prior to Super Saturday, Essex High School will be doing a book drive. All books donated will be sold during Super Saturday, and the funds will go directly to the school for future activities. Please bring any books that you are willing to donate to Classroom 309 in the Votech building. Any books donated should be brought in by February 3rd at the latest. National Honor Society and SCA members will price the books on Feb. 3rd during fourth block. Please ask any of your relatives and family members to look for any books that can be donated. What is not sold on February 11, will go to the Trojan Purple Pride store and further help our school.

## **Attention SENIORS!!!**

Do you want a free U.S.B wristband? It comes preloaded with:

\*Super Saturday 2012 locations

\*Class of 2012 Financial Aid Checklist= A monthly checklists of financial aid steps.

\*F.A.F.S.A. 2012-2012 Worksheet = guide for completing the F.A.F.S.A. form

\*Opportunities College preparation workbook

\*VA Opportunities = State & Federal financial aid resource guide

\*Helpful college & Financial Aid Links

\*VA Colleges & Universities contact info

\*Career Technical Colleges in VA

\*Higher Education Centers in VA

You can get one on Thursday January 19th during the RCC Financial Aid Seminar at EHS. 9 (6.30 pm)

Also, Seniors will be invited to come to the cafeteria on Thursday February 2nd during Academic Block. Your printed resume with a teacher's initials will be required and it will be your pass. If you do not know how to do a resume watch the How-to video from the resume builder in [www.vawizard.org](http://www.vawizard.org). Click under careers or use the link <https://www.vawizard.org/vccs/ResumeBuilder.action>

You may ask ask a teacher for help. You may only receive one. Any extras will be given away to seniors attending the Super Saturday on February 11th.



## **-Boy's Winter Sports-**

By Kinston Carson

Congratulations to a terrific start to all JV and Varsity Basketball players! Many hours of preparation and practice has obviously paid off. JV began the season with a record of 5-2. Varsity started with an outstanding record of 8-1. Great job Trojans, keep it up!

Weightlifting will be from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. It will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All football players are expected to attend. But, weightlifting is open to anyone who is interested.

Baseball will be here before you know it. Tryouts start sometime in February, but I will be sure to update you on more information in the SPRING newsletter addition.

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*Just a reminder to all students.....on the 19th and 20th of January, teachers will be checking to see if each student currently has the textbooks assigned to them in the beginning of the year.*

*So be prepared!*

## **-Girl's winter sports and EHS Clubs-**

By Kallie Carson

Our winter sports have gotten off to a great start. Congratulations to all the girls who made the JV and Varsity basketball team. Both girls basketball teams have had weeks of hard work and practices. So far the JV girls have a record of 2 wins and 6 losses. The Varsity girls basketball team has a holding record of 4 wins and 4 losses. Great job Trojans! As practice goes on, the varsity girls are looking forward to district play.

Because Spring is just around the corner, the EHS softball team has started conditioning every Monday and Wednesday and holding a practice every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Anyone is welcome to participate but all who are interested in playing softball are required to come. In the end, all hard work and preparation will pay off in any sport you play if you stick your mind to it. .



A great way to start off the new year is by joining one of our new clubs. Many of our teachers are donating their time during school to lead these clubs. Everyone is encouraged to join one. We have several including.....

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| 1) Step team- A. Barley& Bryant              | 6) FCCLA- Dockery           | 11) NTHS- Simpson                    |
| 2) Prom- Barley& Curley                      | 7) Food- Donahue            | 12) Debate- Speidel                  |
| 3) Chess/Checkers- Bowden, Patterson& Harris | 8) French HS- Edwards       | 13) KEY- Vessels, Whitaker, & Sidney |
| 4) FFA- Cole                                 | 9) Spirit- Favazza& Sershen |                                      |
| 5) NHS- Cobb& R. Jenkins                     | 10) Dance- Lafiura          | 14) FCA- Rev. Donahue                |

Clubs will meet during Academic Block (9.20:9:50), or 11:00-11:30 or 2.30:3:00. If you are not involved in a club, you will be in your regular classroom at that time. In the next newsletter we will have the complete list with the exact times for each club.

The new year of 2012 has so far started off great. We have new opportunities and clubs that we are all excited about. Good luck to all current and upcoming sports teams! Lets start off this season just as good as we ended the last one!

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### **Foreign Language Poster**

Any Spanish students interested may compete in the final spelling bee contest (*en español*) on Thursday January 19th during Academic Block. The top 3 will represent EHS in the Foreign Language Day event at University of Mary Washington on March 24th. A list of the words can be picked up from Mrs. Donahue's room #201 or from

<http://worldlanguageday.umwblogs.org/about/general-competition-guidelines/>

This link also has the guidelines for the poster competition. They are due no later than Tuesday 10th in Mrs. Donahue's room. Your poster should be there before 1st period. The top 3 will also represent EHS in the Foreign Language Day event at UMW.

### **Financial Aid Seminar from RCC**

On Thursday **January 19th at 6:30 pm** here at EHS

Seniors, bring your taxes, W-2 forms, and all your questions. You will receive a free USB wristband.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Do you shop at B.J.'s?**- EHS will have a fundraiser the first week in February.

1) Your family will get \$10 off the \$50 annual membership fee plus 2) Free additional 3 months of membership and 3) Free second membership card for a household member. In addition, BJS will donate \$5 of the membership fee to EHS. It doesn't matter when you last renewed, 15 months will be added to your current expiration date. When you see the form, please get a friend or relative who shops at BJs to renew through EHS. A representative from BJs will be here during our Super Saturday on February 11th to answer any questions and to collect all the registrations.





library the representatives from RCC's Financial Aid office will be available for any senior interested.

## 1st Semester Exam Schedule

Reported by Kinston Carson

January 24 A Day Full Day	January 25 B Day Full Day	January 26 A Day Half Day	January 27 B Day Half Day
Block 1  Academic Block  Block 2A  Block 3A  C Lunch – 12:50  End C Lunch and Block 3A – 1:15  <b>Block 4A Exam – 1:20</b>	<b>Block 1 Exam- Exam will end at 9:50</b>  Block 2B  Block 3B  C Lunch – 12:50  End C Lunch and Block 3B – 1:15  <b>Block 4B Exam – 1:20</b>	Block 1 – 8:25 to 8:35  <b>Exam 2A- 8:40</b>  End Exam 2A- 10:25  End Break – 10:35  <b>Exam 3A – 10:40</b>  12:30 dismissal	Block 1 – 8:25 to 8:35  <b>Exam 2B- 8:40</b>  End Exam 2B- 10:25  End Break – 10:35  <b>Exam 3B – 10:40</b>  12:30 dismissal



Freshman...Did you know your parents can enroll you until March 31st in the Virginia Prepaid College Plan? For \$144 a month (37 payments) your first year will be paid for at any Virginia Community College by the time you graduate. This includes tuition and mandatory fees. If you get a scholarship to go to a public or private university, this money can be also used for that. To hear more about this or any other programs from the VA 529 College Savings Plan come to the Super Saturday on February 11th. A representative will be available to give you an enrollment kit and answer all your questions.

### About This Newsletter

This This newsletter will be published 4 times a year by EHS students. The content will be written by any student interested in helping report what is important for our students and our community to know about EHS. Please submit your suggestions, articles, or photos to Mrs. Donahue via email: [vdonahue@essex.k12.va.us](mailto:vdonahue@essex.k12.va.us). She will forward your information to the following students who will edit during the 2011-12 school year: Sports & Clubs - Kallie & Kinston Carson, College Connection - Lauren Donahue, Academic & Student Life - Nicole Kelley