



Top Ten Scholars

By Ella Carpenter

As you walk down the hallway to go to lunch or related arts, be sure to examine the walls surrounding the office. Pictures of well-dressed students adorn these walls. Who are these people, and why are they hanging on the walls of our school? These are the Top Ten Scholars of East Ridge Middle School throughout the years.

The Top Ten Scholars have been special groups of students who worked very hard throughout their middle school years to be the best of the best. How did these scholars earn this award? They were selected for this honor by earning the top grade point averages of everyone in their grades, throughout 6th, 7th, **and** 8th grade. Even if a student earns less than a top grade point average one year, students still need to move forward and continue to try to do their best because this award could be within grasp.

Why is this award important as a middle school student? In elementary school you get recognized for all the

amazing things you've done so far, as you leave and prepare to go to middle school. As a high school student, you receive recognition for your academic accomplishments and get awarded scholarships for college, if you choose to go. In middle school the highest academic award given is the Top Ten Scholars. At East Ridge, this award has become one of the highest honors to recognize the highest achieving students in middle school.

With great honor, please allow me to share with you this year's Top Ten Scholars: **Brayden Bailey, Adam Baskette, Eric Baskette, Thomas Drinnon, Jack Blair, Lorelei Tharp, Luke Reuschel, Ryley Shipman, Kinsey Helton, and Mallorie Wilson.**

When you pass one of these students in the hall, feel free to congratulate them for how hard they have worked. As you work throughout your day, try your very hardest because with a lot of hard work, you could become one of the Top Ten Scholars and see your own picture on the ERMS wall.



Dear Ermy

Disclaimer: For the confidentiality of students we have kept their names secret. Hence, the use of pseudonyms.

Dear ERMY,

I like the guy that my friend has a crush on, what should I do?

Sincerely,
LoveBird

Dear LoveBird,

My recommendation is to simply ignore this crush of yours. Any true friendship you have is more valuable than a fleeting “romantic” relationship you might have.

Your Advisor,
ERMV

Dear ERMV,
Why can't I have more than one friend? My best friend gets jealous over everyone else I talk to.

Sincerely,
Friend Problems

Advice Column

Dear ERMV,

My friend lies all the time. It's usually about dumb stuff, but it makes me mad.

Sincerely,
TruthWanter

Dear TruthWanter,

It sounds like your friend is seriously insecure. She is probably worried about what people think of her, so cut her some slack.

Over time, if she continues to lie, I would recommend that you slowly begin to cut ties with her. You should let her know that you want to be friends, but if she continues to lie, then you will consider ending your friendship.

Your Advisor,
ERMV

Dear Friend Problems,

It sounds like your best friend is very jealous and possessive of you. You need to talk to your friend about what her problem is with you hanging out with other people. Once you do that, you need to hang out with other people, but still hang out with your friend.

Your Advisor,
ERMV

Paw Prints Challenge

For this month's challenge, we will be doing a riddle. Please send all guesses to

drinnont9@students.hcboe.net.

There will be one winner in each grade level. The winners will each receive a prize

Riddle me this:

"I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?"

REMEMBER TO SEND IN GUESSES!

Need a great book (or two) to read this summer? Check out these recommendations from members of our school community:

*Savannah Barnes, 7th grader, recommends **Alone**, by Megan E. Freeman (great for anyone who enjoyed the *I Survived* series)*

*Kaiden Fox, 7th grader, loved **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee (a classic that you will **never** forget)*

*Isaac Drinnon, 6th grader, recommends **Watership Down** by Richard Adams (available at the local public library)*

Who's Got Talent? We do!

By Sophie Moore

On March 22, 2024, our student body showcased a variety of talents, from dancing to playing violin to showcasing Taekwondo skills. Students from all three grade levels contributed to the eleven talent show acts.

There were cash prizes awarded to students who placed in the top three. The winners included:

1st Place - Bailee Goins - vocalist performing "Rainbow"

2nd Place Harrison Hopkins - saxophone performance of "Fly Me to the Moon"

3rd Place Thomas Drinnon - pianist playing "Perseverance"

New BETA Officers Elected

The members of East Ridge's BETA Club recently held the annual election of officers. Results were as follows:

President - Elijah Hunt

Vice-President - Riley Lane

Secretary - Haley Lane

These students will serve as officers for the 2024-2025 school year.

“Super Bowl”

(a “found” poem)

By *Isaac Drinnon*

(assisted by Mrs. Hornsby)

First.
the buzz,
Taylor Swift
at the
Super Bowl!
Her relationship
with Travis Kelce
more lucrative
for the Chiefs
than eleven Super Bowl rings.

A thirty-second ad
Costs only
7 million dollars!

Quarter one yields
an early fumble
by star Christian McCaffrey.
His drive stopped
before it can ever
get started.
Patrick Mahomes
and the Chiefs
disappointing
and disappointing.
Zero to zero.

Second quarter
the 49ers supply
the first gold of Super Bowl LVIII,
a 55-yard field goal..
San Francisco 49ers end the second
on top.

Usher,
Alicia Keys,
Lil Wayne,
Ludacris,
and H.E.R.
Halftime, showtime.

One bad snap
plus

one bad pass
Equal
One more field goal try.
Fourth quarter ENDS
In a TIE!

Overtime - no kidding -
Mahomes then hits number 12
with 3 seconds left
for a touchdown
to win
his third Super Bowl.
final score
25-22
Kelce’s Kansas City Chiefs.

(Editor’s note: Sixth grader, Isaac Drinnon
crafted a lovely article providing a play-by-play
of this year’s Super Bowl, which we have
morphed into a “found” poem.)

***We hope you have enjoyed this year’s Paw
Prints. We look forward to seeing you
again next year! (except for Thomas, who is
headed to high school)***

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