

Monday 2/16: We will be in school - snow make-up day!

From the Principal's Desk

Music, Basketball, A Bunny, and Sweet Celebrations - Just another week at Eminence.



February 15, 2026

Dear School Families and Community,

In the spirit of Valentine's week, this message is overflowing with love, and a bit longer than usual. First, let's talk about our music program! We believe music, creativity, and connection belong in the curriculum right alongside the core subjects. Our musicians continue to represent us everywhere — energizing ball games, performing at Indiana State University, and preparing for an upcoming trip to the University of Indianapolis. Their presence, pride, and performance elevate every event they are part of.

We especially want to celebrate our Honor Band students who performed this month at Indiana State University. Jayden Bryson, Mason Faulkner, Kendra Mitchell, Emily Myers, and Maxel Shrum joined approximately 100 students from more than 30 schools — including large programs such as Avon and Northview — to perform high-level music under the direction of Dr. Eric Scott, Director of Bands, alongside other doctoral professors and the world-renowned Dallas Brass ensemble.

Even more impressive, Jayden, Mason, and Max were three of only six 8th graders selected for the combined 8th–12th grade ensemble. They earned chair placements ahead of some high school students, despite the group being made up largely of juniors and seniors. Emily, a sophomore, was our most senior representative at the event.

This accomplishment reflects the dedication, discipline, and countless hours of practice these students have invested. It was a fantastic event, and they represented our school at the highest level. You can also follow and support the band on social media through their new Instagram page **@eminence_bands** and on Facebook at **Eminence Bands** to stay up to date on performances, trips, and student accomplishments.

We love celebrating our musicians - and they absolutely deserve it - but let's talk about some other love that happened in our school this week. We have a new student...well..I mean a bunny. With the help of some incredible high schoolers, we were able to "gift" a sweet bunny to our elementary school for Valentine's Day. She's a bit fancy - complete with a rolling condo (she may think of herself as more of a city bunny), but regardless of her housing preferences, the kids (all ages) are completely smitten.



And speaking of love... I was absolutely bombarded (in the very best way) by our littlest learners. Pre-K showered me with valentines, hugs, and enough joy to power the building for weeks.



Finally, I couldn't end this week's note without a few photos from Senior Night. It carried all the heart of a true small town. Many of our seniors have walked these halls from kindergarten through 12th grade, and it shows. There's something powerful about watching students grow up in one building — and then seeing our older athletes in basketball and cheerleading turn around and mentor the younger ones coming up behind them. At the same time, the hallways were filled with carnations for sale, Girl Scout cookies stacked high, homemade posters, and families cheering from every

corner. It wasn't just a game night — it was a community on full display. And it didn't stop there - the elementary Valentine's parties and the PTO sponsored dance kept the celebration going through the weekend.

All that love made February feel a whole lot warmer.



From PTO:

- Trash Bag Fundraiser now through Feb. 27th
- PTO Meeting Feb. 17th @ 6:30
- Dr. Seuss day coming up - March 2nd
- Neon Party for Middle School on March 6th (flyer below)

Other Reminders:

Yearbooks are on sale!

- Purchase your 25-26 Eminence Community Schools Yearbook
- Order Online @ inter-state.com/order
 - Order Code: 0266RW

Elementary School

High Ability Screening this month for elementary.

Junior/Senior High School

Graduation planning is underway. Herff Jones will meet with seniors to share details about ordering caps and gowns, announcements, jewelry, t-shirts, and more.

- Wednesday, February 18th - presentation
- Wednesday, February 25th - orders due (\$80 deposit required)

FFA Week - Coming Soon!

