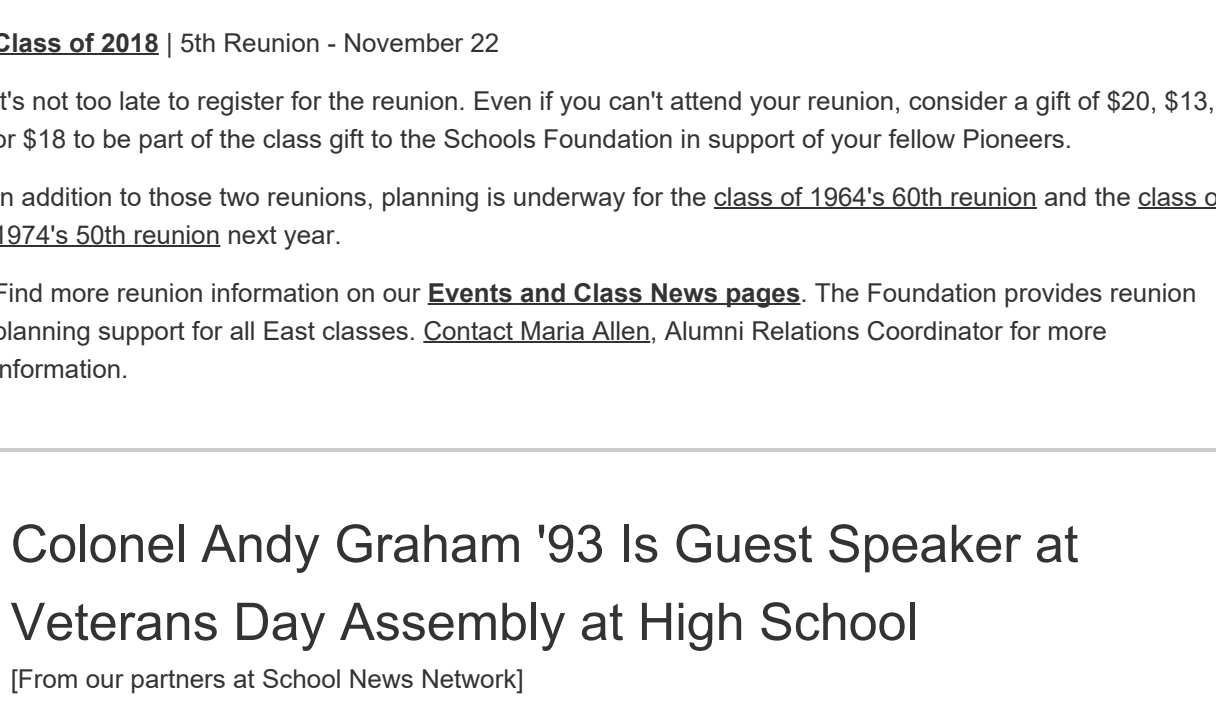


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East Grand Rapids Alumni Newsletter

Players, It's Time to Lace 'em Up for the Alumni Hockey Game Friday, November 24

Time to get your skates sharpened and tape your stick. The annual Alumni Hockey Game will be at Patterson Ice Center at 4pm on Friday, November 24. What better way could there be to burn off all those calories from Thanksgiving than to hit the ice with your fellow Pioneers? [Registration is available on the Alumni Hockey Game page on our website.](#)



Two Reunions Scheduled for Later This Month

Class of 2013 | 10th Reunion - November 25
Class of 2018 | 5th Reunion - November 22

It's not too late to register for the reunion. Even if you can't attend your reunion, consider a gift of \$20, \$13, or \$18 to be part of the class gift to the Schools Foundation in support of your fellow Pioneers.

In addition to those two reunions, planning is underway for the **class of 1964's 60th reunion** and the **class of 1974's 50th reunion** next year.

Find more reunion information on our [Events and Class News pages](#). The Foundation provides reunion planning support for all East classes. [Contact Maria Allen](#), Alumni Relations Coordinator for more information.

Colonel Andy Graham '93 Is Guest Speaker at Veterans Day Assembly at High School

[From our partners at School News Network]

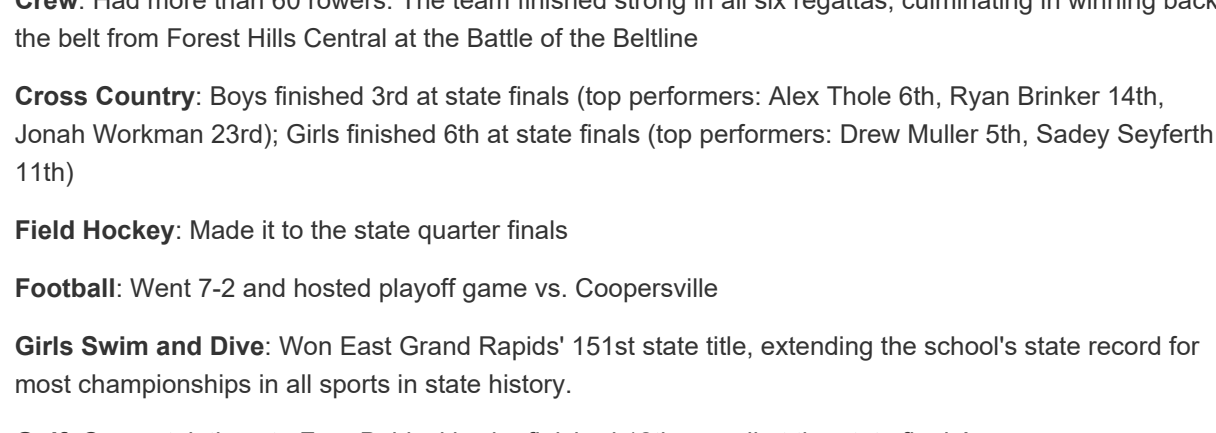
Colonel Andy Graham '93 has served most of his career in special operations units. He has traveled the world, seeing combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At the Veterans Day Assembly in the Performing Arts Center at the high school, he talked about the paths to, and benefits of, careers in the military.

Senior Ed Prentice told Graham he'd like to be in military law or logistics, noting that a previous Veterans Day event at the school helped jumpstart his passion.

[Read the full story](#)

The Foundation thanks all East Alumni who are actively serving or have served in our armed forces. The district is assembling a Wall of Honor at the high school to honor those who have served. To include a veteran, please email EGRHS Principal Craig Weigel at CWeigel@egrps.org.

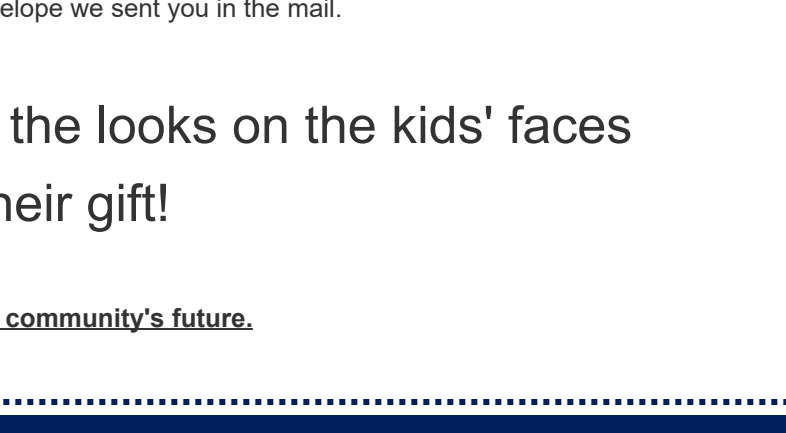
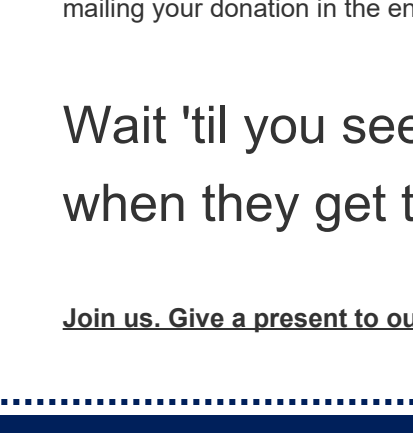


Fall Roundup

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Shrek Jr" Highlight Fall Performing Arts Calendar

Every year, thanks to our donors, the Foundation provides thousands of dollars to support the performing arts in all of our schools. This year, thanks to a grant approved this fall by our board, we will be the lead underwriter for productions at the high school, middle school, and all three elementary schools.

Earlier this month, audiences in the Performing Arts Center were treated to the high school fall play, Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The middle school program, which was started with the help of a grant from the Foundation, staged "Shrek Jr" in Pioneer Auditorium in Winley Elementary School.



Girls Swim and Dive Wins East's 151st State Championship!

Boys Tennis: Won regionals and finished 3rd at state finals

Crew: Had more than 60 rowers. The team finished strong in all six regattas, culminating in winning back the belt from Forest Hills Central at the Battle of the Bellline

Cross Country: Boys finished 3rd at state finals (top performers: Alex Thole 6th, Ryan Brinker 14th, Jonah Workman 23rd); Girls finished 6th at state finals (top performers: Drew Muller 5th, Sadey Seyferth 11th)

Field Hockey: Made it to the state quarter finals

Football: Went 7-2 and hosted playoff game vs. Coopersville

Girls Swim and Dive: Won East Grand Rapids' 151st state title, extending the school's state record for most championships in all sports in state history.

Golf: Congratulations to Fern Babinski, who finished 12th overall at the state finals!

Soccer: Made it to the district semifinals

Volleyball: Made it to the district semifinals

Water Polo: Made it to the regional round

For our birthday, give a gift to our students.

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This Year, We're Giving Our Schools a Gift of \$650,000. Want to Go in on It?

Every school year, thanks to donors like you, the Foundation contributes more than half a million dollars to our schools.

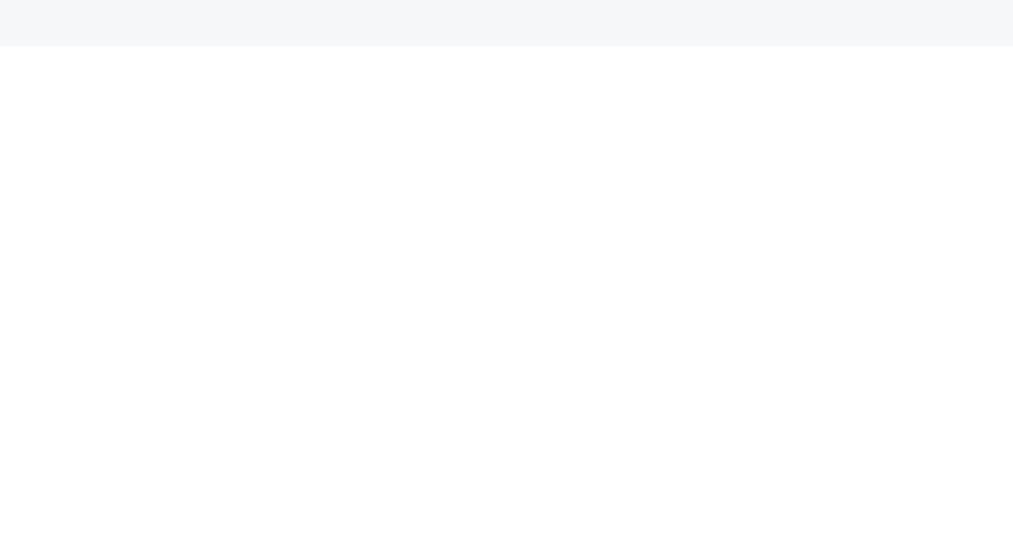
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Wait 'til you see the looks on the kids' faces when they get their gift!

[Join us. Give a present to our community's future.](#)

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District Passes Bond to Renovate High School

On November 8, East Grand Rapids voters overwhelmingly approved a 30-year, \$158.9 million bond to fund major renovations at the high school, additional classrooms at Woodcliff Early Childhood Center to meet the growing needs, and various other improvements at all six EGRPS buildings, with no tax increase expected over the district's current 9.95 mills.

The project will fund key improvements to the high school and upgrades to every building in the district. Around \$118 million will go toward the high school transformation, which will include a new 61,000 square-foot, three-story addition with parking and classroom spaces. A 100,000 square-foot renovation of existing academic spaces is also planned.

About \$40 million will be used to build new classrooms at Woodcliff Early Childhood Center, and for other improvements district-wide.

Our alumni are playing a vital role in planning this enormous improvement to our schools. Last year, along with the district, the Foundation hosted an Alumni Open House at the high school to gather input from generations of Pioneers. District administrators heard loud and clear that alumni wanted them to "go big" and construct world class facilities for our students.

[Read the full story](#)



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