Welcome to this issue of The Download, the EPIC family monthly newsletter. Each month, we send you a round-up of news from the school that we believe you will find helpful and valuable in your child’s education at EPIC and in communicating with your teacher.

We want to make sure The Download is responsive to questions you have, too. So if you have suggestions for information or news we should share in the next issue, email us at communication@epiccharterschools.org and make the subject of your email Newsletter Information.

Missed last month’s newsletter? View it here!

NEW PRACTICE: EPIC & SOCIAL MEDIA

There are several Facebook groups that have been created by various EPIC parents to engage with other EPIC parents. Please know these are not official school social media pages. We have seen inaccurate information about school policies and procedures in these groups and have responded because we knew from parental feedback that many newer EPIC parents thought these Facebook groups were created by the school and were relying on information in these groups. We are also often tagged in these groups by parents to provide information in these groups. However, going forward, EPIC communication staff will not engage in these groups because they are not official social media pages of the school and monitoring and responding in these groups has become difficult given the number of groups. As well, some parents who have created these groups have asked us to refrain from engaging when we see inaccurate information or are tagged. Please know, though, that we will continue to monitor and quickly respond to all questions posed to us on the school’s official social media pages and to anyone who emails us at communication@epiccharterschools.org. We encourage you to use EPIC’s official social media accounts for questions related to school policies, practices, events and news, and use the parent groups for parent-to-parent support and engagement.

RE-ENROLL TODAY

Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is open!

Be sure to hold your teacher’s roster by re-enrolling now. Rosters fill up fast, so the sooner you submit your re-enrollment for 2019-20 the better.

*Do not re-enroll using a mobile device. The enrollment form must be completed using a computer. If you need assistance in any way, give us a call or reach out to us through Live Chat on the EPIC website during normal business hours.*

Re-enroll at the link below today!
LEARNING FUND UPDATE

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, EPIC is increasing the learning fund allocation for our families to $1,000 per student per year.

TESTING TIPS

The Oklahoma State Testing Program (OSTP) assessments begin Monday, April 1. Though required, the tests are a great way to track student progress. Because we want every student to do well, here are some things to consider as your students jump into testing this week.

- Take The Practice Tests
- Recognize And Minimize The Stress
- Get A Good Night's Rest
- Eat A Good Breakfast
- Manage Your Time

For more detailed information on how to get your students ready for testing, click the link below.

TESTING TIP DETAILS

SYLVAN LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

EPIC Charter Schools is joining forces with national supplemental educational services provider Sylvan Learning at locations in Owasso, Oklahoma City, Edmond and Stillwater to provide even more collaborative learning opportunities to its Oklahoma students and families.

The partnership will allow EPIC students and educators free access to Sylvan Learning products, including personal tutoring, academic coaching, and advancement and testing preparation. Also, students and teachers will be able to schedule meetings, either via a one-on-one EPIC Table Meeting or in small groups in an EPIC Meeting Room within Sylvan’s learning centers. These meetings can be scheduled by accessing the Sylvan online scheduling tool and are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST at one of four Sylvan Learning locations in Oklahoma City, Edmond, Tulsa, Owasso and Stillwater.

“EPIC is proud to partner with such an established educational resource provider as Sylvan Learning,” said Dr. Shanna Lewis, EPIC Charter Schools Chief Executive Officer. “This new partnership will provide EPIC students and families with an additional layer of support in their educational journey and provide students with opportunities to achieve academic and personal goals they might not otherwise have access to.”

For more information, please contact EPIC Charter Schools at (918) 803-5703.
Sylvan Learning," said Shelly Hickman, EPIC Assistant Superintendent. Emphasizing Sylvan’s proven track record of student success, she added, “both EPIC and Sylvan Learning recognize that not all students benefit from a one-size-fits-all learning approach. We will continue to seek collaborative efforts like to ensure we are providing wrap-around educational services to our growing student population of non-traditional learners.”

“We are excited to partner with EPIC as we strive to help the students of Oklahoma achieve their academic goals and see continued success.” said Rebekah Ploch, Executive Director of Oklahoma Education Systems dba Sylvan Learning Center.

AN EPIC University course has been created and auto-assigned to all EPIC Charter Schools staff to ensure everyone within the organization knows about and has access to the Sylvan resources being provided.

“Getting the word out to EPIC faculty, students and families is a priority because we want our students to have every opportunity to succeed,” said Yolanda Merriman, director of EPIC University, the charter school district’s professional development and training portal.

EPIC AMONG MOST COST-EFFICIENT SCHOOLS
In a recent report, EPIC Charter Schools was named among the most cost-efficient schools in the state. Read the full report below.
The Oklahoma Blood Institute will be on-site for staff and families to donate blood on April 11 in Tulsa and OKC. Please support life by donating blood and register at the links below for a location.

**OKLAHOMA CITY**
Thursday, April 11th
9AM-2PM
Bloodmobile @ 4101 NW 122nd Street

**TULSA**
Thursday, April 11th
9:30AM-2PM
Bloodmobile @ 3810 S. 103rd East

**OKC REGISTRATION**
**TULSA REGISTRATION**

**PARENT POINT OF VIEW: SB 148 & SCHOOL CHOICE**
Melissa and Addie Andrews

One EPIC parent shared her thoughts on SB 148 and why school choice is important to Oklahoma families.

Did you miss it? Read it below and share to your page!

READ THE ARTICLE

GRADUATION UPDATES

We began emailing seniors who have either completed all of their requirements to graduate, or are enrolled in all of their 2nd semester courses and on track to graduate. These emails will include the official graduation registration link. The Graduation Support Department will be conducting additional graduation schedule checks in the coming weeks, and as seniors are identified as being on track, we will email them with additional graduation information.

**Remember, your graduation is contingent on your completion of all unfinished work. The Graduation Support Department will be conducting final graduation checks in May to ensure that each senior has met local and state graduation requirements.**

This year we will be holding two EPIC Commencement ceremonies:

- Saturday, June 1, 2019* from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City
- Saturday, June 8, 2019* from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Mabee Center in Tulsa

*You may select which ceremony you plan to participate in, but you may only participate in ONE commencement ceremony.

Senior T-Shirts
We are excited to announce the winner of this year’s Senior T-Shirt Competition, Emily Marsh. Congratulations to Emily and to our runners up Amy Torell and Aleesa Harvey.

The Senior T-shirt store is now open for business. You can order your EPIC Class of 2019 T-shirt between now and April 7th. Just click on the link below to go to the Senior store and order your shirt today!
Cap & Gowns
You may start placing your cap and gown orders through Herff Jones and purchase other graduation products including announcements, rings, and other items.

A link to purchase these items is below, and we also have a graduation page on the EPIC Charter Schools website.

Class Rings
Interested in a class ring?

View the short tutorial below on how to order an official class ring for Epic Charter School.

If you have additional questions or need assistance ordering your class ring or cap & gown, contact Herff Jones customer service at highschoolcs@herffjones.com or call toll free 866-238-5336.

UPDATED EPIC APPAREL STORE

Needing Epic gear? View our new online store at the button below!

For questions, please contact Regina Bell: 405-317-8985 or regina@bcapparel.com.

EPIC COLLEGE, CAREER READINESS

OK Youth Preparedness Camp for Grades 9-12
Students in grades 9-12 are invited to learn basic response skills, teamwork and action planning at the OK Youth Preparedness Camp, July 14-18 at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah.

Who should attend?
Students interested in helping their school and/or community be more prepared for emergency situations. The OK Youth Preparedness Camp is designed and delivered using a youth-led, adult-assisted process. Youth participants must be entering grades 9-12 in the following school year. Participants, including the adult sponsor, will receive a 20-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Download the application here

Application deadline: June 1.
Cost to attend: Free.
If you have questions, contact Roxie Beall at roxie.beall@okohs.ok.gov or (405) 605-8957.

**Career Tech**
Attending Career Tech is FREE for high school students!

Click [here](#) to find the Career Tech in your area. The programs are endless from business to health science, from human services to information technology, and so much more! Sophomores and Juniors NOW is the time to apply and enroll for next school year. Programs fill up fast! Don’t delay!

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**Plan for College Now**
Are you looking for help with planning for after high school, career options, and scholarship support?

[OK College Start](#) is a one stop shop for free resources for Oklahoma High School Students.

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**Paying for College**
[FAFSA](#) is now open.

All college bound seniors are required to complete the form regardless of income.

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Are you a student participating in concurrent enrollment, career tech, work-study, or an internship and finding success at Epic?

Email Nicole Ellison to share your story: nicole.ellison@epiccharterschools.org.

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**YMCA Camp Counselor**
Have you ever considered being a camp counselor? Do you have a passion for the outdoors and working with younger kids? The YMCA is seeking camp counselors for this summer’s sessions. Camp counselors live in a cabin with a co-counselor and are responsible for a group of campers each session. Counselors become certified in first aid, CPR, AED, and use of oxygen. The YMCA provides the training at no cost to the counselor. Most of the training is done online and a skills check off will take place when you arrive at camp.

If you are interested please contact Jason Brown directly at jbrown@ymcaokc.org to learn more about this paid summer opportunity.

Counselors must be 17 or older to apply.

More information about Camp Classen can be located [here](#).

Serving as a camp counselor in this paid position would qualify as participating in Next Step and allow you to earn high school credit through work-study.
DON'T FORGET: EPIC HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Saturday, May 4th, 2019
National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum
1700 NE 63rd St.,
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
6PM-11PM

Questions? Please contact Joy Huber at 405-426-7030.
Please DO NOT call the school.

MORE INFORMATION    PURCHASE TICKETS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Are you following us on social media? Fun activities, events, contests, and Epic-related news are posted throughout the week!

Be sure to like and follow now by clicking the icons at the bottom of this email.

DID YOU MISS THIS?
Since October, Epic has been honoring a student who #DaresGreatly in his or her academics and extracurricular activities with the title of Student of the Month for either elementary or secondary students.

Each month, teachers complete a survey nominating high-achieving students which is then followed by a committee review and selection. Epic receives over 100 nominations each month! You can view our most recent winners above.

CAREERS: APPLY TODAY

We're continually searching for talented, dedicated individuals to join our Epic team! Does this sound like you or a friend? View our current openings at the button below.

Most Recent Positions Posted:
- Social Studies Coach
- Managing Director of Instruction
- Certified SPED Teacher & Teacher
- Principal
- Director of Logistics

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