

Eastview Extra

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EVAA Twins Night

EVAA Twins Night will be Friday, June 27 when the Minnesota Twins have a border-battle with the Milwaukee Brewers. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending with your fellow EVAA friends & family. Once



again, one lucky EVAA athlete will have the rare opportunity to throw out the ceremonial first-pitch while 10 other lucky EVAA athletes will lead the crowd, along with Twins Mascot TC Bear, singing *Take Me Out To The Ballgame*. Upper and lower reserved tickets will now be available to EVAA families.

Dome Dollar certificates will also be available- \$10 value in food & beverage for only \$8.

Online orders will be available starting in April for credit card only purchases. Check purchases can be made with the form found on Page 7 of the newsletter.

See you at the ballgame!



Eastview Baseball Goes to Cooperstown

Players from Eastview's 12 AAA Traveling Baseball team will be heading to Cooperstown, NY this summer to participate in a weeklong, 96-team national baseball tournament. The team will leave on July 25, 2008, and will play seven games against teams from around the country. Once those games are completed, they will be seeded for a single-elimination tournament for all 96 teams, which will end with a championship game and closing ceremonies on Thursday night, July 31. The games will be played at the Cooperstown Dream Park. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience in the town where baseball began!

To help raise money for this exciting opportunity, the team will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast at the Eagan Applebee's on Saturday, April 19, 2008**. The details for this fun event are as follows:

Time: 8-10 AM (come anytime)

Cost: Only \$6 per person - HOT DEAL! 4 tickets for \$20

Menu: For your \$6, you will receive a single serving of eggs, sausage, and UNLIMITED pancakes, plus juice or coffee.

Tickets: Tickets may be purchased from team members or you are welcome to just show up and buy your ticket at the door!

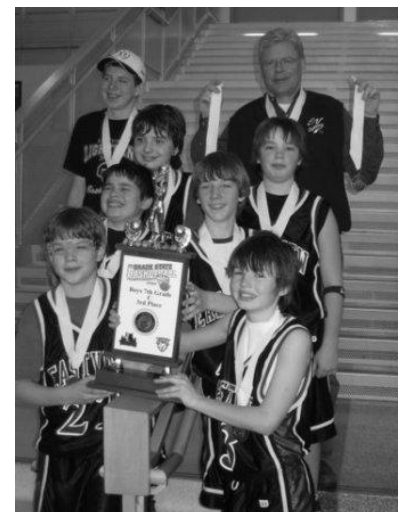
In addition, the team will be selling Eastview baseball t-shirts at the breakfast, both short- and long-sleeved, sized from kids to adults. It should be a great event and the team hopes you will be able to join them for some breakfast and some fun! If you have any questions or would like to help contribute to the team's trip, please contact Nancy Peck or Mike Bechstein.

7C Boys Basketball

The Eastview Lightning 7C White Boys Basketball team concluded their 2007-2008 season with a third place finish at the State Tournament in Rogers, MN on March 15-16, 2008. They lost their first game to Prior Lake by two points but then came back to defeat Cottage Grove and Centennial. These wins set up a rematch for third place and the Lightning avenged their earlier loss by defeating Prior Lake 39-34.

Team members are Luke Ericksen, Matt Huhner, Nick Kuehne, Austin Mans, Ryan McGuire, Derek Schiebel and Ben Voss. The team was coached by Russ Huhner, Scott Mans, and Joe Voss.

Thank you to the players, coaches, and parents for a fun and successful season!



Spring and Summer Sports Registration

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Most Spring and Summer Sports registrations ended in March. Please see the EVAA website for highlights on the Spring and Summer sports as well as more information on upcoming Fall and Winter Sports registrations. Fall and Winter Sports registrations typically begin in May and close in July.

2008 Online Registrations dates:

- In-House and Traveling Tennis—Jan 1 - May 25
- Summer Lacrosse—Jan 1 - April 20

Tennis



Tennis is a sport for a lifetime! EVAA offers both In-House and Traveling Tennis programs with over 170 participants in 2007. The tennis season runs from mid-June through the end of July. The program provides instructors and traveling team coaches.

The in-house program costs \$65 and is for those who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. The popular Ralleyball team format is used at the K-3 grades. Ralleyball is a simplified form of tennis that allows the younger players with little or no tennis experience to successfully play team tennis within a game format.

Football



EVAA In-House and Traveling Football is already hard at work in anticipation of yet another fun and exciting football season, building on the 2007 success of over 300 participants and 20 teams in 3rd - 8th grades. The 2008 season will run from early August until mid-October for in-house and from early August until late October for traveling. No games will be scheduled during the week of MEA.

The traveling program costs \$160 and is for ages 9 – 18 (as of July 1, 2008). The co-ed traveling teams compete in a USTA Junior Team Tennis league and the USTA sectional tournament. Teams are formed based on both age and ability and accommodate a variety of skill levels.

In-House Football is open to 3rd - 6th graders as of Fall 2008, for a registration fee of \$110. Traveling Football is open to 7th and 8th graders as of Fall 2008 for a registration fee of \$150. On-line registration for both programs will run from May 1 until July 25. Late registration is from July 26 through July 30. Late registration fees are \$135 for in-house and \$175 for traveling. Any registration request received after July 30 will be placed on a waiting list and be accommodated as space allows on a first come, first served basis.

The season starts with a free instructional clinic on May 17th - see the EVAA tennis web site for details.

New volunteers are needed to administrate and guide the tennis programs. **This will be Bill Sommers last year as program director.** Everyone is hoping for a smooth transition to a new program director for 2009 but the 'program director wanted' sign has been posted for a long time now, with no one stepping up as of yet. **Without a tennis program director, there will not be a tennis program.** Please send an e-mail to tennis@evaasports.org if you would like more information about how you can help.

Please see the EVAA Football website, www.evaasports.org, or contact Program Director, Chris Anderson @ 612-280-8722, for more information on the 2008 EVAA Football season. We are looking forward to seeing you all in August for a fun and exciting 2008 EVAA Football Season!

Important Football dates to remember:

July 28 - July 31	EVHS Football Camp
July 31	Equipment Distribution
August 4 - August 8	Evaluation Week
August 11	Mandatory Coaches Meeting
August 12	First Practices
August 27	First Games Played
September 7	Steak Fry, Rosemount Legion
September 10	Picture Night
October 11	EVAA Lightning Bowl EVHS Stadium



A few of the 167 participants in the 2007 Tennis Block Party/Clinic.

Wrestling



The youth wrestling program had a very successful preview clinic with another year of over 100 wrestlers participating. This was a great way for wrestlers to warm up for the In-House Wrestling season and for other kids to give wrestling a try in a fun and safe environment.

The in-house program had many great successes. The K-2nd grade group learned fundamental wrestling techniques and worked on many drills to develop general athleticism. Practices were divided into two categories, clinic days and competition days. About 2/3 of the practices were clinic days to help build a base of wrestling knowledge. The remaining 1/3 of the practices were competitions. Each wrestler had an opportunity to participate in a takedown tournament to practice moves on their feet in a live setting. Wrestlers were divided into four teams. These teams each wrestled two dual meets. This is the same format as a high school team would use when competing against another team.

The 3rd-6th grade group had a similar season with a couple of additional competition days. They also focused on fundamental wrestling techniques and general athletic skill building drills, but were able to move a little faster and get into some intermediate technique.

A highlight for both age groups was their dual meet competition in Eastview's Main Gym next to the mat where Eastview High School wrestled Bloomington Jefferson-Kennedy! Both programs also capped off their season by wrestling in a 3 or 4-man individual in-house tournament.

If you are interested in trying wrestling, there are several options. The Eastview Wrestling Program will be hosting a camp this summer, July 21st - 24th. There will be a FREE K-8th grade clinic tentatively scheduled for the end of October. The K-6th grade In-House Wrestling program will run in November and December again this fall. Look for more information on all of these programs on the General Wrestling EVAA webpage.

Lacrosse and the MN Swarm

EVAA newest program, lacrosse, has been enormously successful and popular! Spring Lacrosse is going strong and now EVAA is gearing up for Summer Lacrosse which will be offered for 3rd - 8th graders. Registration is now open at www.evaasports.org and will close on April 20. Summer Lacrosse participants will compete in the Youth Lacrosse State Tournament in late July. Teams may participate in additional tournaments at the discretion of parents and coaches. Team registration fees for any added tournaments would be collected during the season. Practices start in May. Fee is \$95 for 3rd-6th grade and \$110 for 7th-8th grade. Please see the website for further details and costs.

FREE CLINICS!

The Eastview Varsity Lacrosse Team and

coaching staff will be hosting FREE Clinics. Equipment will be available to use if players do not have their own.

- April 26 8am to 10am
- May 17 9am to 12pm
- July 19 9am to 12pm
- August 9 9am to 12pm

Please see the lacrosse link on the EVAA website for details on how to sign up for these free clinics.

The lacrosse program is offering 2 nights for EVAA families to enjoy a Minnesota Swarm game together. This is a fundraising opportunity for EVAA Lacrosse with \$5 per ticket going toward the start-up costs



Softball Fundraising



April showers bring....umbrella season! Are you prepared with an ultra-cool, ultra-LARGE umbrella to keep you dry? You can support the EVAA Girls Softball Program with the purchase of one (or more!) Eastview Lightning umbrellas. They make awesome Mother's Day & Father's Day gifts. They are great on the golf course as well as watching your child play spring & summer sports not only in the rain, but to keep the sun off as well! This amazing umbrella is huge with a 60" arc and 52" spread. When closed it's 41" long and has a metal shaft with a wooden handle. They're white and royal blue with the Eastview Lightning logo (approx. 9x7 logo size). The best part? THEY'RE ONLY \$20 EACH!

To order, please go to <http://www.eastview-evaa.org/Softball/Board.php> and order from any EVAA Softball Board Member.

Now that you're being kept dry, how about a "free lunch"?! Proceeds from the Apple Valley Discount Card will help pay for the new fence and field enhancements to the EVHS JV Field which is one of our two primary home fields throughout the summer. Cards are only \$15 each (using it just once will pay for itself and it's good until 12/31/08!) and good at many Apple Valley area businesses. Cards are available through any EVAA Softball Board Member (link above) or directly at http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dcghdgd_k_8cvprfp&invite=d9bbhjg

Don't forget to save your aluminum cans. The next drop off date will be coming soon.

Your support of the EVAA Girls Softball Program and of the local softball fields is appreciated.



for equipment for the program. Choose one or both of the following dates.

- Saturday, April 19 vs. the Knight-hawks
- Friday, April 25 vs. the Shamrox

Sign-up and payment are easy! Just go to the secure Minnesota Swarm website and pay by credit card. EVAA families will all sit together.

<https://secure.xcelenergycenter.com/GT/default.asp?Group=Eastv95002>

SEE YOU AT THE GAMES!

7AAAA State Runner-Up—7th Grade Girls Basketball



The 7A Girls Traveling Basketball Team achieved 2nd place in the Grade State 7AAAA Tournament.

Team members include Steph Fix, Tyra Johnson, Laurel Kabat, Marissa Leners, Erika Otto, Bailey Pickrain, Sharice Powell, Christie Seaberg, and Lauren Stepka.

The team is coached by Steve Fix and Jim Stepka.



7A Boys Basketball



The 2007-2008 Eastview Lightning 7A Boys Basketball Team wrapped up their season with a 1-2 record at the State Tournament in Rogers, MN on March 15th. The team finished the year 17-18, posting the most victories for this team in a single year. All year, the team fought hard and played together, reflecting the "Eastview" style of basketball known across the state.

The team had a rough going in the beginning of the year, going 2-7 in the first three tournaments, losing a heartbreaker to Lakeville South to open the season at the Eagan Tournament but responded with a quality win over Shakopee. The boys eventually fell to Lakeville North in the 5th place game. Injuries and illness plagued the team in the Eden Prairie tournament. The Lightning followed with a 1-2 record in the Eastview Tournament. In 5 of the first 7 losses, each game was lost by under six points showing a competitive, no-quit attitude.

Through the next nine games, the team started to come together and their hard work was beginning to shine through. The team took 1st place at the Waconia Tournament as they recorded tough victories over Orono, St. Anthony, and Edina. Next up for the Lightning were the Hastings and Apple Valley Tournaments. After trailing by twenty-one at one point the boys rallied against Minnetonka to lose by only three points. The Lightning came out firing against their next opponent, Tartan, building a fourteen point lead in the first half, however, Tartan's full-court press and some cold shooting in the second half handed the team their second loss of the weekend. On Sunday, playing full strength for the first time since the opening weekend, the Lightning rolled over Shakopee to end the tournament on a high-note. The Lightning followed with a 2-1 record in the Apple Valley Tournament with victories over Eagan and Farmington to improve to 9-10 on the year.

The Bloomington Tournament showed a mid-season stumble, as the team lost three tough ones to Lakeville South, Chaska, and

Moundsview. The boys quickly got back on track going 2-1 in the Rosemount Tournament to take 5th place. The Lightning continued its winning ways with back-to-back 3rd place finishes in the Prior Lake and Rochester Tournaments. In the 3rd place game, the boys defeated Farmington on a last second lay-up to take home the trophy. The following weekend the team headed to Rochester taking victories from Eden Prairie, Rochester John Marshall, and Armstrong to again take home hardware for 3rd place.

The team finished the year playing some of the best basketball they had all season. After falling by four points to Forest Lake, the Lightning defeated Bloomington Jefferson in another nail-biter. Short handed and tired, the team erased two large deficits in the first and second half against Centennial only to see a clean look at the buzzer fall short. The team worked extremely hard, played together, and had a never-say-die attitude that propelled them to the most successful basketball season of their careers. Team members include Cody Bestul, Ryan Lockard, Grant Martinson, Brandon Morgan, Ben Oberfeld, Nicholas Oelke, Jake Opheim, Joe Schlosser, Carson Shanks, and Dan Spika. The team is coached by Nate Grover and Scott Herber. Congratulations to the Eastview Lightning 7A Boys Basketball Team on a great year!



The Future is Little



It is tough to be little, or is it? While we work hard in the newsletter to highlight the accomplishments of the EVAA players, what about the little people. I mean literally. There are hundreds of little brothers and sisters dragged along to the latest practice or game against their will, but don't let them fool you.

The little people know who is the boss. As parents, we tote video games, puzzle books, DVD players, movies, markers, crayons, paper, food in snack-sized packets, drinks, extra clothes, sunscreen, and blankets. We'll even bring extra little people with us. What are we thinking?!

Between games, the little people are playing hide and seek between lockers, swinging at the playground, honing their future babysitting skills, and being wowed by magic tricks. They get high fives and hugs galore. They make new friends that, despite 5 months between seasons, immediately befriend again as if no time had passed.

Little people are happy to attend games just for the chance that Dairy Queen will follow. Even better, are out of town games where eating out and swimming are top priorities.



Its not all fun and games. They are cheerleaders and good luck charms. Zach De-whirst, diligently brings his big brother, Brandon, luck by chanting "Green Goblin" during free throws.

They are what's important to the future of the EVAA organization. Big brothers and sisters, don't forget about the little people when its their time to play.

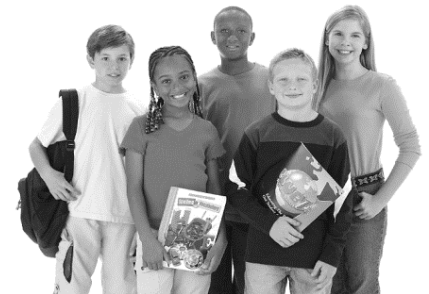


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By Chuck Lloyd, EVAA President



The 6A boys started the year with an exciting first tournament in Eagan with just one free throw in a double overtime game being the difference from potentially being Champions to Consolation Champs. Little did the team know that this excitement would continue all year with 5 overtime games (2 double OT/sudden death).

The coaches and parents were very encouraged on the development of all the kids not only on their overall basketball skills but development as young men. Their hard work, discipline, drill and practice consistencies, and respect for one another, created good habits and helped them learn to work as a TEAM. Being competitive, being in a position to win every game this year along with their overall conditioning was a reflection on the how much the team improved. The 6A team ended just shy of .500 for the year and finished with a 2-2 showing in the 6th grade (AAAAA) state bracket, moving up one bracket from last year.

Team members include Danny Beckman, Mark Dwyer, Solon Ellis, Marcus Frederickson, Joe Furnstahl, Sam Goetz, J.J. Grimm, Jordan Machacek, Loren Muraca, and Kyle Rush. The team is coached by John Beckman, Steve Machacek, and Mike Rush.

While the Eastview Athletic Association has been a big part of my family's life for several years, I understand that for many people in our community, it somewhat anonymously operates. Last year, when I attended an Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting, I was amazed at how many people in attendance had no idea who we were or what we were about. Even though EVAA is all my family has known, even after a decade, we are still the new kids in town – not too surprising given how often I still hear the Minnesota Zoo referred to as “the new zoo.”

Given that we are still relatively unknown, I thought some information about what EVAA does for the community would be in order. Most obviously, we provide organized athletic opportunities for literally thousands of boys and girls in our area. I'm proud of our volunteers for not only making the opportunities available to those kids but also for making it almost universally a positive experience. From the leadership at each individual program to our coaches on the courts and fields, the emphasis isn't on winning at all costs, its about learning skills, both sports and life skills. Its about sportsmanship, friendship and fun. That opportunity provides enormous benefits to our kids and our community in and of itself.

There are, however, other things that we do. Many of our traveling sports – the programs that compete against other athletic associations – host tournaments where teams from around the region come into our area. Our girls basketball tournament is one of the largest in the Twin Cities. Dakota REV, our traveling soccer program that is operated in cooperation with our counterparts in Rosemount, hosts a truly huge tournament in the spring. Every one of those tournaments not only attracts hundreds of competitors, it also attracts their families and friends. These are folks who patronize our local businesses and help our local economy. One of my goals is to more actively partner with our business community so that we can both maximize the opportunities that these tournaments present.

We also are fortunate enough to have had great leadership in the past, people who were excellent financial stewards as well as terrific organizers and leaders. That has allowed us to make financial contributions on a number of fronts. We have financially contributed to field improvements – these are not only fields where our teams play, but also local school teams and neighborhood folks who get together for a pick up game. For several years, we have contributed money to the Eastview Community Foundation for college scholarships to graduating seniors in our area. Last year EVAA, through the foundation, awarded ten \$500 scholarships. Many of our individual programs also awarded scholarships over and above the ten that our Board of Directors provided. I'm happy to announce that we will again be awarding ten scholarships this year. Finally, I feel great about the fact that we are in a position where no child needs to be turned away from our program because of financial need. Thus far, we have been able to provide financial aid for families who otherwise couldn't afford to have their son or daughter participate. One thing that we never lose sight of is the fact that our program is all about kids.

EVAA is not only a great athletic association, it's a great community booster and contributor. If you don't know us yet, I hope you'll get to know us and get involved in our programs to help us get even better.

To feature your team in the newsletter, please go to the website at www.evaasports.org and use the 'Contact Us' link.

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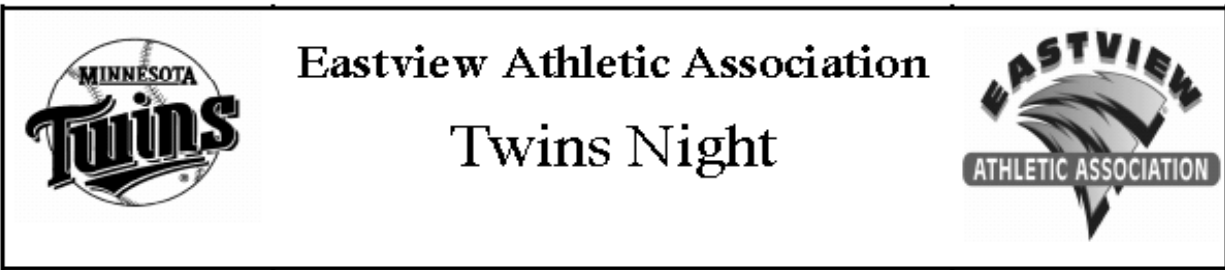
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Friday, June 27, 2008 at 7:10 p.m. ~ Twins vs. Brewers

Join your teammates, family and friends for a special EVAA Night at the Dome. Great lower level AND upper level reserved seats along the first-base line available to all EVAA athletes, families and friends for a discounted price. Concession discount books are also available. Come dressed in your Eastview hats and shirts to see the Twins take on the Brewers. **One lucky EVAA kid will get to throw out the ceremonial first pitch! Ten lucky kids will lead the crowd in the 7th Inning Stretch singing Take Me Out To The Ballgame with TC, the Twins mascot!** All current EVAA participants who order tickets are eligible for the drawings.

- Discounted ticket price – \$24 for upper level and \$30 for lower level
- Request to sit by your team and/or friends
- Dome Dollar Books – pay \$8 for \$10 in concession stand dollars good ALL SEASON LONG
- Questions? Email evaa-manager@evaasports.org
- No in-house baseball league games will be scheduled this night
- For every ticket sold, the Twins will donate to EVAA
- Pick up ordered tickets on May 29 at FRMS 6-9pm (during in-house baseball photo night)

Order deadline: Form received by Friday, June 20, 2008

Eastview Athletic Association/Twins Night
 Friday, June 27, 2008 at 7:10 p.m. vs Brewers

Name: _____ Daytime phone: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Sport: _____ [] Travel [] In-House Age Group: ____ Coach: _____

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Name(s) of current EVAA athletes eligible for drawings: _____

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Publications dates are January, April, and August in 2008 (ask about delivery dates and advertising deadlines). All advertisements are black and white. Current Rates:

	Single Issue	3 Issues
Full Page (8 1/2 x 11)	\$150	\$125/issue
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1/4 Page	\$70	\$60/issue
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EVAA Board Meetings

EVAA board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, 7pm, at the Apple Valley Community Center. Anyone interested in addressing the EVAA board may do so during Open Forum which begins each meeting promptly at 7pm. No meetings are held in the months of June, July, and August.

Don't Forget to Register for Summer Sports

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Walk-in Registrations*:

Next walk-in will be for Fall and Winter Sports

Look for more details on the EVAA Website

*Cash or checks only at walk-ins; Credit card only for online registration