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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you for your vital support of our students and schools. EHS is committed to provide a rigorous curriculum to meet the high demands of the TAKS test and community expectations while providing a safe and positive learning environment. It's been a rewarding, busy and challenging fall. Our students are putting forth outstanding effort with positive results.

Football, volleyball and cross country season has come to an end. Basketball is in full swing and both boy and girls are doing well. The band Christmas concert is Thursday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. More information is located on the district web site at: <http://www.electraisd.net/>. The fall HS semester final exam schedule is posted on the website.

I would like to take the time to stress the importance of your child attending school every day. Every moment in the classroom is valuable. Every time a child is tardy or absent from the classroom is time lost. I encourage you to talk to your child about the district's expectations. Make it clear that you support school policies and rules that help create a safe place for all students to learn. Take an active role in your child's school and learn about the school's policy and procedures. Be a role model for solving problems in a positive way.

As you know the 2008 accountability results were release and Electra High School is academically acceptable. While this is true we were only academically acceptable by the use of a waiver. This allowed the high school to be an acceptable campus. As with many schools state wide, math has been an area of concern. EHS has formed a TAT (Technical Assistance Team). The purpose of this team is to develop and implement a School Improvement Plan (SIP) designed to improve student performance in the area(s) that do not meet the required performance standard in the state's 2009 Accountability Rating System. EHS area of required improvement is in math. I am encouraging you to follow up on your child's progress and support the school in helping your child meet the high expectations of the state's TAKS test.

During the holidays, I hope you will take the opportunity to talk to your child about the precious gift of education and its importance to his or her future. There is no more important cause than the education and future of our students and the families we serve. Learning is so important. It changes lives. It opens doors. Among all the presents that we provide to our children this time of year, a good education is the one gift we can give our sons and daughters that no one can ever take away. I invite you to take a moment to say "thank you" to the teachers and others who are involved with your child's education. These two simple words make the perfect gift. Thank you again for entrusting your child to our school. Have a happy, healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Ben Frieling  
Principal EHS